

Western Pacific District News



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From the desk of District Apostle Schulte



Dear Brothers and Sisters

Since the last edition of the Western Pacific District News we have some significant changes in our church both in our Western Pacific District and internationally. During the Easter divine service in Brisbane, our Chief Apostle retired Apostles Trevor Williams and Des Lodewick. District Evangelists Shaun van Wyngaard (Auckland) and Eugene Volkwyn (Melbourne) were ordained as Apostles to succeed them. For the ongoing restructure of Apostle working areas in Papua New Guinea, Priest John Kundi was also ordained Apostle during this service. It was planned for the ordination of Evangelist Nicky Kundilisik to Apostle but due to travel issues, he was unable to be in Brisbane for this occasion. The Chief Apostle requested that I carry out this ordination on his behalf during my next visit to PNG. This took place during a combined service at Aupik (Maprik) on 31st August 2025. During the Pentecost divine service which was held in Wiesbaden, Western Germany, District Apostle Helper Helge Mutschler was assigned as Chief Apostle Helper. It is planned for Chief Apostle Schneider to retire and Chief Apostle Helper Mutschler to be ordained as his successor during the Pentecost divine service in 2026 which will be held in Cape Town, South Africa. We look forward to this exciting new chapter.

In a recent District Apostle meeting, we reflected on a topic that touches every part of our modern lives - the increasing spirit of individualism. We live in a time when personal freedom, personal choice, and personal expression are regularly exercised. While individuality itself is not wrong - our relationship with God is personal and a personal conviction is necessary - we must remain mindful that our faith is not meant to be lived in isolation.

We have all experienced the influence and example of others in our personal journey of faith. God often uses fellow believers as instruments to draw us closer to Him. Yet, we

now see a growing tendency for people to pursue their own spiritual path apart from the fellowship of the congregation. The world's spirit of individualism can tempt us to focus on "my" way of worship, "my" beliefs, and "my" interpretation of the gospel. However, the gifts essential for salvation are dispensed where the Apostolate is active and believers gather together in the presence of the triune God - through word and sacrament. When we are reborn out of water and the Spirit, a new spiritual life begins within us. This rebirth is the beginning of a life guided by the Holy Spirit, who helps us to recognise and understand the will of God. We must allow the Holy Spirit to work within us, guiding our thoughts so that we can remain united in faith, doctrine, and love. Though our methods of teaching may vary - adapting for different ages, languages, or cultures - the message itself must never change. The gospel is eternal and unchanging; it cannot be reshaped to fit individual preferences, opinions, or trends.

We may have many differences among us but we are all called to adapt ourselves to the will of God, not the other way around. When we attempt to mould the message of Christ to suit ourselves, we risk losing the essence of the gospel. Let us, therefore, stand firm in the pure doctrine and example of Jesus Christ, remaining united in heart and spirit. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us that we mature in trust, obedience and love for God, and love for one another, so that we can grow together as the body of Christ - one faith, one fellowship, one hope. I would like us all to take time to consider our personal situation deeply as this is a very important matter.

With loving greetings

Peter Schulte

Visit of Chief Apostle Schneider

Over the Easter weekend of 2025, the New Apostolic Church Western Pacific District was richly blessed by the visit of Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider. This long-anticipated occasion brought together many from across Australia, New Zealand, and the wider Western Pacific region for a time of fellowship, divine service, and spiritual upliftment.

The Chief Apostle was accompanied throughout the visit by District Apostle Peter Schulte, and several invited guests:

- District Apostle Mark Woll (Canada)
- District Apostle Edy Isnugroho (Indonesia)
- District Apostle Helper Frank Dzur (Canada)
- District Apostle Helper Arnaud Martig (Canada)
- District Apostle Helper David Devaraj (India)

These guests joined the Chief Apostle for both the Melbourne and Brisbane events. In Brisbane, they were also joined by Apostles from across the Asia-Pacific region, as well as many district leaders from the Western Pacific District.

On Good Friday, 18 April, the Chief Apostle conducted a divine service at St Kilda Town Hall in Melbourne. Members from across Victoria formed the choir and orchestra, offering a moving musical repertoire before and during the service. The congregation was also served by District Apostle Edy Isnugroho, and District Apostle Helper Arnaud Martig, adding to a morning that was reverent, joyful, and deeply meaningful to all who attended.



