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New District Apostle Helper for East Africa

Zurich. Apostle Shadreck Mundia Lubasi is to become the new District Apostle Helper for East Africa. Chief Apostle Wilhelm Leber will carry out this appointment in a divine service scheduled to take place in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in November. The Chief Apostle relates that this is a first step in the creation of the new District Apostle District of East Africa, which is to be established over the course of the next few years. This district will include the East African countries of Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Chief Apostle Leber began by informing the Apostles who live in these countries, or who travel there for missionary work, about the change. In the context of its overall church strategy, the New Apostolic Church is targeting greater self-sufficiency among the District Churches of Africa, explained the Chief Apostle. A special Project Group under the direction of Apostle Lubasi has been assigned the task of putting this strategy into effect for the countries of Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. The required organisational and financial measures are currently being defined and implemented.

Apostle Lubasi is 59 years old and lives in Nairobi. In addition to his mother tongue of Lozi, he also speaks English and Tonga. The future District Apostle Helper will continue to report to his District Apostle Richard Freund (USA). The American Apostles and ministers who have until now been travelling to these three countries will gradually withdraw from this missionary work. Regarding this, Chief Apostle Leber said the following: "I would like express my heartfelt thanks to all Apostles and

ministers who worked with such great dedication in East Africa, often for many years, for all their blessed labours.”

District Apostle Richard Freund, who is responsible for the organisation of the New Apostolic Church in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda, has sent a letter to his American brothers and sisters. In it he mentions among other things that, of the eleven million New Apostolic Christians around the world, some eight million live on the African continent. In Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda, there are over two million New Apostolic Christians in around 5,000 congregations, who are provided with pastoral care by some 18,000 ministers.

Read our [Letter from District Apostle Richard Freund](#) to his brethren in the USA.

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My very dear Brothers and Sisters,

For some time our Chief Apostle has carried a hope in his soul that there would be more District Churches in Africa than approximately eight million out of the eleven million New Apostolic Christians worldwide reside on this continent.

Our USA Apostles and I agreed that we could find a way to help our Chief Apostle see his wish fulfilled. During the last year of the Apostles' Ministry, he has had great success in his work of evangelism, teaching and service with our East African Apostles. It is therefore a great pleasure to inform you of the successful completion of a project in East Africa concerning the countries of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. This goal may seem remote given its location.

Our desire was always to serve with the apostles. In a letter to our Chief Apostle and to the Tanzania Apostles, a District Apostle accompanied by our USA Apostles, who are currently serving in East Africa, we discussed the possibility of our Chief Apostle's visit to East Africa. It is our hope that our Chief Apostle will continue to provide his services to the District Churches in the East for the next several years. It is also our hope that the appointment of a District Apostle to East Africa will be a step towards the goal of our Chief Apostle to have more than 18,000 ministers in East Africa.

Our desire was always to serve with the apostles. Our apostles and their families will be able to serve in a more permanent way. We will continue to support various ministries and special projects in these countries. However, your continued prayer and support will be greatly appreciated.

I thank you for your support in the past. To our brothers, who have sacrificed for all the support you have offered for all these years. To our sisters, who have sacrificed to support the work of the apostles. Your love and prayer is the most precious gift we can receive from you. We are grateful for all the support you have offered for all these years.

Once again I thank you for all you have provided and be assured that our Heavenly Father does not overlook anything that is done for His name.

With all our love,