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Back row (L-R): District Elder Uwe Hoffmann (Qld), District Elder Francois Witbooi (WA), Apostle Des Lodewick (Vic), District Apostle Helper Robert Thomas (NZ), District Evangelist Stephen Stellenberg (WA)

Front row (L-R): District Evangelist John Thorne (Qld), District Evangelist Craig Bosshart (Qld), District Evangelist Malcolm Rose (WA), District Wyngaard (NZ), District Evangelist Eugene Volkwyn (Vic)

From the Desk of District

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We now count only days until the arrival of our Chief Apostle in our district. He will conduct a divine service in Brisbane on Sunday 30 September accompanied by District Apostles Michael Ehrich (South Germany), Urs Hebeisen (South East Asia), Leonard Kolb (USA) and Mark Woll (Canada) as well as District Apostle Helper David Devaraj (Canada). On his way to Brisbane our Chief Apostle will also conduct a divine service in Hong Kong where the responsibility for five of the countries currently cared for by the South East Asia District will be transferred to the care of the Australia District. With this transfer we welcome an additional two Apostles (Apostle Qin and Apostle Zheng) and three Bishops (Bishop Shi, Bishop Xing and Bishop Yang) as well as many other ministers to our district's ministerial workforce.

Immediately following the visit of our Chief Apostle is the wonderful "feast" of Thanksgiving which will be celebrated

on Sunday 7 October this year. Thanksgiving Day brings into focus the love of our Heavenly Father and the enormity of the grace that He offers us individually. This special day on the New Apostolic calendar affords us the opportunity to bring Him our gratitude in the form of a special offering coupled with our prayers of acknowledgement of, and thankfulness for, all He grants to us individually.

It is and remains a great concern of mine that every child of God truly understands the concept of offering and the vital role it has in our relationship with our Heavenly Father who, from the very beginning of biblical history, showed His feelings towards offerings when Cain and Abel brought theirs to Him (see Genesis 4:3-5). I fear that the younger generations may not have been taught adequately or do not always understand sufficiently the deep and spiritually meaningful value of offering and in some cases the concept



Peter Schulte (Qld), District Apostle Andrew Andersen (Qld), Apostle Trevor Williams (Qld), District Elder Ernst Graf (NZ), District Evangelist Evangelist Ralph Gosewinkel (SA), District Evangelist Samuel Muller (NSW), District Elder Friedbert Kohler (NSW), District Evangelist Shaun van

Apostle Andersen

of offering has been replaced with an understanding that it is a donation to support the functioning of the church. If there is any doubt about offering and its place in our relationship with our Heavenly Father, please ask your ministers to clarify this in the family visits they offer you and your family. It is a very important part of our life of faith.

As I will be retired from my ministerial activities when our Chief Apostle is with us on 30 September, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for all the support and co-operation that you have given to me and to the great team of my fellow ministers through the past years that I have had the responsibility of the District Apostle ministry. It has been a true joy to work with you in this great work of God and I look forward to continuing to do so under the care of our new District Apostle Peter Schulte. I know he will care very well for God's work in our district and be a great channel

of blessing. I thank you already in anticipation of your support for him as he willingly shoulders this responsibility with determination and the resolve to further the work in oneness with, and in support of, our Chief Apostle. My wish is that we all keep our faith alive and ensure that our children, grandchildren and the generations that follow take their place in actively supporting their congregation.

I wish you wonderful experiences and great joy for the coming events and into the future.

With loving greetings

Andrew H. Andersen



Service for Departed in Redcliffe, Qld

On the last weekend in June 2018 the Apostles and District Ministers from Australia and New Zealand came together for a District Ministers' meeting. The meeting took place on Saturday in the Administration Office in Brendale, where many topics were shared and discussed to ensure that our district is in step with the international church's vision for the future.

On Sunday 1 July District Apostle Andersen conducted the service for the departed in the Redcliffe church, which was attended by members from the Q4 subdistrict and all the local and visiting Apostles and District Ministers. The choir and orchestra enhanced the service, and after the Eucharist prayer two babies received the sacrament of Holy Sealing. To witness and share this together as a congregation, and then share in the dispensing of the sacraments (Holy Communion, Holy Baptism and Holy Sealing) for the departed, was very moving and a blessing for all. Before the close of the service a couple received God's blessing on their 25th (Silver) wedding anniversary.