Visit of Chief Apostle Schneider

On Saturday, a large gathering took place at the Wests Rugby Union Club in Brisbane, where members and guests enjoyed a relaxed afternoon of social connection, refreshments, and rehearsals for the Easter service. Many took advantage of the open space to mingle, play, and enjoy the community spirit. Rehearsals were held for the Sunday School and youth choirs, followed by full choir and orchestra preparations. This was the first opportunity that the full choir and orchestra had to perform as one group.

The Easter Sunday service was held at the Royal International Convention Centre and attended by members from across the district. The choir and orchestra, youth and Sunday School children, comprising participants from all regions, offered a rich musical variety in support of the divine service.

This service was livestreamed across the district, allowing many more to participate in this joyful occasion. The Chief Apostle was assisted by Apostle Prabhakar Beergi from India, and Apostle Freddie Nuyad from Philippines

Significantly, this service marked the retirement of Apostles Des Lodewick and Trevor Williams, both of whom have given many decades of faithful service. The Chief Apostle expressed heartfelt gratitude for their dedication and the support of their families.

To continue the Lord's work, the following ordinations took place:

- District Evangelist Shaun van Wyngaard (Auckland, NZ) was ordained as Apostle for New Zealand, Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa & American Samoa, Tonga, and Tuvalu.
- District Evangelist Eugene Volkwyn (Melbourne, VIC) was ordained as Apostle for all Australian states (except QLD). He will also serve Japan, Marshall Islands, and Solomon Islands.

District Apostle Peter Schulte will now serve as the Apostle responsible for Queensland.

Additionally, Priest John Kundi was ordained as Apostle for Papua New Guinea. He will work in the Central, Oro, and Milne Bay Provinces.

On the Monday following Easter, a regional meeting was held for all Asia-Pacific Apostles, further strengthening the unity among the apostles and the shared vision across the region.

The Chief Apostle's visit brought great joy and spiritual upliftment. It was a weekend marked by unity, reverence, gratitude, and new beginnings. We thank all who contributed to the planning and execution of these events, and we pray that the blessings received may continue to bear fruit in our congregations.



Visit of Chief Apostle Schneider



Ordination in PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Following much planning and anticipation, District Apostle Peter Schulte, accompanied by Apostles Shaun Van Wyngaard and Eugene Volkwyn, arrived on 28 August in the Vanimo district of East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea. They were warmly received by Apostle Aimol Wasimbai and visited the Wisipi congregation, where members joyfully sang in preparation for the divine service the following day.

On Friday morning, around 1,600 members gathered in Wisipi for the divine service. The District Apostle and Apostles were welcomed by the Sunday School children and youth. During the service, three new Assistant District Rectors were appointed. Later that day, the group travelled to the nearby West Papua border - part of District Apostle Edy Isnugroho's working area.

On Saturday, after a short flight to Wewak, the group travelled to

Aramba congregation (Kombikum) in the Maprik district, where they were joined by the other five PNG Apostles, Bishop Joseph Yasi, and Evangelist Nicky Kundilisik for an Apostles' meeting.

A festive divine service followed on Sunday, 31 August, in Aupik, Maprik district, with over 8,600 members in attendance. The text from Isaiah 28:16 emphasised Jesus Christ as our foundation and sure support. Following the celebration of Holy Communion the District Apostle, on behalf of the Chief Apostle, ordained Evangelist Nicky Kundilisik as Apostle to assist Apostles Wasimbai and Supok in East Sepik and Sandaun Provinces.

After a fellowship lunch, the group returned to Wewak. With Apostle Kundilisik's ordination, Papua New Guinea now has seven Apostles serving in the Western Pacific District, along with Apostles Volkwyn (Australia) and Van Wyngaard (New Zealand).



Altar in Wisipi



Ordination of District Rectors



West Papua border



Welcome to Aupik



Congregation in Aupik



Ordination of Ap Kundilisik

Apostles of the Western Pacific District:

(fl) Ap Aimol Wasimbai, Ap John Kundi, Ap Eugene Volkwyn, Ap Patrick Silabe, DA Peter Schulte, Ap Lucas Supok, Ap Shaun van Wyngaard, Ap Kenneth Korokai, Ap Elvis Wiru, Ap Nicky Kundilisik



Connecting with PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Earlier in 2025, District Apostle Schulte travelled to Lae, in the Morobe Province. The Sunday School children and youth of the Busu congregation warmly welcomed the District Apostle and Apostle Patrick Silabe for a special divine service. The congregation gathered with great joy and reverence to receive the word and blessing brought by the District Apostle.

