



# Facts and figures

**The New Apostolic Church is a denomination that spans the globe: it incorporates more than 9 million members in 200 countries of the world. More than 86 per cent of the Church's members live on the African continent.**

Regardless of origin, social environment, age, or other sociological factors, all follow the teaching of Jesus Christ, believe in His imminent return, and fulfil their tasks in the congregation and in society.

Church life revolves around the congregations. This is where the members come together for divine services, choir practices, youth meetings, Sunday School, religious and confirmation classes, as well as other congregational activities. Children and adults, families and single persons—in the congregations they are all brought together. The congregation offers warmth and security in a circle of likeminded people. The Church's 55,000 congregations are served by a good 237,000 ministers under the leadership of 334 Apostles.

With the exception of a few full-time ministers, the ministers of the New Apostolic Church carry out their pastoral work in an honorary capacity on top of their regular jobs. On average, and seen on a global scale, one minister looks after about 39 members, an average value that shows the high importance of individual pastoral care.

| Continent          | Members          | Congregations | Ministers      |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Americas           | 231.781          | 1.281         | 6.296          |
| Europe             | 435.302          | 2.265         | 16.538         |
| Africa             | 8.062.991        | 47.511        | 200.951        |
| Asia               | 432.772          | 3.284         | 6.584          |
| Australia, Oceania | 142.550          | 826           | 7.242          |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>9.305.396</b> | <b>55.167</b> | <b>237.611</b> |

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