

# Western Pacific District News



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# From the desk of District Apostle Schulte



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Dear brothers and sisters

We like to use the phrase 'we are a church of the community' and on most of our church signs, the words ALL ARE WELCOME are written. Do we agree with this? Do we think about this? Do we live this?

As a church we come from a background of believing we were exclusive. During his time in office, Chief Apostle Leber endeavoured to guide us to the understanding that we should be inclusive rather than exclusive.

Why and what makes us inclusive? The New Apostolic Church understands itself as part of the church of Christ in which believers are united with Jesus Christ, who is the head of the church, through the common bond of baptism.

Do we live it? Let us consider some of our differences..... As people we have different genetic makeups and we are moulded by different environments. Some have no belief in spiritual life. Others have differences in Christian interpretation and of course, non Christian faiths. Our church encourages us to respect the religious practices of other people and refrain from making negative remarks. We endeavour to have a good and peaceable relationship on the basis of mutual respect. The church rejects any kind of religious fanaticism.

As the New Apostolic faith we still have and need our own identity. With the death of the first apostles, the message of the return of Christ gradually faded into the background. With the reoccupation of the Apostle ministry, the certainty of the imminent return of Christ has been kept alive. The surrender to Christ which began with Holy Baptism with water, is completed in Holy Sealing. The believer thereby receives that spiritual revival which will lead him into fellowship with the returning Lord. The believer now belongs to that group within the church called by God to become firstlings and part of the royal priesthood whom God prepares through Apostles for the return of Christ and the

marriage in heaven. According to the testimony of scripture, Holy Sealing is bound to the Apostle ministry and is dispensed by living Apostles through the laying on of hands and of prayer. The fourth and ninth articles of faith highlight the identity of our New Apostolic Christian faith:

*(Fourth) I believe that the Lord Jesus rules His church and thereto sent His Apostles, and until His return still sends them, with the commission to teach, to forgive sins in His name, and to baptise with water and Holy Spirit.*

*(Ninth) I believe that the Lord Jesus will return as surely as He ascended into heaven and that He will take to Himself the first fruits of the dead and living who have hoped for and were prepared for His coming; that after the marriage in heaven He will return to earth with them to establish His kingdom of peace, and that they will reign with Him as a royal priesthood. After the conclusion of the kingdom of peace, He will hold the Last Judgement. Then God will create a new heaven and a new earth and dwell with His people.*

Have we considered if the manner in which we tell/testify and live is relevant in our community today? I am confident that we all tell of our faith with great intentions but is it received in the same manner? In the parable of the great supper the words 'compel them' (meaning pressure or force) are used. I am not sure if this would be effective in our communities today. Let us continue to invite our neighbours into our 'Church of the Community' that is inclusive, by testifying and living our life in a manner which is relevant in our communities today.

With loving greetings

Peter Schulte

# Chief Apostle visits the Western Pacific District

Due to the travel restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the planned 2021 visit by the Chief Apostle to our district had to be cancelled. The ongoing uncertainty during this time made it difficult to know whether the trip could be rescheduled, and which lands in the district could be visited during a future visit.

It wasn't until the beginning of 2022 that planning could commence for a proposed visit at the end of April - still with some uncertainty, but with the trust that all would work in accordance with the Lord's will. The circumstances allowed the Chief Apostle to plan a trip to both Sydney, Australia, and Kombikum & Madang in Papua New Guinea.

The Chief Apostle was accompanied in Sydney by visiting District Apostles Edy Isnugroho (Indonesia), Leonard Kolb (USA), John Kriel (South Africa), and Mark Woll (Canada). District Apostle Peter Schulte and Apostle Des Lodewick were also in attendance. During the visit the group took the opportunity to tour the Sydney Opera House, which served as the venue for the divine service during the Chief Apostle's last visit to the city in 2014. Although the main Concert Hall was closed for renovations, the tour still provoked many memories of the wonderful service and concert that took place at that time, and the reverberations of that visit that are still felt by the many members and guests present at those events.

On Saturday, 30 April a choir and orchestra practice took place at The Concourse in Chatswood, a suburb of Sydney. This was the culmination of multiple rehearsals that took place over many weeknights and weekends. Due to time constraints and Covid considerations, the choir and orchestra for the services in Sydney was limited to members from the New South Wales congregations, and the dedication of all involved was evident in the outstanding musical program that was presented.



