

Western Pacific District News



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From the desk of District Apostle Schulte



Dear Brothers and Sisters

Many historical sources show that, particularly in the northern hemisphere, celebrations in December have occurred long before Christ was on earth. Some say that the celebration of Christ's birth was set on the 25th of December to coincide with celebrations already happening during that time. There are suggestions that prophets were executed on the anniversary of their conception and that Jesus was executed at the time of the Passover celebration. This supports speculation that His birth was during late December. However, we have no biblical evidence of the birth date of Christ. During the reign of Emperor Constantine, the first official mention of the 25th December, as a holiday honouring Jesus' birth in a Roman calendar, was in the year 336 AD.

The celebration of Christmas in our various cultures differ. An interesting point is that the commercialism of Christmas is progressively creeping into more cultures. To us as Christians, the actual birth date of Christ or the cultural way in which we celebrate Christmas is not a focal point of our faith. Christmas to us is a day of focus to remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ as one of the central events in the history of salvation.

I hope we are all able to enjoy Christmas in our own cultural way, worshipping God and bringing thanks and praise to Him for His gift to mankind, in our Redeemer.

Our motto for 2024 is 'Prayer works!'

For this year, the logo for this motto was developed by members in Australia. The dove represents the Holy Spirit (the Comforter) that carries our prayers out of our heart from our hands to our Heavenly Father. The reborn always want to pray out of the Spirit.



As we now approach the Christmas period, together with my fellow Apostles in the Western Pacific District, I would like to extend to all best wishes for a joyful and blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year both naturally and spiritually.

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving. (Colossians 4:2)

With loving greetings

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'P. Schulte'.

Peter Schulte

Visit of Chief Apostle Schneider

The visit of the Chief Apostle to our district in August was a wonderful opportunity for the members in our district to spend time together in fellowship. The successful events were testament to the many months of planning that took place all around the district. On this occasion, the Chief Apostle was accompanied by District Apostle Michael Ehrich from Germany and District Apostle Edy Isnugroho from Indonesia.

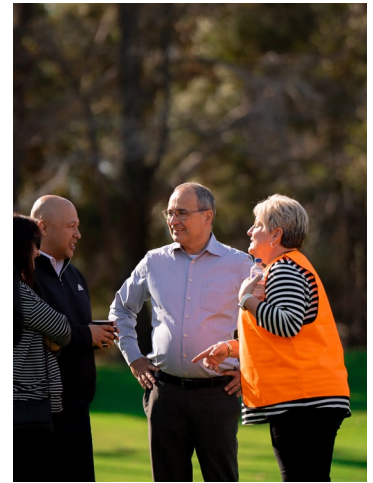
To commence the trip, the group attended the Moveathon event in Perth, where they spent time together with all the attendees. The event also served as an opportunity to raise awareness of, and funds for, the Early Childhood Development programme in the Solomon Islands, which is run by our charity arm, NACare. On Sunday, a divine service took place in the South Perth Community Hall. The Chief Apostle was welcomed by the Sunday School

children, and the choir & orchestra prepared the congregation for the service. The service was also streamed to congregations around the district.

The Chief Apostle and his group then travelled to Adelaide, where they enjoyed a morning of fellowship with senior members. This was followed by a divine service in the Hackham West church in the evening, where the children once again provided a welcome.

The following day the group travelled to Japan, where the Chief Apostle conducted another divine service, before flying to South Korea where a concert took place ahead of the Sunday divine service.

We are pleased to share a selection of photos from the visit.



Visit of Chief Apostle Schneider - Perth



Visit of Chief Apostle Schneider - Adelaide



Visit of Chief Apostle Schneider - Japan



Visit of Chief Apostle Schneider - Korea



Connecting with FIJI

District Evangelist Shaun van Wyngaard from New Zealand travelled to Fiji where he participated in several events, including the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Bucalevu congregation, and a youth service, and a ministers seminar.