During the service, a number of young members received their confirmation blessing, affirming their commitment to Christ and marking an important milestone in their journey of faith. It was a deeply moving occasion, filled with a strong sense of unity, joy, and spiritual renewal for the Busu congregation.



Connecting with SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The South Australian congregations were blessed with a memorable weekend as District Apostle Schulte, accompanied by Apostle Lodewick and District Evangelist Volkwyn, visited Adelaide. The weekend commenced with a ministers' service on Saturday evening, followed by a joyful fellowship meal. On Sunday, a divine service was conducted for all members in the region, bringing everyone together in faith and unity.

In recent months, members have also enjoyed a relaxed BBQ picnic lunch and a delightful high tea for the sisters. The Ascot Park congregation marked Mother's Day with warmth and appreciation, and members had a chance to enjoy cake and fellowship with Apostle Lodewick prior to his retirement.



District Apostle visit to South Australia



Dinner with ministers & spouses



With members after divine service



Ladies high tea



Mother's Day in Ascot Park



Cake for Apostle Lodewick's retirement



Picnic in the park



Preparing the BBQ

Connecting with WESTERN AUSTRALIA



A blessed occasion took place in Perth as District Apostle Schulte conducted a divine service for the combined congregations. He was accompanied by Apostle Des Lodewick and District Evangelist Eugene Volkwyn, who had been appointed to succeed Apostle Lodewick upon his retirement.

The atmosphere was uplifted by inspiring musical contributions from the choir and orchestra, which added a deep sense of joy and reverence to the occasion. During the service, the District Apostle administered the sacrament of Holy Sealing.

The service also included the confirmation of four young members, who professed their vow of faith before God and the congregation. It was a day marked by spiritual depth, unity, and many blessings.



Connecting with QUEENSLAND

A range of activities took place across the Queensland congregations in recent months.

A ministers' service was held in Kingston, conducted by District Apostle Schulte. The service was followed by some moments of fellowship.

In Townsville, the children brought joy to the congregation with heartfelt musical renditions.

A memorable visit to Caloundra included a group photo of the District Apostle alongside district ministers and the local ministers.

In Gladstone, the congregation celebrated Mother's Day.

Redcliffe was filled with song and joy as the Sunday School children sang during a special children's service. On a subsequent Sunday, the congregation were blessed to be part of Apostle Williams' final service in Redcliffe prior to his retirement.



Fellowship after the ministers' service



Ministers' service in Kingston



Ministers in Caloundra with District Apostle Schulte



Mother's Day in Gladstone



Children's service in Redcliffe



Active & retired ministers in Redcliffe with Apostle Williams

Connecting with **NEW SOUTH WALES**

Albury congregation



Across New South Wales, congregations have recently shared in a variety of events.

In Albury, members gathered for a divine service with Apostle Des Lodewick, prior to his retirement. In Gosford, seniors enjoyed fellowship with Apostle Trevor Williams. Mother's Day was celebrated in both Gosford and Seven Hills congregations.

Gosford also enhanced the recent divine service conducted by Apostle Williams with several musical contributions, including a beautiful orchestral performance in anticipation of the sacrament of Holy Sealing. A special item was also prepared prior to the confirmation blessing.

Gosford seniors



In Seven Hills, the commencement of the Sunday School year was marked with a fellowship event, bringing together families and children in a joyful spirit of learning and connection.

Mother's Day in Seven Hills



Mother's Day in Gosford



Preparation for Holy Sealing in Gosford



Commencement of Sunday School in Seven Hills



Orchestra in Gosford

Connecting with NEW ZEALAND

Across the congregations of New Zealand, recent months have been filled with uplifting events, spiritual highlights, and meaningful fellowship.

In Auckland, Sunday School children and their parents gathered in New Lynn for a district Sunday School service. The children were full of joy and enthusiasm, actively participating in the divine service. Fellowship and lunch followed, strengthening bonds among families.

The Auckland district choir prepared for the visit of District Apostle Schulte. In Howick, Sunday School children gave a presentation and enjoyed an Easter egg hunt.

