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What Is The Great Commandment?

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National Bishop's Message

By Bishop Dr. Shelton L Beneby
"Let Us Love One Another"

In the world today, we use the word love in many ways, and it often reflects a feeling of our sentiment. For instance, we say: I love my house, I love my car, I love my children, I love my husband, I love my wife, I love seafood. I love that show, or that song, and the list goes on. Nothing is wrong with those expressions of love. Our love is not just based on feelings, but on what God's word has to say.

We are to love Him and one another. I believe our world will be a better and safer place if we truly embrace God's definition of love based on several texts: John 3:16; John 13:34; Eph 5:25; 1 Corinthians 13; 1 John 4:7-11.

And so what are some of the Characteristics of the Love of which I speak?

Unconditional- God's love is not based on what we can or cannot produce; it comes from the heart of God. Man can never reach a place where he will not be loved by God. God loved us first. He loved us anyway, and he loves us eternally! What I'm saying is God's love for mankind is universal and unconditional. He loves everyone.

Sacrificial – We see the depth of God's love in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Romans 5:8 says, "But God commendeth his love toward us, that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." This is the ultimate act of love. God sent his Son to bear the weight of our sin so that we might be reconciled to him. His love cost him everything, and he freely gives it to us without reservation

Personable- God's love was made manifest in this world through the person of Jesus Christ, the only Son of the Father. Jesus Christ came into this world to reveal to us the love of God in human form. John 1:14 states, "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

Accessible-The love of God is accessible to whoever believes. By choosing to believe in him, you access the love of God, the grace of God, and the forgiveness of God. By believing in him, you access the new life that only he can provide. John 1:12 reads, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

Non-Judgmental- God's goal in sending His Son from heaven to earth was not to condemn you or to show you how bad you are, how unworthy you are, or how hopeless you are. God's only desire in sending His Son was to show you His love and to draw you into a relationship with Himself. Jesus didn't come into the world in order to rebuke you; He came to rescue you. He didn't come to criticize you; He came to cleanse you. He didn't come to punish you; He came to pardon you. He didn't come to destroy you; He came to deliver you.

God's Love is Transformational- When we truly grasp the depths of God's love, it changes us. His love transforms our hearts, reshaping how we see ourselves, others, and the world around us. Jesus says in John 13:34-25, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another."

How should you respond to God's love? Receive it! Abide in it! Share it!

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The Greatest Commandment

The Book of Matthew (21-22) recorded how some religious leaders confronted Jesus about His teaching and in a roundabout way, about His kingship. Perceiving their craftiness, Jesus told them to bear kingdom fruits. Jesus then revealed in chapter 22:37-40 what really is kingdom fruit.

Jesus responded to the first religious group by way of parables. An invitation was given to certain individuals to attend the wedding feast of the king's son. The invitees declined because of various other commitments: one person had to tend to his farm, the other to his business venture. The rest of the invitees seized the king's servants and murdered them. What do you think happened to those murderers? The king dispatched his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned down the city.

Jesus' second interaction was with the chief priests and elders who asked Him if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar. With strong rebuke, Jesus told them to render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God the things that are God's.

Look at Jesus' third encounter with another religious group, namely, the Sadducees, who citing Deuteronomy 25:5, questioned Jesus about how Moses commanded that if a man dies, having no children, then his brother should marry his wife and raise up offspring for his dead brother. So according to the Sadducees who say there was no resurrection, seven brothers ended up marrying this woman to raise offspring for their brother. "In the resurrection," the Sadducees asked Jesus, "whose wife would this woman be?" Jesus silenced them by saying that in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage.

Finally, one of the Pharisees, a lawyer, asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment. Jesus replied and said, "The greatest commandment is to love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. The second is like it, you shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Indeed, we must love the Lord more than our careers, more than our marriages, our offspring, and our allegiance to Caesar. To love the Lord is the greatest act of obedience. Loving the Lord will enable us to love our neighbours as ourselves. In summary, people who are in the kingdom of God produce the fruit of love.