On Saturday evening a divine service was conducted for ministers and wives, with the service transmitted to those who could not be present in the auditorium. This included Apostle Trevor Williams, who had unfortunately returned a positive Covid test earlier in the day and, like many others, had to participate in the service from isolation.

On Sunday, 1 May, all local members, and those who had travelled to Sydney, had the opportunity to come under the serving of the Chief Apostle. The text for the divine service came from **Revelation 22:12** *And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.*

During the service the Chief Apostle dispensed a blessing on the occasion of the Golden wedding anniversary of (retired) District Apostle Andrew Andersen and his wife Margaret. He described them as having a solid faith, and a quiet confidence in God both in good days, and in days that aren't so good. He also confirmed to both them and the congregation that in trusting the Lord there is no need to fear because God will come with His help and His answers.









From Sydney, Chief Apostle Schneider travelled to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. He was accompanied by District Apostles Schulte and Woll. On Thursday, 5 May the group travelled to Madang, and on Friday, accompanied by Apostle Allen Pouru, they travelled to Kombikum by helicopter, where the Chief Apostle conducted a divine service. In attendance were Apostles Aimol Wasimbai and Lucas Supok, together with a congregation of 21,150 members. They were welcomed by the youth choir.

The choir led the singing of the opening hymn H201 "Master, the tempest is raging", and the text used was **1 Kings 19: 11-12** *Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.*

At the conclusion of the service the group returned to Madang where they were greeted by Apostle Patrick Silabe and members who travelled there to attend the service. On Saturday 7 May Chief Apostle Schneider conducted a PNG Apostles' meeting. This was followed by a divine service on Sunday 8 May in Madang with 3,715 in attendance. The text used was **Luke 21: 36** *Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.*

During the divine service the Chief Apostle ordained District Evangelist Elvis Wiru into the Apostle ministry. The Chief Apostle impressed upon him to teach the message of Jesus Christ: I love you - come to Me. Apostle Wiru will assist Apostle Pouru.

After a flight cancellation the group departed Madang for Port Moresby on Monday 9 May and on Tuesday they departed Papua New Guinea to continue towards their home destinations.





# District Apostle visit to New Zealand

On Saturday, 14 May, District Apostle Schulte conducted a divine service for ministers and wives in the New Lynn church in Auckland, New Zealand. On this occasion he was accompanied by Apostle Williams. Following the service, the congregation enjoyed spending moments together over a fellowship meal.

On Sunday, the congregations of Auckland gathered together for a combined service. During the service the District Apostle dispensed the Holy Sealing blessing. During this service District Elder Ernst Graf and Deacon Trevor Vollenhoven were placed into retirement. District Evangelist Shaun van Wyngaard was appointed as District Rector for the New Zealand congregations.





# District Rectors in Melbourne, Vic

On Saturday, 25 June, District Apostle Schulte conducted a meeting for the District Rectors and Assistant District Rectors of Australia and New Zealand. This was the first opportunity for the most recently appointed Assistant District Rectors - Priest Shane Bruyns & Priest Walter du Plooy of New Zealand, and Priest Keith Dargusch & Priest Shaun MacKrell of Queensland, Australia - to participate in the circle of the senior ministers. A photo of the District Rectors' meeting can be found on Page 2.

On Saturday evening, the District Apostle conducted a divine service for ministers and wives in the Box Hill church. This was followed by an opportunity for fellowship together, over a meal provided by the members.

On Sunday morning, the District Apostle travelled to Hallam where he conducted a divine service. He was joined by Apostle Lodewick, and several of the visiting ministers. Apostle Williams conducted a divine service in Geelong, and District Elder Witbooi held the service in Maidstone.





# District Apostle visit to Western Australia

On Friday, 29th July District Apostle Schulte travelled to Perth, together with Apostle Des Lodewick. In the evening, the congregations of Perth presented a concert, which included choral and musical offerings. On Saturday, a divine service for ministers and wives was held in the Beckenham church. This was followed on Sunday, where the congregations came together for a combined service in the South Perth Hall. During the service Dcn Rhys Zajitz was ordained into the priestly ministry and Br Celestine Stowers was ordained into the deacon ministry.





