



# Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

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Dear Members and Friends of Community of Christ,

As a caring community, we want to respond to people in need and to mission opportunities across the church. In today's digital world, we must use caution when we receive requests for money, especially those sent by email or online messages.

Please remember, official fundraising or donation requests from Community of Christ are always made through trusted church channels, such as our official website, verified email addresses, or direct mail. If someone you don't know asks you directly for money—or if a message seems odd—please be cautious.

Here are some helpful guidelines:

- **Use the Oblation process.** When members need financial help, Oblation is the safe and trusted way to share resources in our church. Requests for help should go through pastors, financial officers, or mission center leaders, who will guide the proper and caring use of funds.
- **Verify the source.** Don't respond right away to surprising or urgent money requests that come by email, text, or social media. If you're unsure who someone is, or if they claim to represent Community of Christ, contact mission center leadership, field leadership, or the Presiding Bishopric to confirm.
- **Check for official communication.** Real church messages come from recognized church email addresses or the official website. Be cautious if an email uses a free account (like Gmail or Yahoo), has odd wording, or doesn't look official. When in doubt, contact mission center leadership, field leadership, or the Presiding Bishopric before taking action.
- **Protect your personal information.** Never share financial details or passwords in response to unexpected messages.
- **Report suspicious activity.** If you think a message or request might be fake, tell church leadership right away so they can look into it.

Your safety and trust matter deeply to us. We are committed to protecting the generosity of our community and making sure it cannot be misused. Thank you for your care, caution, and continued generosity. If you're ever uncertain, please reach out through official church channels before responding to any financial request.

In Christ's Generosity and Peace,

## The Presiding Bishopric

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