***\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church Sacred Assembly***

***(Leader 1)*** The Lord calls His people together at special times to seek His face, confess our needs, claim His promises, celebrate His blessings and commit ourselves again to His Lordship and mission. What we do corporately we can also do personally. Together, let’s come to our Lord, seek His face and receive His blessings!

Jesus has raised up \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church to join His kingdom team of churches and leaders in our area to see people, families and communities transformed by His saving power. Jesus doesn’t need \_\_\_\_\_\_ Church to accomplish His mission, but we desperately need Jesus to exist and fulfill His purpose for us as a church. Therefore, it’s vital that we as a church are focused on and submitted to the Lordship of Jesus and His mission for us.

Jesus loves us and wants to bless us! Together we make these faith declarations for ourselves, our families and our church!

1. ***(All) We crown Jesus as the Lord and Head of our church!***

***(Leader 2)***As His people, we are God’s Church—His body, His bride, His building, His family, His flock, His Kingdom force—to bring glory and honor to Him in everything. Jesus is the Head of the Church—He died for us on the cross, rose from the dead and reigns forever!

***(Reader 1)*** *“And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head of everything for the church…” (Ephesians 1:22)*

***(R 2)*** *“And He is the head of the body, the church…so that in everything He might have the supremacy…” (Colossians 1:18)*

***(R 3 )****“Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11)*

***(ALL)*We declare that Jesus is Lord of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church! We willingly submit to Him as the Head of our church—He is our life, our source, our protector, our Savior and King. Jesus will have no rivals as the Head of our church.** *(Prayer – Leader 2)*

1. ***(All) We claim victory and authority over all obstacles and enemies in Jesus’ name!***

***(ALL)* Jesus has defeated sin, death, hell and Satan! Every enemy is under His feet. We have victory through Jesus Christ! He has given us authority over all obstacles and enemies that can come against us.**

***(R 4)****“No weapon forged against you will prevail and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the saints of the Lord and this is their vindication from Me, declares the Lord.” (Isaiah 54:17)*

***(R 5)****“…on this Rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not overcome it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” (Matthew 16:18-19)*

***(R 6)****”For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world…they have divine power to demolish strongholds…” (II Cor. 10:3,4)*

***(R 7)*** *“If God is for us, who can be against us? We are more than conquerors through Him who loves us.” (Romans 8:31,37)*

**(Leader 3)**We declare victory in the name of Jesus! We stand in His authority against our enemies. We bind Satan and all His strategies to divide, distract and deceive us. In Jesus’ name, we break all curses assigned to us. We cancel all ground Satan has gained and reclaim it in Jesus’ name. We release God’s protection, provision, power, salvation, truth, deliverance and victory for ourselves and those who God has called us to reach in Jesus’ name. Jesus is Lord over all our lives, our church and our communities! *(Prayer--Leader 3)*

1. ***(All) We confess our sins and our needs to Jesus-our Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, Deliverer and Provider.***

***(R 8)*** We humbly admit our needs before the Lord. Our own sins have held back God’s blessing in our families and in our church. We confess our needs to Jesus, gratefully receiving His pardon, healing, deliverance, restoration and salvation in every area of our lives and ministry.

***(R 9)****“Return to Me with all your heart,” declares the Lord, “with fasting and weeping and mourning…return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love…” (Joel 2:12,13)*

***(R 10)****“He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed and made whole.” (Isaiah 53:5)*

***(R 11)****“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (I John 1:9)*

***(ALL)* Lord, we come to you humbly to confess our weakness and our sins…we ask for Your forgiveness, healing, cleansing, restoration and salvation…**

***(Leader 4)*** These are some things that we as elders see that we have come short (sinned) and want to confess before God:

--We have worked in our own mind and strength instead of trusting You,

--We have been critical instead of honoring and encouraging each other,

--We have not always honored the spiritual leaders You have sent us,

--We have allowed other things to become more important than You,

--there are things we’ve done that have caused our Church to have a bad reputation in our community,

--We have made our personal preferences and expectations more important than focusing on You and Your mission for us,

--We have not always had our hearts broken for lost people all around us,

--We have disobeyed or grieved You in many other way…

*(Time for personal prayer…people can write their confessions and prayers on slips of paper and put in a bowl up front—to be burnt later)*

***(Leader 4)*** Lord, we also come to humbly share our needs, asking for Your abundant provision and power, for You have promised to “*meet all our needs according to Your glorious riches in Christ Jesus,*” (Philippians 4:19)

***Lord, we ask you to:***

-Restore our fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the community and

trust us with more people…

- Provide for us financially to do Your ministry and be generous with others;

- Give us favor and influence in our community;

- Lift up our eyes and hearts to minister across the street and around the world;

- Increase our power, hope, unity and joy as a church…

- Send us our next pastor and family to lead and shepherd us,

**- *Most of all, give us more souls!***

1. ***(All) We commit ourselves to the ministry Jesus has given us—to follow the Great Commandment and fulfill the Great Commission!***

***(Leader 3)*** Our church has many talented and gifted people…we thank God for the many Clover people who minister in many ways to bring honor to Jesus! We commit ourselves again to service where we best fit and flourish in ministry to and for Jesus so He can bear much fruit though us!

***(R 12)****“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works in all…” (I Corinthians 12:4-6)*

***(R 13 )****“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Colossians 3:17)*

***(R 1 )****“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor is not in vain.” (I Corinthians 15:58)*

***(ALL)* We commit ourselves to love and serve Jesus with all our heart, soul, mind and strength so we can join Him on His redemptive mission on our world. We will serve as His Kingdom team, blessing each other and working together to bring glory to Him in all we are and all we do!**

1. ***(All) We celebrate the many blessings Jesus has given us as a church and the future He has for us!***

***(All)“I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for good and not for evil…plans to give you a hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)***

***(Prayer, Communion and Blessing Each Other)***