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Preparation for Corporate Repentance
GREATER BALTIMORE CHURCH
September/October 2017

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Week One (Sept 6-12): **Personal Repentance**

Week Two (Sept 13-19): **Household Repentance**

Week Three (Sept 20-26): **Family Group Repentance**

Week Four (Sept 27-Oct 3): **Regional Church Repentance**

Week Five (Oct 25-Nov1): **Celebration of Repentance**

- **Prepare for this week's household repentance by reading:**
 - Joel 1:13-15, 2:12-27; Ezra 9-10; Nehemiah 8-10
 - 2nd Chronicles 15 (Asa' revival); 2nd Chronicles 34
 - Psalm 51
 - Take note of Jesus' reproofs of communal sin in Revelation 2-3
 - Look at articles available at commonwealthacademy.ca under the Repentance Resources link
- **Schedule the time of the household solemn assembly tonight** (by Sept 19) so that EVERYONE in the family/household can attend (Joel 2:16) later this week
- **Plan your families schedule** so you can participate in both the Family Group solemn assembly and the Churchwide solemn assembly.

FAMILY DEVO LESSON FOR HOUSEHOLD CORPORATE REPENTANCE

- **During the Family/Household Solemn Assembly:**
 - Pray! Ask the Spirit to convict and expose (John 16:8)
 - Read through Revelation 2-3. Ask the family, "If Jesus came to us and said 'I know your deeds' - what would he say about the way we are living out Christianity as a family?" Which of the reproofs in Rev 2-3 best apply to your household?
 - The head of the household now leads the way in HUMILITY and godly sorrow (review 2Cor 7:8-11), taking ownership of the "state of the union." Model for the rest of the house how to express godly sorrow for your responsibility for the culture or spirit of the group (i.e. the corporate sin or dysfunction).
 - Express earnestness, eagerness, indignation, alarm, longing, zeal, readiness for justice about your *personal responsibility* for the communal dysfunction (sin)
 - Share Joel 2 with the group and explain that each member - starting with you will:
 - Confess (via prayer if preferable) how each has hurt God and the group (do not confess anyone else's sin only your own)
 - Ask God for forgiveness
 - Ask the group for forgiveness
 - Recommit to God and to the group via prayer (Phil 1:27-2:5 is a great start for leaders' sharing about recommitment)
 - Since nothing happens in general (it only happens in specific), discuss *exactly* how the group will bear the fruit of repentance (Luke 3:7-14)
 - Conclude with times of refreshing, song, celebration, and a feast!

