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# Spreading enthusiasm for Jesus Christ

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The gospel is the record of God's salvific deeds revealed in the birth of Jesus, His death on the cross, His resurrection, and His return. Faith in Jesus Christ and the rebirth out of water and Spirit are the path that leads to eternal fellowship with God. This is the gospel, the good news.

Let us share this gospel with our children and our neighbour. Indeed, as Christians we have been called and chosen to spread the fire of the gospel. This is only possible, however, if we are burning for Jesus Christ. This fire must jump from one heart to the other, otherwise it will not work. What can we do concretely?

Let us show more interest in the gospel ourselves. It will make God's love for us, for mankind, more understandable and even greater.

Let us speak with our children and our neighbour about the gospel. This way they will discover God, our experiences with Him, and our great future.

Let us pray with our children and our neighbour. In prayer, we experience the presence of God. God hears and God answers.



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This sometimes requires a little time, some willpower and self-discipline, and effort. Please, help along in spreading this fire. Take the time to pass this fire on to our children, to our neighbour.

God's love for mankind is so exciting and inspiring! Let us inspire our children and our neighbour with God's love!

I wish you God's blessing in promoting Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jean-Luc Schneider'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping 'J' and 'S'.

Jean-Luc Schneider

# Walking over water with Jesus

For the Young Peoples' Convention from 16 to 18 February 2018 in Cape Town (South Africa), District Apostle John Kriel invited all young people aged 14 to 35



Matthew 14: 29

*“So He said, ‘Come.’  
And when Peter had come down  
out of the boat, he walked on  
the water to go to Jesus.”*

Dear brothers and sisters, it is definitely something special to stand here and experience this service in this great and wonderful circle. I am aware that most of you cannot see me. Even on the screens, if you are far away from them, you will only see a dark speck. We are just too far away from each other.

That is a nice image. It shows how I feel this morning. When I see you, when I think of the presence of God in our midst, I feel so very small and I realise that I am just a small tool in God's hand. And I want to remain that small. But our wish and conviction is that Jesus Christ is great in our midst today, and that everyone can experience: Jesus is not far away from me; He is beside me. And even though we are many thousands today, Jesus will be with you and very close to you.



When Jesus entered Jericho, there was a big crowd waiting for Him. There was also a certain man named Zacchaeus who wanted to see the Lord. He was small of stature. The other people did not like him. He was dishonest. Nobody took notice of him. But when Jesus entered the city, He noticed this man. He knew that the other people despised Zacchaeus. But Jesus went to his house.

At the pool of Bethesda there was one man who had been lying there for 38 years, waiting for the water to be stirred up. But nobody cared about him, everybody ignored him. When Jesus came, He saw precisely this one man, the forgotten one, and healed him.

One day in the temple, Jesus watched the people bringing their offerings, when He saw a poor widow throw in two mites—it was a pittance. For all the people there it was really nothing. But Jesus saw her, and He told the others how important this poor widow's small offering was.

My dear brothers and sisters, maybe some of you this morning have the feeling, "I'm not really part of the community. I feel a little bit rejected, not appreciated." Jesus sees you, and He wants to come to you and bless you. Others may think, "Nobody cares about me. No one even notices me. I asked for help, but it never came." I tell you, you are not forgotten. Jesus will help you.

Maybe you have the feeling, "My contribution in God's work doesn't count. It's not even noticed. Nobody says thank you. What I do is of no importance."

Jesus takes note of all we do, every offering, every sacrifice. He tells us through the Holy Spirit, "Don't worry, I've seen what you've done for Me, and I will bless you for it." Even though we are a big number this morning, we can be sure that Jesus knows each one of us personally. Jesus wants to bless each one personally and in a special manner.

I read a passage from the well-known story when the disciples were out on the lake and a storm came up. Suddenly they saw somebody walking towards them on the water. They were terrified. "It is a ghost!" Jesus immediately called out

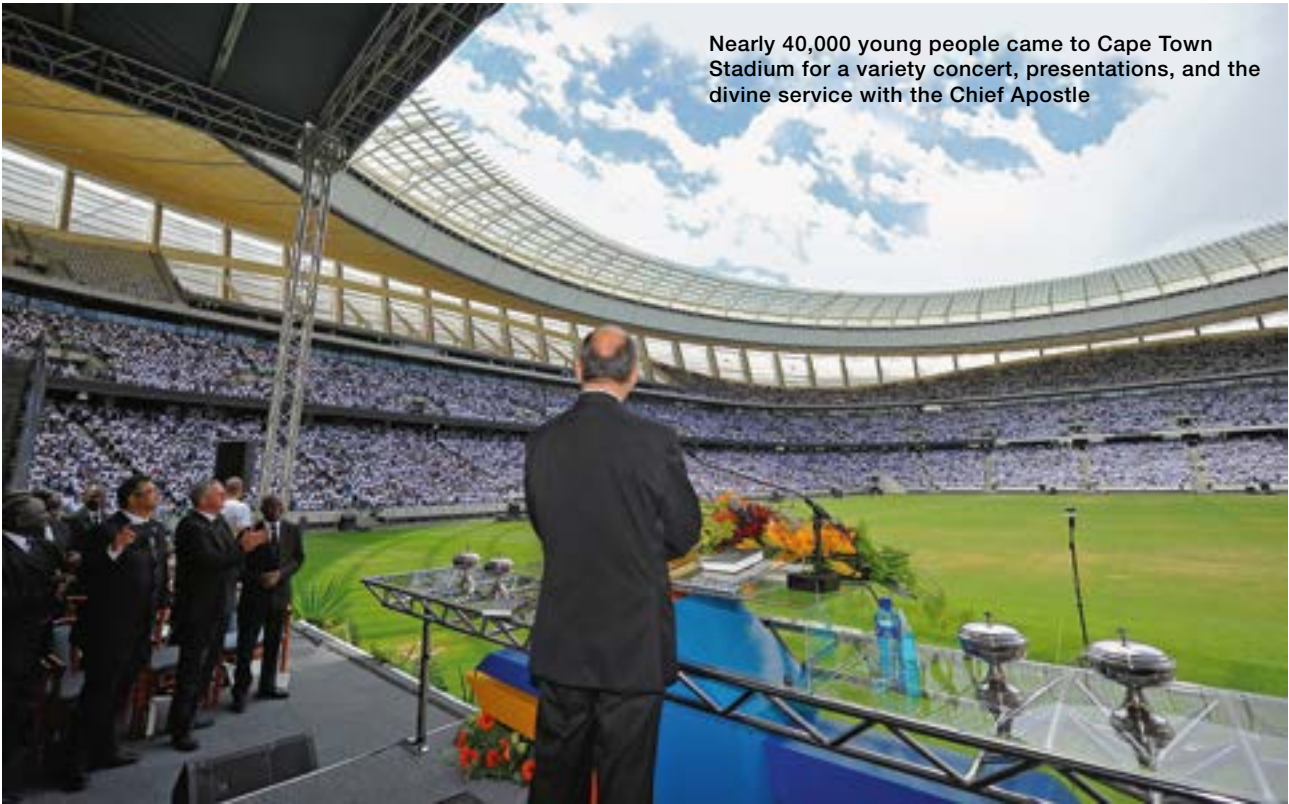
to them, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." Then Peter said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." And then follows today's Bible text: "So He said, 'Come.' And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus." That is a nice image for our salvation. Since man's fall into sin, Jesus has been calling mankind, "Come back to Me, please. I want to lead you into eternal fellowship with Me." This is not a general call; it is an individual one. God invites every human being personally, "Please come to Me." The same call applies to us. Brother, sister, come to Jesus. He wants to lead you into eternal fellowship with Him.