Devotional

Let Go of Fear, Embrace Newness

By Darrell Delaney

Scripture Reading – 2 Timothy 1:6-10

The Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. - 2 Timothy 1:7

Fear is one of the greatest obstacles to embracing newness. It can hold us back from stepping into the new chapters of our lives, from trusting God's promises, and from becoming the people he has created us to be. Fear often whispers to us that we are unqualified, incapable, or unworthy of the changes that God wants to make in us.

But the Bible tells us that fear is not from God. Instead, God has given us his Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline. It's not about us having enough courage on our own; it's about relying on the strength and presence of the Holy Spirit. When we lean into God's power, we can face the unknown with confidence, knowing that the Lord is already ahead of us.

I've had many moments in which fear has threatened to paralyze me from pursuing something new. Yet in those moments I've come to realize that God's "perfect love drives out fear" (1 John 4:18). Embracing God's Spirit within me means rejecting the lies that fear tries to tell me, and walking forward in the boldness of new life that God provides. Surrounded by God's love, we can let go of fear and walk into the space God has provided for his new work in our lives.

Lord, thank you for your Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline. Help me to let go of my fears and to embrace all the new things you have in store for me. Amen.

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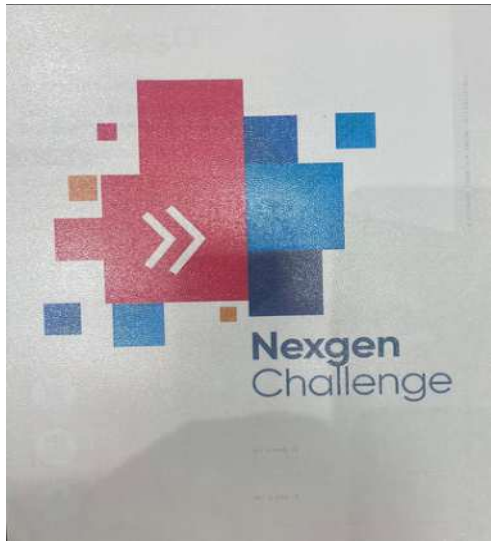
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Discipleship Workshop

The Church of God of
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National Discipleship
Workshop for Pastors,
Leadership Directors, and
Discipleship and Small
Group Leaders was held in
February. Special thanks
to the Team: Dr. Mark
Lawrence, Pastor Rovel
Dunn, and Leola Sullivan.
To God be the glory!





Next-Gen Leadership

Eastern Canada Church of God of Prophecy Next-Gen Leadership Training got off to an amazing start with some sixty Youth Directors/Pastors in attendance. We were so grateful to have DCPI Master Trainer, Charlie Ritchie, presenting.



Mission School Outreach in Africa



Jason from
Collingwood

Well, hello again from Burundi!

I'm sitting here reflecting on the week that just passed by, and I think it's time for me to do a little bragging about our students. Throughout this trip, our guys have done well at responding to opportunities, overcoming small and not-so-small challenges and have continued to grow in their giftedness and confidence.

Dom and Nowie have had many moments to share their stories and teach God's word over our time here. At times, to large groups like last Sunday when they taught a youth seminar with over 150 teenagers in attendance; or much smaller groups like on Tuesday morning when we did street evangelism. They shared with individuals and families their conviction on why they have chosen to follow Christ and offered encouragement to those discouraged in their faith.

No matter the time of day or the distance of the walk, our guys have risen to the occasion to communicate the gospel when opportunities arise. This week alone, I can count 10 distinct moments when they led from the front, and that was on top of our daily kids' ministry and ongoing construction projects. Despite our full schedules, they have not shied away from any chance given to tell people how great Jesus has been in their lives. Over the last number of weeks, I have seen them grow in confidence and ability. I loved watching them on Thursday when we were at the local market, playing music, dancing and singing to attract a crowd. (Our Dancing gets noticed pretty quickly!) Once we had maybe 30-50 people join the huddle, Dom and Noah shared. I noticed how much they have grown in this ability because they were captivating people by looking into their eyes. They spoke with clarity and confidence; and instead of sheepishly talking through the translator they were the ones conveying a dynamic message of hope, a message that God doesn't leave you in the muck and filth, but gives us grace upon grace and helps us overcome.