Christchurch members embraced a unique approach to preparing for the service for the departed - with a day at the beach! While the brothers fished, the sisters enjoyed a refreshing walk. This was followed by a meal featuring fresh fish and crispy chips.

The Christchurch congregation also expressed heartfelt gratitude to Sister Astrid Hendy, who retired after 60 years of dedicated service as an organist, having started at just 13 years old.

Apostle Williams gathered for a photo with members in Christchurch after conducting his final service there prior to his retirement. Another photo was taken when the district leaders of New Zealand gathered with Apostle Williams and District Apostle Schulte, following a divine service.

In Drury, senior members gathered for a special divine service. Meanwhile, a group of 24 seniors embarked on a trip to Mount Maunganui (Tauranga), enjoying fellowship, scenic walks, and shared meals. Activities included a lunch stop at Karangahake Gorge, a barbecue evening with seniors from other congregations, and a walk around the base of the Mount. The weekend concluded with a divine service conducted by Apostle van Wyngaard, with members of the Tauranga congregation.



Sunday School service in New Lynn



Christchurch beach day



Christchurch beach day



Howick Easter egg hunt



Retirement of Sis Astrid Hendy



Apostle Williams with the Christchurch congregation



Seniors' service in Drury



Choir practice in Auckland



District leaders (l-r): Pr Shane Bruyns, Pr Walter du Plooy, Ap Shaun van Wyngaard, Ap Trevor Williams, Pr Sebastian Eckardt, DA Peter Schulte, DEv Robert Thomas

Connecting with NEW ZEALAND

Seniors trip to trip to Mount Maunganui



Connecting with SAMOA & AM SAMOA

In January 2025, Apostle Lodewick, accompanied by District Evangelist Shaun van Wyngaard, made his final visit to Samoa and American Samoa before his retirement. The ministers and members warmly expressed their love and gratitude for his two decades of devoted service. Highlights included divine services in Falefa and Mulifanua (Samoa) with Holy Sealing, ordinations, and heartfelt cultural performances by the youth and Sunday School. A combined divine service in Ili'ili (American Samoa) was followed by a hearty fellowship lunch, and a traditional cultural concert.



Choir in Falefa, Samoa



Samoa Youth and Sunday School cultural concert



Mulifanua, Samoa



Sunday School children in 'Ili'ili, AM Samoa



Cultural concert in 'Ili'ili, AM Samoa

Later in August, Apostle Shaun van Wyngaard returned for his first solo visit to join the Samoa and American Samoa Youth Retreat. Around 60 youth gathered under the theme "It's time to do good," engaging in spiritual fellowship, guest presentations, cultural activities, and a divine service in Mulifanua focused on "preserving your inheritance." The retreat concluded with a joyful concert of hymns and traditional dances, leaving participants inspired and united in faith and friendship.



Connecting with SOUTH KOREA

Earlier this year, the young people gathered in Jeonju, a historic city in Korea, for a winter youth meeting filled with spiritual enrichment, fellowship, and cultural learning. Apostle Fred Wolf attended the event, offering pastoral care and guiding discussions throughout the weekend.

On Friday, the youth arrived and were welcomed into a village of traditional Korean houses. Immersed in cultural activities, they gained appreciation for Korea's heritage and customs.

Saturday began with a visit to a significant martyrdom site, where early Korean Christians had given their lives for their faith in the early 1800s. Apostle Wolf reflected on the connection between this visit and the District Apostle's commission to conduct Holy Communion for the departed at the divine service. The group then explored a Christian museum, learning about the official

introduction of Christianity to Korea in 1884 and the sacrifice and dedication of pioneers who laid the foundation for the church.

In the afternoon, Apostle Wolf hosted a youth forum centred on the Chief Apostle's 2024 theme, 'It is time to do good.' A seminar led by Priest Yang provided space to discuss meaningful questions raised by the young people themselves.

Sunday morning's Youth Service, held with the local Jeonju congregation, was based on Romans 8:29: "*For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*"

After the service, joyful fellowship continued with an exchange of gifts that they had prepared for each other. As the weekend came to a close, agreed to reconnect at the next youth gathering.



Connecting with TONGA

In February 2025, Apostle Williams made his final visit to Tonga before retirement, accompanied by District Evangelist Shaun van Wyngaard. The Nuku'alofa congregation expressed heartfelt gratitude for his many years of service. A divine service with Holy Sealing and a Confirmation blessing was held, followed by joyful fellowship and a cultural concert of traditional singing and dancing.