Jesus calls us today, "Come, I want to have fellowship with you right now." Or to say it with today's motto, "Come, I want to live and move with you." Come, and live and move with Jesus. Let Me be part of your life. Share your thoughts and your life with Me. Come closer to Me.

It is not an organisation that is calling. Nor is it your parents who are calling you. It is Jesus Christ Himself who calls

*If you want to come to Jesus,  
you must follow His example  
and do what He did*





you: you and you and you. “Come! I want you to enter My kingdom. Come, I want to live and move with you.” And the third call: “Come, I need you! Come and serve Me.” This invitation is addressed to every single one of us.

Peter heard this call and followed it. To come to Jesus, he had to do something special, something unique. He had to walk on the water, as Jesus did. From a human point of view it seems crazy. That is just not possible. How can a man walk on water? But Jesus said to Peter, “Come!” Peter had to follow the example of Jesus.

My dear brothers and sisters, this is very important. If we want to answer Jesus’ call and come to Him, there is only one way. We must follow His example and do as He did. It is not enough to be faithful and come to church. It is not enough to do good deeds. It is not enough to pray and to bring our offerings. If you want to come to Jesus, you have to follow His example. The important thing is to do as He did.

I know, humanly speaking, it is not possible. But Peter knew: if Jesus asks me to do it, I can do it. What does it mean to do as Jesus did and follow His example? Jesus was

focused. During His life on earth, His mission, He had but one goal: He wanted to go back to His Father. Everything else was secondary. He wanted to fulfil His mission and go back to His Father. That is our goal.

If we want to come to Jesus, we must define our priorities. Our priority in life is to enter the kingdom of God. That is the most important thing for us. This is the road we want to take.

Jesus was obedient. Whatever happened, He was determined to do the will of His Father. And nobody could prevent Him from doing so. Following the example of Jesus means: obeying God whatever happens. In every situation, and without exception, we obey God’s commandments. No discussions, no compromises! This is God’s will, and I will do it. Finished!

Jesus was full of love. He loved everybody. Following the way of Jesus means that love is our highest priority. We long to be able to love each and every person.

Jesus was ready to forgive. He even forgave His enemies. And we want to follow His example. That involves a strug-





*Our only motivation  
to be obedient to the Lord  
is our love for Him*

gle, of course, and it is not at all easy, but we long to be able to forgive everybody, even our enemies.

Once again, it seems impossible, but with God's help we can do it. After all, it is Jesus who is asking us to do it, and He gives us the strength we need. Trust Him! He will never demand the impossible from you. If He asks you to do it, He will help you do it. All it takes is your willingness.

As I said, it was not without risk. And I admire Peter for doing it. He stepped out of the boat and walked on the water. We know that Peter was a good swimmer. Another event proves that: he plunged into the sea and swam to shore to meet Jesus. So he must have been a good swimmer,

but in these conditions—with the wind and the waves—it was dangerous. And he knew that: it was not possible to swim and survive. There was a danger of drowning. But Peter took the risk.

My dear brothers and sisters, it is also a risk to follow Jesus. Many hesitate to follow Jesus, to follow His example, to obey His law, and to love and forgive because it has consequences. The implications for those who are obedient to Jesus and follow Him are that they may have a little less fun in life. They have to settle for a lot less. Those who always obey the law have less money, less pleasure in life, less glory, and less success. If we want to stay with Jesus, and live and move with Him, there is a chance that we will get less than others. However, let us take the chance for Christ's sake.

Somebody might think now, "Yes, but that's risky. You always teach us: we have to forgive, we don't respond to violence with violence, but forgive. But then there is a huge chance that I will be perceived as weak." That is indeed the case. In this crazy world we live in, people who are willing to forgive are considered weak. They are seen as people who have no other options, who cannot fight back and defend themselves, so they forgive. For the world, forgiveness is a sign of weakness. And sometimes we are perceived as weak



District Apostle Michael Deppner (DR Congo)



District Apostle Rüdiger Krause (Germany)



District Apostle Tshitshi Tshisekedi (DR Congo)



District Apostle John L. Kriel (South Africa)

because we are prepared to forgive. However, let us take the chance and follow the example of Jesus.

Some will likely say now, “You know, I’m not that good. I won’t succeed in always being obedient, loving everybody, remaining faithful, and in always being able to forgive. So if I don’t make it in the end, I have lost everything. I will not only *not* enter the kingdom of God, but I will also have been deprived of many things in my life on earth. Either way I lose out.” But that is a chance we have to take.

My dear brothers and sisters, again—and this is my wish for all of us—let us take the chance and follow Jesus. You will not regret it. After all, Jesus is faithful. He will help you. He will bless you. He will lead you into His kingdom, and you will share His glory. You will reign with Him. It is worth remaining faithful to Jesus. Please take the chance. You will not regret it.

Peter stepped out of the boat. He took the chance, and it worked. He did something incredible. He was able to walk on the water as Jesus did. Why? Because he had the right attitude. He did not tell the others in the boat, “Hey, watch me! I am going to show you something amazing.” He did not step out of the boat in order to impress the other disciples. He did not want to demonstrate that he was better than the others. Nothing could have been further from his mind.

His only thought was: I want to be with Jesus. That was his motivation. He did not care what the others thought about him. His intention was certainly not to do anything extraordinary. He had but one desire: I want to go to Jesus, and that is why I will do whatever He tells me.

Brothers and sisters, when we obey the Lord’s commandments, when we are faithful to Christ, it is not because we want to prove to other people that we are better than they are. We do not want to be better Christians than others. We do not want to impress anybody. That is definitely not our motivation. We all know that we will not be able to manage that anyway. We are too weak. It is impossible.

Love for the Lord is our only motivation to show obedience to Him. Because we love Jesus Christ we will do whatever He asks of us. Because we love God and we want to have fellowship with Him, we are obedient and fashion our lives according to the gospel. That is our motivation. And as long as this is our motivation, Jesus will help us do what seems impossible. If our motivation is to become better and to impress others, we will not succeed. But if our motivation is pure, and it is our desire to go to Jesus and have fellowship with Him, God will help us. For man this is impossible, but with Jesus it is possible.

