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(THE TOCOISTS)

Remembered on July 25, 1949

By His Holiness Prophet Simão Gonçalves Toco



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CHURCH HISTORY

The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the World (COLJCW), known as the Tocoists, traces its beginnings back to July 25, 1949. This pivotal moment occurred after a prayer by His Holiness Prophet Simão Gonçalves Toco during the International Protestant Missionary Conference in Kalina (formerly Leopoldville, now Kinshasa) held from July 15 to 21, 1946. The fervent plea for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Africa laid the groundwork for what would become the Tocoist movement.

The seeds of this movement were sown earlier, in April 1943, when a choir of 12 boys formed the nucleus of what would evolve into the Tocoist community. The movement gained significant recognition in 1946 when Simão Gonçalves Toco, along with two others, attended the aforementioned conference.

The defining moment arrived on July 25, 1949, during a prayer vigil at Toco's residence in Leopoldville. Witnesses reported experiencing a profound presence and witnessing miraculous events, signaling the descent of the Holy Spirit in Africa. This event marked the birth of the Tocoist movement.

However, the movement encountered resistance and opposition, particularly from colonial authorities who accused them of practicing rituals associated with a hierarchized mystical religious doctrine and preaching the coming of a new Christ. Toco and many followers were consequently arrested and deported from the Belgian Congo to Portuguese-controlled Angola in 1950. Despite these challenges, the Tocoist movement persisted and even flourished, with Toco maintaining communication with his followers through letters during his exile.

In 1974, with Portugal's withdrawal from Angola, Simão Gonçalves Toco was able to return home. His return played a crucial role in fostering reconciliation among Angola's liberation movement leaders, anticipating potential conflicts after independence..

Today, the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the World - Tocoists, spreading its message across five continents, a testament to the enduring legacy of Prophet Simão Gonçalves Toco's Prophecy.

WHO IS SIMÃO GONÇALVES TOCO?



Prophet Simão Gonçalves Tôco

His Holiness Prophet Simão Gonçalves Tôco, the Eternal Leader of the Tocoists, was born on February 24, 1918, in the village of Mbanza Zulumongo, located in Northern Angola, near the border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

His mother, Ndundu Nsimba, gave him the name Mayamona, meaning "what I have seen." Sadly, he was born a twin, but his sibling did not survive. His cousin Domingos Kibeta named him Simão Toco. His parents passed away when he was very young, between 1924 and 1925.

His Holiness Prophet Simão Gonçalves Tôco was a victim of ruthless persecution by the Belgian colonial authorities in the former Belgian Congo, now the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

On October 22, 1949, His Holiness was expelled from that territory, along with his followers, and handed over to the Portuguese colonial authorities, whose strategy was to scatter them across various parts of Angolan and foreign territory in a vain attempt to weaken Tocoism..

However, this dispersal (which included successive transfers of His Holiness Prophet Simão Gonçalves Tôco to various regions of the country) resulted in the spread of Tocoism, making the movement trans-ethnic and national.

On October 15, 1973, had his heart removed. After they extracted it and as they were taking him away, His Holiness spoke, saying: "Where are you taking my heart?"



In the photo, the Prophet publicly reveals the size of the scar from the operation, illustrating the cruelty of those seeking to end his life, orchestrated by the fascist Portuguese government.

He returned from exile (Azores - Portugal) on August 31, 1974, where he had been for more than 11 years. During this period, he led his Church through thousands of Epistles that he regularly sent to Angola and other parts of the world under censorship by the Portuguese colonial authorities.



Returning from exile (Azores - Portugal)

This return took place by sea aboard the ship "Principe Perfeito," which docked at the Lobito Commercial Port (PCL) on August 29, 1974, where he was reportedly greeted with a grand popular reception.

On the day of his disembarkation at the Luanda Commercial Port, he walked through the main streets of Luanda that

separated the Commercial Port and the former Indigenous Quarter (the Congolese) as a demonstration of conviction and affirmation given the political-military context of the time.

The Portuguese State only legally recognized the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the World (The Tocoists) in 1974 during the period of political transition to the Independence of Angola, with Admiral Rosa Coutinho as the High Commissioner.



