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Dear brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ

This is just a short, note to report with gladness that the Lord of the Harvest, after much prayer has *sent forth the more labourers into his harvest. (Matthew 9:38)*

Br Len and his family arrived in Aotearoa New Zealand in 2016. He comes from the Apostolic care from Apostle Phillip Erasmus from South Africa. On the 26 of August 2016 we prayed at a Church Trust meeting sincerely for an Apostolic brother to come and help Priest Rey in Auckland. Four days later I was informed via Apostle Flor, that Br Len would be arriving. After receiving instruction from Apostle Flor, who at the time is in Africa, the ordainment took place at Saint Columbus Centre in Ponsonby in Auckland on 8 December 2017 at 1000. The ordaining officer was Br Theo.

Acts of the Apostles Chapter 6 : Seven Deacons Chosen to Serve

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists (Greek speaking Jews) because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. 2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. 3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; 4 but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and



1886 Apostle HJ
Niemeyer



1912 Apostle Willy Niemeyer

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Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, 6 whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. 7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.



1929 Apostle Emil Zielke

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Evangelist Theo

Text: John 6:1-14 Feeding the Five Thousand

After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs, which He performed on those who were diseased. 3 And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. 4 Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. 5 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” 6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. 7 Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.” 8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, 9 “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?” 10 Then Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.” Therefore, they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten. 14 Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.” *Amen*



1961 Apostle Arnold E.
Zielke

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Apostolic Pastoral and Apostolic Teaching Apostle

reminds us that Our Lord promised a special gift in John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid". Under the Jewish law a voluntary thanksgiving offering could only be made after a peace-offering. Christ fulfilled the law, has given us His peace and this now enables us to offer thanksgiving at all times. Ephesians 5:20 "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ". Apostle Paul tells us what combined thanksgiving can achieve. 2 Corinthians 4:15 "For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the Glory of God". As we are all dependant on this Grace, let us be sincere in our thanksgiving. We can all play our part in the future mission work, by our life Matthew 5:14-16 "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven", or by offerings no matter how small.



**1961 Apostle Arnan
Niemeyer**

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This Bible given to you today is a sign of your authority as a Deacon. Matthew (24:35), our Lord teaches that: *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*

OBLIGATION AND DECLARATIONS

In the Holy Scriptures, we read that Deacons are called to work with the Apostles, Bishops, Elders and the Priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's kingdom. They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's salvation plan. They are to serve the community and work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and become instruments of God's all-embracing love. Deacons therefore firstly share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God's people in worship through the preaching on the Word of God. As a Deacon, you are at all times to assist the Altar Servants in preparing the communion table and administering the sacraments. Deacons are called by God to help with the day-to-day work of the Church, assist in exceptional circumstances with the consecration of the Sacraments, and must always be obedient to those Altar Servants whom they assist. Deacons are to teach from the Holy Scriptures only, guided by the Apostle's pastorals and teaching as received from time to time. It will be your responsibility to read these with God's people, so that the whole Church may be equipped to live out the gospel in the world. Deacons are to be faithful in prayer, esteeming others more than yourself. We, as your brothers and sisters, through the grace of God, will endeavour to support you in the fulfilment of the duties of your office. Open the Bible at the Acts of the Apostles Chapter Hold it open in your left hand and place your right hand over it.



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Apostle Alerbyn Zischke



1990 Apostle Clif Flor

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**CONFERRING PRIESTLY RITE OF
CONSECRATION ON A DEACON**

We now recall the night of our Lord's betrayal as recounted by Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26, who said that: 23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death until he come. In the absence of the Priest of this community, and whenever called upon to do so, you are given today access to the Priestly Rites of Consecration of Holy Communion. This is only to be used when the Priest of the community is absent. It remains the Priest's responsibility to ensure that enough consecrated Holy Communion is available. Remember, all are welcome at the Lord's Table. Never put that plate and or cup down, but always have them in your hands.



**1990 Apostle Ken
Dargusch**

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The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. The Lord bless thee and keep thee unto life eternal, Amen. Your Priest and you are yoked together.

ANNOINTING WITH BLESSED OIL

Ordaining Officer assisted by other officers, standing behind him with their hands on his shoulders, and one another's shoulders, dips his finger in the blessed oil and anoints the head of the new officer three times with the sign of the Holy Cross while saying:

With this oil, I anoint you as Deacon in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost, Amen.

Remember the words of the Apostle Paul who said (Hebrew 12:1-3):

Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.



