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Church members want to understand Church doctrine. The current issue of ‘community’ features clearly understandable teaching texts for just such members. What is divine service? What is forgiveness of sins?—Answers to important questions.

The core content of ‘community’ consists of twelve pages that are also regularly published in the German-language ‘Our Family’ magazine and the African newsletter ‘African Joy’. In addition to a letter from the Chief Apostle and a divine service report, this core content also includes four pages of Church doctrine.

Church doctrine in understandable language

The ‘community’ magazine continually publishes questions and answers from the Catechism of the New Apostolic Church (CNAC). The textbook on faith offers many answers and fulfils various needs. As it says in the foreword of the CNAC, “It can be considered an important function of the Catechism to serve as a basis for Church instruction and ministers’ meetings. Beyond that it is intended to bring greater uniformity to doctrinal statements while taking other languages and cultures into account.”

Promoting faith

And it is only by learning more about this doctrine that knowledge can be deepened and that the faith of the New Apostolic Christian can be strengthened. The ‘community’ magazine supports this aim of the Church leadership. The articles of ‘community’ are translated into several dozen languages, and the various language editions are then distributed to all continents.

Communication, even without the internet

Not all members of the Church have access to the internet. For this reason, communication must also take place offline. The Catechism of the New Apostolic Church is therefore available for reading as a foundational work both online and in classical book format. Beyond that, for the media-savvy, there is also a corresponding app of the long version of the CNAC, as well as the Question-and-Answer version. The ‘community’ magazine is taking the same path: ‘community’ can be read online in digital format or ordered as a printed magazine from the church office.

Bonus content—both international and regional

In addition to the core content, the complete issue of ‘community’ features many pages of interesting news from congregations around the world. The 32-page issue

also incorporates a Bible story for children as well as further reports on the travels of the Chief Apostle.

Beyond that, some District Churches expand ‘community’ with information pertaining to their district. Such regional portions can be flexibly appended to the twelve-page core ‘community’ issue or the full issue of ‘community’. The ‘community’ archive on nac.today (LINK) offers a variety of these issues for free download.

Communication is a top priority

At the launch of the international member magazine, ‘community’, the Church’s leader, Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider stated, “Communication is vital and must also play a corresponding role with us. It supports coordination and global exchange. It is in this way that we promote the unity of doctrine and become better acquainted with different cultures, for example.” The new issue of ‘community’ is also part of this international communication.

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