His Holiness on a Pastoral Visit



Left: Simao Toco, **Middle:** Reporter Francisco Rebello, **Right:** Jonas Savimbi

Upon his return to Angola, he began to focus on strengthening the cohesion and integrity of the Church, making several pastoral visits to various locations within and outside the country.

At the same time, he initiated contacts with the Leaders of the three National Liberation Movements (MPLA, FNLA, and UNITA) with the aim of the relentless pursuit of peace and reconciliation among Angolans, efforts that were thwarted due to the intransigence of the conflicting parties.



The Funeral of His Holiness Prophet Simao Goncalves Tovo

He passed away on December 31, 1983, after a long illness, and was laid to rest on January 10, 1984, in his hometown. A procession of over 200 vehicles, including cars and trucks, accompanied his funeral from Luanda. Pastor Lopes Martins Panzo “Cayengo” conducted the funeral rites.

With the death of His Holiness Prophet Simão Gonçalves Tôco, the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the World experienced for 16 years (January 1984 to July 2000) a period characterized by several internal dissensions, which reportedly caused deep fissures in its human and administrative structure.

MISSION, VALUES, BELIEFS, AND SYMBOLS

WHO WE ARE?

The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in World - The Tocoists is a Christian religious institution of universal scope, nonprofit, nonpartisan, composed of believers, regardless of race, gender, ethnic origin, nation of origin, place of birth, or socioeconomic status, with administrative, financial, legal, and patrimonial autonomy.

MISSION

The mission of the church is to foster a culture of love and ethical conduct rooted in Christian principles.

We aim to spread the message of Salvation, proclaim the resurrection of Christ, and prepare for His imminent return.

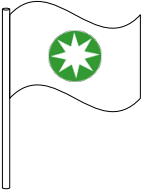
GOAL

Our goal is to guide individuals towards a moral and spiritual life in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Bible, ultimately striving for the realization of God's Kingdom on Earth.

VALUES

Our value is based on the primacy of the common good, the development of the spirit of solidarity and fraternity respecting life and human dignity, in the healthy coexistence of Nations and Peoples for world harmony.

CHURCH SYMBOLS



The flag represents universal sovereignty as well as the unity and integrity of COLJCW. The white color on the flag signifies the spiritual purity and peace that the Kingdom of Christ brings on earth; the green color of the star signifies hope in God, in Jesus Christ, and in Eternal Life.



The lapel pins constitutes the insignia of COLJCW. The meaning of the star on the lapel pins is based on the book of Revelation 7:3. The lapel pins is for personal by all members of the Church, and should be worn on the upper left



The bell signifies the spiritual awakening of man from the slavery of sin and the liberation of human consciousness in assuming the responsibilities inherent in the word of God.



The COLJCW has as its Official Anthem for the opening of its liturgical and ceremonial acts, "**The King of Heaven Shall Walk**," and for the closing, "**Volunteers of Christ in Line**," which can be sung in any language as long as they adhere to the score's prescription.

BELIEFS

We adhere to several core beliefs, which form the foundation of our faith. These beliefs include:

- The Holy Bible
- The Holy Spirit
- Baptism
- The Gift of Prophecy
- Ten Commandments
- The Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ

WHAT IS TOCOISM

The term "Tocoism" or "Tocoist" was originally applied, with derogatory purposes, by Portuguese colonizers to all who adhered to the biblical teachings taught by Prophet Simão Gonçalves Toco. However, over time and to this day, members of the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the World adopted this term with honor and pride.

SACRAMENTS, PRINCIPLES, AND MEMBERSHIP

COMMUNION AND SACRAMENTS

The COLJCW performs 5 (five) Sacraments, namely:

- a) Dedication of the Child to the Lord;
- b) Confession;
- c) Baptism;
- d) Holy Communion;
- e) Marriage

THE DOCTRINAL PRINCIPLES

- a) Obedience to the Holy Spirit, based on scrupulous compliance with all guidelines and teachings emanating from the bodies and channels dedicated to this purpose;
- b) Universalization of its evangelizing and ecumenical activity in all parts of the terrestrial globe;
- c) Promotion and development of Christianity embodied in values evidenced and practiced by Our Lord Jesus Christ in the light of the Holy Bible;
- d) Respect for religious differences cultivated by other denominations through tolerance, inter-religious cooperation, harmony, and fraternity.

WHAT ARE THE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH?

