

Western Pacific District News

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From the desk of District Apostle Schulte



Family fun day in South Korea

Dear brothers and sisters

The Chief Apostle has now arrived for the visit to our Western Pacific district. He will conduct divine services in Samoa, American Samoa, Fiji and New Zealand with the divine service in Christchurch being broadcast to various receiving points. We have been looking forward to our Chief Apostle's visit for some time and I know the choir and orchestra have been preparing, and many of our brothers and sisters have given much of their time and commitment to the preparation for these special events.

We are mindful of the great commitment made by our Chief Apostle to visit the many countries of the world but without the participation of all, these events would not be as special or successful. I thank each and every one who has already contributed and those who will be part of the various visits for adding to the success and joy of his visit.

Not everyone is able to travel to be where our Chief Apostle is in person but hopefully many can be part of the Christchurch service through the means of transmission. Let us continue to pray and fill our hearts with hope and expectation that again we will experience how rich we are in Christ!

While so much focus is on the Chief Apostle visit to our district, we also need to be giving some thought to the celebration of Thanksgiving Day which falls on Sunday 6th

October. The purpose of our motto each year is that we take the time to assess the theme given from a personal perspective. I'm sure we can all say that we have heard the 2019 motto "Rich in Christ" many times throughout the year however, it will only become personally impacting if we look with openness at the many positives that come out of having a close relationship with our Saviour. I'm sure that when we live through circumstances that aren't as we would like them, our faith in Christ has been challenged. I'm also sure if we look clearly we will recognise that truly we are rich in Christ. This recognition brings about a reaction of thankfulness. True thankfulness triggers actions. We express our thanks in prayer and profession, offering, and through serving God and our neighbour.

Do not suppress the emotion of thankfulness, nor suppress our reaction of prayer and profession, of offering and of willingness to serve God and our neighbour.

With loving greetings

Peter Schulte

District Apostle visits South Korea

Our District Apostle visited South Korea from 7th – 12th August where he was accompanied by Apostle Fred Wolf from Thailand. A highlight of the visit was being part of the Family Festival weekend in Daejeon.

Some 172 members from all age groups had travelled from near and far to celebrate this event. The senior members had a wonderful time enjoying games especially prepared for them on Friday and Saturday, while the young members participated in a youth program.

On Saturday afternoon, District Apostle Peter Schulte conducted the seminar for ministers and wives about the new concept of ministry. This was followed by a music concert on Saturday

evening, which included some video clips about the history of the New Apostolic Church in Korea. The concert was composed of choral and orchestral pieces, as well as traditional Korean music. It was a very nice concert and all enjoyed it.

The visit culminated with the divine service on Sunday morning with 183 people in attendance. The District Apostle used the text from Luke 9:23; Then He said to them all, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

During the course of the visit, the Korean brothers and sisters had a special and blessed time with each other under the grace of our Heavenly Father.



Apostle Lodewick in Japan

Earlier this year Apostle Lodewick travelled to Japan to visit the congregations there, which now come under the care of the Western Pacific district. The main congregation in Japan is found in Tama City, where the Apostle held a divine service. Additionally, he also conducted a ministers seminar where the concept of ministry and other relevant topics were discussed. Time spent together in fellowship with the congregation was also a wonderful addition to this visit.

The following day Apostle Lodewick travelled for 6 hours by train to Fukuoka, in the south of Japan. Here, a divine service was conducted in the home of one of the members. The service was also attended by a few guests and the Apostle carried out holy sealing of a baby.



NACare update

NACare was established to help and support communities within Australia and the South Pacific region to be more prepared for, and recover from, natural and man made disasters. In recent times, Australia has seen a number of widespread disasters, and thanks to the generous donations from many people, NACare has been able to distribute funds to those in need. We are pleased to provide an update on the work that has been done to assist.

Drought Appeal

Last year it came to light that our farmers were battling severe drought and many were struggling to survive.

Our members were touched by the disaster affecting our neighbours here in Australia and decided to dig deep for our Aussie farmers and donate generously to the drought appeal.

We can now report that NACare Foundation made a donation toward this appeal of \$5000, which was passed on to the Australian Red Cross. We understand that all funds have now been distributed to farmers and their families in the drought-affected parts of Australia.



