District Apostle Karl Kühnle passed away

Zurich. On Sunday, 7 December 2003 at around 2:00 AM local time, the retired District Apostle Karl Kühnle passed away at the age of 80 after a short stay in hospital. When he spoke with the chief apostle by telephone as recently as Friday, his last words were: "Praise, thanks, Amen."

Chief Apostle Richard Fehr honoured the district apostle‘s many years of activity in Southern Germany in his letter of sympathy: "Again, another prominent personality of faith has completed his journey and after a blessed period of activity has been permitted to lay off his pilgrim‘s cloak and cross the threshold into the realm of the redeemed." With his Swabian sense of humour, continued the chief apostle, he often succeeded at opening closed hearts and creating a friendly atmosphere in difficult situations.

The retired District Apostle Kühnle served for 45 years as a minister of the New Apostolic Church, among them 20 years as a district apostle. Following are a few details about his life:

14.02.1923 Born in Unterbrüden, Kreis Backnang (Baden-Württemberg)
14.03.1926 Holy Sealing
08.12.1950 Ordained a deacon
25.02.1968 Ordained an apostle
04.05.1975 Ordained a district apostle
10.12.1995 Retirement

Further details about the life of District Apostle Karl Kühnle can be found on the homepage of the District Church of Southern Germany: www.nak.de/sued/text/p_6_1_ke.html

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