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The Chief Apostle in Uganda

New District Apostle district was established on 29 March 2009. In a divine service in Kampala, Uganda, Chief Apostle Leber ordained District Apostle Helper Shadreck Lubasi as a District Apostle for the region of East Africa. This region comprises the countries of Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Beloved brothers and sisters and dear friends, we stand on a rock. Jesus said to Peter: "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church ..." (Matthew 16:18). As long as we are in contact with this rock, we are strong and can defeat the devil. When we lose contact with this

rock, we become weak. That is why it is so important that we stand firm on this rock. This we do by being connected with the Chief Apostle, the Apostles, and attending divine services as often as possible. If we go our own way we will lose our strength and fall victim to the spirits.

Many among us attended their first service in the New Apostolic Church as a result of an invitation. Actually, you were invited by God Himself. Some children are born into the Church. Their faithful parents bring them to the divine services. They





up the congregations. The Church of Christ must be completed, and working to complete it is our task. We are blessed by God so that we can be a blessing for others. Let us therefore invite other people and bring the gospel of Christ to them. Let them feel God's call. Let us be examples to those around us.

know that it is God who is calling their child. We have been called by God into the fellowship of His Son. This calling has not come to an end yet. It will be fulfilled on the day of the Lord.

When the Lord calls He also gives His help until the calling is finally fulfilled. Let us look at some examples in the Scriptures. Noah was called by God to build an ark. This calling accompanied Noah throughout his life. Think of Abraham! He was called by God to leave his country. This was not something that happened overnight. Think of Moses! He was called by God to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt to the Promised Land. Their journey through the desert lasted 40 years.

We have been called by God to build

God is faithful. Those whom He has called He supports so that they can fulfill their commission. He is very close to them. You have shown confidence in your leaders. And I ask you to have confidence



“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

1 Corinthians 1:9

in your future leader. Let us always see the Apostles as servants of God who have been sent by Him. If we remain in fellowship with them, we will be blessed and led to the goal of our faith: the day of the Lord.

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Perseverance

My dear Brothers and Sisters, The Lord has led us through the ups and downs of the last year and now the year 2010 is upon us. I wish everyone rich blessing, great joy in our fellowship, and personal well-being in the New Year. May the Lord continue to protect and help us and lead us through the time ahead.

I would like to give each one a task. This year, I call upon all of us to persevere. Perseverance is an important part of faith. Jesus said: "But he who endures to the end shall be saved." The Lord spoke these words to His own in view of His return. He also grants His own the strength to endure until the end.

Also in the New Year problems will come up here and there, even in the congregation. This calls for perseverance! Let us persevere in:

- Prayer, even when we feel as though our prayers are not being heard.
- Helping, even if others in the congregation are perhaps no longer as active.
- Our efforts as peacemakers, even if trouble and distrust prevail around us.
- The endeavour to have a good and untroubled relationship with everyone in the congregation, even if we do not succeed at first.
- The endeavour to bring testimony to others about the activity of God in our time, even if many are not interested in hearing about it.

For this year we take the motto: "Let

us continually examine ourselves and measure ourselves against the word of God!" We wait with perseverance for the Lord to complete His work!
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With heartfelt greetings I remain,

Yours truly,



Chief Apostle Wilhelm Leber



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Chief Apostle in Kenya

During the visit of Chief Apostle Wilhelm Leber to Kenya, he conducted two divine services.

The first divine service for the Departed for 2010 took place at Kasarani, Nairobi and the second in Kisumu, Western Kenya.

In preparation for the Service for the Departed, the Nairobi School choir presented a music hour on Saturday, 6th March at the South C church. Twelve moving musical items were presented. The Chief Apostle was particularly touched by the hymn, *"For you I am praying"* and mentioned that we ought to pray for those in the beyond. He gave special thanks to the choir and children for their preparation and the wonderful presentation.



On Sunday, 7th March 2010 the Divine Service for the Departed was attended by over 5,000 members, and was also transmitted via television broadcast to other congregations around East Africa. The Chief Apostle based the Divine Service out of the book of John 5:24: *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."*

During the service, the Chief Apostle placed the long-serving Apostle Noah Kandisha (65)



from Zambia into a well deserved retirement and ordained Kububa Soko (40) as a new Apostle for the District Church of Zambia. To the joy of the assembled congregation, the District Church of East Africa also received a new Bishop in Joshua Mukiti Nguli.

