

Western Pacific District News



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From the desk of District Apostle Schulte



Dear brothers and sisters

The value of our local congregation is unquestionable. Everything we need for salvation is offered there. In our local congregation, the word of God is preached, the sacraments are dispensed, forgiveness of sins is given and the 'coming together' of the bridal congregation is developed.

The occasions when we are able to come together in a combined service are special opportunities that are also very beneficial for our spiritual development. We are able to receive a great boost in our joy of faith, our courage to profess and the spiritual energy needed to serve, thank, and hope in our future with Christ.

The visit of our Chief Apostle to Sydney (Australia), Kombikum and Madang (Papua New Guinea) is an example of one of these special occasions. Vital to our experiencing this is our personal preparation. This includes longing to be part of these divine services, joyful expectation and spiritual connection through prayer. Whether we physically attend one of these divine services or connect through audio visual transmission, let us personally elevate the importance of such occasions.

The belief in and the necessity of the active Apostle ministry with its divine authority for the developing and completion of the bridal congregation, defines our New Apostolic faith within the Church of Christ.

I would like to include a few points from our Catechism that describes our Chief Apostle's role:

It is the task of the Chief Apostle to discharge the office of Peter. In the presence of the other Apostles, the Lord granted Simon Peter special authority. His leading position among the apostles took effect after the Lord's ascension into heaven but was certainly already suggested prior to this event.

Our Chief Apostle carries this out in accordance with the words of Jesus: "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and 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).

The Chief Apostle works to keep the oneness among the apostles, has a function to keep the doctrine pure while developing it further, opening up new insights and uniformly spreading the testimony of faith. The Chief Apostle also lays down the order within the church.

These tasks comprise the "authority of the keys" of the Chief Apostle ministry.

With loving greetings

Peter Schulte

Departed service in Sydney, NSW

When NSW and the ACT had their last combined service in 2019, no one could have predicted that it would be close to three years until such an opportunity would come again.

The timing could not have been better as NSW had just relaxed Covid restrictions sufficiently for a divine service that included both the full range of instruments for the orchestra and powerful singing from the choristers.

For the first time, a very suitable hall in Liverpool was used and physical attendance exceeded expectations. Together with District Apostle Peter Schulte and Apostle Trevor Williams, everyone present enjoyed the first divine service for the departed in 2022. The Bible text for the divine service was from John 10, verse 16: "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd."

District Apostle Schulte highlighted that the way to be saved is the same for everyone; there is only one way to attain eternal life. He stressed that the flock is an image for the Church of Christ. Jesus Himself is the one who saves. The highpoint of the divine service was the celebration of Holy Communion which was followed by the congregation witnessing the dispensation of Holy Baptism with water, Holy Sealing, and Holy Communion to the departed.



VISIT OF CHIEF APOSTLE SCHNEIDER
30 APRIL - 9 MAY 2022



TOGETHER IN CHRIST

The Chief Apostle and his companions - District Apostles Isnugroho (Indonesia), Kolb (USA), Kriel (South Africa), and Woll (Canada) - will soon arrive in Sydney. A ministers & wives service will take place on Saturday, 30 April, and a divine service will follow for all members and guests on Sunday, 1 May. Details regarding the events, locations and times can be found both in your congregations and on our Facebook page: **Chief Apostle Visit - Sydney (30 April - 1 May 2022)**.

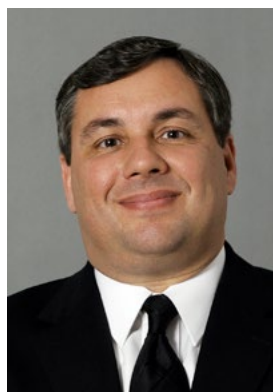
From Sydney, the Chief Apostle, together with District Apostles Woll and Schulte, will travel to Papua New Guinea, where two divine services will be held, in Kombikum and Madang.



Chief Apostle
Jean-Luc Schneider



District Apostle
Edy Isnugroho



District Apostle
Leonard Kolb



District Apostle
John Kriel



District Apostle
Mark Woll

NACare: Latest news

The website of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies defines disasters as "serious disruptions to the functioning of a community that exceed its capacity to cope using its own resources. Disasters can be caused by natural, man-made and technological hazards, as well as various factors that influence the exposure and vulnerability of a community." It stands to reason that irrespective of the cause of a disaster, the very inability of an affected community to successfully respond to and remediate the situation invokes a requirement for help from sources that have the capacity to assist.

