
Doctrine and Covenants 26 — By Common Consent

A revelation given through Joseph Smith to Joseph Smith Jr., Oliver Cowdery, and John Whitmer at Harmony, Pennsylvania, in July 1830.

This is a two-verse revelation, easy to read past, that quietly establishes one of the governing principles of the entire Church: that *all things shall be done by common consent*.

From the Chapter's Architecture

Two verses, and the contrast between them is the whole lesson. Verse 1 is the **near horizon**: concrete, time-bound instructions — study, preach, confirm, farm — until the next conference, after which more will be revealed. Verse 2 is the **standing principle**: *all things... by common consent... by much prayer and faith*. The Lord embeds an enduring constitutional law inside a passage of routine scheduling. That placement is itself instructive: the great governing principles of the kingdom are not always announced with trumpets; sometimes they are handed over quietly, in the middle of ordinary business, to people simply trying to know what to do next week.