

# Australia District News



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# From the Desk of District

Dear Brothers and Sisters

We look forward to welcoming our Chief Apostle and all the District Apostles and District Apostle Helpers from around the world to Perth in October. This will be a very special occasion for our district as it is only the second time such a meeting has been held here, the first being in Sydney in 1994. A special feature in this edition introduces the District Apostles and Helpers.

We are now approaching one of the great celebrations of the year – Thanksgiving Day. This day, which we celebrate on the 1st Sunday of each year, is truly a day of focus. In some countries and customs it is a national day of joy and reflection, which is to be applauded. In the “New Apostolic

world” however, it is a global day of thanksgiving (even though the actual date may vary due to local or national circumstances) where we especially acknowledge the love, grace and care of our Heavenly Father. So-called “New Apostolic tradition” provides the opportunity to decorate the altar with special decorations of produce etc.

Usually the whole congregation is involved in the preparation for this and many take the opportunity to also do their annual ‘Spring cleaning’ of inside and outside of the church and grounds. Special attention and inward preparation for this day is also essential to draw the most from the opportunities on offer. All this adds to the joy of the day.



# Apostle Andersen

In recent discussions with the Apostles, I spoke of my concerns regarding both the understanding of, and the subsequent teaching of, offering to the younger generations in our church. Offering is a practice instituted by God himself and insisted upon by Him as a way of pleasing Him and drawing His blessing. It is by no means a way of "paying our way" into God's kingdom, nor is it simply a contribution to the running of the Church. Offering is offering! It must be carried out without specific expectation of material reward and with a genuine gratitude towards God. Simply described, our offering to God must be a conscious one carried out with a heart of thankfulness. Sincere offering provides an opportunity to draw blessings from

our Heavenly Father. This is not to be understood as a single blessing for each offering but rather that offerings bring blessings in the wider sense to all aspects of our life. Please do not hesitate to discuss the deep meaning of offering with your ministers to gain further understanding on this Godly practice.

With loving greetings

**Andrew H. Andersen**

# District Apostle visits the “Top End” Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands

District Apostle Andersen arrived in Darwin on Saturday 18 June accompanied by District Elder Francois Witbooi. This was the first visit of the District Apostle to Darwin since the congregation was formed. The divine service on Sunday was attended by 28 members and their guests. The local choir and orchestra were outstanding in their musical support.

The District Apostle and the District Elder then continued their travels on to Papua New Guinea where they arrived the following day. District Elder Witbooi had volunteered to carry out a Music Leader’s Training Program for the music leaders of PNG. On Tuesday 21 August more than 40 music leaders from various parts of PNG gathered in our Port Moresby church where they learned many aspects of leadership and teaching in the field of music. The program continued for 5 days. The District Elder and the participants were all delighted with the results and agreed to make it an ongoing program. One highlight was that they also managed to record some hymns for a CD that will be made available soon.

In the meantime, the District Apostle travelled to Bolba in the highlands district where a new church was dedicated on Wednesday 22 June. He then travelled on to Kombikum in the north-west of the country where, accompanied by the Apostle Wasimbai, he conducted an open air divine service with 3,979 members attending. Here he ordained 3 District Elders, 16 District Evangelists, a Shepherd and 2 Evangelists. He then travelled to the city of Lae. Accompanied by the Apostle Hungito, he officiated in a divine service where the ordination of a District Elder, 4

District Evangelists, 5 Shepherds and an Evangelist took place.

On Sunday 26 June District Apostle Andersen, accompanied by Apostle Pouru travelled to the south-west town of Daru where a divine service was conducted and the well known and faithful servant of God, District Elder Uwa Amoni went into retirement. He was among the first New Apostolic members sealed in this part of the country in the late 1970’s and has cared for the district as district leader for over 30 years.

The District Apostle conducted meetings for some days until he travelled on to Solomon Islands where Apostle Lodewick and District Elder Witbooi had been busy visiting separate areas. On Friday they travelled to Blue Lake to visit and pray at the grave of District Elder Bolana Deve who is buried in his home village. They then continued on to Barasipo where they were greeted by a group of young warriors who performed a traditional welcome. This was followed by the divine service in which the District Apostle sealed 2 young children, confirmed 12 young souls and ordained a priest and a deacon for the Patmos congregation.

