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Pentecost service in Cape Town on June 4, 2006

(Photo: W. Ruppe)

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The New Apostolic Church has published a [press release](#) which you may read here.

Quite interesting is also a short [draft of the satellite technology](#).

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### Pentecost divine service of the New Apostolic Church on Sunday, 27 May 2007

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### Development of divine service transmissions in Europe

The history of divine service transmissions in the New Apostolic Church dates back to 1946. It was in that year that a divine service was transmitted from Raasdalen, Germany using the telephone network. In August 1971, the first audio transmission with sound and picture reached approximately 45,000 homes in various receiving stations throughout Germany.

Sound and picture transmissions via satellite began in 1980. The Church used 27 German Bussard 10000 satellites from the year of launching this project. The first satellite divine service in 1980 in the Austin Centre in Vienna reached more than 800 receiving stations throughout Western Europe.

Since the mid-nineties the annual Pentecost service has also been transmitted to the USA and Canada, Europe, Africa, and Australia in South America. Since 2000, believers from Australia in South East Asia and Australia have also been able to participate, which means that the divine service transmissions have since reached all five continents.

This year the Pentecost divine service will also be accessible on the internet in a small number of receiving stations in Europe and Asia.

### European network

In present, over 1,000 church buildings of the New Apostolic Church have been equipped for divine service reception via satellite, and in 150 cities on the internet. This region includes the USA, Canada, Europe, Africa, and Australia, and from the service is spread to the Middle East. The transmission of the simultaneous translation of the sermon into over 20 languages.

