



# Australia District News



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# From the Desk of District

Dear Brothers and Sisters

As the end of 2017 comes into view on the horizon, I am very thankful that it has been a great year of progress for the church in our district. We have experienced the joy of a Chief Apostle visit and we have welcomed the ordination of another Apostle and his assignment as a District Apostle Helper. A new internet based Sunday School curriculum was also introduced for the whole world and this will be used from the beginning of the Sunday School year.

Plans are presently being implemented to ensure the smooth integration of the Asian countries that will

become part of our district in the year to come. The addition of these 5 countries will certainly be a blessing for our district.

District Apostle Helper Peter Schulte has just experienced his first District Apostles' Meeting. This meeting was conducted in the historic city of Dortmund, Germany. Many topics were again discussed and further work was done on the topic of the understanding of ministry. We were also given a tour of the facilities that will be used for the International Youth Convention in 2019 along with an excellent presentation that welcomes young



# Apostle Andersen

people from all over the globe to the event.

The first Sunday of Advent (3 December) also marks the beginning of the new church year. Christians around the globe celebrate this as the entry point into a new year of grace. Let us continue to promote the joy of the Christmas season in a truly Christian way and not be affected by the fringe that wants to suppress this wonderful time of celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I would like to extend to you and all your loved ones my

wishes for a very happy and blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with blessing from our Heavenly Father. I thank you sincerely for all your co-operation in the past year.

With loving greetings

Andrew H. Andersen

# Chief Apostle visits Australia & PNG

## “A TIME.... TO SOW, TO REAP, TO BE THANKFUL”

**Chief Apostle Schneider arrived in Melbourne late on Friday evening 22 September, and despite the long flight it was obvious that he was happy to once again be with the members in the Australia District.**

On this visit he was accompanied by District Apostles Urs Hebeisen of the Phillipines, and Mark Woll of Canada, together with District Apostle Helpers David Devaraj (India), Frank Dzur and John Sobottka (Canada), and Edy Isnugroho (Indonesia). District Apostle Andrew Andersen and Apostles Des Lodewick and Trevor Williams were also in attendance.

On Saturday morning the Chief Apostle conducted a meeting for the Apostles and their wives. A fellowship afternoon was also held on Saturday which provided an opportunity for the members to catch up and the musical groups to rehearse together.

On Sunday 24 September Chief Apostle Schneider conducted a divine service in the Melbourne Town Hall. He placed the service under a bible text from Revelation 10:10 "Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter".

A highlight of the service was the ordination of District Elder Peter Schulte into the Apostle ministry and his subsequent assignment as District Apostle Helper for the Australia District. Chief Apostle Schneider spoke to the District Elder saying "This is an important step that we will now take together," and noting that he knew exactly how the District Elder felt in this situation. Fourteen years ago, he too had been called to the altar as a District Elder, first to receive the ministry of an Apostle, and immediately afterward, also the task of supporting his District Apostle as a Helper. "But I can comfort you with the words: do not be afraid! God is with you!" The Chief Apostle assured him that he would be able to feel the power of God, along with the prayers of the many members across this vast district.

He further advised that as an Apostle and District Apostle Helper, his first task is to become acquainted with his brothers and sisters, and carry them in love. "And you are also to learn to lead the Church and walk before the congregations in this part of the world." The Chief Apostle went on to add that this will be easy because he has a District Apostle in whom he can confide and follow in zeal.

Attendance was 978 in the Melbourne Town Hall plus 1,171 connected via audio visual transmission.

In the afternoon there was a public concert presented by the choristers and musicians from Australia and New Zealand. This was under the theme "Heart and Soul".

From Melbourne, the Chief Apostle continued on to Papua New Guinea. He was accompanied by District Apostles Andersen and Hebeisen, and District Apostle Helpers Devaraj, Isnugroho and Schulte. The local Apostles - Zuhuke Hungito, Allen Pouru and Aimol Wasimbai, together with Bishop Joseph Yasi - rounded out the group.

On Thursday 28 September the Chief Apostle conducted a Thanksgiving Service in the village of Kombikum (near Wewak in East Sepik). This was an open air service and was attended by over 24,000 members who gathered from the many congregations in that area, with the majority walking for days to attend this special event.

On Sunday 1 October the Chief Apostle conducted a Thanksgiving Service in the capital city of Papua New Guinea - Port Moresby. This was held in an indoor sports stadium, and the service was attended by over 1,500 members, with the choir making up a great portion of this number. Many of the brothers and sisters travelled from other parts of the country. They were hosted in a school ground by the local members. To be able to provide for this number, the local members had planted crops which were harvested in time for this great event.