# District Apostle travels to Fiji

Covid-19 restrictions had prevented travel by the Apostles to the congregations of the Pacific nations over the past two and a half years. It was with great excitement that District Apostle Peter Schulte, Apostle Trevor Williams and District Evangelist Shaun Van Wyngaard were received when they visited the congregations of the Fiji Islands during the days from 15 to 23 June 2022.

In our Natalau church in Nadi, the District Apostle held a divine service for the ministers and their wives of the Fiji congregations who could be there on Saturday, 18 June. On Sunday, 19 June a combined service was held for the members of our Fijian congregations. The brothers and sisters were filled with festive expectation and this was evident in the usual joy filled choir and congregation singing and the radiant Fijian fellowship and generous hospitality.

During that visit Apostle Trevor Williams, accompanied by District Evangelist Shaun Van Wyngaard also visited the members in Suva, Navuniyasi and Bucalevu. In the divine services 25 souls received the Holy Sealing sacrament, 2 Assistant District Rectors were assigned and 4 Deacons were ordained.





# Apostles' meeting in Papua New Guinea

During July this year District Apostle Schulte travelled to Port Moresby, PNG to conduct a meeting with the apostles of that land. It was the first occasion that a meeting of this nature had been conducted since the ordination of Apostle Elvis Wiru took place during the Chief Apostle's visit earlier in the year.

The District Apostle also conducted a divine service for members in the Rainbow church, which was transmitted to various receiving points around the country.



*L-R: Apostle Lucas Supok, Apostle Aimol Wasimbai, District Apostle Peter Schulte, Apostle Patrick Silabe, Apostle Allen Pouru, Apostle Elvis Wiru*





# Church dedications in Korea and PNG

After many long months spent in lockdown, members in South Korea could gather in the Gwangju church for a dedication service conducted by District Elder Yook Lee. The text used for this service was the one used by the Chief Apostle last year, when he served the Korean people via audio visual transmission - **James 1:17-18** "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

A divine service was also conducted in Papua New Guinea, for the dedication of the 12 Mile church, in Lae (Morobe province).





# District Youth Activities

During recent months the youth around the district have been involved in various activities. In Perth, Western Australia, a youth service took place, which included a discussion and some fun team building activities where parents and guardians were encouraged to join. During the service the youth were encouraged to stir up the gift of God. The discussion and activity then focussed on how to bring this to life through collaboration, communication and commitment.

The youth of Howick, New Zealand took part in a community initiative: "Jammies in June". Supported by the Sunday School children, they collected pyjamas for families in need during the winter months and donated them to the local charity.

In New South Wales, a youth service was conducted for the youth in Gosford and Newcastle.





# NACare: Latest news

The Early Childhood Centre in Solomon Islands was finally reopened in July, after extensive lockdowns due to the Covid pandemic. In August, Apostle Des Lodewick travelled to the islands and had an opportunity to spend time in the classroom, observing the teachers and students. The curriculum taught is the same as that found in government facilities, and the teachers are very committed to the students and the program. Research is currently being undertaken with regard to the viability of opening a second centre.



## CDs for sale

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All CDs are priced at \$AU10.00 and will be sent to your congregation free of charge

**Glorious Light  
Forward with Faith  
One: Faith, Spirit, Goal  
Striving onward, pressing forward**





Albury, NSW



Ascot Park, SA



Ashmore, Qld



Beckenham, WA



Bundaberg, Qld



Buranda, Qld



Christchurch, NZ



Caloundra, Qld



Elizabeth, SA

# Thanksgiving Day 2021



Geelong, Vic



Fairfield, NSW



Gladstone, Qld



Hackham West, SA



Hobart, Tas



Leumeah, NSW



Mackay, Qld



Mt Hagen, PNG



Vic (in lockdown)





Morayfield, Qld



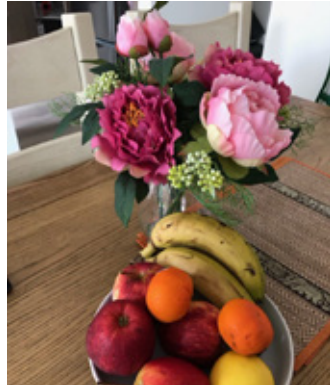
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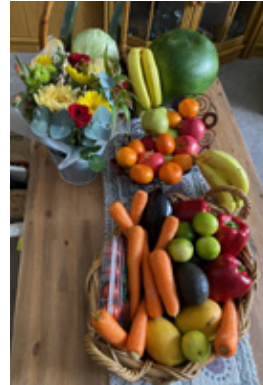
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Vic (in lockdown)