Congregation in Wavuvavu



30th anniversary of Bucalevu congregation



With two of the pioneers of the work in Fiji



Ministers' seminar



Ministers at youth service



Youth choir



Welcome by the youth



Fellowship after the youth service

Connecting with SOUTH KOREA

The congregations in South Korea took the opportunity to have a congregational photo after the Thanksgiving service.



Busan congregation



Chuncheon congregation



Gwangju congregation



Ilsan congregation



Namweon congregation



Pohang congregation



Daejeon congregation



Jochiweon congregation



Seoul congregation



Orchestra in Seoul

Connecting with JAPAN

The members of Tama shared some photos of the congregation taken during the year.



Connecting with MARSHALL ISLANDS

Apostle Des Lodewick travelled to Marshall Islands and spent time with the members.

View into congregation



Appointment of rector



Holy sealing of members



Sunday School presentation



Connecting with PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Apostle Allen Poursu travelled to Kanosia in the Central Province of Papua New Guinea to conduct a divine service. During the service, he also celebrated Holy Baptism and Holy Sealing, and ordained several ministers. Apostle Patrick Silabe conducted the Thanksgiving Day service in Busu, Lae, in the Morobe Province. He was also invited to the Sukurum Primary School to dedicate the commencement of the Grade 8 national exams. Bishop Joseph Yasi travelled to the Jiwaka Province to spend time with members in that region.



Choir in Kanosia



Ordinations - Kanosia



Ordinations - Kanosia



Holy Sealing - Kanosia



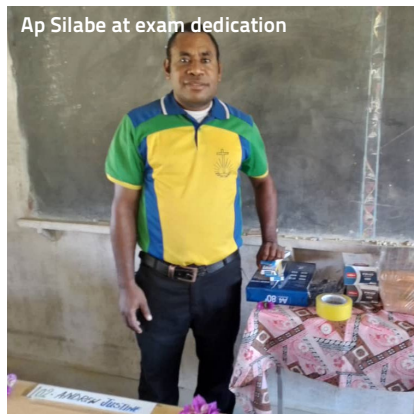
Holy Baptism - Kanosia



View into congregation - Kanosia



Ap Silabe with ministers in Busu



Ap Silabe at exam dedication



Members in Jiwaka Province



Bishop Yasi with ministers



Jiwaka Province



Jiwaka Province

Connecting with SAMOA

Apostle Des Lodewick conducted divine services in both Samoa, and American Samoa, and enjoyed the hospitality and joyful fellowship with the members in a number of congregations.



Connecting with TAIWAN

District Apostle Schulte had planned to travel to Taiwan in March, 2020 in what would have been his first trip since becoming District Apostle. Due to the global pandemic, this trip was obviously cancelled.

In November this year, the District Apostle could finally reschedule this trip, and the joy experienced in gathering with the members there was felt by all. On this occasion, the District Apostle was accompanied by Apostle Des Lodewick, and Apostle Fred Wolf. During the divine service he celebrated Holy Sealing, and several ministers were ordained.



Connecting with **NEW SOUTH WALES**

The Seven Hills congregation has enjoyed numerous congregational activities and fellowship events in recent months, including a congregational lunch, Father's Day, and the Sunday School breakup.