On Saturday evening in Honiara they were treated to a wonderful concert that showcased the talent of the children as well as some of the brothers and sisters. The concert was highly entertaining and the children were very well rehearsed. On Sunday 4 July the District Apostle conducted the Service for the Departed. According to current records, this was the first time a District Apostle had conducted a Service for the Departed with sacraments in Solomon Islands.



Confirmands in Honiara, SI



Holy Sealing in Barasipo, SI



Church dedication in Bolba, PNG

Music leaders group in PNG



Confirmands in Barasipo, SI



Ap Lodewick arrives in Blue Lake, SI



Concert in Honiara, SI

Divine Service in Darwin, NT



Ministers in Bolba, PNG

DA Andersen with DE Uwa Amoni



CD recording in Honiara, SI



Welcome to Barasipo, SI



At the grave of DE Bolana Deve



# Dedication in Samoa

District Apostle Andersen, together with Apostle Lodewick, arrived in Samoa on Thursday 14 August to dedicate the new church building in Mulifanua. This building was constructed with the help of many members who volunteered their time and labour. All members were invited to the dedication service, along with many chiefs and ministers from other denominations.

The weekend featured a youth convention for Samoa and American Samoa. The youth made up the recorder ensemble and the choir for the entire weekend. After the service, the official acceptance ceremony of the New Apostolic church took place. The chiefs and surrounding village representatives were present for the traditional kava ceremony. Lunch was then served to all which was prepared by the members.

On Saturday evening, the youth presented some cultural items and after a full and tiring day they were happy to head to bed. Sunday brought with it the youth service, after which the youth spent some time with the District Apostle, asking questions and sharing experiences. Lunch was served and then the weekend was brought to a conclusion.



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## District Apostles' Meeting in Perth

The Chief Apostle will soon travel to Perth for the International District Apostles' Meeting. The members of the District Apostles' Meeting advise and support the Chief Apostle in all Church matters, and together with him, bear responsibility for the unity of all district churches. The function of the meeting is to debate, discuss, and pass resolutions on matters presented by the Chief Apostle, the District Apostles, or the work groups and project groups, and to issue rulings and directives in matters pertaining to the global Church.

Following is a list of all active District Apostles and District Apostle Helpers that will join the Chief Apostle on this occasion.



Chief Apostle  
Jean-Luc Schneider



District Apostle  
Andrew Andersen



District Apostle  
Noël Barnes



District Apostle  
Michael Deppner



District Apostle  
Michael Ehrich



District Apostle  
Joseph Opemba Ekhuya



District Apostle  
Markus Fehlbaum

NAME	DISTRICT	WORKING AREA
District Apostle Andrew Andersen	Australia	American Samoa, Australia, Fiji, Guam, Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Samoa, PNG, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
District Apostle Noël Barnes	South Africa (Cape)	Falkland Islands, Namibia, St Helena Island, South Africa (Eastern, Northern & Western Cape Provinces)
District Apostle Michael Deppner	DR Congo West	Democratic Republic Congo-West

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NAME	DISTRICT	WORKING AREA
District Apostle Michael Ehrich	South Germany	Bahrain, Benin, Bosnia Herzegovina, Cameroon, Croatia, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabun, Germany (Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria), Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Israel, Qatar, Kuwait, Liberia, Macedonia, Nigeria, Oman, Togo, Saudi Arabia, Serbia & Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Ukraine, UAE, Yemen
District Apostle Joseph Opemba Ekhuya	East Africa	Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda
District Apostle Markus Fehlbaum	Switzerland	Andorra, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Gibraltar, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland
District Apostle Urs Hebeisen	South East Asia	Philippines, Brunei, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar, Palau, Sabah, Sarawak, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam
District Apostle Bernd Koberstein	Germany (Hesse/Rhineland-Palatinate/Saarland)	Belgium, Burkina Faso, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Gambia, Germany (Hesse, Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland), Greece, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Syria, Turkey, Tunisia
District Apostle Leonard Kolb	USA	Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Dominica, Dominican Rep, Ecuador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Cayman Islands, Caroline Islands, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, San Andreas, Zanzibar, St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent, Trinidad & Tobago, USA, Venezuela
District Apostle Rüdiger Krause	Germany (North and East)	Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, North & East Germany, Norway, Poland, Sweden, United Kingdom & Ireland
District Apostle Enrique Minio	Argentina	Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay
District Apostle Patrick Mkhwanazi	South East Africa	Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mayotte, Mozambique, Réunion, Rodrigues, Seychelles, South Africa (Free State, Gauteng, Kwazulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, North West), Swaziland
District Apostle Raúl Montes de Oca	Brazil	Brazil, Bolivia
District Apostle Wolfgang Nadolny	Germany (Berlin-Brandenburg)	Belarus, Germany (Berlin-Brandenburg), Middle Asia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
District Apostle Charles Ndandula	Zambia	Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe
District Apostle Rainer Storck	Germany (North Rhine-Westphalia)	Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Anguilla, Antigua, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Aruba, Cape Verde, East Timor, Georgia, French Guiana with Martinique & Guadeloupe, Germany (North Rhine-Westphalia), Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles, Portugal with Azores & Madeira Islands, São Tomé & Príncipe, Suriname
District Apostle Tshitshi Tshisekedi	DR Congo South East	Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo South East
District Apostle Mark Woll	Canada	Bangladesh, Chad, Central African Rep, Cambodia, Canada, Republic of Congo, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sri Lanka



