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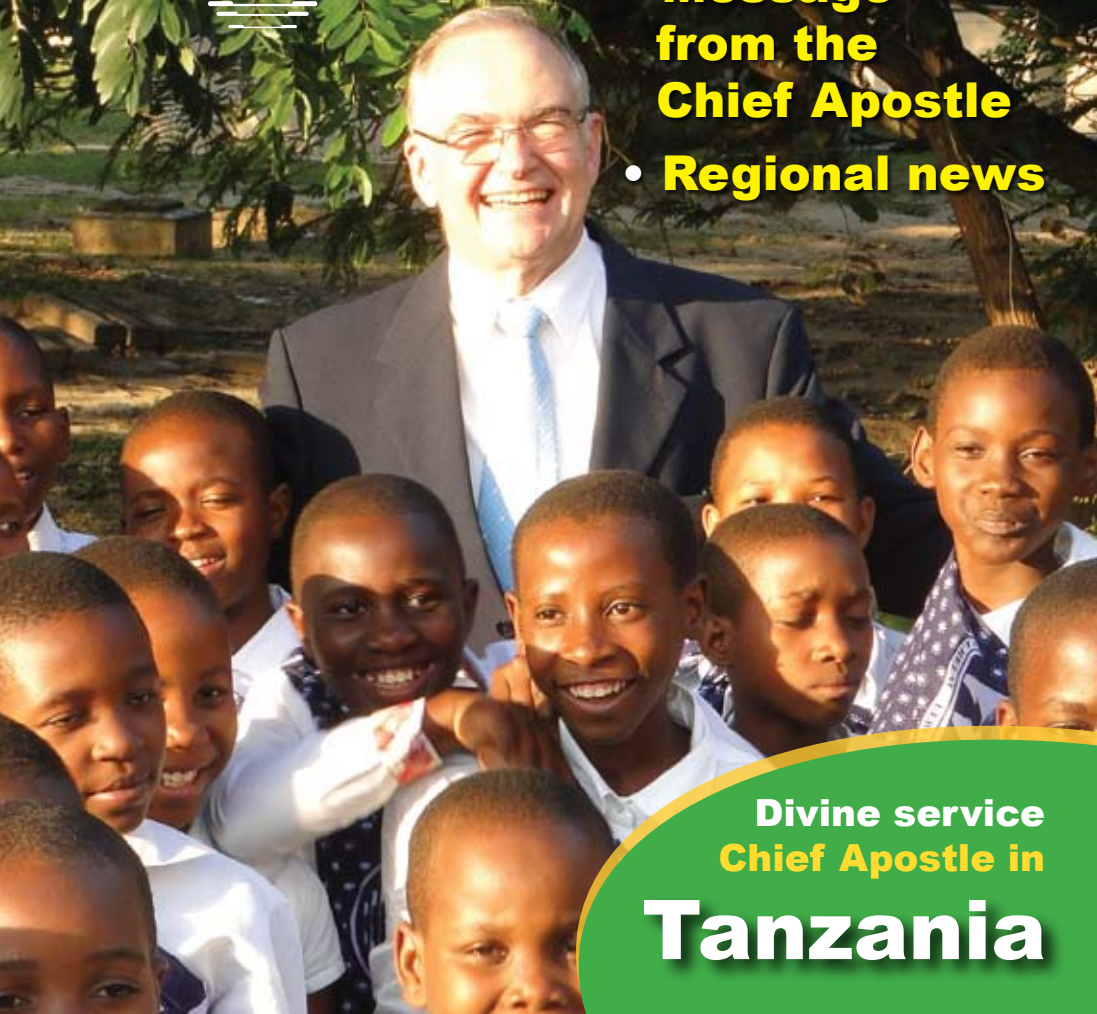
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Divine service
Chief Apostle in
Tanzania



The Chief Apostle in Tanzania



On the weekend of 12-14 August 2011 Chief Apostle Leber visited African country of Tanzania. Two divine services were scheduled here, one on the Saturday in Mbeya and the other on the Sunday the end of the divine service in Mwanza the Chief Apostle placed Apostle Nzarombi and D Seulu, as well as Bishop N Bejumula into well preserved retirement. He then ordained seven apostles and five bishops for District Churches.

My very dear brothers and sisters, the words of the text word were addressed to the Israelites. They were not in Jerusalem anymore and wanted to go back. God gave them this prophesy. He said that they would possess the land and inherit the holy mountain, but there was one requirement: They had to trust Him. This is still valid today. We are striving for eternal glory, but we have to do one thing. We have to put our trust in God.

To trust in God has many parts. When we say we trust God, then we also trust His word.