NACare was established to be a channel through which anyone who wishes to donate funds to assist communities in need where the donor can be assured of the donation being applied as intended. Anyone can donate and donors and would-be donors can attest to their friends and acquaintances that their donation will be respected and applied according to the intention with which it was given.

Currently NACare has two Disaster Appeals open as well as supporting one longer term project:

Tonga Disaster Appeal

This appeal was launched on 5 April 2022 and is focussed on assisting communities in Tonga with the essentials of daily life following the volcanic eruption which occurred on 15 January 2022. In the aftermath of this event the governments of the first responder countries provided rapid relief by supplying goods to the communities. This phase of the relief effort was very timely and successful but obviously wound down as the immediate needs

were attended to. However, this event completely destroyed the gardens which forms the basis of Tongan society and economy so that they are not able to sell their produce at market in order to earn money to purchase essential items. These gardens have been replanted and the resultant crops are now growing. Until then, the need for assistance remains.

2022 QLD and NSW Flood Appeal

The devastating results of these widespread and significant floods continue to be well reported on. Any monetary assistance that can be provided to the affected communities will aid their wellbeing and help to reduce the immense suffering. All donations received by NACare will be passed on in full.

Solomon Islands Early Childhood Centre Project

This project assists young children in the community to engage in education that will prepare them for the future. Education in Solomon Islands is not readily available and this project seeks to give more children opportunity that would otherwise not be possible. The Covid-19 pandemic has had its effect upon this project over the past year with a pause having to be inserted in the program but this requirement has now effectively passed and the project activity can be continued to the delight of all the children.

Please make your friends aware of the opportunity to donate to these needy causes via NACare. Every donation makes a difference.

www.nacare.org.au



Blenheim, NZ



Morayfield, Qld



Henderson, NZ



Howick, NZ



Confirmation 2022

Dear confirmands,

First of all, we would like to thank you for the great joy you bring us. You have decided to follow Christ and to serve in His church. We are happy to welcome you among the servants of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

Do not be afraid. The Lord will not ask the impossible of you. He will guide you step by step, faithfully and patiently. And we will be there to support you. Together we will accomplish great things!

Rest assured: 'Whatever happens, it is always Jesus who wins in the end!' And He will grant the victory to those who fight against evil together.

***"Through God we will do valiantly, for it is He who shall tread down our enemies."* (Psalm 60: 12)**

Wishing you a great blessing on this festive day, along with many joys in the Church, I extend to you, dear confirmands, my most heartfelt greetings.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jean-Luc Schneider'.

Jean-Luc Schneider



Hackham West, SA



Seven Hills, NSW



Elizabeth, SA



Maidstone, Vic



Wellington, NZ



Townsville, Qld



Box Hill, Vic



Newcastle, NSW



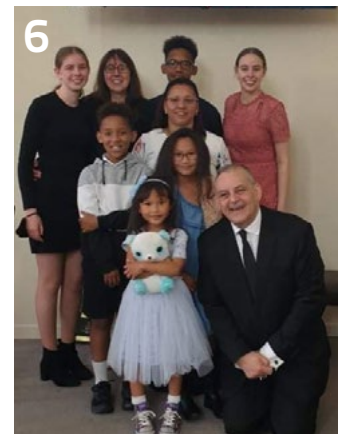
Orewa, NZ



Gosford, NSW

Around the Congregations:

1. Youth in Samoa enjoying fellowship dinner together
2. View into the congregation during a ministers & wives service in Silkstone (Qld)
3. Palm Sunday service in Dunedin (NZ)
4. Sunday School breakup in Ascot Park (SA)
5. Youth in Samoa enjoyed a fellowship event over several days, which included discussions about the youth activities that have been planned for the year
6. Sunday School breakup in Hallam (Vic)
7. Kunabau congregation after service (Chimbu province, PNG)
8. A divine service was conducted for the youth in American Samoa
9. Ev Warren Riddle was relieved as rector of Maryborough (Qld) congregation
10. Valedictory ceremony for confirmands in Victoria
11. Pr Andrew Pilamb at a church building currently under construction in Kongra (Mt Hagen, PNG)
12. A valedictory event for confirmands took place in Ascot Park (SA)