District Apostle  
Urs Hebeisen



District Apostle  
Bernd Koberstein



District Apostle  
Leonard Kolb



District Apostle  
Rüdiger Krause



District Apostle  
Enrique Minio



District Apostle  
Patrick Mkhwanazi



District Apostle  
Raúl Montes de Oca



District Apostle  
Wolfgang Nadolny



District Apostle  
Charles Ndandula



District Apostle  
Rainer Storck



District Apostle  
Tshitshi Tshisekedi



District Apostle  
Mark Woll



District Apostle Helper  
David Devaraj  
India (Canada)



District Apostle Helper  
Frank Dzur  
Canada



District Apostle Helper  
John Fendt  
USA



District Apostle Helper  
John Kriel  
South Africa (Cape)



District Apostle Helper  
Arnold Mhango  
Malawi (Zambia)



District Apostle Helper  
João Misselo  
Angola (NRW)



District Apostle Helper  
Robert Nsamba  
Zambia



District Apostle Helper  
John Sobottka  
Canada



Ascot Park (SA)



Beckenham (WA)



Box Hill (Vic)



Caloundra (Qld)



Canberra (ACT)



Coffs Harbour (NSW)



Henderson (NZ)



Karratha (WA)



Mandurah (WA)



Orewa (NZ)



Redcliffe (Qld)



Rockhampton (Qld)

# Thanksgiving 2015



Bunbury (WA)



Bundaberg (Qld)



Buranda (Qld)



Croydon (Vic)



Gladstone (Qld)



Hallam (Vic)



Maryborough (Qld)



New Lynn (NZ)



North Ipswich (Qld)



Rockingham (WA)



South Auckland (NZ)



Werribee (Vic)

# NACare update

The NACare Charity is now being promoted to the general public by courtesy of a very generous assistance package that the internet company Google has provided to increase awareness of the existence and the work of the charity.

Anyone who wishes to donate directly to NACare can do so through the NACare website [www.nacare.org.au](http://www.nacare.org.au)

All donations of \$A2.00 or over are tax deductible for Australian taxpayers.



## Music CDs now available



**Glorious Light**, a collection of Christmas hymns performed by the choirs and orchestras of the New Apostolic Church, from across Australia and New Zealand, is once again available to purchase.

Featuring old favourites such as O Holy Night, Away in a Manger and Hark the herald Angels sing, as well as some new and exciting carols, this CD is the perfect way to set the festive mood in the lead up to Christmas.



**One: Faith • Spirit • Goal** is the latest collaboration to be added to the NAC Australia music collection and was recorded by the choirs and instrumental groups from American Samoa, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and the Solomon Islands.

The CD is testament to the vast talent found in these island nations, and includes a range of hymns from the hymnal, together with some traditional songs from these lands.

Order online at <http://members.newapostolic.org.au>

**\$A15.00**

**\$NZ15.00**

*Price includes GST and delivery to your local congregation (Aus / NZ only)  
Delivery to private address will incur additional postage charges*

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# NACYAC 2016 in Sydney

The New Apostolic Church Young Adults Conference (NACYAC) celebrated its fifth birthday in Sydney over the weekend of the 8th to 10th July 2016.