You know how the story of Peter ends. Peter stepped out of the boat, walked on the water, and suddenly—for some reason I cannot explain—he noticed the wind and the waves, became afraid, and began to sink. He was drowning. In panic, he cried out to Jesus, “Lord, save me!” Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (Matthew 14: 31–31).

This story is interesting from the perspective of Jesus. For Jesus, the wind and the waves were obviously not a big problem. The only problem was doubt, Peter’s lack of faith. The issue here was not the sea or the wind, it was the lack of faith.





Dear brothers and sisters, sure, we have to go through trials and tribulations, we have to bring sacrifices, and sometimes even miss a number of things because of our faithfulness to Jesus Christ. But all these tribulations that we go through do not pose a danger for us. They cannot prevent us from entering the kingdom of God, on the contrary. The danger does not come from outside; the danger comes from inside. If our faith becomes weak, then we are in danger.

If we no longer trust Jesus, and decide that what He asks of us is definitely not possible, then we are in danger. If our faith becomes weak and we no longer believe in the promise of Jesus Christ, and we ask ourselves: is it really worth it, should we really give up this and that, will there really be compensation for this in the kingdom of God, then we have become weak. But we want to remain strong in faith.

Sure enough, from time to time it happens that we stumble and fall, and fail to do what has Jesus asked of us. You can be sure that happens to me too. And then we realise how weak we are. And sometimes we even lose courage and think, I will never make it.

Brothers and sisters, maybe some of you are going through a stage in life where you tell yourself: "I will not be able to make it; I am not good enough. I am just not faithful enough." You can make it. Just speak to Jesus and tell Him, "I want to remain faithful. I long to have fellowship with You. Please help me." And Jesus will help you. He will strengthen your faith. But you have to carry the same de-

sire in your heart as Jesus did, who wanted to go back to His Father.

All those who really want to enter the kingdom of God and follow Christ, will receive the strength and the grace they need to do so. Trust Jesus. Listen to His call. He Himself calls you, "Come!" Respond to this call by doing what Jesus did. Live and move with Him. And even if it seems impossible, you can do it. If your motivation is love for Jesus Christ, Jesus will give you the strength you need to enter His kingdom. Already now you can have fellowship with Him, not only in the kingdom of heaven. Here and now you can experience how wonderful it is to live and move with Jesus Christ.

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**To come to Christ, we must follow His example without hesitation.**

**Our commitment to follow the Lord is our answer to His call. We are willing to make sacrifices because we love and trust God. In return, God enables us to remain faithful to the end.**



Jessica Krämer



# Building bridges between inside and outside

Who is inside and who is outside? “Let’s not waste any time over this,” Chief Apostle Schneider said in a divine service in Dieburg (Germany) on 25 February 2018. Other questions are far more important: what is inside, and how does it penetrate outside?

It should be clear that when we are talking about outside and inside, we are not talking about New Apostolics and all the others, Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider said. “What is meant is clearly defined in the Catechism: the church of Christ. We are not talking about the New Apostolic Church. Nor are we talking about the Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church, or the Protestant Church, nor even the sum total of all of these churches.”

“Christendom defines the church of Christ as the fellowship of the baptised who believe in Jesus Christ and profess Him as their Lord.” Only in this light can we begin to examine who is inside and who is outside. “If someone is not baptised, it is quite obvious, but in other cases we must be careful,” the Chief Apostle said, and added, “Only God can assess the sincerity of faith.”

## Acting wisely

“We have merely established that there are many around the world who are outside because they no longer believe in Jesus Christ,” he continued. “Now to our Bible text: ‘Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside.’ What is this wisdom? I am going to mention a few aspects.”

- Do not allow yourself to be unsettled. “Whether the majority of people consider the teaching of Jesus Christ true or not does not call into question the truth of the gospel. The fact that many people are of the opinion that they do not need the fellowship of the faithful does not question the importance of the church of Christ for salvation. Jesus said: ‘The word of God stands forever. The gates of Hades shall not prevail over the church of Christ.’”



■ Marcel Felde

Some 1,500 members attended a divine service by the Chief Apostle in Dieburg, which took place in a technical college. Another 35,000 participants were connected by transmission

the salt of the gospel so that people realise: they have special experience, they have special confidence and joy. This acts like a magnet!”

- Do not allow yourself to be influenced. “We have recognised the truth of the gospel and do the will of God. The number of those who are faithful to Him has absolutely no bearing on our faithfulness.”
- Do not regard those outside as the enemy. “Even if many people today are outside of the church of Christ, God does not see them as opponents. Jesus Christ wants to win them for Himself with His love. It is the mission of the church of Christ to give them the opportunity to experience this love and get to know Jesus Christ.”
- Setting an example in the mind and spirit of Christ. “In the church of Christ people serve Jesus Christ. They treat each other with love, strengthen and serve one another with their gifts, and are united. They are one body: the body of Christ. This is the sign by which the effectiveness of the Holy Spirit can be identified.”
- Doing what we expect of others. “We do not treat those who are outside like they treat us. We treat them as Jesus Christ treats them.”

### Friendly conversation

“We do not patronise others,” Chief Apostle Schneider said. We know very well that we are here only by grace. We are not better than others. Whether inside or outside, we live by the grace of Jesus Christ.

“Let us have very normal conversations in everyday life,” he said in conclusion. “But let us also season them with

In conclusion the Chief Apostle said: “Let us not waste time thinking about who is outside or inside. Let us strive for this wisdom and speak as we have heard. This will have a positive effect on those who are outside and will help them find the way to Jesus. That is our mission.”

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*Colossians 4: 5–6*

**“Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”**

We remain steadfast in the imitation of Christ. The love that exists within the church of Christ testifies to Christ’s presence therein. Our words are filled with the joy and serenity that the gospel provides.



# Accepting the challenge

While in South America in March, Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider celebrated two divine services. One on Monday evening, 19 March 2018, in a conference centre in Rosario in Argentina, some 300 kilometres north-west of the national capital Buenos Aires.

Chief Apostle Schneider began by describing the historic context of the Bible text. God was leading His people out of Egyptian slavery into the Promised Land. Twelve spies were sent to scout out the country and came back with a favourable report, confirming its wealth. All but two of the scouts, Joshua and Caleb, also reported that it was impossible to take the country because of the strong inhabitants and its fortified cities. Sadly, the people followed them. Caleb, however, trusted in God's help, and God promised him that he would inherit the land he had explored.

But Caleb did not receive it right away. "God did not say: 'You are the only believer, go ahead and go in!' No, Caleb had to follow the rest of the people of Israel and spent the next forty years in the desert with them," the Chief Apostle explained. God was with the people, and provided them with food and clothing. It was only after fighting alongside Joshua for five years to conquer the Promised Land that Caleb finally saw the fulfilment of the promise made to him (Joshua 14: 6–15). God granted him the territory

he had explored forty-five years earlier. To take possession of it, Caleb had to fight one more fight; this one was personal.