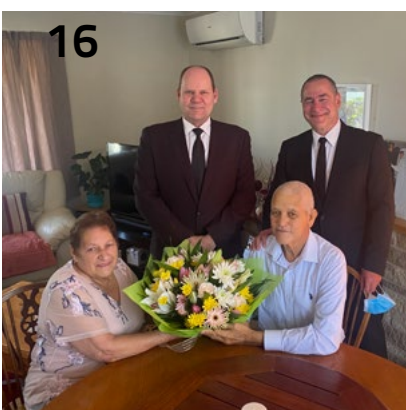
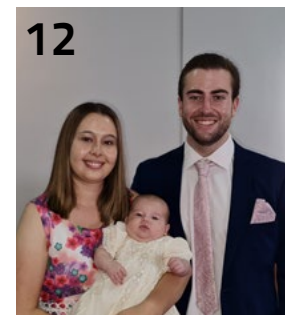
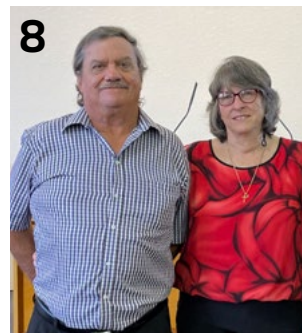
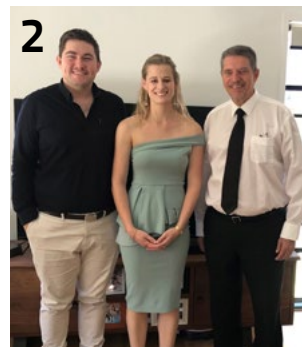


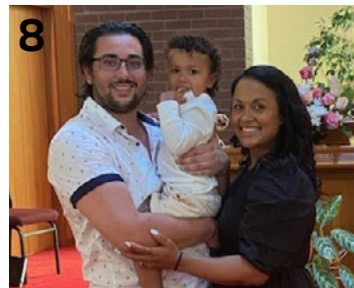
Around the Congregations:

1. A discussion for confirmands and their parents took place in American Samoa
2. A divine service was conducted for the youth in Samoa
3. The Sunday School children helped with the floral decorations for Thanksgiving
4. The Gosford (NSW) congregation enjoyed a Christmas luncheon
5. A welcome from the Sunday school children prior to a teaching program that took place in Waigar (Chimbu province, PNG)
6. A Sunday School service for children in South Australia
7. District Evangelist John Thorne was retired as assistant District Rector during a divine service in Redcliffe (Qld). He was given a mandate to serve as rector for the short term for the Maryborough (Qld) congregation
8. Priest Keith Dargusch (Windsor, Qld) and Priest Shaun MacKrell (Redcliffe, Qld) were appointed as assistant District Rectors
9. Congregational fellowship for members in South Australia
10. Fellowship for the seniors in AM Samoa, with food prepared by the youth
11. Sunday School breakup in Croydon (Vic)
12. The District Apostle with youth in Mackay (Qld) for the online NACYAC
13. Christmas concert in Busan (Korea)

Celebrations

1. Holy Baptism of Cian Carroll in Rockingham (WA)
2. Br Jeremy Miller & Sis Vanessa Funk of Kingston (Qld) received an engagement blessing
3. Holy Baptism of Abbygail Bandey in Croydon (Vic)
4. Holy Baptism of Br Rewi Karetai in Dunedin (NZ)
5. Pr (ir) Robert & Sis Lola Clark of Beckenham (WA) received blessings for their Diamond wedding
6. Pr (ir) Barrie & Sis Audrey Good received Golden wedding blessings in North Ipswich (Qld)
7. Pr (ir) Tom & Sis Debbie Newman of New Lynn (NZ) received Golden wedding blessings
8. Br Wesley & Sis Wendy Nienaber received Golden wedding blessings in Ashmore (Qld)
9. Br Jan and Sis Edna Nagel of Drury (NZ) received Silver wedding blessings
10. Holy Baptism of Tori Winter in Newcastle (NSW)
11. Holy Baptism of Isla Hilder (of Newcastle), in Mackay (Qld)
12. Holy Baptism of Ruby Mollown in Rockingham (WA)
13. Pr (ir) Gordon & Sis Susanna Probst received Golden wedding blessings in Mackay (Qld)
14. Engagement blessing of Sis Carla Schubach and Br Ruard Smith in Christchurch (NZ)
15. Holy Baptism of Isaac De Wet in Orewa (NZ)
16. Pr (ir) Solomon & Sis Juliana Walters of Wellington (NZ) received Golden wedding blessings
17. Br Frank & Sis Lorna Latham received Golden wedding blessings in Gosford (NSW)
18. Br Tony & Sis Irene Kirchner of Newcastle (NSW) received blessings for their Diamond wedding
19. Br Andrew & Sis Glenda Labuschagne received Golden wedding blessings in Rivervale (WA)