Different aspects of the conference theme "My Jericho Road" were explored in seminars on Friday and Saturday. These seminars were run by three different teams of presenters, on Friday in the Lane Cove church and on Saturday at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). District Evangelist Samuel Mueller filled in for the keynote speaker who was unable to travel to Australia's largest city.

The Saturday afternoon was enjoyed exploring parts of the CBD on different sightseeing or shopping tours. The conference dinner with a challenging and competitive Trivia was a fantastic close to a full day.

On Sunday, everyone reconvened at the UTS for a combined service with District Apostle Andrew Andersen and Apostle Trevor Williams. The conference closed with lunch after service in the Ultimo Community Centre. From all accounts, the conference was enjoyed by everyone who was able to participate.

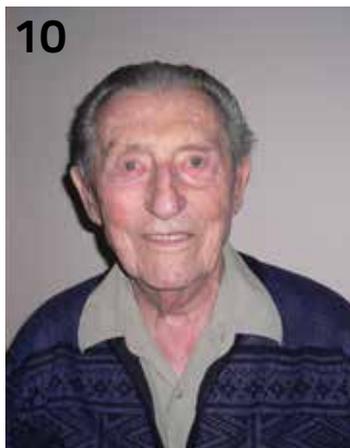




## Around the Congregations

1. The youth entertained seniors at a luncheon in NSW
2. District Apostle Andersen with ministers in the vestry in Townsville (Qld)
3. Retirement of Pr Fred Tischendorf of Drury (NZ)
4. Apostle Williams conducted a Sunday School service in Gosford (NSW)
5. Father's Day in Croydon (Vic)
6. District Apostle Andersen was in Caloundra (Qld) for Father's Day
7. Sunday School service in Maidstone (Vic)
8. Father's Day in Buranda (Qld)
9. Sunday School children from Beverly Hills (NSW) in the lead up to departed service





## Celebrations:

1. Ev (ret) Alf Tickner of Buranda (Qld) celebrated his 75th birthday
2. Br Ross Jacobs & Sis Helen Smith of South Auckland (NZ) received engagement blessings
3. Holy Baptism of Flynn Metcalf in Windsor (Qld)
4. Pr (ret) Bernie Hoffmann of Windsor (Qld) celebrated his 70th birthday
5. Adoption of Br Michael Renshaw in Buranda (Qld)
6. Sis Sydney Green & Br Raphael Henry of Werribee (Vic) received wedding blessings
7. Br Allan Goward of Canberra (ACT) celebrated his 85th birthday
8. Holy Baptism and Sealing of Theo Almond in Windsor (Qld)
9. Holy Baptism of Leah O'Connor of Rockingham (WA)
10. Pr (ret) Con Muelot of Ascot Park (SA) celebrated his 90th birthday

# For your Information

## Chief Apostle Schneider's schedule:

Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2016
2: Berlin-Rudow, Germany	6: Blantyre, Malawi	11: Hannover, Germany
9: Montreux, Switzerland	20: Hilversum, Netherlands	18: Cape Town, South Africa
23: Perth, Australia	27: Los Angeles, USA	

## District Apostle Andersen's schedule:

Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2016
2: Redcliffe, Qld	6: Adelaide, SA	4: Buranda, Qld
7: Bundaberg, Qld	20: Hallam, Vic	11: Christchurch, NZ
23: Perth, Australia	27: New Lynn, NZ	18: Cape Town, South Africa
		25: Redcliffe, Qld