## Years of battle will bring the victory

Through the sacrifice of Jesus, God delivered mankind from the dominion of sin "in order to lead us into His kingdom", Chief Apostle Schneider said. "To enter this kingdom, we must follow Jesus as well as a certain number of rules," he continued. "We must renounce the devil, fight against sin, and obey the commandments of God." The evil one wants to discourage us and make us believe that God demands impossible things from us. Like Caleb, let us trust God and remain faithful to Him.

God will lead believers until the coming kingdom of God. He will provide them with spiritual nourishment. Chief Apostle Schneider saw another similarity: "God does not look at you and me and then says, 'You are faithful. You can

On Saturday, 17 March, the Chief Apostle had a meeting with the South American Apostles, which was followed by a concert. On Sunday he conducted a divine service in Buenos Aires, which was transmitted throughout the working area of District Apostle Minio



A combined choir of 278 members had practised for many weeks in advance in preparation for the Chief Apostle's visit



enter the kingdom of God right now.” Like Caleb, we have to wait for the day of the return of Jesus Christ.

### Personal challenges

To be able to enter the kingdom of God we have some personal battles to wage. “From time to time, God tells us: ‘Now you have one more battle to fight, a very personal one.’”

- God imposes a burden on us. “We become sick. Or maybe one of our loved ones becomes ill or dies. We lose our job or suffer from some injustice,” although we have faithfully served the Lord for years.
- God asks us to give up our own ideas. “We have our own ideas and opinions on what God should do. We may have had a certain idea about what our congregation should be like, how the ministers should be, or how the Church should develop.” However, God obviously does not always agree with us.
- God urges us to keep all His commandments. “We do our best to keep the commandments, the law of God—except in one situation.” However, God asks us to not give up and keep all His commandments, without exception.
- God expects us to forgive and reconcile: “This is a battle no one can fight for us. We have to do it ourselves. God tells us, ‘Keep trying, don’t give up.’”
- God demands a sacrifice: “He says, ‘So far, your motivation was not that clear. You sacrificed because you wanted My help. You did it because you expected My blessing. This time I would like you to do it out of love for Me.’”

Chief Apostle Schneider: “Let us not be offended if God asks us to fight one more battle, but accept the challenge! With God’s help, we will triumph!” God helped Caleb, and He will also help the faithful who trust in Him today.



There was joy and excitement everywhere. It was the first time that the Chief Apostle visited this region of Argentina

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*Numbers 14: 24*

**“But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.”**

We have been chosen to become firstfruits of the Lamb. In order to attain this we devote ourselves to God, reject any form of idolatry, serve in accordance with the example of Jesus, and follow the Apostles.



# Following Christ: a how-to-guide on gratitude



NAC Papua New Guinea

Giving thanks to God at all times for all things? Isn't that expecting a bit much? "It's unrealistic," Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider says, and goes on to explain what is really meant. Following are core thoughts from a divine service he held on 1 October 2017 in Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea.

"God does not expect us to sing a sincere and joyful hallelujah all the time," the Chief Apostle said. "No, we should give thanks in the name of Jesus Christ."

Let us first give thanks for the salvation of Jesus Christ, which embraces all at all times.

- In the past: "He has given His life for us out of love. When you suffer, remember that Jesus suffered too. So

even in difficult situations we can thank Jesus for His love."

- In the present: "He forgives us our sins. No matter what we have done, we can always come back to Jesus."
- In the future: "He wants us to be with Him where He is and to share the glory the Father has given Him. This glory will be so great that we will not even remember our suffering on earth."





Nearly 1,600 people attended the divine service in Port Moresby. It took place at the Sir John Guise Indoor Complex



To give thanks in the name of Jesus Christ at all times means to follow Him in word and deed.

- In humility and faith: “We are so thankful that our salvation depends only on humility and faith, and not on wisdom and wealth,” the Chief Apostle said. “Not all of us are intellectual or very knowledgeable,” he continued, “but we can all be humble and believe.”
- In prayer: “We are so grateful that the Holy Spirit teaches us how to pray, and that we have the guarantee that if we ask for the same things that Jesus would ask for us we will get them.”
- In forgiveness: “We are thankful for the grace that Jesus grants us and are happy that every sinner receives the same. We are happy when sinners are accepted by God.”
- In trust: “We are thankful that no one, no spirit and no circumstances, can force us to ever doubt Jesus Christ. As long as I want to stay with Jesus, no power can force me to walk away from Him.”
- In perseverance: “Jesus has called us to serve Him. Let us fulfil this mission until the end, because all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose.”

In this way, we can show God our gratitude always and for all things, the Chief Apostle continued. “We are grateful because God loves us. We are grateful because we are so blessed, and God responds to our gratitude by granting us still more blessing.”



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*Ephesians 5: 20*

**“... giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

We give thanks to God for the salvation that He gives us in Jesus Christ. Our offering of thanksgiving consists in faithfully emulating the example that Jesus has given us.



## Election – between offer and mission

Elected by grace. Why? There is no answer to this question. Because the question that needs to be asked is: Elected for what? Following are explanations by Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider on a term central to our New Apostolic self-conception.

“But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the descendants of Abraham My friend. ... Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41: 8, 10).

Through the prophet, God addresses the people of Israel in order to remind them of His election and confirm His faithfulness to them. This message also applies to the people of God of the new covenant.

### Not only for our own salvation

Our Catechism states the following concerning divine election (Catechism 4.5): “Election is rooted in God’s will to call forth individual human beings or groups for a purpose determined by Him, thereby making them accountable to Him.”

Election is a choice made by God in complete independence. God elects those whom He wants whenever He wants, without ever having to justify Himself (Romans 9: 14–18), both

- for their own salvation, on the one hand,
- and in order to participate in His plan of salvation, on the other hand.

Human beings can neither understand nor deserve their election. Nevertheless, they must make their election sure.

### Anything but automatic

Noah was elected by God in order to be saved from the great flood. Through his faith and obedience he made this election sure. The people of Israel were elected in order to receive blessing and salvation. They should have made their election sure by remaining faithful to the Law of Moses. These elections are not based on any human standards. They were God’s free choice (Deuteronomy 7: 6–7).

God also elected the people of Israel in order to serve Him: “And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel” (Exodus 19: 6). Even this election is a sovereign choice by God that continues to elude the grasp of reason.

### An offer that must be accepted

In the new covenant, salvation consists of redemption from sin—that is to say, the lifting of the separation between man

and God. Human beings can only attain salvation through Jesus Christ. Salvation results from divine election.

- In order to be saved, the individual must know Jesus Christ, the Son of God and only Mediator of salvation. He is incapable of arriving at this knowledge on his own: it must be revealed to him by God. On the other hand, it is up to the individual to make his election sure through his faith. It was in this manner that God revealed to Simon Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Peter made his election sure by following the Lord (Matthew 16: 16–17).
- The plan of salvation provides for salvation to be offered to all mankind before the end of time, that is to say, before the new creation. However, this will only be possible once Jesus Christ, the King of all kings, has established His kingdom of peace on earth, and once Satan and his followers are bound. In complete freedom, God chooses the moment in which He will make salvation accessible to each and every person, whether before or after death, or before or after the return of Jesus. This election is rooted solely in His will: human beings can neither explain it nor influence it.