# Introduction to: District Apostle Helper Peter Schulte

**On Sunday, 24 September 2017 Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider ordained District Elder Peter Schulte as an Apostle and assigned him as a District Apostle Helper to assist District Apostle Andrew Andersen.**

Apostle Schulte will succeed District Apostle Andersen upon his retirement in September next year.

So that we can get to know him a little better, we have asked Apostle Schulte to provide us with a brief biography.

"I was born in Brisbane, Queensland (Australia) on 22 September 1963, the youngest of three children born to New Apostolic parents. Our family attended the Windsor congregation until the Clontarf congregation was established in 1971. The congregation was later known as Redcliffe, with the building and dedication of a church in the area in March 1976.

In May 1976, my parents moved to Mackay in North Queensland (950km north of Brisbane) to establish a congregation in this city. There were two other New Apostolic families also living in the area at that time.

After finishing school I commenced an apprenticeship as a motor mechanic. In 1986 my brother and I began our own trucking business, hiring out trucks for the coal mines in central Queensland. This continued for a further 30 years. During this time, we acquired grazing land which we now use to run beef cattle.

During my time in the youth our congregation was small. However, we had around 6 combined services a year together with the Townsville congregation (400km north of Mackay) and I have many good memories of those gatherings.

In 1994 I married Tammy Iker and we have been blessed with two children; a daughter and a son.

I was ordained as a Sub-Deacon at a youth convention in Brisbane in 1986 by District Apostle Rosentreter. Since that time, I have held the following ministries:

- Deacon 11 June 1995
- Priest 9 June 2002
- District Evangelist 12 June 2005
- District Elder 6 April 2014

My ministerial activity in my home congregation has included me teaching confirmation classes, and taking on the role of youth leader. I was also commissioned as rector of the Mackay congregation. I have also been fortunate to visit Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Fiji to assist with the Lord's work in these countries."



# A new District Evangelist for North Queensland

On the weekend of 28/29 October, District Apostle Andrew Andersen travelled to be with the members in Gladstone, Queensland. On this occasion he was joined by District Apostle Helper Peter Schulte.

On Saturday evening the congregation participated in a fellowship concert, which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

On Sunday morning the divine service was conducted by the District Apostle. During this service Evangelist Craig Bosshart was ordained into the District Evangelist ministry. As Apostle Schulte becomes increasingly engaged in the care of the whole Australia District it became necessary that the responsibility for the care of his former area of North Queensland (subdistricts Q6 and Q7) be handed over to someone else. As such, District Evangelist Bosshart was given that responsibility.

At the conclusion of the morning service, the members enjoyed lunch together with the Apostles.



## Sunday School Big Day Out



**Rather than the usual Sunday School camp weeked held for the children from congregations in Victoria, this year the decision was made to have a day out with the children, teachers, parents, grandparents and anyone else who wished to attend. This coincided with a Sunday School service which was held on the same weekend.**

The weekend was conducted under the theme, "All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all."



On Saturday many travelled from the Hallam church to the Werribee Open Range Zoo by bus, which added to the fellowship. The highlights at the zoo were the four young lion cubs and the safari train (an open sided bus with carriages) which allowed the viewing of many animals in a more natural environment. Upon leaving the zoo the group gathered in the park for lunch and later the children competed in various activities. The children also received a themed t-shirt and a bag of goodies.



The Sunday School service was conducted in Box Hill by Apostle Lodewick. The text used was the Chief Apostle's word for this year, from Philippians 4:20 - "Glory be to God, the Father!"

During the service brother Raphael Henry was ordained as deacon for Box Hill. The children's orchestra played before the service and the children's choir sang throughout the service. The final song was accompanied by the "band".



# Silver Jubilee celebration in Rainbow

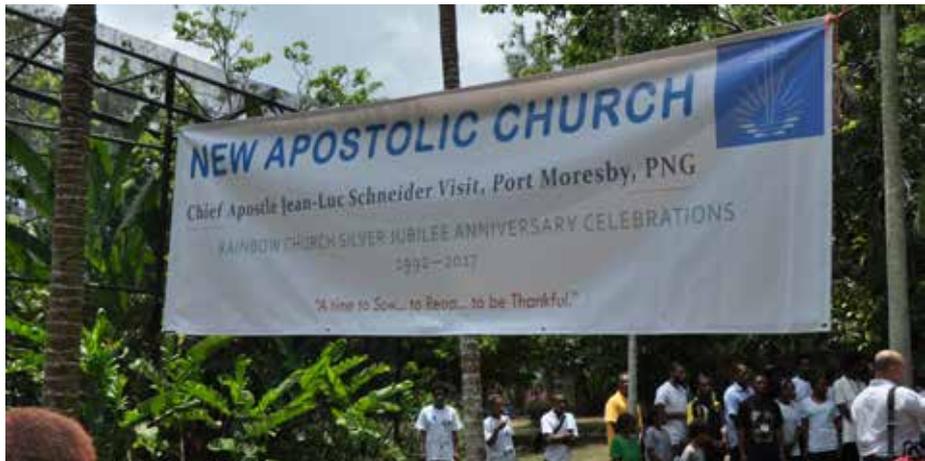
Port Moresby, the capital city of Papua New Guinea, has a population of about 300,000, many of whom have migrated to the city from other parts of the country.