Celebrations

1. Sis Erica Martins of Croydon (Vic) celebrated her 90th birthday
2. Sis Ingrid Mallon of Croydon (Vic) celebrated her 90th birthday
3. Sister Maxine Welsh of Hackham West (SA) celebrated her 80th birthday
4. Pr (ir) Peter Schmidt of Ascot Park (SA) celebrated his 80th birthday
5. DE (ir) Ian Gerke of Morayfield (Qld) celebrated his 80th birthday
6. Pr (ir) Kevin Rayson of Elizabeth (SA) celebrated his 70th birthday
7. Br Stan Laufer of Bundaberg (Qld) celebrated his 80th birthday
8. Holy Sealing of Phoenix Vangelatos in Gosford (NSW)
9. Ev (ir) Ian and Sis Joey Stopforth received Golden wedding blessings in Hobart (Tas)
10. Pr Elton & Sis Linda Farmer received Silver wedding blessings in Kingston (Qld)
11. DE (ir) Edward & Sis Ario Eves of Vailima (Samoa) received Golden wedding blessings from Ap Lodewick via Zoom
12. Br Ian & Sis Christine Cooke of Kingston (Qld) received Golden wedding blessings
13. Sis Stephanie Berney celebrated her 83rd birthday, and her husband Pr (ir) Norman Berney celebrated his 82nd birthday
14. Pr Edward & Sis Melody Fredericks of Maryborough (Qld) received Silver wedding blessings
15. Holy Baptism of Kai Williams, and Kalea & Kadence Bristow in Hallam (Vic)
16. D/Ev Eugene & Sis Avril Volkwyn received Silver wedding blessings in Maidstone (Vic)
17. Br Mark & Sis Laura Weller received Silver wedding blessings in Rivervale (WA)
18. Br Rodney & Sis Lucy Cavernelis received Golden wedding blessings in Kingston (Qld)
19. Sis Hildegard Babst of Croydon celebrated her 95th birthday

For your Information

Chief Apostle Schneider's schedule:

Apr 2022	May 2022	Jun 2022
15: Geneva, Switzerland	1: Sydney, Australia	5: Buenos Aires, Argentina
17: Osnabrück, Germany	6: Kombikum, PNG	19: Mazabuka, Zambia
24: Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany	8: Madang, PNG	
	22: Berlin, Germany	
	29: Bochum, Germany	

In Memoriam:

Pr (ir) Lawson Jackson of Seven Hills (NSW)	†	13/02/22
Sis Beulah Daniels of Beckenham (WA)	†	23/02/22
Br Benjamin Targett of Paihia / Whangarei (NZ)	†	01/03/22
Br Willem Nieuwoudt of Toowoomba (Qld)	†	07/03/22
Br Willie Geleyns of Christchurch (NZ)	†	01/04/22
Br Johan Du Plessis of Croydon (Vic)	†	03/04/22
Sis Rhaedeline Mustapha of Hallam (Vic)	†	15/04/22
Sis Zara Bucknell of Croydon (Vic)	†	17/04/22
Sis Gloria Dietz of North Ipswich (Qld)	†	17/04/22
Br Mervyn MacKrill of Springvale (Vic)	†	19/04/22
Br Daniel Bothma of New Lynn (NZ)	†	24/04/22

District Apostle Schulte's schedule:

Apr 2022	May 2022	Jun 2022
10: North Ipswich, Qld	1: Sydney, Australia	5: Buenos Aires, Argentina
15: Caloundra, Qld	6: Kombikum, PNG	26: Melbourne, Vic
17: Redcliffe, Qld	8: Madang, PNG	
24: Asia (via AVT)	15: Auckland, NZ	

Upcoming Events:

Apr 2022	May 2022	Jun 2022
10: Palm Sunday	1: Chief Apostle service	5: Pentecost
15: Good Friday	8: Mother's Day	
17: Easter Sunday	26: Ascension	

Ministerial Changes:

Name	Event	Ministry	Congregation
DEv John Thorne	Appointment	Rector	Maryborough, Qld
Pr Keith Dargusch	Assignment	Asst District Rector	Q4 / Q5
Pr Shaun MacKrill	Assignment	Asst District Rector	Q4 / Q5
Pr Peter Vogler	Retirement	-	Koondoola, WA



This photo was sent from a brother in Japan, where the cherry blossoms are currently blooming in Tokyo

Update your details:

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