### Called to serve the neighbour

As the people of God of the new covenant, those who believe in Jesus Christ have been elected not only to be redeemed by Christ, but also to serve Him (Catechism 6.2.3.2). All members of the church of Christ are called to serve, namely by

- bringing praise and adoration to God,
- attesting to God’s favours upon them in both word and deed,
- spreading the gospel,
- doing good works.

This service is particularly incumbent on those who have been reborn out of water and the Spirit, since—by grace and through the activity of the Apostles—they hear the proper preaching of the word, receive all the sacraments, and can receive forgiveness for their sins.

Children of God who have been reborn out of water and the Spirit have been elected in order to become firstlings in the kingdom of God. At His return, Jesus Christ will take unto Himself those who have made their election sure—both from among the living as well as the dead—by allowing themselves to be prepared by the apostolate for this return. They will have access to fellowship with Christ without having to enter the Last Judgement. In the kingdom of peace they will comprise the royal priesthood and, as messengers of





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Christ, will be involved in imparting salvation to all human beings who have ever lived (Revelation 20: 6).

### Ministry: a special mission

From time immemorial, God has chosen individuals in order to entrust them with a particular task. Abraham was elected in order to serve as a blessing for all nations. Moses and Joshua were elected to lead the people of Israel into the Promised Land. Jesus Himself is portrayed as the elect of God, whom God has sent to serve mankind (Matthew 12: 18; Luke 9: 35).

The Lord elected His disciples and later Apostles, and also chose Peter in order to entrust him with a special mission (Acts 15: 7). We believe that election to ministry is rooted in the will of God and not the will of man. In the process, the Apostle has the task of recognising the divine will and acting in accordance with it.

### God's answer: faithfulness

God is faithful: He will complete the work He has begun (Philippians 1: 6). According to His plan of redemption,

every human being will have the opportunity to be redeemed (1 Timothy 2: 4). Election to salvation is effectively related to the moment when God offers salvation. At the end of the kingdom of peace, all people will know Jesus Christ. The only ones who will be excluded from fellowship with God will be those who did not accept salvation when it was offered to them. None will be excluded for not having been elected.

### God protects the church

Ever since the church of Christ was established, God has protected it by according it the necessary sanctification and grace so that the church could always be revealed and experienced throughout history, despite all human imperfections. He has also seen to it that the visible church would always be able to fulfil its mission, namely to spread the gospel and keep faith in Jesus Christ alive.

The members of the church of Christ perform this service out of love for God and their neighbour. And this applies in special measure to us, that is to say, to those who are reborn out of water and the Spirit, since the love of God has been poured out in our hearts at Holy Sealing.



However, this service must also be characterised by the fear of God. We must be aware that salvation can only be received by a human being if he has been elected by God to this end. God alone chooses His elect. This election is a mystery that we cannot explain, a divine choice that we cannot influence through our good works.

Up to the establishment of the kingdom of peace, only those whom God has elected for salvation and service will belong to the church of Christ. Therefore, it will not be necessary for all human beings to be sealed or baptised before the return of the Lord in order for the plan of salvation to be realised.

God expects us to trust Him and serve Him out of love without becoming tired. He will see to it that there are always enough of His elect in the church so that it can fulfil

its mandate. And He will even ensure that this is the case during the great tribulation (Revelation 12: 6). The gospel will be proclaimed on earth until the end determined by God.

### God is faithful to His children

God is faithful to those whom He has elected to belong to the royal priesthood. He will see to it that no power can prevent their completion or rapture at the return of Christ (Revelation 12: 5). We know nothing about the actual number of priests of God and of Christ that will be necessary in order to impart salvation to all mankind (the number 144,000 is purely symbolic). No one can say how many firstlings there will be here or in the beyond.

On the other hand, we have the certainty that the Apostles will be active on this earth until the royal priesthood has been established. Through the Apostle ministry, God will ensure that all of His children who desire to make their election sure will receive the necessary powers in order to reach the goal.

### God helps His servants

The Lord will also be with the Apostles—whom He has elected—until their mission is complete (Matthew 28: 20). He will watch over the ministry of the rock—in other words, the Petrine office discharged by the Chief Apostle—so that the church will not be overwhelmed by evil (Matthew 16: 18). All ministers commissioned by Apostles—who work in fellowship with them and the Chief Apostle—can be assured of this help from Jesus Christ. With His help they will be able to fulfil their commission.

In summary, I would like to update the words of the prophet of the Old Testament as follows: “Fear not, O church of Christ! Fear not, O children of God! Do not be dismayed, O servants of God! Jesus will remain true to His elect!”

# IYC 2019: Compiling the programme

“Variety” will be the magic word at the 2019 International Youth Convention of the New Apostolic Church. That much is clear. Otherwise, the topics and schedules are still being developed. And what do the participants want?



Oliver Rütten



From 30 May to 2 June 2019 up to 40,000 participants are expected at the huge exhibition grounds in Düsseldorf (Germany). Thousands of young people from across the world will descend on the city on the Rhine—as was the case already ten years ago at the European Youth Day 2009. Right now, the organisers are busy with the preparations.

They are currently compiling the programme for the three-day event. More than 3,000 young people between the ages of 11 and 34 participated in an online survey, asking them about their preferences. Classified according to age groups—group 1 (11–17 years), group 2 (18–24 years), group 3 (25–34 years)—the organisers were able to evaluate the responses quite accurately.

## Divine services are popular

The survey showed that there are big differences between the age groups in terms of what kind of music they like. The approach to topics is also different: the preferences range from serious biblical subjects to parties. Ninety-six per cent of those surveyed look forward to the divine services that will be offered on Ascension and the Sunday after. The respondents also agreed on seminars, panel discussions, and street music. Whereby seminars and panel discussions are more appreciated by the older ones.

Social media, one of the topics, is of special interest to young people aged 11 to 17. Topics such as “Marriage and Family”, “Planning your future” and “Personal crises” seem to be more interesting to those twenty years and older. About eighty per cent of all respondents voiced an interest in “The practising Christian”, “Life after death”, and “The return of Christ”. In fact, faith-related topics are welcome.

## The motto: Here I am

The motto of the youth convention is “Here I am”. It is both God who addresses these encouraging words to man and vice versa. And therefore it applies to the participants of the youth convention in a very personal way and stands for: “I will come. I want to participate and help along!” Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider and several District Apostles were given a tour of the exhibition grounds in November 2017. They were very pleased with what they saw.



# NAC Zambia Celebrates 90 years with Chief Apostle

By Nathaniel Lowa in Livingstone



George Henwood Mkandawire

1928 is a significant year for New Apostolic Church Christians in Zambia because it marks the inception of the church. It was in that year that George Henwood Mkandawire, after joining the New Apostolic Church in Cape Town, brought the gospel he had encountered to Zambia.

