Faith in difficult times

Zuerich. Chief Apostle Richard Fehr has returned from the USA healthy, safe and sound. On Sunday, September 16th, 2001, he held a divine service in Atlanta, Georgia, which was transmitted to all New Apostolic congregations throughout North America via satellite.

At the beginning of the divine service, the Chief Apostle acknowledged how difficult it had been for him and those that accompanied him to travel to the USA. Thereupon he read the official statement of the New Apostolic Church with regards to the horrible events of September 11thand then bade the participants of the divine service to observe a minute of silence in remembrance of all the victims. He subsequently prayed for peace throughout the world and for all those people who must leave this earth each day against their will.

The Chief Apostle chose a phrase from Matthew 15:28 as a text word for the divine service: "...great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt!" This powerful word, which the Son of God once spoke to a supplicating woman, gives us renewed hope and peace in these hours of sorrow. Chief Apostle Fehr continued "Does it not sometimes happen that the Lord seems to turn away and not listen, so that the miracle of faith subsequently becomes that much greater?"

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