1. To obey and respect authorities and the national flag; Romans 13:1-3.
2. To obey and respect hierarchical superiors; 1 Timothy 6:1-2.
3. To respect everyone, not return evil to those who persecute us for the sake of the gospel of Christ.
4. To defend the homeland against its enemies.
5. To pay taxes because Christ himself paid his tax; Matthew 17:24-27.
6. To visit the sick and the fatherless; James 1:27.
7. To love your neighbor as yourself; Mark 12:31.



HOW CAN I BECOME A MEMBER OF COLJCW?

Admission to the The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the World - The Tocoists is open to all human beings, provided that:

- e) Accept Our Lord Jesus Christ as the Only Begotten Son of God and their sole Savior;
- f) Believe in the Holy Spirit as the Guide, Strength, and Power of the Church;
- g) Confess their sins to God before the visible witnesses of the earth and the invisible witnesses of Heaven, and are duly marked according to the Church's ritual;
- h) Accept Christian baptism as a new birth;
- i) Strictly observe the Ten Commandments of God's Law and the Precepts of the Church.

THE DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS

Members of COLJCW are subject, among other things, to the following duties:

- a) Fully comply with the Ten Commandments, the Precepts of the Church, the Constitution, the General Regulations and other provisions of the Church;
- b) Defend the purity, honor and unity of the Church and not form factions or groups;
- c) Dedicate yourself zealously to all the activities of the Church and contribute to its prestige and progress;
- d) Pay tithes ;
- e) Help and support those in need, and the helpless;
- f) Respect the opinion of others in the Church and in society;
- g) Not promoting the cult of personality and the practice of individualism;
- h) Promote brotherhood, friendship, fraternity, harmony and solidarity among men, inside and outside the Church;
- i) Be humble and respectful, always considering others as your superiors;

- j) Do not be slanderous, do not promote intrigue, murmuring, tribalism, regionalism, racism and do not give false testimony
- k) Comply with and execute the orders and instructions of hierarchical superiors with diligence, responsibility and conscience;
- l) Protect and not tear apart the Church's properties;
- m) Perform with competence, delicacy, dynamism and sacrifice the positions to which he/she is appointed.

WORSHIP PRACTICES

The Sunday worship service, held weekly, is the primary form of collective worship to God, bringing together the faithful of the local Christian congregation in a single session, typically lasting around 2 hours and 30 minutes. It is usually led by the local highest clerical authority.



Inside the Cathedral during Worship Service

Generally, the service includes a sermon developed from biblical principles, as well as the singing of hymns accompanied by wind instruments and/or musical instruments, which contribute to a greater spiritual harmony.

LOCATIONS, HEADQUARTERS, AND ORGANIZATION

WHERE ARE THE HEADQUARTERS OF COLJCW LOCATED?



Tocoist Cathedral - Social Administrative Headquarters

The headquarters of COLJCW is located in the Republic of Angola. The Social Administrative headquarters is situated in the city of Luanda and the Spiritual headquarters is in Sadi Zulumongo – Ntaia Maquela do Zombo, Uíge Province.



CATETE SANCTUARY

His Holiness Prophet Simão Gonçalves Tôco is said to have experienced a miraculous event on April 17, 1935, at the age of 17, manifested in the Encounter with God in Catete, a locality located about 60 km northeast of Luanda.

In this memorable and Sacred Encounter, the Most High Jehovah God appeared in the form of a Person before His Servant Prophet Simão Gonçalves Toco, and anointed him, saying the following words: "***I will put within you something that you will not know, nor will the whole world know***"...

This phenomenon of Theophany marks the mystery of the Holy Spirit and the culmination of all divine events that occur in the life of His Holiness Prophet Simão Gonçalves Toco from the beginning to the present day.



Catete Sanctuary

In this sacred location, the boundaries between the earthly and the divine dissolved, allowing Holiness Prophet Simão Toco to experience direct communication with the sacred. The spiritually charged atmosphere in Catete provided the perfect setting for this celestial encounter, where the presence of God was tangible and enveloping.

Catete thus became more than just a geographical location; it is a symbol of the connection between the divine and the human, where divine inspiration shaped the destinies of many. It is where Simão Toco's spiritual journey reached its peak, giving rise to a faith that continues to influence and inspire people worldwide.