The church has since grown from a few members to about 1,214,972 members with over 7,500 congregations across the country over the past 90 years.

For this reason, Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider joined the rest of New Apostolic Church members in Zambia in celebrating its 90 years of existence.

Upon his arrival on the 26th of April, 2018, the Chief Apostle, who was accompanied by District Apostle Michael Deppner of Congo and District Apostle Helper Patrick Mkhwanazi of South Africa, was received by District Apostle Charles Ndandula.

24 Apostles and 15 bishops from Zambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe equally travelled to Livingstone to be part of the celebration.

On the 27th of April 2018, the Chief Apostle held a closed door meeting starting at 10:00 hours with all active Apostles and Bishops and while the meeting was going on, the sisters' fellowship held indoor activities where Sister Pascale Schneider was guest of honor. The Chief Apostle, after the meeting, then proceeded to visit a game park locally called "The Big 5" which hosts different types of endangered animals including Lions, Elephants, Cheetahs and Caracals. He later proceeded to the world heritage site of the Victoria Falls. During his tour, the Chief Apostle emphasized the need for God's children to appreciate God's creation as it is a reminder of how wonderful God is. The hype of activities in the tourist capital,



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Livingstone, officially started the following day, Saturday, 28th April 2018 with a march past, which started at 8:30 hours at Maramba Church to Livingstone Civic Centre where the Chief Apostle and his entourage were in attendance.

At the Civic Centre, the Chief Apostle addressed members and encouraged them to continue growing the works of faith for many more years to come and to emulate what the pioneers of this work did.

The Chief Apostle could not hide his excitement with the concert which was held at Musi O Tunya church the same day in the afternoon where he was guest of honor. At the concert, he appreciated the works done by the choir and organizers but also encouraged them to continue finding joy in singing for the Lord. He also called upon the members to remain strong in faith.

***“Let us always remember to lean upon our heavenly Father and let us be strong in words and in deeds but also to remember that Jesus is our rock,” he said.***

In apparent reference to the occasion.

The celebration of 90 years was completed with a festive divine service on Sunday, 29th April 2018. The Chief Apostle in his sermon read from Matthews 10 vs 6 as the text word:

***“Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven”.***



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1. Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider upon arrival at Harry Mwaanga Nkumbula International Airport in Livingstone on 26th April, 2018.
2. Apostles and Bishops during the meeting with Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider on 27th April, 2018.
3. Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider and his entourage viewing Lions at the Mukuni Big 5 Safari in Livingstone on 27th April, 2018.
4. Chief Apostle addressing members at Musi O Tunya church during the concert on 28th April, 2018.

The Chief Apostle, during the service made reference to the works of those who pioneered God's work in Zambia.

*“We express our gratitude to our forefathers and to all the previous generations that have worked before us. We benefit today from their work and their sacrifices and we are so thankful to God that we can be part of this work of salvation; that we too could receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*

He then explained why, as children of God, we need to pray in line with the text word. *“We want to do the will of God as the will of God is done in Heaven. And why are we asking to have the strength to do God's will? Because we know that God abides with those who comply with His will, and we want God to abide with us. And this we know that the only way for God to abide and be with us is to do His will,”* he said.

In winding up the service he encouraged the members to understand the will of Jesus Christ.

*“The will of God is that we overcome all our differences to become one in Christ. Blessed are those who understand the will of Jesus and do it. The will of God is that our neighbor is saved too and over this too we want His will to be done on earth as it is done in heaven. We do want our neighbour to be saved even if he is in prison because he is guilty, even if he is a stranger, somebody who is totally different from us,”* he said.

The Chief Apostle, after Holy Communion, put into retirement Apostle Godwin Lubinda Nyuwa of Sesheke-Mulobezi Apostle Area who has been active for 38 years as a Minister in the church and more than seven years as an

Apostle. The Chief Apostle also retired Apostle Ignatius Bisenga Luneta of Senanga-Shangombo Apostle Area, who has been active for 41 years as a Minister and more than 25 years as an Apostle.

Chief Apostle Schneider then ordained District Elder Peter Mukonda (Senanga-Shangombo Apostle Area) and District Elder Sabwiza Tufule (Sesheke-Mulobezi Apostle Area) as Apostles to replace the two retired Apostles.

The Chief Apostle also assigned Apostle Kububa Soko of Chipata as District Apostle Helper to be responsible for 5 provinces namely, Western, North Western, Copperbelt, Eastern and Luapula provinces, respectively. The District Apostle Helper Robert Nsamba will be responsible for the other five provinces, namely Southern, Central, Lusaka, Northern and Muchinga.

12,604 members including 170 guests attended the service at Nakatindi, which was transmitted live throughout Zambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe via Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation TV1 & Radio 2.

The Chief Apostle and his wife Pascale left Zambia for home on 30th April 2018.

5. Newly ordained Apostles Sabwiza Tufule (left) and Peter Mukonda (right) during service with the Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider on 29th April, 2018.

6. Newly assigned District Apostle Helper Kububa Soko of Chipata during service with the Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider on 29th April, 2018.





# About Apostle Peter Mukonda (Senanga-Shangombo Apostle Area)

By David Nalumino Mwiya



Apostle Peter Mukonda

**P**eter Mukonda. This is the name of the new Apostle for Senanga-Shangombo Apostle Area, ordained on 29th April 2018 by Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider at Nakatindi Church Grounds in Livingstone during the 90th Anniversary celebrations.

He was born in a New Apostolic family on 30th January 1979 at Lianyi Village, Chief Nalonge in Senanga District of Western Province. His father is David Mukonda Kambungo (now a retired Shepherd) and the mother is Mary Kalumbu Kambungo. He was baptized and sealed in the same year he was born by Apostle Barrington Nawa Sianga. For his primary school education, he went to Lububa Primary School in Kaoma District, from 1988

to 1994 and then proceeded to Senanga Secondary School from 1995 to 1999. He undertook a course in bricklaying and plastering at Mongu Trades Training Institute from 2003 to 2004. He later joined the Ministry of Works and Supply, and in 2013, was appointed Assistant District Works Supervisor, based at Nkeyema District, one of the newest districts of Western Province, where he is currently.

'In a purely Apostolic affair', he married Purity Nyambe Mukumbuta, 8th born daughter of Bishop Aggrey Anayawa Mukumbuta (in retirement) on 10th June 2007. The Lord has blessed their union with two sons.

He is currently pursuing further studies for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work at the University of Barotseland.

Over a period of time, Peter was ordained in the following ministries:

Deacon - 12th May 1996 by Apostle I.B. Luneta at Nzuli congregation

Priest - 26th April 1998 by Apostle I.B. Luneta at Lilundu congregation

Community Evangelist - 19th September 2001 by Apostle I.B. Luneta at Mwanambinyi congregation

Shepherd - 29th August 2010 by Apostle I.M. Ananyetele at Imwiko congregation

District Elder - 14th July 2012 by District Apostle C.S. Ndandula at Itufa congregation.