Congregation view



With the members



Holy Sealing



Confirmation blessing



Choir singing



Fellowship lunch

In September, Apostle Shaun van Wyngaard returned for his first visit to Tonga as apostle for the region. He conducted divine services in Nuku'alofa, met with ministers and youth, and provided guidance on liturgy and leadership. The visit included Holy Baptism, Holy Sealing, family visits, and a youth gathering centred on preserving faith and spiritual inheritance. The trip concluded with fellowship and another vibrant cultural concert, reflecting unity, joy, and growing faith among the members.



Church building



Nuku'alofa congregation



Ministers' meeting



Youth fellowship



Youth meeting

Connecting with JAPAN

During August Apostle Eugene Volkwyn visited the brethren in Japan. After arriving in Tokyo, he travelled to Tama City where a ministers' seminar was held, followed by warm fellowship and an opportunity to share experiences. On Sunday, he conducted a divine service for the Tama congregation, which was livestreamed to members across Japan. Many travelled long distances to attend, and the day concluded with fellowship over a shared meal, strengthening faith and unity among all present.



Connecting with SOLOMON ISLANDS

Apostle Eugene Volkwyn visited the Solomon Islands in July. Travelling with the District Rector, he conducted divine services and seminars in South Malaita, Auki, and Lumalo, where Holy Baptism, Holy Sealing, and an ordination took place. Returning to the Guadalcanal Province, he visited the church and childcare centres in White River and Bohnege. He also had an opportunity to conduct a meeting with local ministers to provide support and encouragement for the pastoral efforts taking place. The visit concluded with a divine service in White River, where further baptisms and sealings were joyfully celebrated.



NACare UPDATE

The Solomon Islands, also known as the "Happy Isles," is an archipelago of over 700 islands in the Pacific Ocean. Home to around 700,000 people and with a rich blend of culture and colour, it is one of the most remarkable places in the world.

In 2020, the NACare Foundation identified the need for intervention around early childhood education. We believe that education is a vital foundation for every child, helping to ensure they have the opportunity to reach their full potential - regardless of where they live or their personal circumstances.

Since then, our efforts have included investment in:

- **Teacher training** – ensuring the appropriate ratio of qualified educators to pupils
- **Curriculum development** – in partnership with the local education department
- **Infrastructure** – including classrooms, ablution facilities, and a playground

The results of this work are beginning to show. Today, around 140 children attend our early childhood education programmes in Honiara each day. Thanks to the generous support of our donor community, the foundation has set an ambitious goal to consolidate and expand our efforts in 2025.

Construction has now commenced on a major capital project. This will allow us to double the capacity of our Kindy class at the White River Centre from 40 to 80 children and continue to support 42 children at our Boneghe facility. Additionally, 18 Year One students are now being accommodated in a new classroom that opened in September 2024.

We have also provided tools and materials to enable the local leadership team to construct desks for the Year One students.

Beyond our formal programmes in Honiara (White River) and Boneghe, we are encouraged by the emergence of satellite centres in remote communities such as Barasipo, Makaruka, and Patmos. These centres were initiated by local leaders after learning about the impact of our programmes in the capital. Modelled on our approach, these grassroots initiatives are delivering significant outcomes with very modest resources.

We are now exploring ways to expand our support to these regions, helping them lay strong foundations for the children's futures. In November 2025 we are planning a volunteer trip to the Solomon Islands and are now accepting expressions of interest. As always, donations are welcome, and anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to get in touch for more information.



Confirmation 2025

The 2025 confirmands received a special message from Chief Apostle Schneider:

Dear confirmands,

You have decided to become true disciples of Jesus Christ. We are very happy about this. This is the best choice you could ever have made.

Following Jesus Christ means choosing the path of love for God and your neighbour. Whenever you have decisions to make, remember the Bible text you have received today:

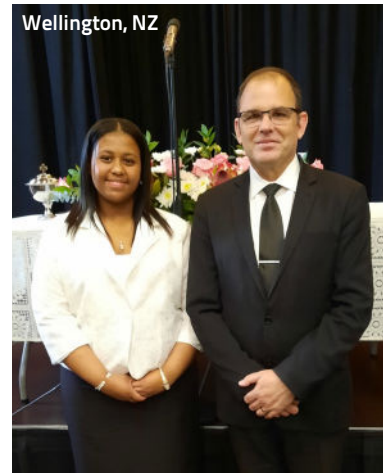
"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2: 4).

