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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 which took place on Friday 21 May the week-end's agenda included an 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 the 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

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 our



the sin which so easily ensnares us and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us". 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. When we lay aside something it does not

children. I wish the children here and everywhere a wonderful day of 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 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

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.



But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

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.

So we see a wonderful connection here. Firstly, there is prayer. This results in strength and power. From this we make experiences of faith and are witnesses of this to others. Then 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)

Introduction

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 it clear that the Bible is the basis of our faith and testimony. The reading of a passage from the Bible is not identical to 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.

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Donation to Chilanga Health Centre

Apart from the joy of having their church building dedicated on April 11, 2010 by District Apostle Charles Ndandula, members of Chilanga also shared their joy with the community by donating blankets, mattresses, bed sheets and cleaning detergents to the maternity wing of Chilanga Health centre worth K 8,000,000 (eight million kwacha) the same day.

After the dedication service, the District Apostle, accompanied by Apostles Michael Milupi, Stanley Munsaka and Richard Kasoma presented the donation to the health centre, which is located a few meters away from the church. This donation was made possible by the sisters of Chilanga elder district.

The District Apostle said it was the pleasure of the church to share with the community whenever the church could. He told the health workers present that he was aware of challenges the medical staff were facing in the country and hoped that the donation would help ease some of their burdens.

Director of Kafue Health management board



Some of the items donated to the centre



District Apostle Ndandula handing over some of the donated items to the sister in charge at the centre.



District Apostle comforting a patient in one of the wards at the centre

Dr. Lembalemba together with the District Commissioner of Kafue, Mr Wilfred Ngoma expressed their gratitude to the church for the donation.

After the donation the District Apostle and his entourage were taken on a guided tour of the centre.

BISHOP RETIRES



District Apostle Ndandula thanking Bishop Mukumbuta

District Apostle Charles Ndandula on June 27, 2010 Bishop retired Aggrey Mukumbuta of Limulunga Apostle Area of Mongu in Western Province in divine service in Kaoma in Western Province.

The Bishop was retired after serving as a minister for 43 years.

In retiring the Bishop, the District Apostle said he was putting him into well deserved retirement with joy because he had served as a minister faithfully until the time of his retirement.

Bishop Mukumbuta who was born on May 20, 1944 in Mongu, was sealed in 1964 by the late Apostle Andrew Fernandes.

He received the following ministries:

Deacon in 1967

Priest in 1969

Community Evangelist in 1978

Shepherd in 1980

District Evangelist in 1985

District Elder in 1987

He was ordained Bishop on June 28, 1987, by Chief Apostle Urwyler in Lusaka's Central Church.

Bishop Mukumbuta worked together with Apostle Ingombe Ananyatele in Western Province. He married Sister Glenda Namonda Nyumbu on October 29, 1966, and they are blessed with 11 children.

New Apostolic Church Hands over borehole to the community

Area Apostle Michael Milupi officially handed over a borehole of the New Apostolic Church in Chilanga on Saturday July 31, 2010.

In the year 2005, the Zambian government sank a borehole in the church plot through the area member of Parliament, Honourable Cosmas Moono. Later, the church decided to give back to the community by sinking another borehole about two kilometers away from the church, as the one sunk by the government in the church plot was on private premises, and the community could not easily access the water. This could be done only after completion and dedication of the new church building.

Mr. Muyanga Nyirenda, a Chilanga resident, received the borehole on behalf of the community and thanked the church for the gesture. He said he was happy that the church had kept its promise. He urged the community to guard the borehole jealously against vandalism.



Apostle Michael Milupi at the water pump

LIBALA CONGREGATION CELEBRATES 40 YEARS.

In a ceremony marked by several performances, members of Lusaka's Libala Congregation on Saturday, August 14, 2010 celebrated the 40th anniversary of the establishment of their congregation.

The following day, Sunday, August, 15 2010, the District Apostle Charles Ndandula conducted a divine service in Libala church.

He read the text word from John 10:14

"I am the good shepherd; and am known by my own."

During the service, District Elder Samuel Nyirenda and District Evangelist Aaron Siambala were retired and two ministers, Shepherds Charles Saimba and Charles Simuzingili, were ordained into the District Evangelist ministry.

The Congregation was established in the early 1950s at Timothy Mwanakatwe School in Chilenje township, which was the first meeting place for the congregants before a piece of land was secured for constructing a temple. Construction proceeded at breakneck



Members marching to Libala church during the celebrations

speed and the building was completed in just three (3) months. It was dedicated in 1970 by Apostle Fernandez in 1970.

The first confirmation service was conducted there by Late District Apostle Andrew Fernandez (then apostle). The first visit by the Chief Apostle to Libala Church was in 1986 by the late Chief Apostle Hans Uryvler.



Retired ministers, District Elder Samuel Nyirenda and District Evangelist Aaron Siambala with District Apostle Charles Ndandula and Apostle Michael Milupi after the service



Sisters rendering songs during celebrations at Libala

Events in Pictures



District Apostle Charles Ndandula, Apostles Stanley Munsaka and Akombaetwa Samalama welcoming the Zambian Republican President Rupiah Bwezani Banda, the First Lady Mrs. Thandiwe Banda and their entourage before the funeral service for the late Priest Gibble Nawa (who was Commissioner of Prisons) on Friday March 26, 2010.



From May, 26 - 30, 2010, all the Zambian Apostles were in Kabwe, Central Province, for the National Council meeting held on May 29, 2010 and divine service held on May 30, 2010 .



During the weekend of August 20-22, 2010 over 1000 youths from Lusaka Kabwe- East Apostle area gathered for a youth outing at Momboshi, 20 Kilometers away from Chisamba town. Apostle Stanley Munsaka, Bishop Joseph Muchimba and several district leaders from the apostle area were present. On Sunday, the Apostle conducted a divine service and ordained one Shepherd, four priests and four Deacons.



Nkhata-Bay church in Malawi was dedicated by District Apostle Charles Ndandula on July 11, 2010.



District Apostle Helper Arnold Mhango of Malawi with Sunday school children of Domboshawa Congregation in Zimbabwe on February 19, 2010.



On August 7, 2010, District Apostle Charles Ndandula accompanied by Apostles Michael Milupi and Apostle Stanley Munsaka watched sketches which sisters had prepared for a fellowship with sister Leber ahead of the Chief Apostles Leber's visit to Zambia in October, 2010. Above the sisters pose for photograph with District Apostle Charles Ndandula and Apostle Michael Milupi (right) and Apostle Stanley Munsaka (left)



Sister Juliet Siangombe, who was attacked by a crocodile while drawing water from Lake Kariba in Ndolo area of Sinazongwe District in Southern Province, was visited and comforted by Sisters Ndandula, Muchimba and Kasamu in Maamba Hospital on August 29, 2010