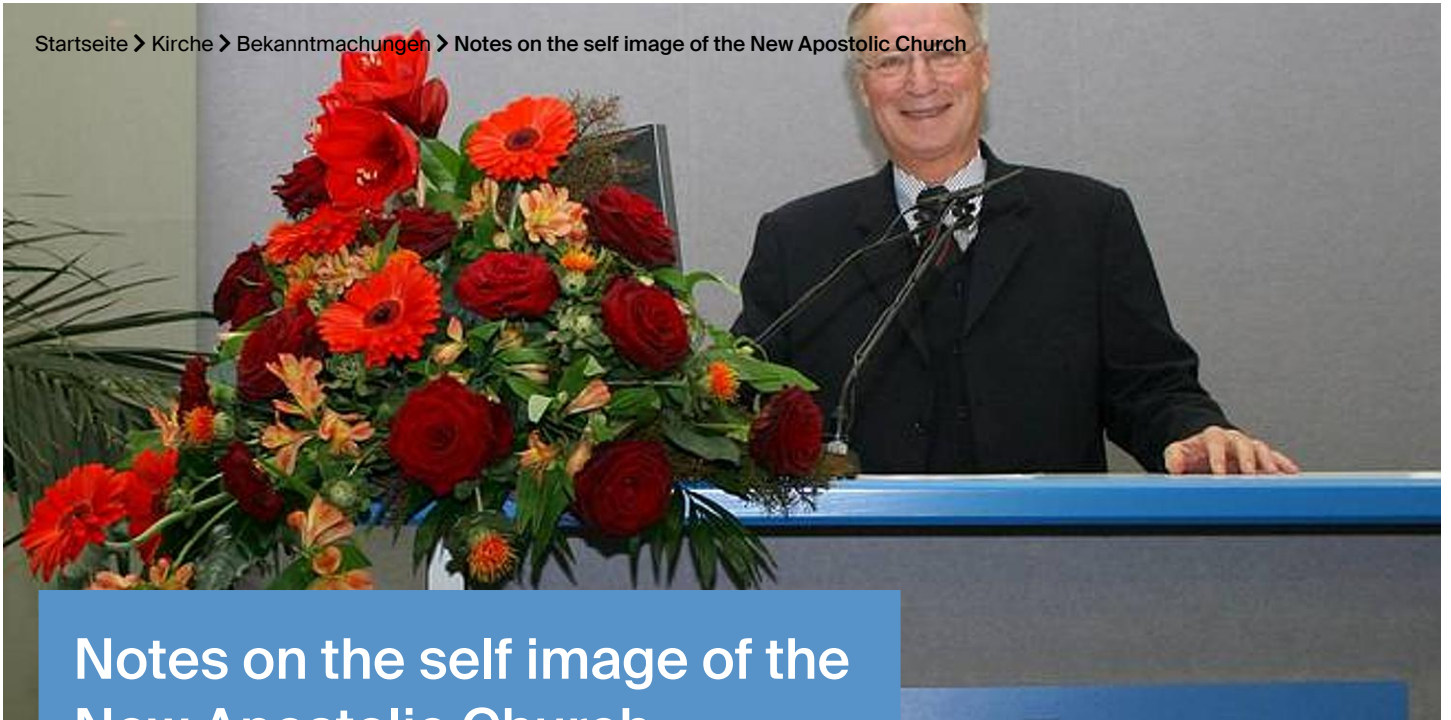




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Information evening in Zurich: District Apostle
Hagen Wend presents the self image of the New
Apostolic Church (photo: NACI)

Zurich. The self image of the New Apostolic Church, which was introduced during the information evening of 4 December 2007, is to provide a basis for internationally uniform statements in public. With it the Church's international leadership has equipped its members with concise, simple statements that describe the essential features of the New Apostolic faith and the Church. District Apostle Hagen Wend, chairman of the Church's internal Project Group on Questions of Faith, presented introductory thoughts on this topic during the information evening.

He made it clear that the self image of the New Apostolic Church is limited exclusively to the Church's portrayal of itself. All statements announced during the information evening of 24 January 2006 (in Uster) continue to apply unchanged and without restriction.

You can read further [notes on the seven points](#) of the new self image of the New Apostolic Church.

You can find the policy papers from the "Uster evening" of 24 January 2006 that are related to the self image here:

- ["The necessity of the Apostle ministry for salvation"](#)
- ["Understanding of Baptism and Sealing"](#)
- ["The Holy Spirit and its diverse ways of activity"](#)

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Introduction/Context
A study on the degree of public awareness of the New Apostolic Church undertaken in 2001 revealed that the New Apostolic Church and the manner in which it operates are still very rarely understood. A self image of the Church is thus of particular importance, especially when Church members seek to explain its mission and provide insight into the essential features of New Apostolic Church's convictions and beliefs to people who are not New Apostolic. The self image thus provides a basis for internationally uniform statements about the New Apostolic Church for public relations work.

On the relationship between the self image and the Articles of Faith
The text of the self image is intended to inform and clarify, it does not make use of promises and obligations, precise formulations. These functions are served by the Articles of Faith of the New Apostolic Church.

On the self image and the path
The self image of the New Apostolic Church – the path to salvation in our time, established by Jesus Christ
The search for the path to salvation in our time, established by Jesus Christ, expresses an important fundamental of New Apostolic doctrine: the activity of the Apostle ministry, and thus the mission of the New Apostolic Church, extends throughout the time period preceding the second coming.
Salvation is imparted in other ways during other periods of the date plan of salvation. This coincides with the words of Apostle Paul according to which God wishes to help all mankind.

1. The New Apostolic Church is led by Jesus Christ through living Apostles, its doctrine is based on the Holy Scriptures.