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1 Foreword

Ongoing developments in church life and society, as well as in the doctrine, require a new *Guide for Ministers* to be drafted. For example, our expanded liturgy was introduced in 2010, the *Catechism of the New Apostolic Church* in 2012, and the concept of ministry in 2019.

Last but not least, the introduction of the *Serving and Leading* model in 1998 set standards for the activity of our ministers.

This *Guide for Ministers* is also intended to promote the unity of the Church and impart security in church activities. It represents a global framework that largely guarantees the required flexibility and the necessary room to manoeuvre. The scope of its provisions takes into account the cultural differences that exist around the world, and allows the Regional Churches to issue additional regulations for their working areas.

While such church regulations are certainly necessary, the love for God and His people stands above everything.

May these guidelines make our work easier for all of us, and allow us to continue serving in a joyful and beneficial manner.

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