Thereafter the Q4 members provided a wonderful lunch for all, which gave time for fellowship together and an opportunity for members to get to know the visiting Apostles and District Ministers a little better. All in all, it was a productive and blessed weekend.

The next Service for the Departed will take place on Sunday 4 November, and the sacraments for the departed will be dispensed by District Apostle Peter Schulte.



40th anniversary celebrations in Sepik, PNG



District Apostle Andrew Andersen and District Apostle Helper Peter Schulte arrived in the township of Wewak on Friday 13 July to a warm welcome from Apostle Aimol Wasimbai who works in this very New Apostolic populous region of Papua New Guinea.

Its rugged mountains and huge river systems pose quite a challenge to the people living in this environment and travel does not come easy for them. However, members from all over these two provinces were determined to come together to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the New Apostolic Church in their homeland.



As they arrived in the town they created a huge tent city in the town's showgrounds immediately across from the Wewak Sports Stadium where it was planned to hold the service on Sunday 15 July. The District Apostle was invited to address the workers who were readying the stadium for the service and to officially open the special celebrations. The Sunday School children punctuated the moment with their contributions of welcome songs.

On Friday night an unseasonal storm brought heavy tropical rain to the township and the tent city was awash by Saturday morning. Undeterred, the members continued their preparations while the Apostles travelled to two remote congregations deep in the mountains. A new church building was dedicated in both of these congregations. These churches were built by the local members using materials they had purchased and carried to the village, a three day walk from the nearest township.



The service in Wewak on Sunday began with rain still falling and most of the approximately 9,000 members and guests who had gathered had to stand in the rain. There was no other way as the stadium grandstand could only shelter the choir. The joy in the congregation was evident as the celebratory service commenced and the rain abated. During the service the many missionaries (who had mainly come from Germany and England a century ago) were acknowledged for the role they had in establishing Christianity throughout the nation, as were the pioneers of the work of God who brought the message of the activity of the Apostle ministry in our time to these provinces. During the service two District Elders, seven District Evangelists, three Shepherds and two Evangelists were ordained to care for the increasing membership in this north west region of Papua New Guinea.



On Sunday afternoon the clearing up had already begun and by Monday morning the whole area had been returned to an even cleaner state than the authorities had provided for us the week before. There was no sign of the large crowd that had been present over the weekend but every Brother and Sister took something home in their soul from the wonderful experiences that were made in fellowship together.

God's work continues to grow in this region at a very healthy rate as the dedicated ministers and members continue to testify of their faith.



District Apostle visits Samoa and American Samoa

On Friday 27 August 2018 District Apostle Andersen, together with District Apostle Helper Schulte, Apostle Williams and Apostle Lodewick, arrived in Samoa. The following day a ministers and wives service was conducted in the Vailima church.

On Sunday 29 August the District Apostle conducted a combined service in the Mulifanua church, where 25 souls were sealed. After the service a presentation from the Sunday School children and the choir was given.

From Samoa, the District Apostle and Apostles travelled to American Samoa where, due to the crossing of the international date line, they arrived on Saturday. This visit also commenced with a ministers & wives service.

On Sunday, again the 29th, the Ilili church was dedicated. This project, which included the involvement of the members in the building and labour tasks, started in December 2017. As with many DIY projects, the time between the arrival of materials and the completion of the project can be much longer than expected. Such was the case here, which meant that the windows - which were donated by different families - could only be fitted on the Saturday before the dedication.

After a lot of sweat (and sometimes tears), all the fruits of the sacrifices could be enjoyed by all and needless to say the Apostles were very proud of the commitment and hard work of the brothers and sisters, which was evident in the end result. Not only did the members of American Samoa receive a new church but also a District Elder, with the ordination of District Elder Peter Eves.

The dedication was made complete with a concert that the choristers had prepared for the visitors.