Doing good is not always easy, but never impossible. With the help of God and the support of the brothers and sisters you will succeed. And you will be a blessing for many!

On behalf of the Apostles and the congregation, I wish you great blessing and much joy in the Church.

United with you in the love of Christ, I extend to you, dear confirmands, my most heartfelt greetings.

Jean-Luc Schneider



Around the Congregations:

1. Pr Sebastian Eckardt (c) was appointed as District Rector for New Zealand
2. District leaders from Australia & New Zealand came together in Sydney (NSW) for meetings
3. Pr Adrian Lamprecht was appointed as Rector of Rockingham (WA)
4. Pr Galvin Peters was appointed as rector of Howick (NZ)
5. Pr Edward Riley was appointed as rector of Whangarei (NZ)
6. Confirmation of Pr Riaan Scheun as Priest for Howick (NZ)
7. Ministers in Christchurch (NZ) spent time with the confirmand in their congregation
8. Sunday School children gathered around the altar in Rainbow (PNG)
9. Pr Phil Finger (l) stepped down as rector of Caloundra (Qld), and Pr Scott Andrews (r) was appointed as the new rector



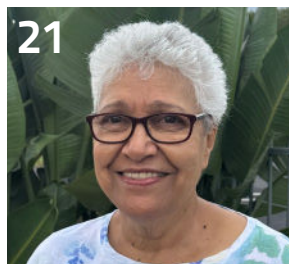
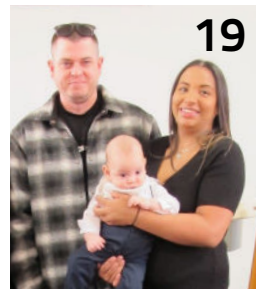
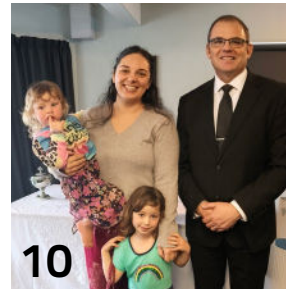


Around the Congregations:

1. The Maidstone (Vic) congregation celebrated all the mothers on Mother's Day
2. Ordination of Sisters Ghanie Macaskill & Angela van Eeden into the deacon ministry for Drury (NZ)
3. Ordination of Dcn Janalie Nelson into the priest ministry for Rockingham (WA)
4. Members of the Hobart congregation
5. Pr Richard Wentzel was appointed as rector of the Maidstone (Vic) congregation
6. Retirement of Priest Basil Scott in Ashmore (Qld)

Celebrations

1. Br Gert & Sis Tessa Diedricks of Drury (NZ) celebrated their Silver wedding
2. Ev (ret) Ron & Sis Nicky Schmal of Hackham West (SA) celebrated their Ruby wedding
3. Br Rodney Cavernelis of Kingston (Qld) celebrated his 80th birthday
4. Br James Joseph of Beverly Hills (NSW) celebrated his 80th birthday
5. Pr (ret) Bill & Sis Gloria De Wet of Seven Hills (NSW) celebrated their Golden wedding
6. Holy Sealing in Nuku'alofa (Tonga)
7. Br Terry & Sis Debbie Botha of Rockingham (WA) celebrated their Ruby wedding
8. Br Barry & Sis Patsy Duschesne of Rockingham (WA) celebrated their Golden wedding
9. Sis Ethne Bruiners of Kingston (Qld) celebrated her 70th birthday
10. Holy Sealing of Savannah & Sahara Wallace in Whangarei (NZ)
11. Holy Baptism of Ari Hungerford in Windsor (Qld)
12. Holy Baptism of Ilaikimi Fakatoumafi in Nuku'alofa (Tonga)
13. Br Gerry & Sis Grace Kulbys of Caloundra (Qld) celebrated their Silver wedding
14. Sis Nancy Nitschke of Ascot Park (SA) celebrated her 90th birthday
15. Pr (ret) Ron & Sis Hazel Sullivan of Caloundra (Qld) celebrated their Golden wedding
16. Holy Sealing of Jesse Norton & Sofia Smith in Maidstone (Vic)
17. Adoption of Br Sione Vakameilalo in Nuku'alofa (Tonga)
18. DEv (ret) Ivan Barendse of Gosford (NSW) celebrated his 80th birthday
19. Holy Baptism of Jesse Norton in Maidstone (Vic)
20. Holy Baptism of Sofia Smith in Maidstone (Vic)
21. Sis Esme Davids of Leumeah (NSW) celebrated her 80th birthday
22. Sis Hedwig Lublow of Canberra (ACT) celebrated her 95th birthday
23. Holy Baptism of Ezra Robertson in Howick (NZ)