OUR GLOBAL PRESENCE



The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the World - Tocoists has a global presence in various countries, including Angola, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Belgium, Brazil, France, Germany, Japan, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, Malawi, Portugal, South Africa, Sao Tome and Principe, Spain, the United Kingdom, and Zimbabwe.

This highlights the widespread nature of the Tocoist faith and its commitment to spreading its teachings worldwide.

OUR ORGANIZATION

The structure of The COLJCW is defined by The Constitution:

- a) The Spiritual Leader of the Church;
- b) The Central Tabernacle;
- c) The Congress;
- d) The Body of 24 Elders;
- e) The Episcopate;
- f) Spiritual Leader's Council;
- g) The Priest;
- h) General Inspection;
- i) Executive Secretariat;
- j) Department of Evangelization and Christian Education;
- k) Department of Rites and Sacraments;
- l) Biblical and Theological Institute;
- m) Ecclesiastical Regions;
- n) Tocoista Women's Ministry;
- o) Tocoista Youth Ministry;
- p) Tocoista Children's Ministry.



WHAT IS THE HIERARCHY OF POSITIONS IN THE COLJCW?

The exercise and responsibility of clerical activity within COLJCW are hierarchically carried out by the following entities:

- a) The Bishop;
- b) Auxiliary Bishops;
- c) Priest;
- d) Reverend Pastors;
- e) Pastors;
- f) Evangelists;
- g) Elders

THE SPIRITUAL LEADER

WHO IS AFONSO NUNES?



His Holiness Bishop Dom Afonso Nunes, ordained and consecrated by spiritual indication in 2000 and unanimously re-confirmed during the III Congress of COLJWC in July 2010, adopting the episcopal name "MAYAMONA" in homage to the legacy of Prophet Simão Gonçalves Toco.

He is the first **personification of Prophet Simão Gonçalves Toco** in Tocoism's 75-year history (1949 – 2024), tasked with spiritually raising the Fallen Tabernacle of David to restore Tocoism's identity and prestige.

He is married to Mrs. Feliciano Fernando Nunes and has six children. Bishop Dom Afonso Nunes' childhood and adolescence were marked by spiritual experiences, leading to his active involvement in church responsibilities from an early age.

He excelled in socio-cultural and ecclesiastical activities such as poetry, choir singing, and theater.

As the leader of COLJCW, Bishop Dom Afonso Nunes has prioritized promoting unity and reconciliation among Tocoists. He has initiated several projects that contribute to the growth and development of the community. One notable project is the construction of the Universal Tocoist Cathedral - TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD, which was inaugurated in August 2012. This cathedral serves as a physical representation of the Tocoist spiritual beliefs and serves as a place of worship for Tocoists worldwide.

He also founded ***the Simão Gonçalves Tôco High School, the Prophet Simão Gonçalves Tôco Foundation, the Tocoist Superior Polytechnic Institute (ISPT), and Tocoist Radio Station – The Voice of Hope.***

Additionally, he fosters inter-denominational and inter-religious relations nationally and internationally, contributing positively to organizations like the Council of Christian Churches of Angola (CICA), the Angola Forum of Christian Leadership (FCA), and the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (FIRPM).

TABERNACLE, COLORS, NKEMBO AND VESTMENT

WHAT IS A TABERNACLE IN THE COLJWCW?

A tabernacle in the COLJWCW is a sacred space used for worship and spiritual gatherings. It is a holy place where we seek to connect with the divine.

It typically represents the heart of the church, where Elders, Vate and Other servants gather to worship, receive spiritual guidance from leaders, and engage in various rituals and practices that are central to our faith.

WHAT SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COLORS GREEN AND WHITE HOLD WITHIN COLJWCW?

The COLJWCW use the colors green and white for symbolic purposes.

White symbolizes purity, holiness, and glory, reflecting the spiritual values of purity and sanctity upheld in COLJWCW
Isaiah 1:18; Revelation 3:18; 19:8.

Green, on the other hand, represents the virtue of the Holy Spirit upon humanity and serves as a symbol of hope for a better future.



WHAT EXACTLY IS "NKEMBO" WITHIN THE COLJCW?

The "Nkembo Dance" is a traditional dance performed within the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the World (Tocoists) during religious ceremonies and celebrations. It holds significant spiritual and cultural importance for Tocoist worshippers.

