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The Chief Apostle in Cape Town

The Chief Apostle had invited all the Apostles from around the world for a conference in Cape Town, South Africa, at the time of Pentecost 2010. In addition to the conference took place on Friday 21 May the week-end's agenda included excursion to Table Mountain, a bus tour around the Peninsula and a concert in the Silvertown auditorium. The gathering ended with a divine service in Tafelsig church on Pentecost Sunday where 341 apostles were present.

So, dear Brothers and Sisters I will start as usual on Pentecost with a special greeting word. It is from Hebrews 12, a portion of verse 1: *“Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us”.*

When we lay aside something it does not mean that it has disappeared, but it no longer depresses our soul.

Let us also run with endurance the race that is set before us. I have also a greeting word for children. I wish the children here and everywhere a wonderful day of



I think this is really good advice for today. Many things can burden us and take away our joy and peace.

Let us lay aside things that can disturb us otherwise we cannot experience our heavenly Father and His love and nearness.

Pentecost. We remember what happened at the first Pentecost. Holy Scripture says they were praying and they were in one accord. There was peace among them. They waited for the fulfillment of the promise Jesus had made and suddenly it came. Dear children,

let us wait in patience for the Lord's promise to return to be fulfilled. Let us remain in the fellowship in the house of God. Let us pray and be at peace.

Now I wish to speak about our text in Acts. It is the last words which the Lord Jesus spoke before He ascended into heaven. It concerns the power of the Holy Spirit. With this power we shall be able to be witnesses. We need power in order to retain our faith. We need power to remain joyful. We also need power so that we are not disturbed by our everyday life. Without power things would soon break down. It is therefore my desire that this power of the Holy Spirit becomes more and more visible.

How can this take place? I know only



one recipe and that is prayer. This activates divine strength and we then receive power that sometimes even surprises us.

It says here: “. . . and you shall be my witnesses . . .” Where the power of the Holy Spirit is active, one can also be a witness of the activity of God and His Son. This word witness has a special meaning. We know this from a court case where witnesses are called.

Not everyone can be a witness, only the person who has actually experienced something. It is the same with us; we can only be true witnesses if we have experienced how the Lord is active in our life. This is my desire: that we are all witnesses of the Lord.

So we see a wonderful connection here. Firstly, there is prayer. This results



But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of earth.

— (Acts 1:8)

in strength and power; from this we make experiences of faith and are witnesses of this to others. We remain firm in faith and in our trust in the lord and in this manner we proceed to the day of the lord. (Shortened).

Extended form of Divine Services (part 1)

Chief Apostle Wilhelm Leber informed all congregations by letter of the extended sequence of our divine services. This will be introduced worldwide on the first Sunday of Advent 2010.

Why the change? When the district apostles considered the topic of renewal within the New Apostolic Church they thought how the current form of a divine service could be enriched. They wanted to make services even more of a spiritual experience. At a District Apostles Meeting in Toronto in October 2007 they agreed this could be done by placing more importance on the celebration of Holy Communion and focussing on the content of our prayers. Here follows a summary of the extended sequence a divine service will take.

Before the divine service

The time before the divine service commences should be used for preparation of our inner being. It should serve for our personal sanctification, including: Greeting of members, time for personal prayer, musical contributions. Approximately 3 minutes silence before service begins.

Beginning of divine service

After the opening hymn has been sung, the officiant will commence in the triune name of God. A 2-3 second pause will follow before the opening prayer starts. After the Bible text

has been read the choir, or alternatively the congregation, will sing a hymn.

Reading a passage from the Bible

On some special festive days a passage will be read from the Bible. This should lead to a better understanding of a Christian festive day. It also makes clear that the Bible is the basis of faith and testimony. The reading of a passage from the Bible is not identical the reading of the Bible text.

Sermon

The officiant will then begin the sermon based on the Bible text for the divine service. The sermon is concluded with "Amen". The congregation responds by saying "Amen". Between the main part of the sermon and assistants, musical contributions in the form of hymns or instrumental pieces should take place if possible. The choice on whether the congregation sings is decided upon by the officiant.



Chief Apostle Wilhelm Leber



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Kenya



District Apostle Lubasi welcomed in Kibwezi by the youth - Apostle Mbiti's working area.



Kibwezi congregation during the Divine Service conducted by the District Apostle.



Choir welcomed District Apostle in Matiliku - Kenya East.



District Apostle and the Choir in Matiliku - Kenya East.