Celebrations

1. Sis Meagan Bebendorf & Br Scott Schulte of Redcliffe (Qld) received wedding blessings
2. Holy Baptism of Oliver Newcombe in Kingston (Qld)
3. Dcn Nicholas Lage & Giovanna Amaral received engagement blessings in Leumeah (NSW)
4. Sis Margaret Andersen of Redcliffe (Qld) celebrated her 80th birthday
5. Adoption of Br Brian & Sis Colleen Michell in Caloundra (Qld)
6. Holy Baptism of Chloe Botha in Wellington (NZ)
7. Holy Baptism of Elizet & Wusulewa Kaluwasha in Wellington (NZ)
8. Holy Baptism of Xaelyn Francis and Isaiah Stellenberg in Beckenham (WA)
9. Holy Sealing of Ari Hungerford in Windsor (Qld)
10. Holy Baptism of Euro & Kartel Niue in Howick (NZ)
11. Sis Jean Schmidt of Ascot Park (SA) celebrated her 80th birthday
12. Holy Baptism of Naomi Holt in Maidstone (Vic)
13. Holy Baptism of Courtney Mann in Maidstone (Vic)
14. Holy Sealing in Vailima (Samoa)
15. Pr (ret) Merv & Sis Marilyn Probst of Caloundra (Qld) celebrated their Golden wedding
16. Br John & Sis Nicki Habkouk celebrated their Silver wedding in Seven Hills (NSW)
17. Holy Baptism in Howick (NZ)
18. Pr Ralph & Sister Anita Schubach celebrated their Silver wedding in Christchurch (NZ)
19. Pr Pieter & Donna Van Vuren received wedding blessings in Mackay (Qld)
20. Holy Sealing of Courtney Mann and Naomi Holt in Maidstone (Vic)



For your Information

Chief Apostle Schneider's schedule:

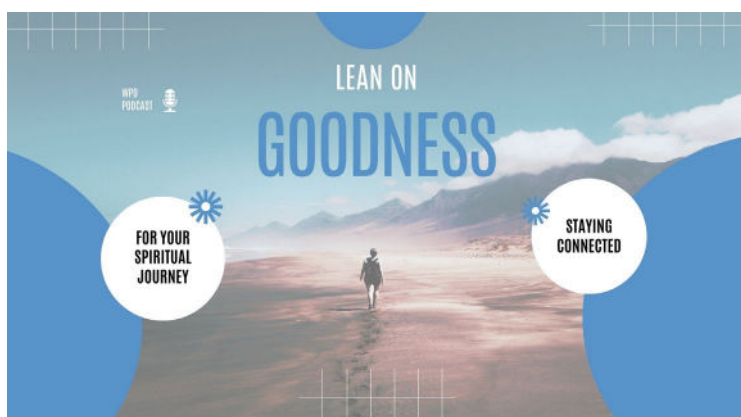
| Nov 2025 | Dec 2025 | Jan 2026 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2: Vellmar-Frommershausen, Germany | 7: Eberbach, Germany | 4: Luxembourg-Ville, Luxembourg |
| 9: Bülach, Switzerland | 14: Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany | 11: Mombasa, Kenya |
| 16: Fort Lauderdale USA | 21: Bensheim, Germany | 18: Toulouse, France |
| 30: Port Elizabeth, South Africa | 25: Strasbourg, France | 25: Panama |
| | 28: Affoltern am Albis, Switzerland | |

District Apostle Schulte's schedule:

| Nov 2025 | Dec 2025 | Jan 2026 |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 2: Buranda, Qld | 7: Papua New Guinea | 4: Beverly Hills, NSW |
| 9: Bülach, Switzerland | 14: Toowoomba, Qld | 11: Windsor, Qld |
| 16: Japan (AVT) | 28: Mackay, Qld | 25: Gladstone, Qld |
| 30: AM Samoa (AVT) | | |