Apostle - 29th April 2018, by Chief Apostle Schneider.

# About Apostle Sabwiza Tufule (Sesheke-Mulobezi Apostle Area)

By David Nalumino Mwiya



Apostle Sabwiza Tufule

We welcome the new Apostle for Sesheke-Mulobezi Apostle Area, Sabwiza Tufule, born on 25th January 1965 at Samunsi village, Chief Sampuo of Sesheke District to Mr. Alexis Sabwiza Tufule and Mrs Grace Namasiku Tufule.

In 1972, he started his primary education at Sesheke Primary School, completing at Mulwani in Livingstone. For his junior secondary, he went to Livingstone's Saint Raphaels Secondary School and completed his senior secondary education at Monze Secondary School.

After his graduation as a Primary School Teacher at David Livingstone Teachers' Training College in 1988, he joined the Teaching Service as a teacher,

based at Nyati Primary School, before moving to Lukulu Basic School (both in Lukulu District of Western Province). He went for further studies from 1999 to 2000 for Secondary School Teachers' Diploma at Nkrumah Teachers' College in Kabwe, in addition to an Education Management Course at Chalimbana's National In-Service Teachers' College (NISTCOL). He later taught at St. Columba's Secondary School, thereafter transferred to Phelim O' Shea School still in Lukulu as Head Teacher. With his passion for continuous personal development, he enrolled at University of Zambia (UNZA), obtaining a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Secondary Education. In 2013, he was transferred to Sichili, Sesheke in the same capacity, the post he still holds to-date.

He married Doris Nyati Sibamba on 5th May 1990, and their marriage has been blessed with five children; two boys and three girls.

In 1989 while teaching in Lukulu, Priest Maseli, later Shepherd (deceased) testified to him about the re-established work of grace, the word fell on fertile ground. He and his wife were adopted and later sealed by District Apostle Helper Barrington Nawa Sianga in 1990.

Over a period of time, he was ordained in the following ministries:

Priest 1992 by Apostle Aggrey K. Singanda.

Shepherd: 1998 by Apostle Aggrey K. Singanda.

District Evangelist: 2007, by District Apostle Charles S. Ndandula

District Elder: 6th May 2017, by District Apostle Charles S. Ndandula

Apostle: 29th April 2018, by Chief Apostle Jen – Luc Schneider

# Sisters Fellowship donate to inmates

By Shadrack Wilima in Luanshya



Part of the members that accompanied Apostle Mwansa to Luanshya Correctional Facility on 5 May, 2018.

About 185 brothers and sisters from Luanshya braved the rains to attend a special fellowship with Prisoners at Luanshya Correctional Facility on 5 May 2018.

Area Apostle Jacob Mwansa graced the occasion accompanied by Bishop Mwiya and District Ministers. The Apostle based the fellowship on a text from Matthew 10:5-6:

*“These twelve, Jesus sent forth, and commanded them saying, ‘Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel!’”*

Apostle Mwansa assured the inmates that even in their state, the love of God still covers them. He referred to the words of Jesus when he said, ‘I was in prison, you visited Me,’ as the main reason for the visit.

At the end of the fellowship, the Apostle handed over assorted items valued at over K5,000.00 which was contributed by the Sisters' fellowship.

In receiving the items, Sub Inspector Mufunta, who represented the Chaplain, expressed gratitude over the gesture by the New Apostolic Church.



Some of the items donated to inmates at Luanshya Correctional Facility by the New Apostolic Church Sisters' fellowship.

One prisoner, who spoke on behalf of the 350 inmates at the facility, thanked the Apostle and the Church at large and asked them to continue praying for them.

The Prisoners' choir was on hand to render praise songs, much to the delight of the visitors.

This is the second time Apostle Mwansa has conducted such a fellowship with prisoners, the first one having been at Ndola's Kansenshi Prison in 2017.



# National Youth Day in Zimbabwe

By Kumbula Ndlovu in Kwekwe



Part of the youths that participated in the 2018 National Day of Youths for Zimbabwe Apostle Area.

Area Apostle Daniel Mulemba officiated at the 2018 New Apostolic Church National Youth Day for Zimbabwe and Youth Service which was held from Friday, May 4 to Sunday, May 6, 2018.

**2**01 youths from across Zimbabwe gathered at Kwekwe Primary School for the event.

On Saturday, May 5th the Apostle officially opened the gathering. The youths participated in a talent show, march past and sporting activities, including a choral presentation.

Sunday was the highlight of the weekend with a festive Divine Youth Service which was held at Kwekwe Primary School. Apostle Mulemba (officiant) used a bible text from 1 Samuel 3: 4 part thereof: "Here I am!"

In reference to the text, Apostle Mulemba encouraged the young people to aspire to do the work of God.

"My dear brothers and sisters, dear youths; the future of the work of God is in you. As read in our text, let us submit ourselves and allow the Lord to use us in His work of salvation," he said.

The Apostle further urged the youths to do the right things which will bring honour and glory to God.

"As young people, we must occupy ourselves with things that bring honour and glory to our heavenly Father. 'Here I am' means as a Christian, I am where I am supposed to be. Adam and Eve, after they had sinned, went to hide. Let us always submit ourselves. When the Lord calls on us, our response should be, "Here I am," he said.

During the service, a Community Evangelist was assigned as rector for two congregations while a Priest and a Deacon were ordained.

256 members attended the service.



1. Apostle Daniel Mulemba during a youth service at Kwekwe Primary School on May 6th, 2018.

2. Part of the congregation during a youth service at Kwekwe Primary School on May 6th, 2018.

# Children Write

**Wami Mbelelengi (11 years) – Chishamwamba Congregation (Mporokoso)**

"I bring a thank offering to church every Sunday. Most of the time it is money but sometimes I bring something else. I always give time to the Lord. Life without God is boring for me. I don't find it hard to give time to the Lord, since I have my sins forgiven. I also receive blessings, grace and love from the dear Lord."

**Cleza Simumbwe (10 years) - Chandamali Congregation (Mporokoso)**

"Jesus was twelve years old, His parents took him to Jerusalem for pass-over for the first time. His parents went home after the celebrations, but Jesus stayed behind. The parents came back next day and took him. They found Him sitting with the teachers in the temple."

**Erick Mutembo Jr. (7 years) – Mucele Congregation (Mporokoso)**

"Three times a year a service for the departed is held. The next will be the first Sunday of July. On this occasion we think of all souls who are in the realms of eternity so that they can receive the sacraments."

**Manzi Esther – Lupungu Congregation (Mporokoso)**

"Jesus is great because He died on the cross for our sins. He helps us in our hardest times and in our daily life. Since He died for us we should thank Him and always remember Him"

**Loveness (10 years) – Matete Congregation (Mporokoso)**

"We have only one Son of God, only one Holy Spirit and we have only one house of God, only one fold of the Lamb, only one bride of Christ, only one bridegroom Jesus and only one Kingdom of Glory."