Abraham trusted in the word of God. God once said to him, Leave your country, leave everything behind; go into a land that I will show you. Abraham did that right away. Let us put our trust in what we hear in divine services for that is the word of God.

I think of Peter who tried to catch fish the whole night, but in vain. The Lord said to him: Go out again and cast your nets the other side. Peter did that, because he recognized the word of God. He said: did not catch any fish the whole night, because of your word, I will do it,



“... But he who puts his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain.”

— Isaiah 57, a portion of verse 13

trust in the word of God.

There is another example of Peter in a very different situation. He was together with the disciples on the lake. The Lord Jesus was not with them, but suddenly He came to them on the water. Peter said: Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water (Matthew 14:28). The Lord Jesus said: Come! and Peter actually went out of the boat and was able to walk on the water. Then he saw the waves, was afraid and began to sink. So that is also something we can learn: We have to put our trust in the Lord completely.

We also put our trust in the guidance of the Lord. Sometimes there are difficult situations and problems, but let us be sure our heavenly Father knows what is going on. He will lead us in these difficult situations if we put our trust in

His guidance.

Let us put our trust in the blessing of the Lord, because we know that our heavenly Father can bless us beyond -our understanding. When we want to be blessed, then let us give him our offerings and serve Him.

And let me mention a final point: Let put our trust in the promises God has given. We know that the Lord Jesus promised to come again and He will fulfill that promise. We do not know when. Could even be today!

So we see that to put our trust in has several aspects. Let us put our trust His word, in His guidance, in His blessing and let us put our trust in the promises he has given. Then we will be accepted when the Lord Jesus comes and we will be united with Him in all eternity.

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Year 2012 Pentecost

It has become a blessed habit to have a Pentecostal greeting word for God's people across the globe.

I prayed for a special word and was very happy to have received the following word "But He said, 'The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.'" Today we often see how quickly we reach our limits. How wonderful it is then to know that with God there are no limits. In this word it is said that with God all things are possible. Then I want to say: "With God everything is possible". When we fully utilize this power of God then we can achieve things mankind would otherwise not achieve. With this I do not want to direct our sight to earthly miracles. I would rather like to talk about spiritual matters where this word can become real for us. Let me mention a few situations.

✦ Perhaps there is anger and disputes between people and they cannot come into each other's company anymore. Such a situation may have been going on for weeks and even months. With man it appears to be impossible that there will be reconciliation, but with God it is possible.

✦ Another situation could be that a family has broken apart. Family members have grown apart from each other and there is a distance between them. At times it seems as if there is no way back. With man this appears impossible, but with God it is possible.

✦ We all have our own characteristics and sometimes they are not good. We really want to control these bad characteristics and then we find out that it is not so easy to control. We repeatedly fall back to doing what is not good. With man it appears to be impossible to control one's bad characteristics, but with God it is possible.

✦ I want to go a little further and explain this word in the global situation we find ourselves in. We know that Christianity is retreating. And if we look into the future we could also become a little afraid. The question may arise: How will things progress? If we look into our own congregation there are also worries and concerns that make us wonder how we are going to make progress into the future. Looking at these things from the human point of view makes

"The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

— Luke 18:27

it difficult for us. But with God everything is possible. God can also change the circumstances of our time for nothing is impossible for Him.

✦ We are waiting for the return of the Lord Jesus to fetch home His bride. The question then arises how we can possibly understand what this will be like. We quickly reach the limit of our understanding and then say, "It is difficult to imagine". With man this is impossible to understand, but with God it is possible.

These are but a few examples that I have given you, but I am sure you understand what is meant. We reach our human limits so quickly, in particular when it comes to our spiritual being. If however we fully utilize the divine power of God we can extend ourselves beyond the limits of human understanding because with God everything is possible. With this I do not want to give the impression that all difficulties can be eliminated instantaneously. But if we have trust in God, allow ourselves to be guided by Him and utilize His power then we can go beyond the natural limits.



Wilhelm Leber

Chief Apostle Wilhelm Leber

East Africa



New Apostolic Church East Africa has embarked on implementing an initiative that will ensure that all the congregations in East Africa are viable. This means that at least 60 members will be in attendance in every divine service.

In order to achieve this, a training programme has been put in place to cover the basics of the New Apostolic doctrine and later develop into leadership skills. Through capacity building, two trainers have been trained from each Apostle Area. These will in turn train a trainer in every sub district.

The first module (Introduction to New Apostolic Church) was trained in April 2012 to the trainers. The target group for this module is both ministers and all members. After the training of all ministers and members, the following objectives are anticipated.