Vic (in lockdown)



NSW AVT service (in lockdown)



Rainbow, PNG



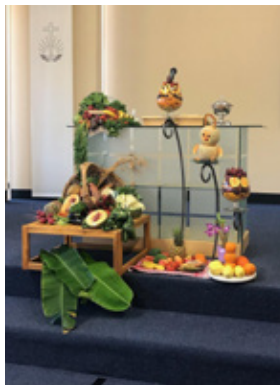
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Seven Hills, NSW



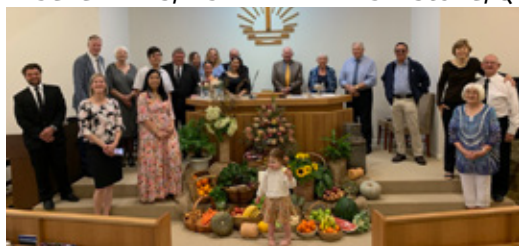
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New Zealand (in lockdown)



Townsville, Qld



Toowoomba, Qld



Vic (in lockdown)



Vic (in lockdown)

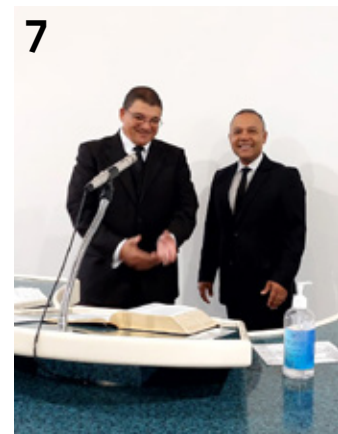


Vic (in lockdown)



# Around the Congregations:

1. Active listening seminar for ministers in South Australia
2. Sunday School children in South Australia at a District Apostle service
3. Apostle Williams with members from Invercargill (NZ)
4. Confirmation in Geelong (Vic)
5. Sunday School children in Ascot Park (SA)
6. Pentecost service conducted in Kalgoorlie (WA)
7. Confirmation of Dcn Richard Wentzel in Maidstone (Vic)
8. Redcliffe (Qld) sisters enjoyed a high tea afternoon
9. Sunday School service in Rockingham (WA)
10. Caloundra (Qld) congregation enjoyed a fellowship lunch
11. Pr Peter Wilkinson (2nd fl) of Buranda (Qld) was placed into retirement
12. Confirmation in Western Australia
13. Hanuabada (PNG) congregation and Sunday School children







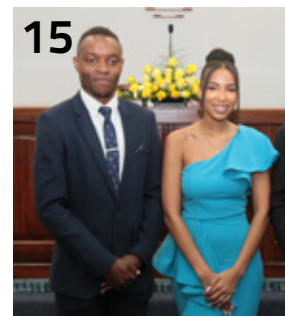
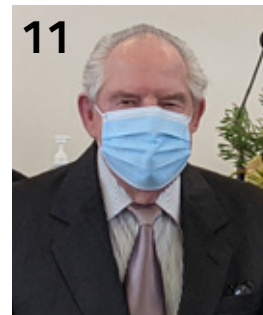
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1. Garden cleanup in Seven Hills (NSW)
2. Ministers with District Apostle in South Australia
3. Confirmation in Maryborough (Qld)
4. Confirmation of Deacon Shane Adams in Ascot Park (SA)
5. Mother's Day in Gladstone (Qld)
6. Fellowship lunch in North Ipswich (Qld)
7. Pr Wally Reimers confirmed as rector for Blenheim and Nelson congregations, and Dcn Evert Jordaan ordained as priest for Queenstown (NZ)
8. Mother's Day in Maidstone (Vic)
9. Redcliffe (Qld) string orchestra
10. Sunday School children in Mt Hagen (PNG)
11. Mother's Day in Seven Hills (NSW)
12. Ordination of Dcn Joel Campagno in Springvale (Vic)
13. Retirement of Pr Peter Vogler of Koondoola (WA)
14. Ordination of Dcn Llewellyn Adams in Maidstone (Vic) congregation
15. Beckenham (WA) congregation



