

GIVING EXPECTATIONS FOR OPEN BIBLE MINISTERS AND CHURCHES
Taken from the Open Bible Manual Bylaws

Credentialed ministers agree to give to these areas:

- **Ministers' Tithe**
- **Mission Venture Plan (MVP)**

All Open Bible churches agree to give to these areas:

- **5% plan**
- **Mission Venture Plan (MVP)**

MINISTERIAL TITHE

Paragraph 1. Full Ministerial Income

A minister with full income from the ministry shall send full tithe to the Association.

Paragraph 2. Partial Ministerial Income

Senior pastors with partial income from the ministry shall tithe to the Association on all ministerial income and half of all secular income. Ministers who are not senior pastors may be eligible to tithe to the local church on all secular income if the minister meets the criteria and adheres to the process as prescribed in the Open Bible Manual.

Paragraph 3. Evangelists and Para-Church Ministries

An evangelist or minister working with specialized ministries in other organizations shall tithe to the Association on all Open Bible income and half of all income from other sources.

Paragraph 4. No Ministerial Income

A minister with no income from the ministry shall tithe to the Association on half of all secular income.

Paragraph 5. Retirees

A minister shall not be obligated to tithe to the Association on income received from Social Security or any other pension or retirement fund. A minister who has reached eligibility for Social Security and still receives income from the ministry shall continue to tithe according to policy on all ministry income.

Paragraph 6. Filed Credentials

A minister whose credential is filed as prescribed in the Open Bible Manual has no tithe obligation to the Association.

OPEN BIBLE FINANCIAL PROGRAMS

Mission Venture Plan

- All credentialed ministers shall give to the Mission Venture Plan. They may either give it directly through Open Bible, or they may give it through their church. There is no specified frequency or amount. Information can be found here: <https://www.openbible.org/mission/MVP>
- All Open Bible churches shall give to the Mission Venture Plan. There is no specified frequency or amount.

The Mission Venture Plan (MVP) is the Association's strategy to assist constituents to invest in national and international Great Commission ministries. At least 50% of undesignated contributions to the MVP shall be allocated to global missions. The allocation of the remainder of undesignated contributions shall be determined by the national board.

Five Percent Plan

A church shall send 5% of its tithes and undesignated offerings to the Association each month. All five percent plan giving is forwarded to the region in which the church is located. These funds are used for administrative expenses and outreach ministries of the region