**Mercy Chipili (12 years) – Mporokoso Main Congregation**

"I obey God by listening to people's prayers and praying myself, during the day and before going to sleep. I go to church every Sunday and on Wednesdays."



# | My Apostle - Stanley Munkombwe Munsaka

By David Nalumino Mwiya



Apostle Stanley Munkombwe Munsaka

**H**is working area is home to the head office of the District Apostle Area (DAA 28), the National Assembly (the legislature), the iconic Mulungushi International Conference Centre which has hosted uncountable international conferences, several

shopping malls, the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport, among others.

This is the Lusaka Central/Kabwe East Apostle Area led by Apostle Stanley Munkombwe Munsaka, a man who himself comes from a “New Apostolic family”, his father is a retired Bishop, three brothers are District Elders, one brother a Priest and himself an Apostle.

The first born of the ten children (6 males and 4 females), of Bishop Patrick Munkombwe and Sister Sowi Munkombwe, Stanley was Born on 10 March, 1953 in Choma. He went to Mutandaalike Lower Primary School and Sikalongo Upper Primary School from 1959 to 1963, and 1963 to 1966, respectively. In 1971 he successfully completed his Secondary School education at Choma Secondary School where he had been admitted into Form One in 1967. In 1972, he entered the University of Zambia (UNZA) with the intention of studying Electrical Engineering. He decided to discontinue his studies in 1974 for personal reasons and joined Fredjoe Limited and later switched to Consolidated Motors Limited where he worked until 1992 when he was called into full time service of the New Apostolic Church upon his ordination into the Apostle ministry by Chief Apostle Richard Fehr, on 20th September 1992 in Lubumbashi, Congo D.R. (then Zaire), alongside Apostles Terry S. Nyambe, Ignitius Bisenga Luneta, Aggrey Kafunya Singanda and Noah Kandisha. At that time, the area was known as Lusaka – Kabwe East.

Stanley, at the time a choir member in Lusaka, found in Jennifer Mwaanga also a choir member on the Copper belt, a faithful,

loving and supportive partner to whom he got married in Chingola on 23 September, 1978 and received their Marriage Blessing through the hand of the unforgettable District Apostle Andrew J. Fernandes. Their union has been blessed with a son and two daughters who have in turn, given them five grandchildren. They are very thankful to the Lord who has made it possible for their children to develop into participants in their respective congregational activities and are praying with them that the grandchildren may grow up in a similar manner.

The Munsaka family will forever be grateful for the good spiritual and natural care of their parents and the good spiritual care of the ministers responsible for Mung’anga Congregation of Gamela District in Choma and Chililabombwe Congregation on the Copper belt where Stanley and Jennifer were respectively raised in their formative years. The family is equally grateful to all the subsequent ministers of Fairview Congregation, which later became known as Lusaka Central Congregation under whose care they have been and still are.

Through God’s grace, Stanley Munsaka received the sacraments in infancy and was ordained in the following ministries over the years:

Sub Deacon for Fairview Congregation, at Fairview on 4 April, 1979 by the Apostle Gert J. G. Naude,  
Priest for Fairview Congregation, at Fairview on 2 December, 1979 by District Apostle Andrew J. Fernandes,  
Community Evangelist for Lusaka Central Congregation, at Lusaka Central on 22 July, 1984 by Apostle Duncan B. Mfunne,  
Shepherd for Lusaka Central Congregation, at Libala on 19 January, 1986 by Apostle Duncan B. Mfunne,  
District Evangelist for Lusaka City District, at Gamela on 17 March, 1991 by District Apostle D. B. Mfunne.

From time to time, Apostle Munsaka, like other Apostles has been commissioned by the District Apostle’s office to conduct Sealing Services in other Apostle areas, the last being in Mufulira in 2016, under the Ndola/Mufulira Apostle Area after the death of Apostle Aaron S. Katungu.

He is assisted by Bishop Oscar Sibote Kalumiana who resides in Lusaka. The Bishop was ordained in Johannesburg by Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider on 1 December 2013. Oscar was born on 03rd August 1964 in Mongu. After his primary and tertiary education, he studied for a BSc in Natural Resources at the

University of Zambia. And being an energy expert, he served as a Director in the Department of Energy under Ministry of Energy.

Prior to his ordination as Bishop, he received the following ministries;

- Deacon 17th January 1991 by District Apostle Duncan B. Mfuno.
- Priest, 19th January 1995 by Apostle Stanley Munsaka
- Community Evangelist, 01st April 1998 by Apostle Stanley Munsaka
- District Elder, 28th February 1999 by District Elder Duncan Mfuno.

On 11th April 1992, Oscar married Sharon Ingutu and their

marriage has been blessed with four (04) children. On 21st May 2017, in Chisamba, Bishop Oscar Kalumiana and his dear wife Ingutu received their silver wedding anniversary blessings through District Apostle Charles Ndandula.

The Lusaka Central/Kabwe East Apostle Area shares borders with Kabwe/Serenje (Apostle Ranford Simumbwe), Lusaka East/Kafue (Apostle Michael Milupi), Lusaka West/Mumbwa (Apostle Donald Kalyangu). It is subdivided into 17 Elder districts, has a membership of 58,733 with 285 congregations administered by 1,588 ministers.



1. Apostle and Sister Munsaka with their children and grandchildren in 2014.
2. Stanley and Jennifer at their wedding in 1978.
3. Stanley Munsaka at Choma Secondary school in 1971.



# Coming up

1 July 2018	Detmold (Germany)
5 July 2018	Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia)
8 July 2018	Moscow (Russia)
21 July 2018	Kindu (DR Congo)
22 July 2018	Kisangani (DR Congo)
26 July 2018	Tembo (DR Congo)
29 July 2018	Kinshasa (DR Congo)
10 Aug. 2018	Mwamba (Tanzania)
12 Aug. 2018	Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)
18 Aug. 2018	Šiauliai (Lithuania)
19 Aug. 2018	Riga (Latvia)
16 Sept. 2018	Merlebach (France)
26 Sept. 2018	Hong Kong
30 Sept. 2018	Brisbane (Australia)



# Coming up

Sun, July 01, 2018	Kaoma
Tue, July 03, 2018	Lukulu
Wed, July 04, 2018	Kakulunda
Sat, July 07, 2018	Evelyn Hone
Sun, July 08, 2018	Thornpark
Sat, 14 July, 2018	Namwala
Sun, 15 July, 2018	Kabumbwe
Sun, 05 Aug, 2018	Lusaka Central
Sun, 19 Aug, 2018	Olympia
Sat, 25 Aug, 2018	Ndola
Sun, 26 Aug, 2018	Ndola Central
Sun, 16 Sept, 2018	Mkushi
Thur, Sept 20, 2018	Nsumbu
Fri, Sept 21, 2018	Mporokoso
Sat, Sept 22, 2018	Chishimba
Sun, Sept 23, 2018	Kasama
Sat, Sept 29, 2018	Samfya
Sun, Sept 30, 2018	Mansa Central