District Apostle visit to Auckland, NZ

On the weekend of 4 - 5 August, District Apostle Andersen travelled to Auckland for the last time as an active District Apostle. On this occasion he was accompanied by District Apostle Helper Schulte and Apostles Lodewick and Williams.

The weekend commenced on Saturday morning with a fellowship breakfast to which the youth of Auckland, along with the visiting Apostles, were invited. The fellowship continued with a seniors lunch where the brothers and sisters spent some special moments together with the Apostles in the Henderson church. Later that evening, the District Apostle conducted a divine service for the ministers and wives in the New Lynn congregation, for the greater Auckland area.

Sunday was another blessed day, commencing with a divine service, followed by fellowship and concluding with a musical presentation.



Young Adults Conference in Adelaide, SA

The New Apostolic Church Young Adults Conference (NACYAC) began on Friday evening 6th July at the Payneham Library, where most of the weekend's activities were located. It commenced with an introductory session under the motto "Come and See". The young adults then gathered in the CBD to reconnect with each other or, for those attending the NACYAC for the first time, to get to know each other. After a great night catching up the young adults retired to their beds for some much needed sleep, in preparation for the big day ahead.

Saturday saw a keynote speech presented by District Apostle Helper Peter Schulte. The Apostle spoke about the progression of his relationship with his wife and how he was nervous to speak about his faith to her, as she was not New Apostolic at that time. He advised the youth that relationships with people outside the New Apostolic Church can have a firm foundation, be filled with love, and thrive when you are open about your faith and allow them to "Come and See" on their own terms. The group then broke into smaller groups for three parallel presentations; one about "Rags and Riches"

- the true meaning of being rich; another entitled "My Philadelphia Moment" which was about brotherly love within the congregation; and the third about "The Power of Vulnerability".

After the conference the young adults ventured to Hahndorf, the oldest German settlement in Australia. The afternoon began with some light wine tasting at Somerled Wines Cellar Door to really experience what Adelaide is most famous for. Then we set out to explore the town, participating in a photo scavenger hunt, to find and take pictures of certain places. That night we settled at the Hahndorf Inn for a traditional German feast with the Apostles.

Sunday morning service was held by District Apostle Andersen. After the service the young adults, Apostles and Adelaide members spent the final moments of the weekend in fellowship over lunch. This provided the perfect ending to a weekend where we formed new friendships and deepened our existing faith and ideals.

