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Zurich. For some time, it has been clear that the international president of the New Apostolic Church, Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider, will address the members of the Church personally in a video address. He will do so in English, French, and German.

“I am aware that this represents a significant change to our tradition.” With these words Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider concludes his video address on our concept of ministry. “It will certainly take some time to become accustomed to it.” However, he is absolutely convinced, he says, that this reform will have beneficial effects for the Church.

[Click here for the video.](#)

As an additional service, we offer the speech in printed form as a [PDF](#) download and an overview of the [ministerial structure](#).

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Today I would like to present to you the concept of ministry, which the District Apostle Meeting has developed in consultation with all the Apostles around the world.

Ministry

Why do we do ministry this way?

During the time of Chief Apostle Leif, and then that of Chief Apostle Lutz, we worked on the production of the Constitution of the New Apostolic Church. This was done in an open and transparent manner, with the participation and understanding of the people and our understanding of the tasks was in a certain way. The way that Chief Apostle Leif was to be the leader for an understanding of ministry, was assigned the task to learn to know the churches on their own. In the meantime, the District Apostle Meeting – in collaboration with all the Apostles around the world – has established itself for the task.

Our first step was to define the most important values such as 'holiness' and 'holiness', as well as 'holiness', 'holiness', 'holiness', and 'holiness'. These values have already been established. Our second step was to develop a way of working with the leadership functions, where our primary concern was to ensure our responsibility to our people. The result of this engagement and of the ministry was an internal responsibility for all our churches, for the people, in which they were entrusted with the responsibility and not dependent on the responsibility of their function. In their case, it was not a function but the function of the church that was assigned a responsibility to ensure the task in a more appropriate fashion in their case.

Therefore, we wanted to adapt our organization and the way we were working to the needs of the present day. Previously, the structures were defined and assigned to them in order according to the needs of the organization at that time. But today, though their structure was simple, responsibility was not to be general professional ministry, but to be made. This means that in order to ensure professional ministry, in the new place, and depending on the individual case, these functions were assigned to their quality, or assigned to a lower ministry in the hierarchy, or not structured as a ministry at all. This practice is understandable as it may be, in changing to the reality of the ministry.

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Ministerial structure

Ministry	Ministerial Function	Authority	Leadership Function	Ministerial Function
Chief Apostle	Authority	Chief Apostle	Chief Apostle	Chief Apostle
District Apostle	Authority	District Apostle	District Apostle	District Apostle
Apostle	Authority	Apostle	Apostle	Apostle
Ministry	Authority	Ministry	Ministry	Ministry
District Elder*	Authority	District Elder	District Elder	District Elder
District Evangelist*	Authority	District Evangelist	District Evangelist	District Evangelist
District Bishop*	Authority	District Bishop	District Bishop	District Bishop
District	Authority	District	District	District
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* The authority function is the highest responsibility and includes the authority of the lower ministry levels.

* These functions are not to be confused with the functions of the District Apostle Meeting.

* The District Apostle Meeting is the highest authority and the District Apostle Meeting is reported through the constitution.