That time of ministry was followed by an invitation for people to remain and visit with us. We said we wanted to hear their stories and pray with them. Then we spread out into the crowd, heard many stories and had opportunities to pray with the men and women, both young and old.

These two young men have said yes to the ways of Jesus, besides preaching and serving. Both of them have already finished the school assignment of reading the bible cover to cover, but instead of just taking their foot off the gas and coasting to the finish line, they have both given themselves new bible reading goals because they are hungry to know more about God's love letter to them. Wow, I'm inspired by their commitment to grow, and it gives me so much hope that this DTS will not mark the peak of their spiritual lives, but just be the springboard that propels them forward in their walk and purpose with Jesus.

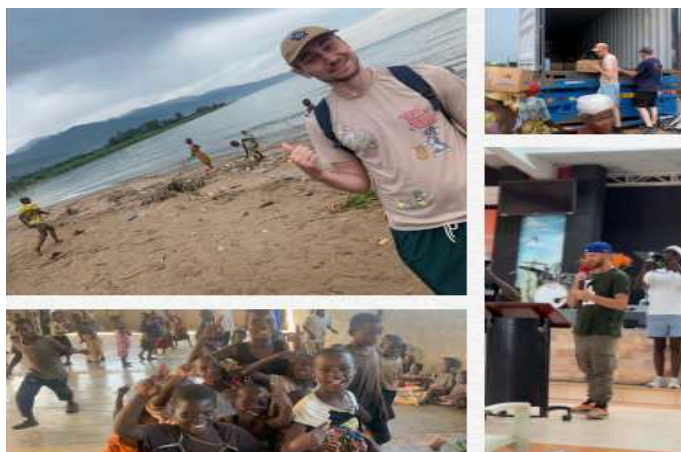
Also, this week I had the privilege of baptizing Dominick in Lake Tanganyika. Before he got dunked, he shared the struggle that had kept him from being baptized to this point. It was because he always worried that he would not remain faithful to God and fall away after making this commitment before God and witnesses. But he thanked his Heavenly Father for not giving up on him, for bringing him to this point and took the big step of being baptized and publicly joining the family of God! We were a little worried about hippos and crocodiles in the water, but fortunately, it was a beautiful moment for all of us to share. I hope that as you have read, you're able to hear the ongoing transformation happening in these young men's lives.

As we were walking to Dom's baptism, I was reflecting on the journey this school has been on. Dominick showed up from England, wondering if God would ever speak to him or use him, but as I walked on that red dirt road, I thought to myself how great and faithful God is. It isn't a program, talented speakers or a plane trip to Africa that transforms a heart. It is falling in love with Jesus, hearing his voice and saying yes to what He says. I am very thankful for my front row seat watching these guys grow and mature. My prayer for them is that the enemy won't be able to snatch any of this away, but rather this growth will continue throughout their lives, and the impact they have for God's kingdom will be great in our Father's eyes.

With love,

Jason

P.S. Jason was actually able to visit and preach at the local COGOP Church in Burundi.



Barrie Mission

New members were taken in officially and the children's department was launched. To God be the glory!

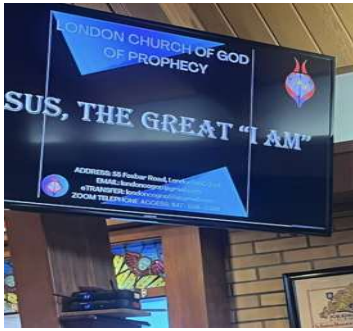
Special thanks to our oversight leader, Bishop Englade Destra, for his ongoing mentoring of the French Mission.