Aiden Smith, Lane Cove NSW



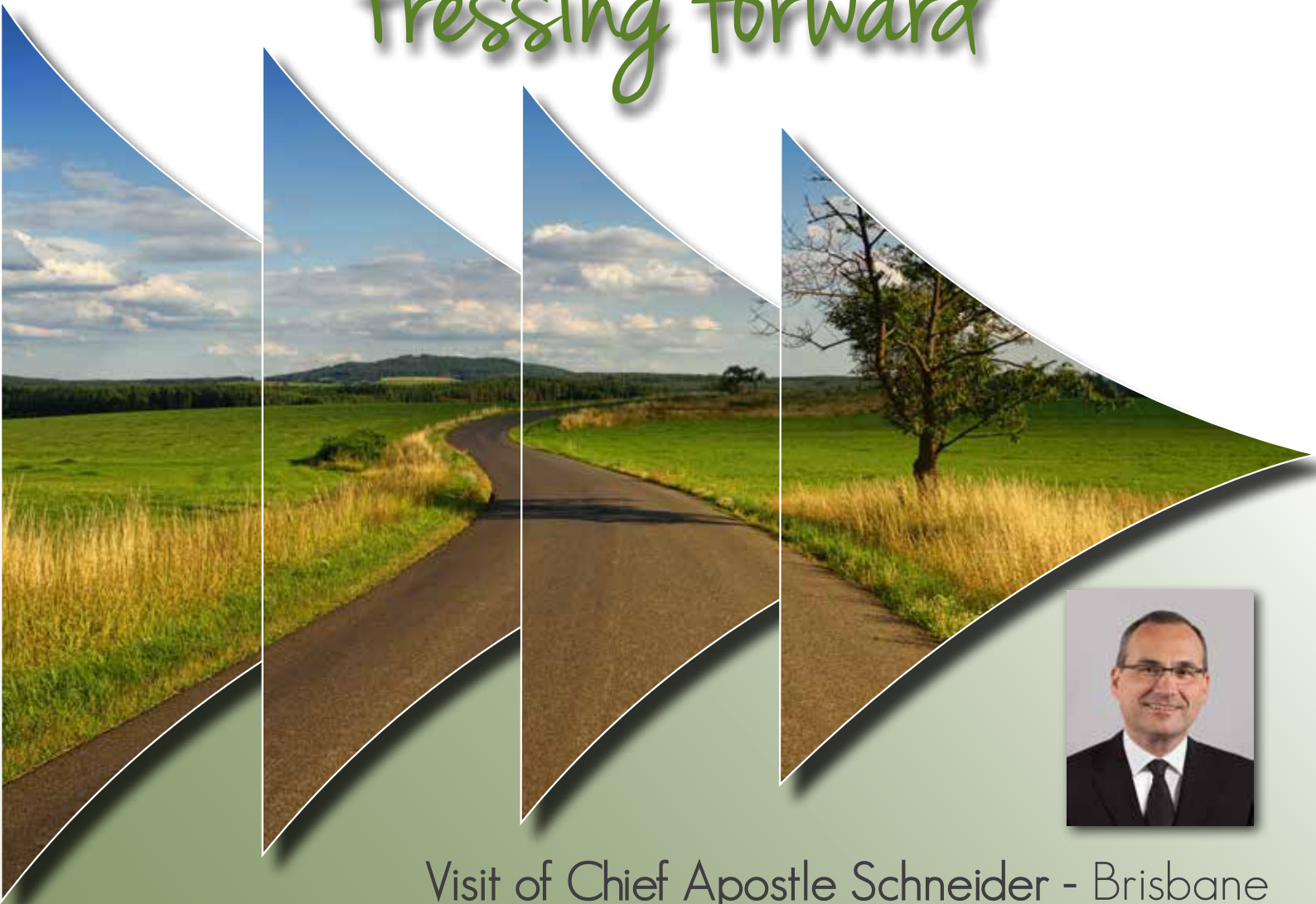
"NACYAC 2018 started off with a very positive and joyful energy that continued to build over the weekend, culminating in a very moving and poignant District Apostle Divine Service. While we covered some deep stuff, I never felt out of place in the welcoming environment that was present throughout. I made many new friends through this wonderful experience and made so many cherished memories, such as our Hahndorf trip, that I'll never forget!"

Jasmine Gosewinkel, Ascot Park SA

"Absolutely loved my first NACYAC experience! It was a great opportunity to meet new people from other congregations and form new bonds and friendships. I learnt so much about my faith and what it means to me. I took away valuable knowledge which I can now put into practice in my everyday life. The fun we had together as youth and friends in our downtime added to the enjoyment of the whole weekend. Can't wait to do it all again next time!"

Charlene Jardim, Buranda QLD

Striving onward, Pressing forward



Visit of Chief Apostle Schneider - Brisbane



**District Apostle
Michael Ehrich**



**District Apostle
Urs Hebeisen**



**District Apostle
Leonard Kolb**



**District Apostle
Mark Woll**



**District Apostle Helper
David Devaraj**

The Chief Apostle and his companions will soon arrive in Brisbane where a divine service will take place on 30 September. Details regarding the events, locations and times can be found both in your congregations and on our Facebook page.

As previously advised, it is necessary for all attendees to register for the events that they plan to participate in over the weekend. This assists us with catering, seating requirements, serving of Holy Communion and general co-ordination of the weekend, and your co-operation with this is greatly appreciated. Please refer to your rector if you have any queries.