Rob, a NSW farmer who's been struggling to keep his livestock healthy during the drought.
Photo: Australian Red Cross/Aysha Leo.

Families have used these funds to pay for essentials such as household bills, to cover school fees and vehicle costs and to pay for groceries.

Although Australia continues to face an uphill battle with drought, we thank you for extending a helping hand to those who need it most when facing the circumstances that they do.

Flood Appeal

While for many of us it feels as though the North Queensland floods occurred a long time ago, this was a tough year for the people who continue to face the upheaval of having to repair their homes and work through the emotional impact of this disaster.

This disaster had an impact on our members just as it did all Australians, and many made the decision to contribute to this cause. The response to the appeal was overwhelming, and donations were received from all over Australia for the Townsville floods. This allowed NACare to donate an amount of \$4000 to GIVIT, a charity nominated by the Government to handle this disaster.



Flood victims gratefully receive donations from GIVIT

As affected residents worked to re-establish their homes, GIVIT supported their recovery by spending 100% of the funds received in the local communities that were impacted, by distributing grocery and fuel vouchers, beds and linen, clothing, school uniforms, tools and hardware vouchers to assist with repairs, whitegoods, furniture, and kitchen and household essentials.

Those associated with the NACare Foundation were overwhelmed by the generosity of our members and would like to thank everyone who contributed to this cause. It is only with this type of support that we can continue to help making a difference to our neighbour.

Donations

If you would like to make a donation to NACare at any time, please go to the website www.nacare.org.au and enter your credit card details. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible (in Australia only).

We thank you for your generosity and ongoing support of our communities during difficult times.



Visit of Chief Apostle Schneider to Samoa, American Samoa, Fiji & New Zealand

The Chief Apostle is currently en route to the Western Pacific district, where he will conduct a number of divine services over the coming week. The theme of the visit to our district comes under the banner of "upon the sure foundation".

Arriving in Apia, the capital of Samoa, the Chief Apostle will conduct a divine service for the members on Sunday 15 September. The Samoan Prime Minister and Head of State have also accepted an invitation to join the members for this service. The youth of Samoa are also looking forward to spending time with the Chief Apostle at a youth fun day, which will include the traditional kava ceremony.

From there, the Chief Apostle, who is accompanied by District Apostle Schulte, and Apostles Lodewick and Williams, will travel "back in time" by crossing the International Date Line, to conduct another divine service in American Samoa on Sunday 15 September. After lunch, the youth will conduct a Q&A session with the Chief Apostle, and present a number of musical items.

After leaving American Samoa, the Chief Apostle will travel back to Samoa, thereby "losing" the day he gained a few days earlier. He will then continue onto Fiji, where a divine service is planned to take place in our church in Suva on Thursday 19 September. Chief Apostle Leber visited Fiji in 2007 so it will undoubtedly be a highlight for the members to again come under the word of a Chief Apostle in their land.

Chief Apostle Schneider, together with the Apostles, will then make his way to a less tropical climate in Christchurch, New Zealand. Although Christchurch has been defined in recent years by a number of tragedies, the community there is both resilient and welcoming. In Christchurch, the Chief Apostle will be joined by District Apostle Edy Isnugroho from Indonesia, and District Apostle Helper Frank Dzur from Canada. In addition, the Apostles and Bishops from the Western Pacific District will also accompany him - Apostle Wolf (Thailand), Apostles Pouru & Wasimbai (Papua New Guinea), Bishop Yang (South Korea), and Bishop Yasi (Papua New Guinea).

On Saturday 21 September, all visitors to Christchurch are invited to an afternoon of fellowship together, which provides an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and the chance to make new friends within the circle of the New Apostolic family. On Sunday 22 September the divine service will take place, which will no doubt be a source of much joy and blessing for the children of God gathered in Christchurch. This service will also be transmitted by audio visual broadcast to the congregations around Australia, New Zealand, and other lands in the Western Pacific district, thereby allowing those who are unable to travel on this occasion to also come under the serving of the Chief Apostle.