Sunday, March 1, 2026 not only marked the planting of a new Spanish Church in Eastern Canada, but also the launch of a new Mission in Barrie, Ontario. Special thanks to Mission Pastor Denroy Reynolds and his wife Liz.

We also wish to acknowledge the ongoing support and undergirding of this Mission by Lead Pastor Dr. Sophia Pringle of The Spring Community Church and her congregation. We are on Mission Multiplying to the Glory of God.





London, Ontario

These are some highlights of our visit to the London, Ontario Church with our Interim Pastor, Lay Minister Henry Vacianna, and his wife Lay Minister Suzzette. We enjoyed Sunday School which was informative and interactive. We are excited about what God is doing in this season.

Please join us in praying that the Lord of the harvest will send labourers into his vineyard.

The focus of the service was "Love the More Excellent Way."
- 1 Corinthians 13

To God be the glory!



COGOP Francophone



✨ Pastor Appreciation Day ✨

We celebrated and honoured our beloved pastor, Bishop Englade Destra, for his faithful service, spiritual leadership, and unwavering dedication to God's work. Our pastor has been a true blessing to the kingdom of God.

"We thank the Lord for the calling He has placed on your life, for your obedience to His voice, and for the countless ways you've touched our hearts. May God continue to strengthen you, bless you, protect you, and renew your spirit. May His abundant grace overflow in your life and ministry."

"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding."

- Jeremiah 3:15

New Deacon ordination at Francophone COGOP A Significant Occasion: New Deacons Set Apart

A highlight of the celebration was the appointment and setting apart of five new deacons and deaconesses. We give thanks to the Lord for these brothers and sisters whom He has called to support the ministry of the church. Let us pray that the Lord strengthens and guides them in this new chapter of dedicated service.

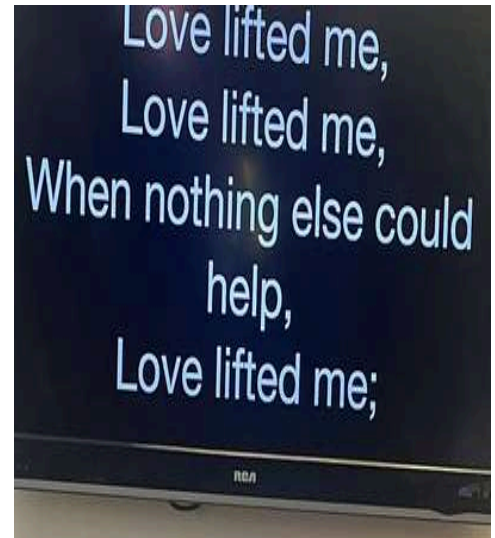
For those who serve well gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

-1 Timothy 3:13 (ESV)

Ottawa

What a wonderful time of worship celebrating Family Sunday at the Ottawa Church of God of God of Prophecy! The focus was on “Building Stronger Families, Love Being the Anchor, and Love for God and One Another.”

We are also excited about the what God is doing especially with the youth. We are now preparing 13 persons for membership and baptism. To God be the glory!



Ottawa's Leadership Session



In the midst of the extreme cold and weather warnings in Ontario, we are ON Mission in a Leadership Session for the Ottawa Church of God of Prophecy on Saturday, January 24, 2026 . We are praying to the Lord of the Harvest for Labourers in His vineyard.

