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Hamburg. Wednesday morning, 2 May. Chief Apostle Wilhelm Leber, the leader of the New Apostolic Church International, is seated at his desk in Hamburg. Jörg Idler and Roland Schmidt of the Verlag Friedrich Bischoff have set up the technical equipment required in order to record the Chief Apostle's video message for this year's celebration of Pentecost.

At the conclusion of his speech the Chief Apostle reads a Pentecost greeting to his brethren in faith around the world: "I greet you all on this feast of Pentecost 2007. My Pentecost message is taken from 1 Corinthians 6: 17, where it says: 'But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.'"

See and hear for yourself: we have made the [video message of Chief Apostle Dr. Wilhelm Leber](#) available in the form of a web-cast (to download, right-click one of the following):

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Internet message of Chief Apostle Dr. Wilhelm Leber

Dear brethren in faith,
In this jubilee occasion, Pentecost was originally a feast of thanksgiving. The special offerings which were brought on Pentecost as a token of gratitude for the harvest consisted of two sheaves of wheat baked from the soil of Egypt. Pentecost – the festival of the harvest – thus is with you from the very beginning the gift of Pentecost.
After the incarnation of Jesus Christ, God gave new meaning to the day through the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God brought forth new life into the Holy Spirit on every Pentecost. For instance, we read the following in the gospel of John: "You I will give the Father, and He will give you another Helper, who will stay with you forever – the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; for you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you" (John 14: 16-17).
And because we are essential and inseparable members of the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit in the "Helper" who, after Jesus' return to the Father, ensures that the message of Christ – the gospel – is kept alive.
- The Holy Spirit in the Spirit of truth, who reveals the various interrelationships which Christ has had and disclosed to His Apostles.
In the second chapter of Acts Paul mentions what happened on the actual day of Pentecost. Paul, on the sixth day after Christ's ascension and the third day after His resurrection, preached to a crowd of about 3,000 people who were gathered around the apostles. The apostles, in turn, received the message of the Holy Spirit through the activity of the Holy Spirit.
We celebrate the feast of Pentecost in commemoration of the day on which the Holy Spirit was brought to us. God gave His Holy Spirit, His love – in memory of His promise to us: "I will send My Spirit to you" (John 14: 26).
I greet all of you on this sixth day of Pentecost 2007. My Pentecost message is: "But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him", according to the word 1. Corinthians 6, 17.