# Celebrations

1. Pr Paul & Sis Charlene Platen of Wellington (NZ) celebrated their Silver wedding anniversary
2. Dcn (ret) Chris & Sis Karin Kelly of Hallam (Vic) celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary
3. Adoption of Sis Debbie Mason in Ashmore (Qld)
4. Holy Baptism of Gisele Duchesne in Buranda (Qld)
5. Holy Baptism of Blessina Kon in Mt Hagen (PNG)
6. Holy Baptism of Levi Peters & Mason April of North Shore (NZ)
7. Holy Baptism of Lupa Philistars in White River (Sol Is)
8. Holy Baptism of Maria & Roslyn Baundo in Kunabau congregation, Chimbu province (PNG)
9. Holy Baptism of Monica Mann in Drury (NZ)
10. Holy Baptism of Shayna Chand in Tauranga (NZ)
11. Br Heinz Hensel of Geelong (Vic) celebrated his 90th birthday
12. Br Henry Els of Buranda (Qld) celebrated his 80th birthday
13. Br Heinz Mallon of Croydon (Vic) celebrated his 94th birthday
14. Br Patrick & Sis Charlene De Wet of North Shore (NZ) celebrated their Silver wedding
15. Br Anthony Bafobusha & Sis Bronwyn Smith received engagement blessings in Beckenham (WA)
16. Holy Sealing of Catalina Tolo in Redcliffe (Qld)
17. Pr (ret) Errol & Sis Eleanor Van Der Poel of Hallam (Vic) received Golden wedding blessings
18. Br Kevin & Sis Liz du Plooy of Drury (NZ) received blessings for their Golden wedding
19. Sis Chelsea Clayton & Br Kelman Wallace of Dunedin (NZ) received wedding blessings in Queenstown

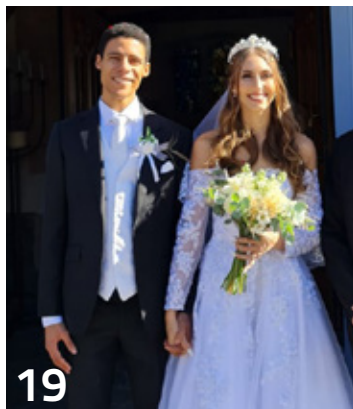
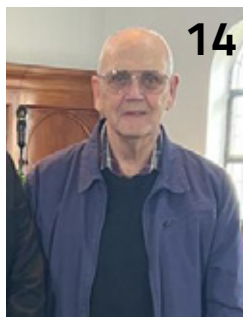






## Celebrations

1. Holy Baptism of Marlowe Coughlan in Box Hill (Vic)
2. Holy Sealing of Tate Carter of Elizabeth & Shalene Adams of Ascot Park (SA)
3. Br Mark & Sis Liesl Stellenboom of Geelong (Vic) received Silver wedding blessings
4. Pr Marcelo & Sis Heather Lage of Leumeah (NSW) received Silver wedding blessings
5. Pr (ret) Ralph & Sis Hazel Connolly of Leumeah (NSW) celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary
6. Dcn (ret) Ivan Smith of Leumeah (NSW) celebrated his 80th birthday
7. Dcn (ret) Gerald O'Connor of Geelong (Vic) celebrated his 80th birthday
8. Holy Sealing of Br Rewi Karetai of Dunedin (NZ)
9. Holy Sealing of Dalia Jordaan of Queenstown (NZ)
10. Holy Sealing of Kai-Li John of Queenstown (NZ)
11. Holy Sealing of Sis Chris-Mari Backhouse & Emilia Backhouse of Timaru (NZ)
12. Sis Jenny Young of Beckenham (WA) celebrated her 90th birthday
13. Holy Baptism of Mila Hungerford in Redcliffe (Qld)
14. Br William Mc Dermid of North Shore (NZ) celebrated his 75th birthday
15. Holy Sealing of Lincoln Hallal of Geelong (Vic)
16. Holy Sealing of Elsie Graham & Ana Grassick of Geelong (Vic)
17. Pr Gary & Sis Lisa Van Der Poel of Hallam (Vic) received Silver wedding blessings
18. Pr Vaburi Boe of Hanuabada (PNG) celebrated his 80th birthday. He is still active as the congregation rector
19. Sis Carla Schubach & Br Ruard Smith received wedding blessings in Christchurch (NZ)