Visit www.facebook.com and search "Chief Apostle Visit - Brisbane (30 September 2018)"





Albany, NZ



Ascot Park, SA



Buranda, Qld



Redcliffe, Qld



Elizabeth, SA



Foster, Vic



Maryborough, Qld



North Shore, NZ



North Ipswich, Qld

Thanksgiving 2017



New Lynn, NZ



Morayfield, Qld



Caloundra, Qld



New Plymouth, NZ



Werribee, Vic



Hamilton, NZ



Hope Valley, SA



Seven Hills, NSW



Bundaberg, Qld



Christchurch, NZ



Wellington, NZ



Wollongong, NSW



Albury, NSW

Dunedin, NZ



Lae, PNG



Samoa



Perth, WA

Ashmore, QLD



Buranda, QLD



American Samoa



Beverly Hills, NSW



Christchurch, NZ



Auckland, NZ



Confirmation 2018

Dear Confirmands,

You are now experiencing a very intense and moving moment at the altar. Through His servant, God is addressing each one of you personally to tell you: 'You are my beloved child, and I will always love you.' Engrave these words into the depths of your hearts! They will be a lifelong source of blessing for you.

I dedicate the following Bible text to you on your confirmation:

"Therefore be imitators of God as dear children" (Ephesians 5:1).

In His love, God has given you the opportunity to grow into the image of Christ. If you wish, you can love, forgive, and overcome just as He did!

Make it your goal to become an imitator of Christ. This is an ambitious project which requires a lot of effort and patience, but it is worth it! Besides, you are not alone. You can count on your parents, teachers, and the whole congregation to support you.

Wishing you much joy in the fellowship of God's children, I extend to you my most heartfelt greetings.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JL Schneider'.

Jean-Luc Schneider

Springvale, VIC



Albury, NSW



Hallam, VIC



Suva, Fiji



Bundaberg, QLD





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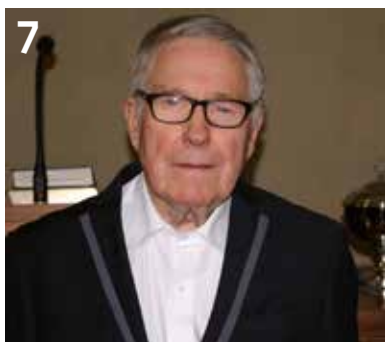
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Around the Congregations:

1. Choir in Mt Hagen, PNG
2. Sunday School service in Seven Hills, NSW
3. Choir duet in Redcliffe, QLD
4. Brothers in Vanapa, PNG
5. Apostle Lodewick in Albury, NSW
6. Bishop Yasi visits Bolba, PNG
7. Bishop Yasi in Tolu, PNG
8. Ministers & leadership workshop in Auckland, NZ
9. Seniors weekend in Gladstone, QLD
10. Sunday School activity in Morayfield, QLD
11. North Shore, NZ choir singing at a seniors home
12. Hobart, Tas congregation
13. Apostle Lodewick in Geraldton, WA
14. Confirmands & parents meeting, NSW
15. Confirmands in Wellington, NZ
16. District Apostle Andersen visits Townsville, QLD
17. District Confirmands class in Auckland, NZ
18. Orchestra in Beckenham, WA
19. Congregation in PNG



Celebrations:

1. Holy Baptism of Wenqian (Fisher) Yu, Ascot Park, SA
2. Br Heinz Mallon of Croydon, VIC celebrated his 90th birthday
3. Br Hannes Reimers & Sis Roxanne Williams received engagement blessings in South Auckland, NZ
4. Holy Sealing in Perth, WA
5. Holy Baptism of Violet Koloa in PNG
6. Holy Sealing of Elle MacKrill in Redcliffe, QLD
7. Dcn (ir) Horst Huwald of Croydon, VIC celebrated his 85th birthday,
8. Holy Baptism of Reagan Ellis in Howick, NZ
9. Holy Baptism of Khyron Haskins in New Lynn, NZ
10. Br Granville & Sis Roeline Nandoo received Silver Wedding blessings in Redcliffe, QLD
11. Pr Nicolaas & Sis Teresa Nagel received Silver Wedding blessings in Wellington, NZ
12. Pr Noel & Sis Karen Johnson received Silver Wedding blessings in South Auckland, NZ
13. Holy Sealing of Emilia O'Connor of Windsor, QLD
14. Pr Eugene & Sis Merle Smith received Silver Wedding blessings in New Lynn, NZ
15. Holy Sealing of Leo O'Connor in Rockingham, WA