On Monday, 08th March 2010 the Chief Apostle proceeded to Kisumu some 300 kilometres from Nairobi. Here, in the presence of some 3,000 attendees, he based the divine service out of book of Hebrews 10: 23: *"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."* In reference to the word, our Chief Apostle explained that the hope of all New Apostolic Christians is linked to the day of the Lord. This hope is to fill all of our hearts!



Chief Apostle in Nairobi



Chief Apostle congratulates District Apostle Lubasi and his wife after the sealing of their son.



Chief Apostle addressing the Apostle to be retired and the newly ordained Apostle for Zambia and Bishop for Kenya.



Chief Apostle and the District Apostles bids farewell to the members after the divine service in Kasarani Stadium, Nairobi.



School choir during the choral concert in South C Church.



A joyful performance by the children during the choral.



Chief Apostle and District Apostles enjoying the music presentation.

Chief Apostle in Kisumu



Sunday school children welcome the Chief Apostle with flowers.



Chief Apostle greeting the Apostles before the divine service.



Choir during the divine service.



Banner and view of the congregation.

District Apostle Lubasi in Kenya East



District Apostle in the sacristy in Kamuwongo.



The youth welcomes District Apostle in Kyuso.



A happy Congregation in Kyuso.



District Apostle conducting the choir after the service.

Uganda



Members gathering for the Divine service.



District Apostle with members after service.



Choir members in Kampala Central church.



A joyful congregation during service.

Tanzania



District Apostles and ministers in Dodoma.



Children's Choir welcomes District Apostle in Kamagambo.



Youth Service in Omururama.



District Apostle in Kamagambo.



Congregation during service in Kamagambo.



Children's service in Kyamulaile.

Calendars 2010

“Let us provide a Thanksgiving poster for every congregation to keep the awareness of thanksgiving alive!”

This was the sentiments brought about by the Soulcare leaders. However, District Apostle Lubasi desired that this message should not only be in the congregation, but preferably in every household. Hence, the first “free issue” of a one page calendar was developed to serve a two-fold purpose.

1. The awareness of Thanksgiving 2010 through the introduction of mini thanksgivings throughout the year and tithing Sundays. This depicts the day the whole region can bring a tenth of their offerings to the Lord.
2. The awareness of the Church Festive divine



services such as, Divine Services for the Departed, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost etc.

The concept of the calendars was fully embraced by the Soulcare Leaders and was well received by the members. These calendars can also serve as a conduit whereby our brothers and sisters can bring testimony of the work of God.

Brief life history of the newly ordained Bishop Joshua Mukiti Nguli

Full Names: Joshua Mukiti Nguli
Years in the ministry: 34 years
Date of Birth: 8 August 1951
Children: 3
Marital Status: Married to Peninah

I was born of Godfearing parents in a village called Kathiani, Mwingi, eastern Province. After accepting testimony of the God’s work of Salvation, I was baptized and sealed by the Apostle Wilbert Vovak in Kathiani congregation on 14 August 1976.

After completing my secondary education I enrolled at Kagumo College where I was trained as a teacher and at the age of 55, I retired from active teaching.

On 07 March 2010 in a festive Divine Service for the Departed, conducted by Chief Apostle Leber in Nairobi, Kenya, I was ordained into the Bishop ministry.

I am deeply humbled by this great burden the Lord has placed upon me and it remains my earnest resolve, with the love, guidance and in oneness with the Chief Apostle, District Apostle and Apostle, to care for the God’s children with all the Godly love and assist joyfully in preparing the Bride of Christ.

Bishop Nguli takes care of fourteen (14) Sub-districts, an Area of 146 congregations.



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Confirmation 2010

Congratulations to all confirmands 2010 and a hearty welcome to the youth. Chief Apostle's special message to the Confirmand's this year was taken from 1 Corinthians 1:9. Below are pictures celebrating this occasion throughout East Africa.



Kenya - Kawaida Congregation.



Kenya - South "C" Congregation.



Kenya - Mael Saba congregation.



Uganda - Confirmation.



Uganda - Confirmands.



Tanzania - Dar es Salaam.

photo gallery



Choir members after the choral concert at the "Welcome Dear Chief Apostle" message.



A picture portrait of District Apostle presented to him after the divine service in Tanzania.



Chief Apostle conducts the choir singing "All life poureth forth from Thee" during a choral concert in South "C".



Youth performing joyful dances after the youth service in Tanzania.



Members travelled long distances to attend District Apostle's service in kyuso.

District Apostle with Apostle Kavuma and Bishop Byoona in the sacristy in Uganda.



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