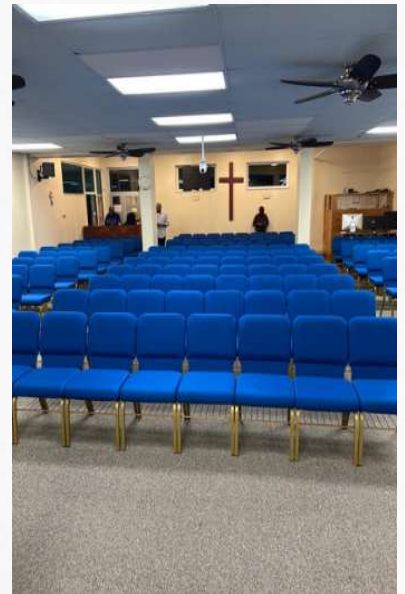




Ottawa Upgrade

The extreme cold temperature of -22°C could not dampen the fire of the Holy Spirit. We climaxed our 21 days of prayer and fasting in Ottawa, Ontario, our nation's capital. The urgent call was made to "Rise Up and Build" in the spirit of Nehemiah's prayer. We are "On Mission" praying together, tearing down the strongholds of the enemy in the name of Jesus. We have an open door that no man can close.

It was also a celebration of thanksgiving for the upgrade of the sanctuary with new carpet and chairs, and the reorganization of the work for the new year 2026. To God be the Glory!



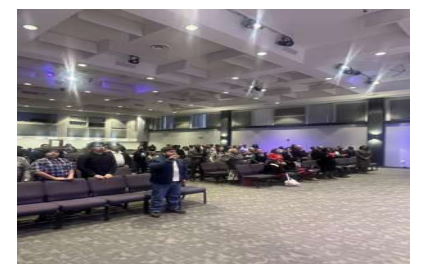


Etobicoke

Eastern Canada Church of God of Prophecy gives thanks to Almighty God for its newest church plant. The pastoral installation of the NW Etobicoke Spanish Church took place on Sunday, March 1, 2026 with 30 members.



Congratulations to the Pastoral Team of Ministers Josefina and Alexis Rodriguez. Special thanks to the Lead Pastor of the West End Worship Centre, Dr. Frank Douglas; our District Supervisor, Bishop S.A. Morrison; and the local congregation as the Mother Church birthing this Daughter Church. To God be the glory!



Toronto New Covenant Cathedral

Today's Highlights were: The Lord's Supper, the dedication of 3 infants, a message about love to welcome the first day of February, and an altar call to remind us that we should surrender our lives to Jesus.



Calendar for Eastern Canada COGOP

April- December 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Apr-26</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>May-26</i>
Friday, 3 rd	Good Friday	Sunday, May 3 rd	District Zone Revival- Rekindling the Fire of the Holy Spirit
Sunday, April 5 th	Easter Sunday	Sunday, 10 th	Mother's Day
Sunday, 12 th Sunday 19 th , Sunday, 26 th , 2026	District Zone Revival – Rekindling the Fire of the Holy Spirit	Friday, May 15 th - Sunday, 17 th	National Young Adult Retreat
Notes		Sunday, 24 th (6:00pm)	Pentecost Day (National Solemn Assembly at TNCC)
Notes		Thursday, 28 th (6:00pm)	Ontario Healthy Church Dynamic Certification Course (Confirmed - West End Worship Centre)
		Friday, 29 th (9:00am)	
		Saturday, 30 th (9:00am)	
		Sunday, May 31 st (6:00pm)	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Jun-26</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Jul-26</i>
Tuesday, 2 nd	Pastor's Meeting	Wednesday, 1 st	Canada Day
Saturday 6 th	National Women's Convention	Wednesday, 15 th to Sunday, 19 th	International General Assembly COGOP
June 12 th - 14 th	Quebec District Convention		
Sunday, 21 st	Father's Day		
Sunday, 28 th	Senior's Day		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Aug-26</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Sept. 2026</i>
Monday, 3 rd August	Civic Holiday	Saturday, 5 th	Jesus in the City Parade
Saturday, 1 st - Saturday, 8 th 2026	National Youth Camp Big Shot Aug 1- 3 Tween and Teen 3 - 8	Monday, 7 th	Labour Day
Wednesday, 12 th - Sunday, 16,	Quebec Summer Camp	Thursday, 24 th -Saturday, 26 th	Corporate Board Meeting
Sunday, 23 rd	National Children's Ministry Training	<i>Date</i>	<i>Oct-26</i>
		Monday, 12 th	Thanksgiving
		Friday, 16 th -Sunday, 18 th	National Men/Young Men's Retreat
<i>Date</i>	<i>Nov-26</i>		
Friday, 13 th - Sunday, 15 th	Pastors & Associates Retreat		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Dec-26</i>	<i>Church of God of Prophecy., 5145 Tomken Road, Mississauga, Ontario L4W 1P1 905 625 1278 Email : admin@cogop.ca Revised Feb.2026(1)</i>	
Friday, 25 th	Christmas Day		
Saturday, 26 th	Boxing Day		