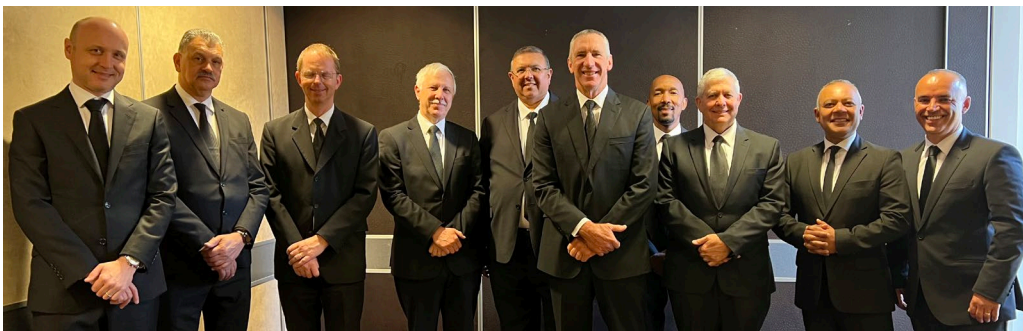
Connecting with **VICTORIA**

The Hallam congregation enjoyed fellowship with a soup kitchen event, and the Maidstone congregation hosted a Sunday School service for the children in Victoria.



Connecting with SENIORS

Senior members from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia travelled to Canberra to join members there for a weekend of fun and fellowship. They were joined by the District Apostle, and Apostles Trevor Williams and Des Lodewick. After arriving and settling in, the seniors prepared for dinner, which was held with a 1920s Gatsby theme. The evening was a "roaring" success, with all enjoying themselves thoroughly. On Sunday a divine service was conducted at a local venue, and this was followed by a luncheon at the National Arboretum. A wonderful weekend was had by all attendees.



Around the Congregations:

1. Confirmation of Pr Hilton Paterson (r) for Hackham West congregation (SA)
2. Members in Bundaberg (Qld) celebrated the 60th anniversary of the congregation
3. Assignment of Pr Adrian Lamprecht (l) as Assistant Rector of Rockingham (WA)
4. Congregation in Riverleigh (Qld)
5. Drury congregation (NZ)
6. Orewa (NZ) congregation
7. Father's Day in Ascot Park (SA)
8. Confirmation of Pr Galvin Peters (l) for Howick congregation (NZ)
9. Ordination of Dcn Megan Chothia & Pr Timothy Gosewinkel in Ascot Park (SA)
10. Retirement of Pr Peter McSherry in Hallam (Vic)
11. Retirement of Ev Ron Schmal in Ascot Park (SA)



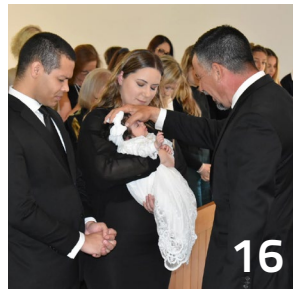
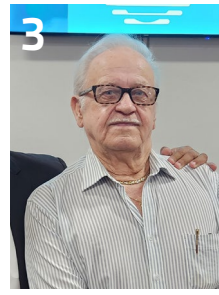


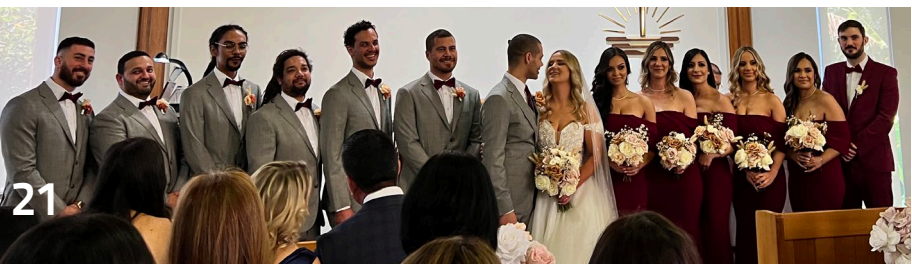
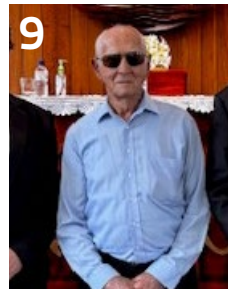
Around the Congregations:

- 1-2. Redcliffe (Qld) congregation enjoyed a fellowship luncheon and Sunday School breakup
3. Toowoomba congregation (Qld)
4. Howick (NZ) congregation
5. Congregation in Whangarei (NZ)