# For your Information

## Chief Apostle Schneider's schedule:

Sep 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022
11: Fribourg, Switzerland	2: Evreux, France	6: Indiana, USA
18: Iserlohn, Germany	16: Tupi, Philippines	13: Nuremberg, Germany
25: Santa Luzia, Guinea Bissau	23: Province Limburg, Netherlands	27: Moldavia, Switzerland
	30: Kiel, Germany	

## District Apostle Schulte's schedule:

Sep 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022
11: Auckland, NZ	2: Mackay, Qld	6: Mackay, Qld
18: Papua New Guinea	9: Albury, NSW	13: South Korea
	23: Bundaberg, Qld	27: Ashmore, Qld

## Upcoming Events:

Sep 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022
4: Father's Day	2: Thanksgiving	6: Service for departed
21: International Day of Prayer for Peace		27: 1st Advent

## In Memoriam:

Br Alfred Harsch of Ascot Park (SA)	†	28/4/22
Pr (ir) Solomon Walters of Wellington (NZ)	†	5/5/22
Br Ross Smith of Ascot Park (SA)	†	16/5/22
Br Reagan Diaz of North Shore (NZ)	†	27/5/22
Br Robert Ford of Beckenham (WA)	†	3/6/22
Sis Christina Bothma of New Lynn (NZ)	†	11/6/22
Ev (ir) Graham Wolff of Morayfield (Qld)	†	15/6/22
Br David Hale of Elizabeth (SA)	†	4/7/22
Dcn (ir) Edward Henry of Rockhampton (Qld)	†	12/7/22
Br Jason Bebendorf of Gladstone (Qld)	†	24/7/22
Sis Melva Wakeley of Invercargill (NZ)	†	18/8/22
Sis Annette Pistilli of Hackham West (SA)	†	19/8/22
Br Charles Davids of Beverly Hills (NSW)	†	31/8/22
Br Michael Hassner of Beckenham (WA)	†	11/9/22
Sis Norraine Schultz of Geelong (Vic)	†	11/9/22

## Ministerial Changes:

Name	Event	Ministry	Congregation
DEv Shaun van Wyngaard	Appointment	District Rector	New Zealand
Pr Walter du Plooy	Appointment Assignment	Rector Asst D/Rector	Drury NZ2
Pr Wally Reimers	Appointment	Rector	Blenheim/Picton, NZ
Ev Josefa Biunaiwai	Assignment	Asst D/Rector	Natalau, Fiji
Pr Waqabaca Wainiqolo	Assignment	Asst D/Rector	Labasa, Fiji
Br Llewellyn Adams	Ordination	Deacon	Maidstone, Vic
DEv Elvis Wiru	Ordination	Apostle	PNG
Br Joel Campagno	Ordination	Deacon	Springvale, Vic
Br Christopher Prasad	Ordination	Deacon	Nasinu, Fiji
Br Malakai Tabualawa	Ordination	Deacon	Suva, Fiji
Br Nimaia Turaga	Ordination	Deacon	Veisari, Fiji
Br Apimeleki Nakarana	Ordination	Deacon	Veisari, Fiji
Dcn Evert Jordan	Ordination	Priest	Invercargill, NZ
Dcn Rhys Zajitz	Ordination	Priest	Rivervale, WA
Br Celestine Stowers	Ordination	Deacon	Beckenham, WA
Pr Andre Fredericks	Confirmation	Priest	Christchurch, NZ
Pr William Schubach	Confirmation	Priest	Christchurch, NZ
Pr Brian Bester	Confirmation	Priest	Townsville, Qld
Pr Allan Smith	Confirmation	Priest	Morayfield, Qld
Dcn Richard Wentzel	Confirmation	Deacon	Maidstone, Vic
Dcn Dennis Schippers	Confirmation	Deacon	Blenheim/Picton, NZ
Pr Deon Marcus	Confirmation	Priest	Beckenham, WA
Pr Jacobus Oelofse	Confirmation	Priest	Albury, NSW
DE Ernst Graf	Retirement	-	New Zealand
Dcn Trevor Vollenhoven	Retirement	-	Drury, NZ

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