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Kurzbericht über den Gottesdienst mit Ruhesetzung des Apostels John George Stephens am 15. Oktober 2017

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Sunday morning - The greatly anticipated moment finally arrived. After weeks of intense preparations and watching the hours, minutes, and seconds run down on the countdown clock on the NAC - SA website, Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider stepped behind the altar of the Claremont congregation at 09h00 on Sunday the 15th of October 2017.

Accompanying the Chief Apostle, which was audio visually transmitted to all the congregations in the New Apostolic Church Southern Africa, was the District Apostles J.L. Kriel (Southern Africa), J. O. Ekhuya (East Africa), E.E. Minio (Argentina), District Apostle Helper M.P. Mkhwanazi (Southern Africa) as well as fifteen Apostles from the District Apostle district.

As a foundation for the divine service the Chief Apostle used the Bible word from John 14:3-4 "3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know." (NKJV)

He explained that God wants to lead us into His kingdom and that Jesus has already prepared the place for man that all may have eternal fellowship with Him. Providing clear guidelines he stated that we should be deeply rooted in Christ through our faith, love and hope. He furthermore encouraged the congregation to keep moving forward in the ways of God: by walking through faith and not sight; by partaking in the sacraments implemented by Christ; by keeping the commandments of God; by being transformed into the image of Jesus and by striving for unity in Christ. This would ultimately make us worthy to be caught up by Him and partake in the day of His return.

The District Apostles Enrique Minio, Joseph Ekhuya and Apostle John Stephens also served the congregation.

Prior to the conclusion of the divine service the Chief Apostle placed Apostle John Stephens into retirement. He had served for forty-four years in the ministry, with seventeen of them as an Apostle. Apostle Stephens was sincerely thanked for being a leader in the work of God, the heartfelt sacrifices made as well as the gifts and talents which he openly shared for the development and growth of the work of God.

Trumpets called the holy feast to a close when they were sounded in the choir's rendition of "God of our fathers".