Upcoming Events:

| Nov 2025 | Dec 2025 | Jan 2026 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 2: Service for departed | 25: Christmas Day | 4: New Year service |
| 30: 1st Sunday of Advent | 28: Close of Year service | |



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| Name | Event | Ministry | Congregation |
|-------------------------|------------|----------|------------------|
| Dcn Janalie Nelson | Ordination | Priest | Rockingham, WA |
| Sis Angela van Eeden | Ordination | Deacon | Drury, NZ |
| Sis Ghanie Macaskill | Ordination | Deacon | Drury, NZ |
| DEv Shaun van Wyngaard | Ordination | Apostle | Western Pacific |
| Pr John Kundi | Ordination | Apostle | Papua New Guinea |
| DEv Eugene Volkwyn | Ordination | Apostle | Western Pacific |
| Br Bornwell Kavanda | Ordination | Deacon | Mackay, Qld |
| Sis Alica Vogler | Ordination | Deacon | Mackay, Qld |
| Br Markwin Awae | Ordination | Deacon | Ipswich, Qld |
| Sis Diane Harris | Ordination | Deacon | Ashmore, Qld |
| Br Daniel Schulte | Ordination | Deacon | Toowoomba, Qld |
| Br Simon Funk | Ordination | Deacon | Kingston, Qld |
| Dcn Warren Good | Ordination | Priest | Ipswich, Qld |
| Br Roland Francis | Ordination | Deacon | Rockingham, WA |
| Br Andrew Tahu | Ordination | Deacon | Waitoto, NZ |
| Dcn Penitito Visesio | Ordination | Priest | Vailima, Samoa |
| Br Eseroma Lewer | Ordination | Deacon | Vailima, Samoa |
| Br Leati Pala | Ordination | Deacon | Afiamalu, Samoa |
| Br Enesi Enesi | Ordination | Deacon | Afiamalu, Samoa |
| Ev Nicky Kundilisik | Ordination | Apostle | Papua New Guinea |
| Dcn Siva Chetty | Ordination | Priest | Redcliffe, Qld |
| Br Sakeasi Seru | Ordination | Deacon | Bucalevu, Fiji |
| Pr Martin Geach | Retirement | - | Toowoomba |
| Apostle Trevor Williams | Retirement | - | Kingston, Qld |
| Apostle Des Lodewick | Retirement | - | Kingston, Qld |
| DEv Richard Graf | Retirement | - | Kingston, Qld |
| Ev Shaun Testa | Retirement | - | Orewa, NZ |
| Pr Andre Fredericks | Retirement | - | Christchurch, NZ |
| Pr Frank Vaughan | Retirement | - | Fairfield, NSW |
| Pr Patrick O'Connor | Retirement | - | Rivervale, WA |
| Pr Eviuta Waqa | Retirement | - | Navuniyasi, Fiji |

In Memoriam:

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| Sis Jean Barnwell of Hallam (Vic) | † | 26/12/24 |
| Sis Mary Contento of Kingston (Qld) | † | 06/02/25 |
| Sis Christel Anderson of Elizabeth (SA) | † | 13/03/25 |
| Sis Barbara Kohler of Morayfield (Qld) | † | 16/03/25 |
| Sis Imelda Carr of Howick (NZ) | † | 20/04/25 |
| Br Malcolm Neumann of Howick (NZ) | † | 27/05/25 |
| Br Edward Budgen of Hobart (Tas) | † | 27/06/25 |
| Br Alan Mawhinney of Ascot Park (SA) | † | 30/06/25 |
| Sis Josephine Wright of Ipswich (Qld) | † | 01/07/25 |
| Sis Frieda Henry of Paihia / Whangarei (NZ) | † | 06/07/25 |
| Pr (ir) Robert Marshall of Morayfield (Qld) | † | 30/07/25 |
| Br Gerhard Krause of Ashmore (Qld) | † | 16/08/25 |
| Br Jacob Viljoen of Kingston (Qld) | † | 23/08/25 |
| Br Vinay Ahluwalia of Seven Hills (NSW) | † | 08/09/25 |
| Deacon (ir) Kurt Kulbe of Buranda (Qld) | † | 18/10/25 |
| Sis Elizabeth Hearn of Geelong (Vic) | † | 21/10/25 |
| Br Paul Phillips of Geelong (Vic) | † | 23/10/25 |