The dance is characterized by rhythmic movements, often accompanied by singing and clapping, and is performed as an expression of praise, worship, and spiritual connection.

The "Nkembo Dance" serves as a powerful symbol of unity, joy, and devotion within the Tocoist community, fostering a sense of belonging and spiritual fulfillment among its participants.



IS IT MANDATORY TO WEAR WHITE?

In the Tocoist faith, there is a tradition of wearing white clothing, particularly during worship services and other religious gatherings. However, it's not necessarily mandatory for all Tocoists to wear white all the time.

Wearing white attire may be considered mandatory for certain religious rituals and ceremonies, such as communion, baptism, child dedication, and during session prayers in the tabernacle.

Wearing white is often seen as symbolic of purity, spiritual consecration, and adherence to the teachings of Prophet Simão Gonçalves Toco. Some Tocoists may choose to wear white as a sign of their commitment to their faith and its principles.

GLOSSARY

Afonso Nunes: Spiritual Leader of COLJCW and Personification of the Prophet Simão Gonçalves Tôco.

Bishop: Highest spiritual authority in Tocoism.

Cathedral Tocoist: The main church, the headquarters of COLJCW.

Clergy: Religious leaders within Tocoism.

COLJCW: Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the World.

Communion: Sacred ritual symbolizing unity with God and believers.

Divine Calling: Belief in a specific role or mission by God.

Encounter with God: Direct communication with the divine, as experienced by Prophet Simão Gonçalves Toco.

Episcopate: Collegiate body responsible for the management and operational execution of ecclesiastical, ecumenical, and social activities of the church.

Faith: Strong belief or trust in something.

INSJCM: Igreja de Nosso Senhor Jesus Cristo no Mundo

Mayamona: Kikongo name meaning "what I have seen," is the suggestive name attributed to Simão Toco by his mother Ndundu Nsimba.

Nkembo: Traditional Tocoist dance.

Personification: Representation of abstract concepts in human form.

Precepts: Principles guiding behavior in Tocoism.

Prophet Simão Gonçalves Toco: Founder and spiritual leader of Tocoism.

Purity: Freedom from moral or spiritual defilement.

Priest: Spiritual entity whose profile aligns with the competencies inherent to the Central Tabernacle.

Quotas: Required financial contributions from Tocoist members.

Sanctity: State of being holy or sacred.

Spiritual Consecration: Dedication to divine service in Tocoism.

Symbolism: Use of symbols to represent concepts.

Tabernacle: Central place of Tocoist worship.

Teophany: Divine manifestation to humans.

The Congress: Decision-making body in COLJCW.

The Body of 24 Elders: A Deliberative body of COLJCW.

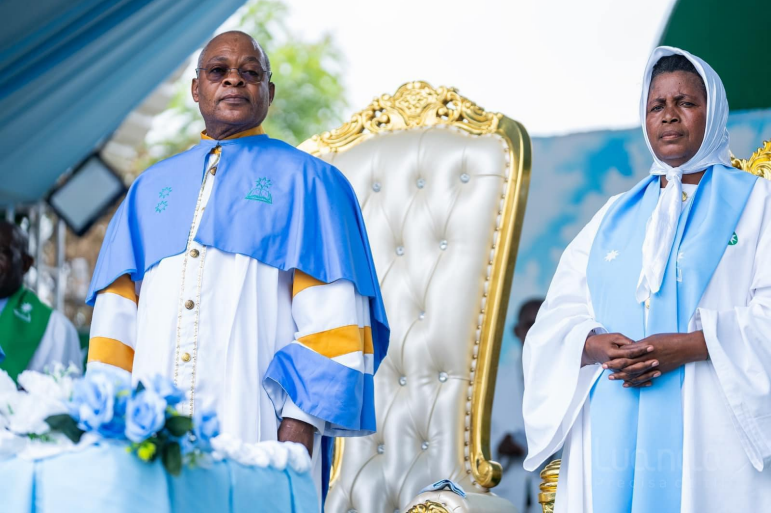
Tocoism: Faith of the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the World.

Tocoist: Member of the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the World

Vestment: Ritual clothing in Tocoism.

White Attire: Traditional Tocoist clothing symbolizing purity and adherence to Tocoist teachings.

PHOTO GALLERY







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