District Apostle welcomed with a bouquet of flowers in Nyeri - Apostle Gitonga's working area.



Members bid farewell to the District Apostle.



District Apostle bids farewell to members after service in Embu.



Choir sings during the service.



Apostle Kinyua with members in Apostle Ochieng's working area after a seminar.



Apostle Mutisya and choir members - Limuru Kenya Central .

Training of extended liturgy



Apostles and Bishops being taken through the training by District Evangelist James Mutinda (Training Officer) in Embu, Kenya



Priestly ministers attended the training conducted by Priest Shadreck Mwila in South 'C' – Nairobi.

Uganda



District Apostle welcomed to Kanogoyoni congregation.



Members greet after the Divine Service - Kanogoyoni congregation.



District Apostle held a discussion with church ministers.



District Apostle joined choir members for practice before the service.



District Apostle conducting the Divine Service - Apostle Bitayi's working area.



District Apostle had fellowship with brothers after the service.



District Apostle welcomed by Sunday school Children at Bushangaro - Apostle Nzarombi's working area.



District Apostle accompanied by Apostle's gathered for a group photo with the youth after service.

Kenya: Apostle Luseneka passes away



On Friday, 18th June, 2010 Apostle Erustus Makokha Luseneka passed away as a result of a malaria infection. His funeral was conducted by our District Apostle Lubasi on 23 June 2010 in our Church in Musembe. Apostle Luseneka was born on 30th July 1967, and was sealed on 17th May 1992. He was ordained a priest in that same year. He had served as an Apostle since 11 April 2004. The Apostle is survived by his wife, Adelaide, and seven children, six of those children his marriage to his first wife Juliet, who passed away in August 2004.

Some Kenyan Apostles visited the family and the grave site of the late Apostle a few months after the burial.



2010 youth and children activities



District Apostle and the children in Dodoma – Tanzania.



Nairobi youth enjoying a swim in the Indian Ocean during a 4 days youth trip to Mombasa – Kenya.



Apostle Kinyua and the Children in Kenya North.



Apostle Mutisya and the children in Kenya central.



Nairobi youth after the service in Shanzu teachers college - Mombasa



Children gathered for a photo after the District Apostle's service in Uganda.



Group of youth in Uganda after the service.



Tanzania



*Apostle George
Epimack Chitemo*



*Apostle Elias
Ambokile
Mwaisaka*



*Apostle Vincent
Salehe*



*Apostle Joseph
Sindobakwira
Celestine*



*Apostle Kennedy
Samweli
Kabome*



*Apostle Zacharia
Yoram Deuly*



*Apostle Mathias
Zacharia
Nzarombi*



*Apostle Pheston
Asajenyé
Kabuje*



*Apostle Leonard
Jani Malila*



*Apostle Wilson
Abnel Mtiga*



*Apostle Enock
Ntibingwa Mateo*



*Apostle Sebastian
Maneno*



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*District Apostle
Shadreck Lubasi*



Uganda



*Apostle Francis
Webisa*



*Apostle Francis
W. Mwesigwa*



*Apostle James
Kimera*



*Apostle Pius
Bitayi*



*Apostle Richard
Kavuma*



*Apostle Bernard
Ogalo Ochieng*



*Apostle Charo
Kazungu
King'ura*



Kenya



*Apostle Chrispin
Kinyua*



*Apostle Daniel
Otumba*



*Apostle Hunney
Luke Anyiko*



*Apostle John
Muisyo Mbiti*



*Apostle Francis
Shida Katana*



*Apostle Francis
Kamuny*



*Apostle Enos
Omutoko Likoko*



*Apostle
Jonathan M.
Mutua*



*Apostle Henry
Romani*



*Apostle James
Aseri*



*Apostle
Joseph Marwa
Waing'are*



*Apostle Peter
Gitonga
M'Imaria*



*Apostle Peter
Jaribu*



*Apostle Richard
O. Madanje*



*Apostle Peter
Kivindu Mutisya*



*Apostle Zacharia
Kinyanjui*



*Apostle Hesborn
Ayieko Ogada*

photo gallery



District Apostle and administration Brothers on move after service in Uganda.



A congregation before the District Apostle service - Uganda.



Apostle Nzarombi and Members Celebrate after the District Apostle service in Kamagambo - Tanzania.



Nairobi youth and Apostle Mutisya at the beach in Mombasa, Kenya.



The youth entertained members after the service conducted by District Apostle in Nyeri - Kenya.



District Apostle welcomed at kamagambo - Tanzania.



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