Celebrations

1. Pr Chris & Sis Henriette Matthews of Howick (NZ) celebrated their Silver wedding
2. Br Milton & Sis Tania Kogler of Croydon (Vic) celebrated their Silver wedding
3. Br Manfred Kreinbihl of Rockingham (WA) celebrated his 80th birthday
4. Sis Karin Wider of Hobart (Tas) celebrated her 80th birthday
5. Holy Baptism of Alora Mathysen in Howick (NZ)
6. Br Bill & Sis Merle van Etten of Leumeah (NSW) celebrated their Ruby wedding
7. Br Nigel & Sis Mandy van der Poel of Hallam (Vic) celebrated their Ruby wedding
8. Adoption of Sis Hazel De Leon in Rockingham (WA)
9. Sis Audrey Rosentreter of Ashmore (Qld) celebrated her 90th birthday
10. Holy Baptism of Anika Van Schalkwyk in Geelong (Vic)
11. Holy Baptism of Cody Fisher in Croydon (Vic)
12. Holy Baptism of Chloe Byers in Leumeah (NSW)
13. Holy Baptism of Emelia Scheun in Tauranga (NZ)
14. Holy Baptism of Ethan Thompson in Hackham West (SA)
15. Holy Baptism of Owen Daniels-Harirajh in Howick (NZ)
16. Holy Baptism of Charlotte Bowers in Beverly Hills (NSW)
17. Holy Baptism of Sis Steph Schafer in Geelong (Vic)
18. Holy Baptism of Fiadh Keogh in Christchurch (NZ)
19. Holy Baptism of Mia Olderwagen in Christchurch (NZ)
20. Holy Baptism of Noah Probst in Mackay (Qld)
21. Adoption & Holy Sealing of Sis Erin Hearn in Geelong (Vic)
22. Sis Bertha Leite of Geelong (Vic) celebrated her 80th birthday
23. Br Alan Maeyke of Ipswich (Qld) celebrated his 70th birthday
24. Dcn Chris Kelly (ir) of Hallam (Vic) celebrated his 70th birthday
25. Dcn Hans Bronowski (ir) of Ascot Park (SA) celebrated his 85th birthday





Celebrations

1. Holy Sealing in Beverly Hills (NSW)
2. Br Andre & Sis Ceris Kruger of Geelong (Vic) celebrated their Ruby wedding
3. Holy Sealing in Japan
4. Br Guido Chayan and Sis Alexandra Trapouzanlis-Giuliani of Hallam (Vic) received wedding blessings
5. Holy Baptism of Kaia Daniels-Ramati in Hallam (Vic)
6. Pr Freddie & Sis Lindy Mollentze of Rockingham (WA) received Silver wedding blessings
7. Pr Grant & Sis Julie Schulte of Caloundra (Qld) received Silver wedding blessings
8. Holy Sealing of Amelia Wright in Canberra (ACT)
9. Br Ron Keiler of Riverleigh (Qld) celebrated his 90th birthday
10. Holy Sealing of Patricia Schafer in Geelong (Vic)
11. Holy Sealing of Sis Winda Supriyatna in Leumeah (NSW)
12. Sis Sara Maidana from Hallam (Vic) celebrated her 80th birthday
13. Br Ben & Sis Hazel Deurer of Rockingham (WA) received wedding blessings
14. Dcn Shaun Wimmer & Sis Madeline Baker received engagement blessings in Geelong (Vic)
15. Holy Sealing in Hallam (Vic)
16. Sis Jasmin Turner from Box Hill (Vic) celebrated her 95th birthday
17. Sis Ingrid Duenzl of Hackham West (SA) celebrated her 91st birthday
18. Sis Yvonne Harrison of Geelong (Vic) celebrated her 80th birthday
19. Sis Amanda Campagno of Hallam (Vic) celebrated her 75th birthday
20. Br Werner Schuhmann of Geelong (Vic) celebrated his 90th birthday
21. Dcn Terence Bowers & Sis Maja Petrovic Bowers of Beverly Hills (NSW) received wedding blessings