## Upcoming Events:

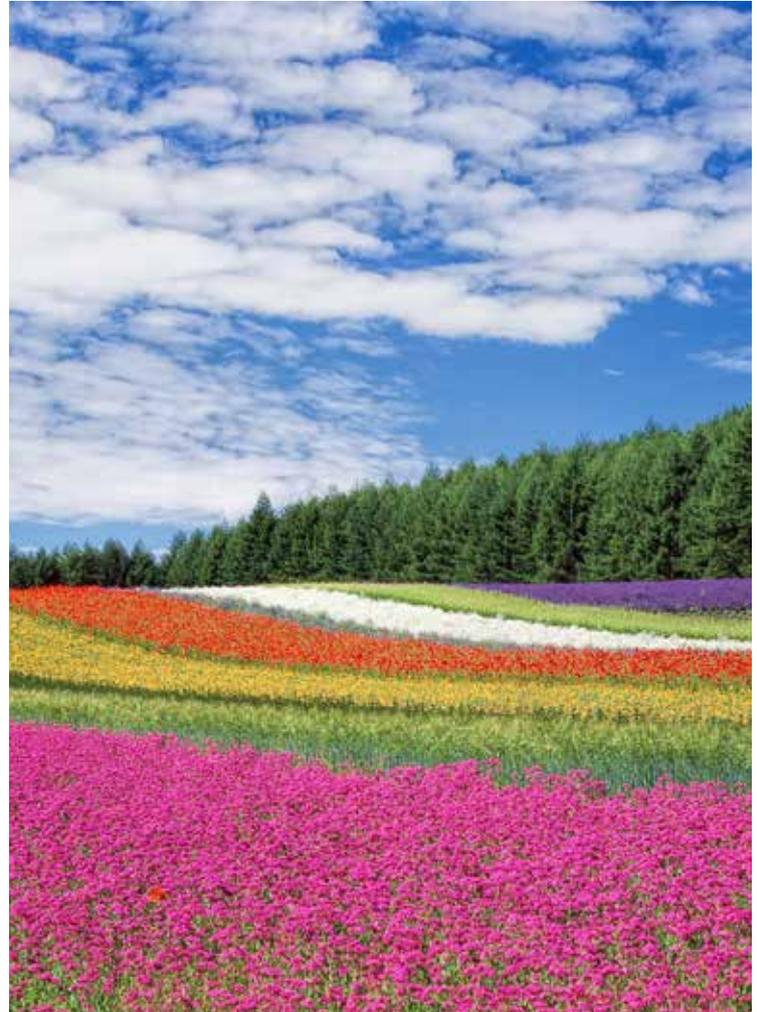
Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2016
2: Thanksgiving	6: Service for Departed	4: Sunday School breakup
16: Vic SS Camp		11: 25th anniversary of Kingston church
23: Chief Apostle service		25: Christmas Day
		28: Close of year service

## Ordinations / Retirements:

Name	Ordination/Commission	Ministry	Congregation
Dcn Darryl Vogler	Confirmation	Deacon	Mackay, Qld
Pr Nicolaas Nagel	Commission	Rector	Wellington, NZ
Ev Pieter van Vuren	Commission	Rector	Mackay/Cairns, Qld
Pr Glenn De Lisen	Confirmation	Priest	Box Hill, Vic
Dcn Deon Abrahams	Ordination	Priest	Albany, NZ
Pr Terence Seale	Confirmation	Priest	Orewa, NZ
Pr Derek Jolliffe	Retirement	-	Ashmore, Qld
Dcn Faustino Pena	Ordination	Priest	Ashmore, Qld
Dcn Tinus De Beer	Confirmation	Deacon	Koondoola, WA
Dcn Mark Kuiler	Confirmation	Deacon	Christchurch, NZ
Dcn Sebastian Eckardt	Ordination	Priest	Drury, NZ
Br Lawrence Kleyn	Ordination	Deacon	South Auckland, NZ
Pr Fred Tischendorf	Retirement	-	Drury, NZ
Br Richard Wentzel	Ordination	Deacon	South Auckland, NZ

## In Memoriam:

Sis Germaine Sinico of Koondoola (WA)	† 17 Jun 2016
Sis Janice Mirams of Maidstone (Vic)	† 1 Jul 2016
Sis Trientje (Tinnie) Geleyns of Christchurch (NZ)	† 10 Jul 2016
Sis Dorothy (Dolly) Dietz of North Ipswich (Qld)	† 15 Jul 2016
Sis Jessica Harrison of Hallam (Vic)	† 28 Jul 2016
Br Michael Hartley of Hackham West (SA)	† 3 Aug 2016
Sis Sonia Paardekooper of Mandurah (WA)	† 4 Aug 2016
Sis (child) Mia Crerar of Orewa (NZ)	† 16 Aug 2016
Sis Elizabeth Illia of Hallam (VIC)	† 23 Aug 2016
Sis Helga Kuhn of Morayfield (QLD)	† 10 Sep 2016
Sis Gertrud (Trudy) Maynard of Maryborough (Qld)	† 15 Sep 2016



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