EASTERN CANADA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

DISTRICT REVIVAL

2026

Reigniting the Fire of Evangelism

— Coordinators: —

April 12th – Bishop Fritz Manning

April 19th – Bishop S. A. Morrison

April 26th – Bishop Loxley Walters

May 3rd – Bishop Shelton Beneby

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...”

— Acts 1:8

Come and bring the whole family for this time of outpouring, restoration and healing.

For more information, locations and time of services visit: cogop.ca

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT ¹⁸⁺

Something New

"SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING! NOW IT SPRINGS UP; DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT? I AM MAKING A WAY IN THE WILDERNESS AND STREAMS IN THE WASTELAND."

-ISAIAH 43:19

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MAY 15TH - 17TH 2026

DEV CONFERENCE CENTRE

1950 MONTREAL RD. CORNWALL, ON

"See, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"
- Isaiah 43:19

God is inviting you into Something New. In a season where many young adults are navigating uncertainty, pressure, transition, and major life decisions, this retreat creates sacred space to pause, reset, and encounter God in a deeper way. From May 15-17, 2026, young adults from across Eastern Canada will gather at the Dev Conference Centre in Cornwall, Ontario for a powerful weekend of worship, teaching, prayer, and authentic community.

This is more than a retreat; it's an invitation to renewal. Together, we are trusting God to reveal His will for our lives as we believe He is doing something new:

- in our finances
- in our mental and emotional health
- in our relationships
- and in our spiritual lives

Through Spirit-led worship, meaningful teaching, and intentional moments of reflection, this weekend is designed to help you gain clarity, healing, and renewed purpose for the season ahead.

Register Online:

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HEALTHY CHURCH DYNAMICS TRAINING



A TRAINING FOR PASTORS, MINISTERS, MINISTRY LEADERS, DEACONS & BOARD MEMBERS, ADMIN & TREASURERS, EMERGING LEADERS, & VOLUNTEERS

MAY 28TH - 30TH, 2026

Schedule

Thu 6:30-9:30 PM | Fri 9 AM-5 PM
Sat 9 AM-5 PM | Sun 5:30-8:30 PM

- ✓ Team-based Leadership Training
- ✓ National Alignment
- ✓ Implementation-Focused

Registration Pricing:

Registration required through Eventbrite ONLY.
No e-transfers or verbal reservations accepted

- Early Bird: \$85 (up to April 11th)
- Regular: \$110 (April 12 - May 8)
- Late: \$150 (May 9 - 29)
- Pastor Coach: \$30 (prerequisite required)