Visit of Chief Apostle Schneider - Program

Saturday, 14 September 2019

11.00 Youth fun day - Vailima

Sunday, 15 September 2019

10.00 Divine service - **Tatte Convention Centre, Samoa**

Sunday, 15 September 2019

10.00 Divine service - **Ili'ili church, American Samoa**

15.00 Youth Q&A and choral presentation

Thursday, 19 September 2019

10.30 Divine service - **Suva church**

Saturday, 21 September 2019

12.30 Fellowship luncheon - **Christchurch Boys' High School, Straven Rd, Christchurch**

Sunday, 22 September 2019

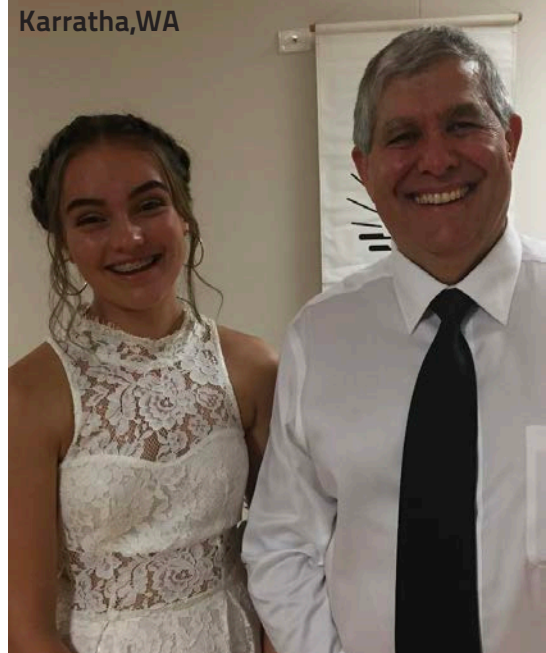
12.30pm Divine service - **Christchurch Boys' High School, Straven Rd, Christchurch**



South Australia



Karratha, WA



Confirmation 2019

Dear Confirmands,

You are standing before the altar, about to profess your faith and commit yourself to Jesus Christ. God, on the other hand, is about to bless you. Today, this blessing will be evident through the words spoken by a servant of God. However, it is only as you put your promise into action that you will discover the concrete effects of this divine blessing.

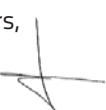
I dedicate the following Bible text to you on your confirmation:

"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good...For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks" (Luke 6: 45).

You are surrounded by brothers and sisters who have been enriched by the Lord and who are quite willing to share their treasure with you. To benefit from it, all you have to do is cultivate fellowship with them. Invest in the oneness of God's children and you will be rich!

We are very happy to know you are on our side to serve the Lord. You mean a great deal to us and even more to God!

With thanks for your help, I wish you a full measure of blessing, and extend to you my most heartfelt greetings.

Yours,


Jean-Luc Schneider

Rainbow, PNG



Hallam, Vic



Vailima / Falefa, Samoa



Albury, NSW



Auckland, NZ



Mulifanua, Samoa



Redcliffe / Caloundra, Qld



Buranda / Kingston, Qld



Ili'iili / Pango, Samoa



Afiamalu, Samoa



Perth, WA





Chuncheon, South Korea



Ascot Park, SA



Gladstone, Qld



Redcliffe, Qld



Elizabeth, SA



Christchurch, NZ



Maryborough, Qld



Mt Hagen, PNG



Windsor, Qld

Thanksgiving 2018



New Lynn, NZ



Buranda, Qld



Hope Valley, SA



Caloundra, Qld



New Plymouth, NZ



Foster, VIC



Hamilton, NZ



Jeonju, South Korea



Ahnshan, South Korea



Bundaberg, Qld



Townsville, Qld



Coffs Harbour, NSW



Hallam, Vic



Drury, NZ



Pohang, South Korea



Paihia, NZ



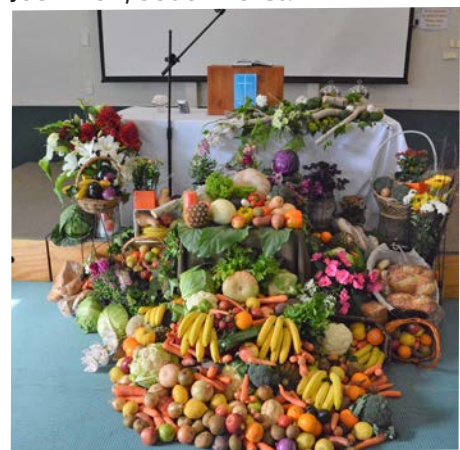
Jochiwon, South Korea



Albury, NSW



Croydon, Vic



Howick, NZ



Namwon, South Korea



Daegu, South Korea



Rivervale, WA



Hobart, Tas



Gwangju, South Korea



Beckenham, WA



Geraldton, WA



Morayfield, Qld



Ilsan, South Korea



Daejeon, South Korea



Box Hill, VIC



Seoul, South Korea



Koondoola, WA



Busan, South Korea



Hackham West, SA



North Shore, NZ

Around the Congregations:

1. Valedictory celebration in Auckland (NZ)
2. DA Schulte was interviewed by two of the confirmands during the Valedictory evening in South East Qld
3. Valedictory celebration in Gosford (NSW)
4. Ap Lodewick conducted a divine service in Darwin (NT)
5. The Apostle joined the Sunday school children and teachers as they sang during the service in Darwin (NT)
6. Divine service in Queenstown (NZ)
7. Ministers in vestry with Ap Lodewick prior to a service with Rockingham & Bunbury congregations (WA)
8. Sunday School children sing during a combined service with Bunbury & Rockingham (WA)
9. Seniors get-together in Ascot Park (SA)
10. Fellowship after a guest service in Hackham West (SA)
11. Mother's Day in Seven Hills (NSW)
12. Fellowship after a youth service in Drury (NZ)





Around the Congregations:

1. Bundaberg (Qld) congregation enjoyed a day of fellowship at the Moveathon)
2. Ev Soto with the congregation in Konga (Solomon Is)
3. Bis Yasi with members in Yebi (PNG)
4. Mother's Day in Gosford (NSW)
5. Gosford (NSW) congregation enjoyed some Christmas in July festivities
6. Ap Williams conducted a divine service in New Plymouth (NZ)
7. Albury (NSW) congregation
8. Ap Wolf with youth in South Korea
9. View of the choir during the divine service with Rockingham & Bunbury (WA)
10. Confirmation lesson in Geraldton (WA), with parents joining the confirmands

Celebrations

1. Holy baptism of Calliope Ferreira in North Shore (NZ)
2. Sis Ivona Yon celebrated her 70th birthday in Hallam (VIC)
3. Sis Patricia Rayson of Elizabeth (SA) celebrated her 70th birthday
4. Dcn Terence Bowers and Sis Maja Petrovic receiving engagement blessings in Lane Cove (NSW)
5. Pr Erhard & Sis Gabi Sickinger received ruby wedding blessings in Coffs Harbour (NSW)
6. Holy sealing of Sis Marinela Jackson of Seven Hills (NSW)
7. Holy baptism & sealing of Ebony Almond, and holy sealing of Oliver Hilton-Barber in Buranda (Qld)
8. Br Mervin & Sis Adrienne Pretorius received silver wedding blessings in Ashmore (Qld)
9. Br & Sis Viljoen received diamond wedding blessings in Kingston (Qld)





Celebrations

1. Ev (ir) Arthur & Sis Lotte Schaffner received ruby wedding blessings in Ashmore (Qld)
2. Sis Joyce Westman of Buranda (Qld) celebrated her 90th birthday
3. Sis Lya Graf of Ashmore (Qld) celebrated her 90th birthday
4. Holy baptism of Sarah Jean Steenkamp in Oreway (NZ)
5. Holy sealing of Tahlia Newcombe in Kingston (Qld)
6. Holy baptism of Sophie Coad in Elizabeth (SA)
7. Br Gavin & Sis Bronwyn Herbert received silver wedding blessings in Kingston (Qld)
8. Br David & Sis Diane Johnson received silver wedding blessings in Hamilton (NZ)
9. Holy sealing in Auckland (NZ)

Celebrations

1. Holy baptism of Hudson Yon in Hallam (Vic)
2. Holy sealing of Sophie Coad in Elizabeth (SA)
3. Br Jason & Sis Amber Bimray received wedding blessings in North Shore (NZ)
4. Holy sealing of Br Nestor Martinez and his son Leonardo in New Plymouth (NZ)
5. Pr(ir) Eddie and Sis Veronica Steenkamp of Orewa (NZ) received golden wedding blessings
6. Holy baptism of Elsa Gerderblom in Lane Cove (NSW)
7. Pr(ir) Bill Williams and Sis Ann Williams received diamond wedding blessings in Kingston (Qld)





