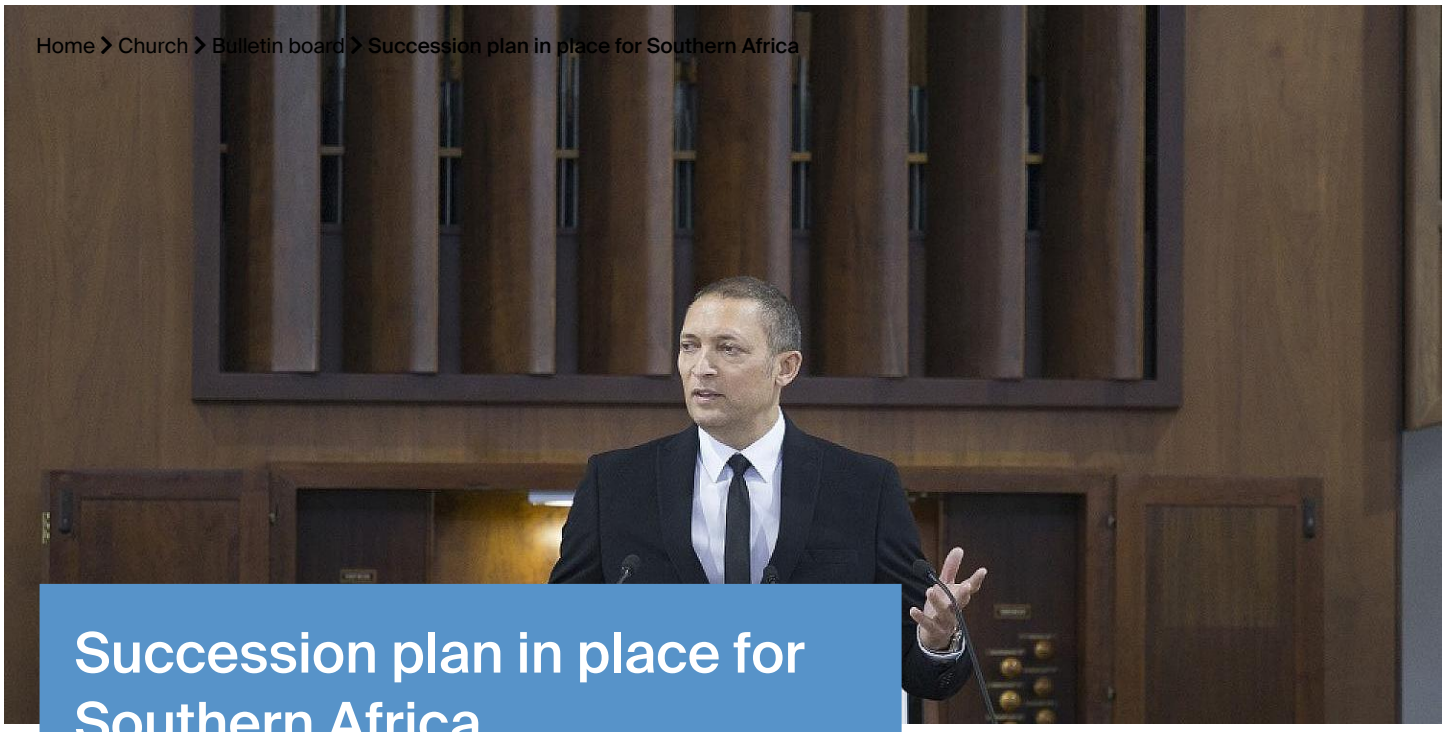


Succession plan in place for Southern Africa

The New Apostolic Church Southern Africa has a new District Apostle Helper. On Sunday, 4 December 2022, Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider assigned Apostle Peter Lambert (born 1964) as a District Apostle Helper in a divine service in Cape Town, South Africa. He will succeed District Apostle John Leslie Kriel upon his retirement in December 2023.

In preparation for his retirement, District Apostle Kriel (born 1956) will be assisted by District Apostle Helper Mandla Patrick Mkhwanazi (born 1963) in familiarising the new District Apostle Helper Peter Lambert with the district and preparing him for his future tasks. John Kriel had himself been commissioned as a District Apostle Helper back in 2015 before being appointed to lead the newly merged Regional Church Southern Africa as District Apostle in 2016. At the time, the Cape and South East Africa districts were merged.

His successor is no stranger to the New Apostolic Church in Southern Africa. Peter Lambert was head of music at the Church administration offices in Cape Town from 1989 to 2017. Soon after his ordination as an Apostle on 13 December 2015, he had to give up this task.

District Apostle John Leslie Kriel and District Apostle Helper Mandla Patrick Mkhwanazi wish Peter Lambert every success and God's blessing in this big task. The New Apostolic Church Southern Africa serves congregations in Botswana, the Falkland Islands, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mayotte, Mozambique, Namibia, Réunion, Seychelles, St Helena, Swaziland, and South Africa.

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