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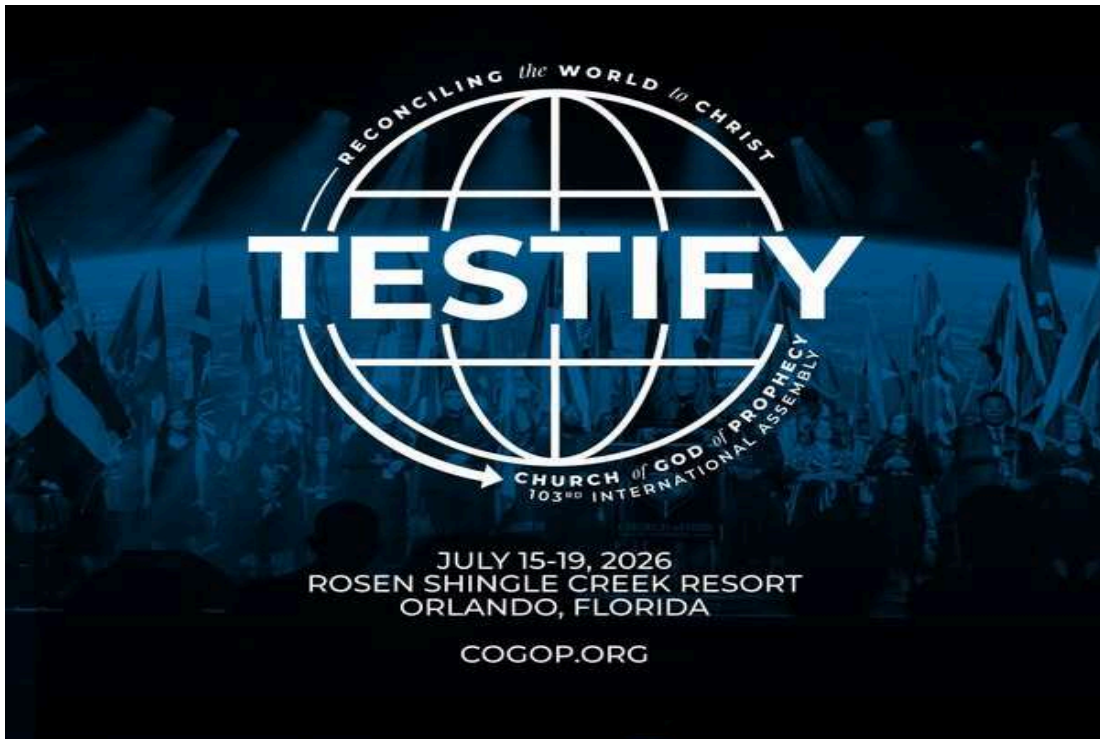
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Each of our body's systems are vital to one another; so it is with a church. In this helpful training, you'll learn the eight systems that are critical in becoming a healthy church. You'll learn how to increase the survival rate of your church, how to help your church be healthy, and how to prepare for successful reproduction. In this track you'll learn to:

- Implement strategic systems for healthy church development.
- Use different ministry skills for 5 key phases of church growth.
- Recognize how the size of a church impacts ministry.
- Prepare to reproduce.
- Deal with discouragement, difficult people and time demands.
- Evaluate your church regularly to assess the why and how of effective ministry.

Church of God of Prophecy International Assembly



Assembly Theme Reveal! From the earliest days of the Church, God’s people have testified—through word, song, and lived witness—of what the Lord has done. And in this hour, it’s time to rise up and boldly share our witness.

Our testimony isn’t just a personal story. It’s a powerful declaration of God’s saving power. When we testify, we proclaim that Jesus still heals, still saves, still delivers, and still transforms lives. Our witness becomes part of God’s mission of reconciling the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we gather for the 103rd International Assembly, we do so with one clear call: TESTIFY! To speak boldly of what we have seen and heard. To live visibly as evidence of grace. To join our voices across nations, cultures, and generations.

This is not the time for silence. This is the time to TESTIFY!

Join us July 15-19, 2026 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida.

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Saturday Morning International Assembly

The Church of God of Prophecy family from around the world will gather on Saturday morning, July 18, during the 9:00 a.m. session of the 103rd International Assembly, to hear the Biennial Address from Tim Coalter, Presiding Bishop of the Church of God of Prophecy.

This moment in the Assembly is an opportunity to hear testimony of the mighty works God has done among us throughout the nations and to receive fresh vision for the path ahead as we continue reconciling the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we gather under the theme, TESTIFY, we anticipate a Spirit-filled word that will celebrate God's faithfulness, strengthen our shared mission, and call the church forward with renewed passion, conviction, and expectation.

Join us in prayer for this important session and come expecting to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

#COGOPAssembly #Testify #WeAreCOGOP #InternationalAssembly
#HolySpirit