For your Information

Chief Apostle Schneider's schedule:

Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Dec 2018
7: Sassoeiros, Portugal	4: Sindelfingen, Germany	9: Pretoria, South Africa
21: Warsaw, Poland	11: Uster, Switzerland	16: Berlin Tegal, Germany
	18: Manila, Philippines	23: Weimar, Germany
	25: Bandung, Indonesia	

District Apostle Schulte's schedule:

Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Dec 2018
7: Mackay, Qld	11: Uster, Switzerland	9: Hobart, Tas
14: Toowoomba, Qld	18: Manila, Philippines	16: Auckland, NZ
21: Springvale, Vic	25: Bandung, Indonesia	
28: Fairfield, NSW		

Upcoming Events:

Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Dec 2018
7: Thanksgiving	4: Service for Departed	2: 1st Advent; Sunday School breakups
21: 25th anniversary of Springvale church	11: Vic Sunday School camp	25: Christmas Day

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Ministerial Changes:

Name	Event	Ministry	Congregation
Pr Warren Teale	Retirement	-	Maryborough, Qld
Dcn Heinz Flueckiger	Retirement	-	Morayfield, Qld
Shep Neville Mabotha	Retirement	-	Hallam, Vic
Dcn Fred Mwaba	Confirmation	Deacon	Koondoola, WA
Pr Mark Stewart	Commission	Rector	Leumeah, NSW
Dcn Ethan Fisher	Confirmation	Deacon	Lane Cove, NSW
Pr Gabriel Gonzalez	Confirmation	Priest	Beverly Hills, NSW
Pr Joyes Massey	Confirmation	Priest	Leumeah, NSW
Pr Joerg Ziegler	Confirmation	Priest	St Marys, NSW
Dcn Roberto Gilles	Ordination	Priest	Leumeah, NSW
Br Ryan Snaith	Ordination	Deacon	Beverly Hills, NSW
Br Benjamin Uys	Ordination	Deacon	Darwin, NT
Br Keith Hildebrandt	Ordination	Deacon	Ashmore, Qld
D/Ev Peter Eves	Ordination	District Elder	Tafuna, Samoa
Dcn Adrian Lamprecht	Ordination	Priest	Beckenham, WA
Br Tyrel Bagus	Ordination	Deacon	Beckenham, WA
Pr Garth Toerien	Commission	Rector	Beckenham, WA
Pr Neville Meyer	Commission	Rector	Geraldton, WA
Dcn Jacob Sickinger	Ordination	Priest	Coffs Harbour, NSW

In Memoriam:

Sis Hazel Muntz of Springvale, Vic	†	14/6/18
Sis Anne Woods of St Marys, NSW	†	18/6/18
Pr (ir) Leonard Murray of Beverly Hills, NSW	†	29/6/18
Sis Florencia Schlotz of Geelong, Vic	†	3/7/18
Sis Hildegard Schwarz of Buranda, Qld	†	6/7/18
Br Rhys Walters of Darwin, NT	†	16/7/18
Sis Esmurelda Williams of South Auckland, NZ	†	18/8/18

CD release: Striving onward, Pressing forward

In 2014, the Australia District embarked on an ambitious 5-year recording project that would see the production of 5 CD's showcasing the talents of our brothers and sisters in Australia, New Zealand and a number of our other lands.

The latest recording project, titled "Striving onward, Pressing forward", features a collection of instrumental and orchestral works performed by ensembles and orchestras of the New Apostolic Church from across Australia and New Zealand.

This CD is being launched to coincide with the visit of Chief Apostle Schneider to Brisbane. It will be available for sale at a cost of \$AU15.00 each at the fellowship event on 29 September 2018. The previous CD productions of Forward with Faith (2014), Glorious Light (2015) and One Spirit, One Faith, One Goal (2016) will also be available for sale, with all proceeds going to NACare.