1. The ministers and members will have profound knowledge of NAC Doctrine;
2. New Apostolic faith will be developed in all congregations;
3. Standardized New Apostolic way of life in the region. In addition to the above training; NAC Cape has offered to support NAC EA by training the pastoral care leaders (Apostles and Bishops). The first group of 10 ministers were trained in Capetown South Africa in June 2012. They will in turn train all the other apostles and bishops. This will go a long way in developing viable and lively congregations in East Africa.

The second measure into realizing viable congregations is through music. Congregational choirs are being developed and a Training



programme for choir conductors is already underway. Members are encouraged to support the programme because music is a magnet that can attract many guests.

Thirdly; to ensure quality soulcare to all our members a ministerial structure which is in line with New Apostolic Church international is being implemented. We are convinced that after full implementation of the above initiatives, the following expected outcomes/results will be experienced;

1. Uniformity in the way ministers/members conduct Church business;
2. Growth in faith amongst ministers and members;
3. Calm and orderly divine services;
4. Members fulfillment and high attendance levels;
5. New members in the congregations;
6. Lively congregations
 - More member participation
 - Increased fellowship
 - Improved Choirs
 - Increase in services held i.e. mid-week, youth, children.etc;
7. Establishment of new congregations;
8. Increase of offerings.



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1. Chief Apostle and District Apostles Shadreck Lubasi, and Charles Ndadula, during the choral Concert in Dar-es-Salaam.
2. Choir members during the Divine service in Mwanza.
3. Choir members singing during choral in Dar-es-Salaam.
4. Members after the Chief Apostle divine service in Mbeya.
5. Children's Choir.



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District Apostle Shadreck Lubasi together with all kenyan Apostles, Bishops and other church ministers after the Divine Service for ministers and their wives at South C, Nairobi on 10th Dec 2011.



District Apostle Shadreck Lubasi and administration brothers at Butegwa Congregation in Uganda. He was accompanied by Apostle Mwesingwa.



New church building for Kasoka in Uganda was dedicated on 27th April 2012.



Apostle Peter Gitonga and children at kirinyaga after the childrens service.



Apostle Byoona and Members after the end of year 2011 Divine service at Kampala central - Uganda.

Year 2012 Confirmands

Dear Confirmands,

The moment has come: you are about to assume responsibility for yourselves on your way to a life with Christ. You will now take over and promise for yourselves that which your parents promised on your behalf when you were baptised and sealed. You will now profess your faith and speak your Confirmation vow. Thereupon you will receive the blessing for your Confirmation, which is to strengthen you upon your path.

The Bible text for your Confirmation is recorded in **Proverbs 11: 27**, where it says:

“He who earnestly seeks good finds favour, but trouble will come to him who seeks evil.”

This message is to accompany you.

The important thing is to strive for that which is good. That is certainly not always easy. After all, Apostle Paul already stated: “For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practise.” Nevertheless, if you always make the endeavour to do good things, the Lord will strengthen you and stand by your side. The striving for goodness is the key to a fulfilled life that is blessed by God. And it also carries within itself a promise, which Apostle Paul expresses in another passage: “But glory, honour, and peace to everyone who works what is good...” If you remain loyal and faithful to the Lord in this sense, you will not miss out on reaching the goal of our faith.

I wish you joyful and blessed days all around, and send my warmest greetings to you, your parents, and loved ones.

Yours,
Chief Apostle
Wilhelm Leber



District Apostle Shadreck Lubasi and Confirmands at Limuru Town Congregation on 8th April 2012, working area of Apostle Joseph Ekhuya.



Bishop David Mwaniki and Rectors of South C subdistrict with the confirmands on 8th April 2012 in South Congregation, Nairobi.

Retirements

Apostle Mathias Nzarombi



BORN: 4/4/1945
ORDINATION: 15/8/1982
RETIREMENT 14/8/2011

The retired **Apostle Nzarombi** was born on 4th April 1945 in Karangwe, Tanzania. After schooling, he worked as a revenue collector and later joined a Theological college, after which he became a Lutheran pastor in 1975.

He got married to Sister Melisa Itebuka in 1967. Their marriage was blessed with 8 children. 5 are alive but 3 have proceeded to the beyond. As of August 2011 they had 13 grandchildren.

Apostle Nzarombi received the testimony of the New Apostolic Church from Bishop Nyasulu (retired) in January 1982. He was adopted by Bishop Donald Kratt (retired) on 14th August 1982. The same year he was ordained Priest.

In 1983 he was ordained Evangelist and on 3rd December 1983 he was ordained an apostle. He served as an apostle for 28 years till his retirement during a festive Divine service held by Chief Apostle Wilhelm Leber on 14th August 2011 in Mwanza, Tanzania.