For your Information

Chief Apostle Schneider's schedule:

Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
7: Basel, Switzerland	4: Lima, Peru	3: Palma de Mallorca, Spain
14: Hoorn, Netherlands	11: Mulhouse, France	10: Minden, Germany
21: Kigali, Rwanda	25: Hildesheim, Germany	17: Chiang Mai, Thailand
		29: Wil, Switzerland
		31: Nagold, Germany

District Apostle Schulte's schedule:

Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
7: Kingston, Qld	4: Perth, WA	3: Hobart, Tas
21: Mackay, Qld	11: Redcliffe, Qld	10: Windsor, Qld
	25: Adelaide, SA	24: Asia
		29: Seven Hills, NSW
		31: Beverly Hills, NSW

Upcoming Events:

Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
7: New Years service		3: Service for departed

CDs for sale

We have a number of CDs available for sale at a reduced price. To order, please visit the members website and select Products: <https://members.newapostolic.org.au>

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

Glorious Light
One: Faith, Spirit, Goal

Forward with Faith
Striving onward, pressing forward

Ministerial Changes:

Name	Event	Ministry	Congregation
Pr Adrian Lamprecht	Assignment	Asst Rector	Rockingham, WA
Pr Llewellyn Macaskill	Confirmation	Priest	Drury, NZ
Pr Galvin Peters	Confirmation	Priest	Howick, NZ
Pr Alen Nieuwoudt	Confirmation	Priest	Toowoomba, Qld
Pr Clayton Mann	Confirmation	Priest	North Shore, NZ
Pr Edward Riley	Confirmation	Priest	Paihia / Whangarei, NZ
Pr William Reimers	Confirmation	Priest	Mackay, Qld
Dcn Kyle Petersen	Confirmation	Deacon	Wellington, NZ
Pr Hilton Paterson	Confirmation	Priest	Hackham West, SA
Dcn Terence Bowers	Confirmation	Deacon	Beverly Hills, NSW
Pr Benjamin Uys	Confirmation	Priest	Toowoomba, Qld
Dcn Gregory Uys	Ordination	Priest	Toowoomba, Qld
Sis Teresa Nagel	Ordination	Deacon	Wellington, NZ
Dcn Timothy Tischendorf	Ordination	Priest	Drury, NZ
Sis Rene' Eckardt	Ordination	Deacon	Howick, NZ
Sis Jill Joshua	Ordination	Deacon	Henderson, NZ
Br Paul Arendse	Ordination	Deacon	North Shore, NZ
Dcn Timothy Gosewinkel	Ordination	Priest	Ascot Park, SA
Sis Megan Chothia	Ordination	Deacon	Hackham West, SA
Sub Dcn Adrian Higgin	Retirement	-	Windsor, Qld
Ev Ronald Schmal	Retirement	-	Hackham West, SA

In Memoriam:

Br André Holtzhausen of Toowoomba (Qld)	†	09/08/23
Sis Denise Crighton of Ashmore (Qld)	†	14/08/23
Sis Avril Wheatley of Lane Cove (NSW)	†	31/08/23
Pr (ir) Heinz Vietmeyer of Leumeah (NSW)	†	28/09/23
Br David Alexander of New Lynn (NZ)	†	16/10/23
Br Charlton Mathys of Howick (NZ)	†	25/10/23
Sis Daphne Murray of Beverly Hills (NSW)	†	25/10/23
Sis Luise Kohler of Wollongong (NSW)	†	22/10/23
Br Brian Davids of Leumeah (NSW)	†	25/11/23
Sis Betty Marmulla of Newcastle (NSW)	†	05/12/23
Sis Ingelore Sarros of Hackham West (SA)	†	05/12/23
Br Herbert Ludecke of Windsor (Qld)	†	11/12/23



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