



## Fellowship of the baptised

Church denotes the fellowship of faith, hope, and love. It can be experienced there wherever the baptised practise their faith actively. And this is not limited to a certain denomination.

- A part of the church of Christ
- Respectful dialogue
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### A part of the church of Christ ↑

The New Apostolic Church understands itself as part of the church of Christ, in which believers are united with Jesus Christ, as the head of the church, through the common bond of baptism. The Apostles were—and are still—given by Jesus Christ for His church as a whole. This encourages the New Apostolic Church to increasingly cultivate relationships with other Christian denominations. In an ever more secularised society, the New Apostolic Church also seeks to participate in interdenominational dialogue with all Christian churches in order to collectively pursue Christian values and goals, and to deepen mutual understanding of doctrine and divine service practice.



## Respectful dialogue ↑

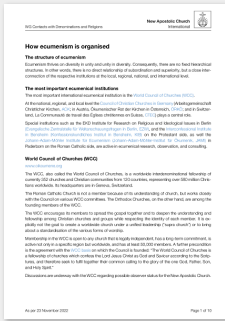
The New Apostolic Church and its members respect the religious practices of other people, and refrain from making derogatory remarks. They endeavour to have a good and peaceable relationship on the basis of mutual respect. The Church rejects any kind of religious fanaticism.

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## Active at the local level ↑

The New Apostolic Church is open to the ecumenical movement. The motto of this collaboration is: unity in a reconciled diversity that preserves the identity of the respective churches. All ecumenical contacts always revolve around Jesus as the mediator and principal focus. Since the 2000s, the Church has been increasingly represented in ecumenical bodies.

The New Apostolic Church actively cultivates good neighbourly relations with other churches and denominations at the local level. This is primarily accomplished by way of invitations to special events and through benefit events for charitable purposes.



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