Retired Apostle Mathias Nzarombi and his wife Melisa just after his retirement in a Divine Service at Mwanza, Tanzania on 14th August 2011.



Apostle John Mbiti



BORN: 4/4/1946
ORDINATION: 10/9/1988
RETIREMENT: 19/2/2012

The retired **Apostle Mbiti** was born on 4th April 1946 in Kakuyu, Muumoni normally in Mwingi district. After his primary education he worked as a businessman.

He got married to Sister Lucia Kyendwa and their marriage was blessed with 9 children. Apostle Mbiti came into contact with the New Apostolic testimony in 1977 and on 8th April 1977 he was baptized and sealed by Apostle Wilbert Vovak. In the same day he received the deacon ministry.

He was ordained an Apostle on 10th September 1988 by the retired Chief Apostle Richard Fehr. During his time as Apostle, the New Apostolic faith grew rapidly in Mwingi. He served in this ministry for 23 years until his retirement during a festive Divine service held by Chief Apostle Wilhelm Leber on 19th February 2012, in Mombasa, Kenya.



Retired Apostle John Mbiti and his wife Lucia just after his retirement in a Divine Service at Mombasa, Kenya on 19th February 2012.

New ordination for Apostles & Bishops



BORN: 10/4/1964
ORDINATION: 14/8/2011

Apostle Steven S. Nhende

was born in Islamic believing family on 10th April 1964 at Ishinde Village in Nzega District, Tabora Region – Tanzania and grew up in the foundation of Islamic faith.

He received the testimony of the New Apostolic Church faith from Priest Julius Tangawizi on 5th August 1984 and baptized on the same day. He strongly remained in the Apostle’s doctrine and in 1984 he was sealed by Apostle Mathias NZAROMBI at Ishinde congregation.

He is married to Christina Cheyo and their marriage is blessed with Five Children. Over the years, he received the following ministries;
10.10.1985 Deacon
20.01.1988 Priest
19.05.1992 Evangelist
02.09.1994 District Evangelist
27.01.2002 Bishop

During a festive divine service in Mwanza, Tanzania on 14th August 2011, he was ordained Apostle. He will be working in Dodoma, Tanzania.



BORN: 21/4/1962
ORDINATION: 14/8/2011

Apostle Yohonah Byoona

was born on 21st April 1962, in a family of four Children. Having been brought up in a God fearing family, he was able to go to school and completed primary education in 1979 and Secondary education in 1983. In 1985 he joined Teachers training college.

He married Evelyn Aliguma in 1986 and their marriage is blessed with two children.

He received New Apostolic faith testimony from Priest Fred Eribankya who later in 1995 baptized him and he was sealed by Apostle Edward Serumain 1996.

During a festive divine service in Mwanza, Tanzania on 14th August 2011, he was ordained an Apostle. He will be working in Kampala, Uganda.



BORN: 23/9/1971
ORDINATION: 14/8/2011

Bishop James Ssali

Ssali was born on 23rd, September, 1971 at Kitabyama in Masaka District, in a family of four. He attended his primary education at Lutti Primary School.

He was invited to the New Apostolic faith with his family by Priest Paul Kaweesi, after attending the Divine Services for some time they decided to be baptized in 1992 by Priest Jonathan Mivule and sealed a year later by Apostle Edward Seruuma.

In 1991 he married Mauricia Nakalema, they are blessed with eight children. Over the years he received the following ministries;

- 1993 Deacon
- 1994 Priest
- 2001 Evangelist
- 19.11.2002 Shepherd
- 22.08.2004 District Evangelist
- 18.04.2010 District Elder

During a festive divine service in Mwanza, Tanzania on 14th August 2011, he was ordained Bishop. The Bishop will work with Apostle Richard Kavuma in Western Uganda.

New ordination for Apostles & Bishops



BORN: 3/5/1960
ORDINATION: 14/8/2011

Bishop James Masila was born on 3rd May 1960, a first born in a family of six in Kyawango village, Syathani Location, Machakos county. He joined primary school in 1970 and upon completion he was admitted to Gittu Secondary school. He has worked in both private and public sectors before becoming a small scale farmer. He married Victoria Ndinda on 3rd March 1984 and they are blessed with 3 children.

He was introduced to the New Apostolic Church by Priest Dominic Wambua now the District Elder in 1990. The same minister baptized Him and his family on 9th May 1992. He was sealed later by the late Apostle Patrick Mutava on the 20th May, 1992.