Celebrations

1. Br Peter & Sis Jo-Anne Micenko of Albury (NSW) received ruby wedding blessings
2. Pr Robert & Sis Stephanie Schubach of Wellington (NZ) received ruby wedding blessings
3. Pr (ir) Goetz & Sis Tanya Bayer received golden wedding blessings in Albury (NSW)
4. Holy sealing of Tully Goebel in Mackay (Qld)
5. Holy sealing in Hallam (Vic)
6. Holy sealing of Liam Uys in Darwin (NT)

For your Information

Chief Apostle Schneider's schedule:

| Sep 2019 | Oct 2019 | Nov 2019 |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 15: Apia, Samoa | 6: St Petersburg, Russia | 3: Yangon, Myanmar |
| 15: Pago Pago, AM Samoa | 13: Monrovia, Liberia | 10: Norderstedt, Germany |
| 17: Suva, Fiji | 20: Mulhouse, France | 17: St Gallen, Switzerland |
| 22: Christchurch, NZ | 27: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | |

District Apostle Schulte's schedule:

| Sep 2019 | Oct 2019 | Nov 2019 |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 15: Apia, Samoa | 6: Hong Kong | 3: Adelaide, SA |
| 15: Pago Pago, AM Samoa | 13: Newcastle, NSW | 10: Silkstone, QLD |
| 17: Suva, Fiji | 27: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | 17: St Gallen, Switzerland |
| 22: Christchurch, NZ | | 30: Perth, WA |

Upcoming Events:

| Sep 2019 | Oct 2019 | Nov 2019 |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 1: Father's Day | 6: Thanksgiving | 2: Service for departed |
| 21: International Day of Prayer for Peace | | 23-24: NZ youth convention |
| 14-22: Chief Apostle visit to Western Pacific | | |



Ministerial Changes:

| Name | Event | Ministry | Congregation |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| Pr Paul Collins | Confirmation | Priest | Mackay, Qld |
| Dcn Daniel Schillinger | Confirmation | Deacon | Dunedin, NZ |
| Pr Michael (Brian) Barwick | Confirmation | Priest | Hackham West, SA |
| Pr Noel Johnson | Confirmation | Priest | Rivervale, WA |
| Dcn Eben Wilschutt | Confirmation | Deacon | North Shore, NZ |
| Dcn Carl de Jager | Confirmation | Deacon | North Shore, NZ |
| Pr Everhardt Koen | Confirmation | Priest | Taupo/Hastings, NZ |
| Dcn Shawn Lewis | Ordination | Priest | St Marys, NSW |
| Br Aiden Smith | Ordination | Deacon | Lane Cove, NSW |
| Br Filipe Levaci | Ordination | Deacon | Lane Cove, NSW |
| Br Theo Lourens | Ordination | Deacon | Tauranga, NZ |
| DEv Ralph Gosewinkel | Appointment | Rector | Ascot Park, SA |
| Pr Werner Bresler | Appointment | Rector | Fairfield, NSW |
| Pr Joerg Ziegler | Appointment | Rector | St Marys, NSW |
| Pr Stephen-John Solomons | Appointment | Rector | South Auckland, NZ |
| Ev Keith Adams | Retirement | Evangelist | South Auckland, NZ |
| Pr Michael Fisher | Retirement | Priest | St Marys, NSW |
| Pr Werner Kreutz | Retirement | Priest | Tauranga, NZ |

In Memoriam:

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| Br Brian Prygoda of Riverleigh (Qld) | † | 28/5/19 |
| Ev (ir) Derick Yon of Hallam (Vic) | † | 22/6/19 |
| Sis Doris Eggerling of Bundaberg (Qld) | † | 28/6/19 |
| DE (ir) Errol Dietz of Windsor (Qld) | † | 2/7/19 |
| Sis Deborah Chapman of Riverleigh (Qld) | † | 30/7/19 |
| Br Enock Nunda Wilondja of Kingston (Qld) | † | 14/8/19 |
| Pr (ir) Anthony Stephenson of Morayfield (Qld) | † | 16/8/19 |
| Sis Renate Pahlke of Maidstone (Vic) | † | 6/9/19 |

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