In 1975 New Apostolic ministers from Canada brought testimony of the re-established work of the Apostles in the end time to the people of Papua New Guinea. Congregations were established mainly in the rural areas in the beginning and it was late in the year 1977 when contact was also made with interested people in the capital city. The home of the later District Elder Rea Heni became the place of worship. As the congregation grew the family moved to various different homes so they had more room for the congregation.

This went on for many years until a site was allocated to us in 1992 by the developer of the Rainbow housing estate. By June 1992 all necessary documents were signed and construction of the church commenced under the supervision of Evangelist Lorne Brown (later Bishop) of Canada. Three months later, in September 1992, Apostle Berthold Woll dedicated the church.

As the first visit of Chief Apostle Schneider to Papua New Guinea coincided with the 25th anniversary of the Rainbow church dedication, a celebration was arranged to mark the occasion. On Saturday 30 September the Chief Apostle inspected the church which the members had worked on for many months doing much needed renovations. Inside the church he addressed a group of pioneer members who had been invited to share in the unveiling of a small commemoration plaque. He thanked them for their dedication and faithfulness and encouraged them to continue to be examples to the generations that follow on.

Chief Apostle Schneider then went to the botanical gardens which is conveniently located opposite the church where many members had gathered to celebrate the anniversary with a concert. In recognition of his visit and as a welcome for him, the Papua New Guinea Services Band lead him through the botanical gardens and then opened the concert with the National Anthem of Papua New Guinea. They also added several items to the concert that showcased traditional music, singing and acts from various New Apostolic children and youth groups from throughout the country.



# Youth Convention: New Zealand

New Zealand youth were excited at the opportunity to share in fellowship at the convention. The weekend's activities kicked off with the long trek to Rotorua on the Friday, briefly stopping in Matamata.

On arrival the youth received their hoodies, which became the unofficial uniform of the weekend. The theme of the youth convention was "Come and Share" so they broke the ice with random questions, learning more about one another.

On Saturday morning there were presentations from "Attitude" which focused on healthy relationships and mental health from a Christian perspective. In the afternoon the youth learnt about the importance of friendship, and surrounding themselves with likeminded individuals. All the workshops were interactive and encouraged open dialogue. District Apostle Helper Schulte and Apostle Williams joined the youth in a nerf war and played games such as volleyball. Following dinner the youth had a question and answer session with the Apostles. The youth were very interested to learn more about the District Apostle Helper, especially his career as a beef farmer and life as a rodeo champion.



On Sunday morning the youth were up early in anticipation of the divine service. Following the service, there was another opportunity to share in fellowship with the Apostles.

After lunch some youth spent time talking with the ministers, while others were ready to start their adventures. These included high ropes, a flying fox through the bush and bubble soccer; where District Elder Graf and District Evangelist Thomas went head to head soaring through the air. Those who weren't so adventurous engaged in another nerf war and mastered card games and dominos. To celebrate the last night of the youth convention they went on a burn trail and shared stories around the bonfire.

The youth convention theme "Come and Share" was emphasized throughout the weekend, with many making new friends, and looking forward to the next youth event.





## Around the Congregations:

1. Apostle Lodewick helped to turn the sod for the new church building in AM Samoa
2. Retirement of Priest Semeatu in AM Samoa
3. Sunday School children give a presentation in AM Samoa
4. Youth in Auckland (NZ) spent time with District Apostle Andersen during a recent visit
5. Ministers and wives service in Auckland (NZ)
6. Apostle Lodewick conducted a divine service in Honiara (Solomon Is)
7. Youth in Honiara (Solomon Is)
8. Ordination of a priest for a new congregation in Solomon Islands
9. Sunday school children in Aekefo village (Solomon Is)
10. Service for departed in Seven Hills (NSW)
11. District Apostle Helper Schulte conducted a divine service in New Lynn (NZ)
12. Ministers enjoy the choir during the divine service in New Lynn (NZ)
13. Father's Day in Werribee (Vic)
14. Bishop Yasi visited the congregation in Jiwaka (PNG)
15. Seniors Service in Auckland (NZ)
16. Father's Day in Kingston (Qld)
17. Fairfield (NSW) congregation
18. The 2018 confirmands in Auckland (NZ) enjoyed an outing together
19. Father's Day in Seven Hills (NSW)
20. Sunday school service for children in the Auckland and Waikato region (NZ)
21. Fellowship after the Sunday school service
22. Taupo (NZ) congregation
23. District Apostle Andersen was in the Windsor (Qld) congregation on Father's Day