Over the years, he received the following ministries;

- 14.11.1993 Priest
- 18.03.1998 Evangelist
- 15.01.2000 District Evangelist
- 26.11.2006 District Elder

During a festive divine service in Mwanza, Tanzania on 14th August 2011, he was ordained Bishop. He will work with Apostle Peter Mutisya in Kenya central.



BORN: 1/4/1966
ORDINATION: 14/8/2011

Bishop Fredrick Karyebu

Karyebu was born on 1st, April, 1966 at Kapchorwa in Kamokoli District, in a family of four Children. He attended primary School at Kaserom Primary School and O-Level at Sebel and Kaserem Secondary School.

He was invited to New Apostolic by Priest Henry Mongo in Kapchorwa on 28th November 1992. The priest invited him to Yembe congregation where Apostle Francis Kamunyu was scheduled to conduct the divine service. The following day he testified to eight brothers from his home place and together they started two congregations, today Known as Kamogoyon and Mutungyo.

On 1st January 1998 he married, they are blessed with four children. Over the years he received the following ministries;

- 1993 Deacon and Priest
- 24.12.2002 District Evangelist
- 11.01.2006 District Elder

During a festive divine service in Mwanza, Tanzania on 14th August 2011, he was ordained Bishop. He will work with Apostle Pius Bitayi in Eastern Uganda.



BORN: 22/3/1968
ORDINATION: 14/8/2011

Bishop Leonard Leopord

Leopord was born in Kitwe village in Mabira District, Kagera Region, Tanzania on 22nd March 1968, in a family of eight children.

He attended his primary education at Kitwe Primary school in 1977. He Joined the New Apostolic Church from Roman Catholic.

He was testified to the New Apostolic Church faith by a member brother Bazara Bweme from Kanyamwaha congregation in Mabira. He was baptized by Priest Karugendo on 2nd February 1984 at Ibamba congregation and later he was sealed.

He is married to Kadogo Agripina and they are blessed with eight children. Over the years he received following ministries;

- 07.06.1985 Deacon
- 06.07.1988 Priest
- 02.05.1992 Dist Evangelist
- 22.06.2000 Dist. Elder

During a festive divine service in Mwanza, Tanzania on 14th August 2011, he was ordained Bishop/ The Bishop will work with Apostle Celestine in Karangwe, Tanzania.



BORN: 1/4/1966
ORDINATION: 19/2/2012

Apostle David Nyamai

Nyamai was born on 4th March 1964 in Zombe, Kitui in Eastern province. Born of God fearing parents who were not New Apostolic.

After school, he had a short stint as a teacher in 1987 before joining an accounting course after which he worked with the Kenya Posts and Telecommunications as postal officer. He later joined the Post Bank.

He became New Apostolic in 1988, baptized and sealed in March 1989. He got married to Vivi Kineene and their marriage is blessed with four children.

Over the years he received the following ministries;

- Priest 26.07.1992
- Rector 07.02.1993
- District Rector 20.03.1994
- Evangelist 28.09.1997
- District Evangelist 05.10.2001
- Bishop 11.04.2004

He was ordained an Apostle during the festive divine service conducted by our Chief Apostle Leber in Mombasa, Kenya on 19th February 2012. The Apostle will take over part of retired Apostle John Mbiti's Area, Kitui, Mwingi and Kamuwongo in eastern province.



BORN: 25/5/1975
ORDINATION: 19/2/2012

Bishop Joseph Musyoki

Musyoki was born on 25th May 1975 in Kavisuni, Kitui in Eastern Province, Kenya. He joined New Apostolic Church on 12th Dec 1989.

He has worked in various organizations before becoming a Farm Manager in 2004 where he worked until he left to venture into business in 2009. He received the New Apostolic testimony in 1989 and was sealed in 1991. He is married to Gladys Wayua and blessed with three children.

Over the years he received the following ministries;

- Priest 18.07.1993
- Evangelist 13.12.2003
- District Evangelist 16.08.2004
- District Elder 13.11.2005

He was ordained into the Bishop ministry during a festive divine service in Mombasa, Kenya by our Chief Apostle Leber on 19th February 2012. The Bishop will work with Apostle David Nyamai in Kitui.

photo gallery



Chief Apostle boarding a flight at Mwanza Airport to Zurich via Nairobi, after his visit in Tanzania.



District Apostle Shadreck Lubasi, apostle Mwesigwa and other church ministers in sacrety before the Divine service in Uganda.



Joyful choir members after the concert at Dar-es-Salaam with the chief Apostle.



Bishop Ngugi presents donated blankets to the aged men and women in Embu.



Choir singing at Ithaga Market in Kenya Central - Apostle Peter Mutisya's working area.



Apostle Kavuma travels in a boat with some ministers to hold a divine service in an island, Uganda.



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