

The call for a Solemn Assembly

Organization: Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. (COOLJC)

Theme: Preservation of Our Organization for God's glory

President: Apostle Dr. Ronnie L. Parson

Event: Solemn Assembly 2026

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Key Text: Joel 1:14 supported by Deut. 6:8-11 and Eph. 4:2-6

Joel 1:14-15 “Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders *and* all the inhabitants of the land *into* the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD...”

I. Purpose of the Solemn Assembly

- To **preserve unity**, through humility, meekness, and peace within the Body of Christ.
- To realign the organization with **God's will and glory**.
- To strengthen **fellowship, holiness, and collective obedience to the will of God defined by the word of God**.

II. Solemn Assembly Overview

A. Solemn Assembly for Every Local Church

- **Timeframe:** 10 days leading up to **Pentecost Sunday (May 14–23)**
- Daily focus lead by local department and leadership
 - At least 30 to 35 meaning time of Humbling self, confessing and repenting of sin, prayers of supplication for healings for the organization (spiritual, physical (emotional, mental), and financial.
 - *EST. 6-635AM, (each time zone adjusts accordingly).*
- Unified prayer across the organization
- Preparation leading into Pentecost Sunday.
- **Conclusion:**
 - Freewill offering for the **local assembly**
 - Scriptural basis: *Deuteronomy 16:10:11*
 - *Rejoice before the Lord and reflect on the salvation of the Lord (Deut. 16:11-12).*

B. Solemn Assembly for the entire COOLJC Organization

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- Unified prayer across the organization
- Preparation leading into the first day of Convocation.
- **Timeframe:** 10 days leading up to the **International Convocation (July 12–22)**
- **Conclusion:** First day of Convocation July 22
 - Praise and Testimonies
 - Freewill offering for the Initiative (Education).
 - *Rejoice before the Lord and reflect on the salvation of the Lord (Deut. 16:11-12).*
 - Scriptural basis: *Deuteronomy 16:8-11*

III. Who Should Participate?

- **All of God's covenant people** and others who desire to participate.
 - Sons, daughters, servants, leaders, strangers, fatherless, and widows
 - *Deuteronomy 16:11*
- **God's covenant people**
 - *2 Chronicles 7:14*
- **Entire congregation across all ages**
 - Elders, children, and priests (All hierarchy clergy and leaders).
 - *Joel 1:14; Joel 2:16–17*
- **Unified believers in prayer**
 - Men, women, and families and strangers.
 - *Acts 1:14*

Conclusion:

- Everyone in need of **God's grace and mercy**, beginning with the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. and all their affiliations and strangers who are willing to participate.

IV. What Do We Do During the Solemn Assembly?

A. Core Actions (10 Days leading up to Pentecost and Holy Convocation)

- **Sanctify a fast**
- **Humble ourselves in recognizing the needs of our churches and organization.**
- **Pray prayers of repentance**
 - Humbling ourselves to acknowledge our need for grace and mercy.
 - "Repentance" defined as a spiritual *about-face*.

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- *Confessions of sin (agreeing with God by acknowledging where we have fallen short of God's glory (Rom. 3:23, 1 John 1:5-10)).*
- **Cry out to the Lord**
 - Seek God's mercy, intervention, healing, and help
 - *Joel 1:14-15; Joel 2:17*

B. Spiritual Focus

- Confession and acknowledgment of sin
- Elimination of behaviors and speech that:
 - Damage unity
 - Do not edify the Body
- Restoration of healthy fellowship within:
 - Local assemblies
 - The broader organization

C. Renewal of the Mind and Spirit

- Think on things that are:
 - True, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent
 - *Philippians 4:8*

V. Walking in the Light

- **Eliminating darkness that destroys unity**
 - Recognition of spiritual warfare
 - *Luke 22:52-53*
- **Commitment to fellowship and holiness**
 - Walking in truth and light
 - Confession and cleansing through Christ
 - *1 John 1:5-10*

VI. COOLJC Solemn Assembly Schedule (2026) *

1. **Day 1 – Sunday, July 12:** Sunday School - in charge
2. **Day 2 – Monday, July 13:** ABYPU -
3. **Day 3 – Tuesday, July 14:** Brotherhood -
4. **Day 4 – Wednesday, July 15:** Women's Council -
5. **Day 5 – Thursday, July 16:** Ministers and Deacons' Wives Guild -

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6. **Day 6 – Friday, July 17:** Missionaries Department -
7. **Day 7 – Saturday, July 18:** Board of Deacons -
8. **Day 8 – Sunday, July 19:** Board of Presbyters -
9. **Day 9 – Monday, July 20:** Board of Bishops -
10. **Day 10 – Tuesday, July 21:** Board of Apostles -
11. **Day 11 – Wednesday, July 22:** Convention Begins

** Before Pentecost, all local churches should use this schedule and auxiliary format and adapt it as needed.*

** Global local churches should use this schedule and auxiliary format and adjust as needed.*