New Apostolic Church International

Last overseas trip to Johannesburg

Vier bewährte Gottesknechte treten in den Ruhestand

Zurich. His last overseas trip for this year led the international Church leader, Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider, to Johannesburg, South Africa. In the divine service on Sunday, which took place in Johannesburg's Gallagher Estate Convention Centre and was transmitted throughout the entire working area of District Apostle Patrick Mkhwanazi, three Apostles and one Bishop were retired.

Apostle Frank Mwape from the District Church of South East Africa, as well as Apostles Moses Mulopo and Willi Sweta (Zambia) had served in the Apostle ministry for 28, 17, and 10 years respectively, and Bishop Siachalwa Muchimba (also from Zambia) had worked as a Bishop for 26 years. The Chief Apostle thanked them for the long years during which they had served the Lord and the souls entrusted to them in love, loyalty, and humbleness, and wished them a richly blessed retirement. Steven Lishebo Lindunda (56) and Elvis Mubita Liywalii (51) were ordained as Apostles, and Oscar Sibote Kalumiana (49) received the Bishop ministry. All three ministers will serve in the working area of District Apostle Ndandula (Zambia).

"Save us!"

The Church leader based his Sunday sermon on a Bible passage from 1 Chronicles 16: 35: "And say, 'Save us, O God of our salvation; gather us together, and deliver us from the Gentiles, to give thanks to Your holy name, to triumph in Your praise." From this he derived the message that faith, grace, and perseverance are indispensable for the salvation of mankind. He literally stated: "For us, the plea 'save us' is associated with far more than the desire to be liberated from all that which causes us to suffer. It expresses our deep longing to live in eternal fellowship with God."

Concert on Saturday

On Saturday afternoon, the international Church leader and his companions took part in a festive concert. It was performed in the ZK Matthews Hall of the University of South Africa [UNISA] in Pretoria.

The New Apostolic Church in South East Africa

District Apostle Patrick Mkhwanazi is the responsible leader of the New Apostolic Church in the countries of Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mayotte, Mozambique, Réunion, Rodrigues, the Seychelles, and part of South Africa (Free State, Gauteng, Kwazulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, North West), and Swaziland. All of these are incorporated into the District Apostle district of South East Africa.

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