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## Celebrations:

1. Pr (ret) Robert & Sis Thelma Marshall of Buranda (Qld) received diamond wedding blessings
2. Pr Phil & Sis Angie Finger of Caloundra (Qld) received silver wedding blessings
3. Ev (ret) Merv & Sis Kay Maeyke of Riverleigh (Qld) received golden wedding blessings
4. Adoption of Sis Merle Wallace of North Ipswich (Qld)
5. Sis Eleanor Muelot of Ascot Park (SA) celebrated her 90th birthday
6. Br Willie & Sis Karen Kleb of North Ipswich (Qld) received silver wedding blessings
7. Holy Sealing in Honiara (Solomon Is)
8. Sis Agnes Testa of North Shore (NZ) & Sis Frieda Henry of Whangarei (NZ) celebrated their 70th birthdays
9. Sis Cynthia Tischendorf (†) of North Shore (NZ) celebrated her 90th birthday. She has since passed away
10. Holy Sealing of Lacey Barlow in Seven Hills (NSW)
11. Sis Ingrid Duenzl of Hackham West (SA) celebrated her 85th birthday
12. Br Keith & Sis Denise Naude of Howick (NZ) received ruby wedding blessings
13. Holy Sealing in Vailima (Samoa)
14. Holy Baptism of Bjorn & Kacey Terblanche in Howick (NZ)
15. Holy Sealing in Auckland (NZ)
16. Holy Baptism of Donna-Rose Enate of Henderson (NZ)
17. Holy Sealing and establishment of a new congregation in Solomon Islands
18. Holy Sealing in Mulifanua (Samoa)
19. Holy Sealings in Aekefo (Solomon Is)
20. Holy Sealing in AM Samoa

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# For your Information

## Chief Apostle Schneider's schedule:

Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018
7: Banjul, Gambia	11: Landquart, Switzerland	4: Libreville, Gabun
14: Cologne, Germany	18: Cape Town, South Africa	18: Buenos Aires, Argentina
21: Karachi, Pakistan	25: Dieburg, Germany	25: Baia Mare, Romania
		30: Cottbus, Germany

## District Apostle Andersen's schedule:

Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018
7: North Ipswich, Qld	11: Ashmore, Qld	4: Silkstone, Qld
14: Windsor, Qld	18: Canberra, ACT	11: Papua New Guinea
21: Karachi, Pakistan	25: Maryborough, Qld	18: Toowoomba, Qld
		25: Bundaberg, Qld
		30: Windsor, Qld

## Upcoming Events:

Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018
7: New Years' Day service		4: Service for Departed
28: Sunday School commences		17: NACare Charity Day
		25: Palm Sunday
		30: Good Friday Youth Convention reunion

## Ordinations / Retirements:

Name	Act	Ministry	Congregation
Pr Samuel Du Preez	Confirmation	Priest	Henderson, NZ
Pr Aubrey Hendricks	Commission	Rector	North Shore, NZ
Dcn Daniel Ndofula	Confirmation	Deacon	Ascot Park, SA
Br Raphael Henry	Ordination	Deacon	Box Hill, Vic
Ev Craig Bosshart	Ordination	District Evangelist	Q6, Q7
Br Lakhwinder Stark	Ordination	Deacon	North Shore, NZ
Pr Andre Fredericks	Confirmation	Priest	South Auckland, NZ
Br Werner Kreutz	Ordination	Priest	Tauranga, NZ
Dcn Brendt Bloemstein	Confirmation	Deacon	Morayfield, Qld

## In Memoriam:

Br Hans Schwarz of Buranda (QLD)  
 Sis Elli Baldani of Geelong (VIC)  
 Sis Susana Levaci of Lane Cove (NSW)  
 Sis Elva Chapman of Riverleigh (QLD)  
 Sis Alfreda Lancaster of Ashmore (QLD)

† 22 Sept 2017  
 † 17 Oct 2017  
 † 9 Nov 2017  
 † 20 Nov 2017  
 † 4 Dec 2017

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