District Evangelist John Weder (Apostolic Church of Queensland) responsible for New Zealand 2008-8-15 to 4-7-2010



God bless you

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2010 District-Evangelist

Theo van der Nest

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS Ephesians 4:1-3 "As Apostle Paul said, "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Luke 18:19 In this day, He whose name we do not speak of will come to tempt you. You will know it is him when you hear him say, "Good Master." Remember the words of our Lord Jesus, when addressed as Good Master, who said: "Why callest thou me good? None is good, save one, that is, God."

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WELCOME INTO THE OFFICERS FOLD

Priest says to the newly ordained Deacon: We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. We welcome you as a fellow servant in the gospel, may Christ dwell in your heart through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love.



Deacon Len and
Sister Yolande
Riekert and
family



District Elder P Vorster
(2015 - Present)

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SACRED RITE OF ORDINATION TO THE DEACON OFFICE “The Holy Ghost comes upon thee, and the power of the Highest overshadow thee, Amen” (Luke 1: 35).”

Our Lord spoke and said (Matthew 11:28-29), “Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

As a servant in the House of GOD (place hands on the right shoulder of the new officer), sent and ordained by an Apostle of Jesus Christ, do I come now and ordain you, by instruction of an Apostle of Jesus Christ, as a Deacon called by God to be a servant unto His people.

Receive the yoke of the Deacon office, which I lay in this day in your heart with fire and power given to that office to teach and serve the people of God in humility and love. By taking on his yoke, you submit to his authority alone. Look towards Christ, the author and finisher of our faith and learn from Him. In this day, He accepts you as a willing servant, however imperfect you are. His commandments are holy, just, and good.

In this day, our brother Deacon, do we also pray that the Lord will open your understanding to read and interpret the Word of God, so that none of God’s children may be in want and that you will always seek to care for the least, the lost and the last.

Our Lord taught (Mark 9:35), And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.

Remember, he who is the foremost will become the least, and the least of all servants will become the foremost. Amen

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Deacon Len supported by his brothers, Priests Ludwig and Rey

COMMANDMENTS FOR THE OFFICERS

In order that we may know your heart's desire, you will be requested to affirm the following commandments of an officer in the Apostolic Church read to you by the Priest of the community in which you will serve our Lord Jesus Christ. After each declaration, you will affirm your intent and continued commitment to be ordained as a Deacon, with an audible "Amen."

1. To at all times teach and show that our Faith is Jesus Christ. Hebrews 12:2, Revelation 1:8
2. Have absolute trust in the Lord God and guidance of the Holy Ghost in all things spiritual. 1 Timothy 4: 10, John 14:26
3. Have Faith likened to the strongest steel in all the promises of the Lord God, contained in the Holy Bible. Isaiah 34:16
4. Always teach that Jesus Christ is the Head of His Church. Colossians 1:18
5. Have staunch and genuine soul-love to all, without any distinction. 1 Peter 1:22
6. The Will of the Lord God shall be the greatest spiritual Treasure, seek it and hold fast to it. Matthew 6:10
7. Help to prepare the members of the Church to become the Elect of our Lord Jesus. 2 Timothy 2:10
8. Preach and teach that it is in the Body and Blood of Jesus wherein the Holy Ghost dwells. John 6:53
9. Honour and respect the Holy Ghost sent by the Lord to labour in the Apostle Ministry. Acts 1:8
10. With your household be a living example. 1 Timothy 3:1-13
11. Pray for the continuance of the Apostle Office, also for the Church on earth, for peace and stable Government. Matthew 28:20, 1 Timothy 2:1-3
12. It is a priceless Officer who gives the members the spiritual food at the opportune time. 1 Timothy 4:6
13. Be zealous, eager, ardent, fervid and passionate at all times, truthful and just in all things. 1 Timothy 4:12
14. Never be haughty, proud, or arrogant, but humble and meek. - James 4:6, Galatians 6:3
15. Correct and reprove in love, and preach the Gospel earnestly. Galatians 5:13, 1 Peter 1:25
16. Defend not only the right, but suffer and also help the wrong. Galatians 6:1-2
17. Keep a watchful eye on the Tempter at all times. 1 John 4:1
18. Never act in your own knowledge in difficult subjects. Seek help. 1 Corinthians 12:8
19. Always show respect to those Officers that have a greater responsibility in the Church. Hebrews 13:7-8
20. Never act as masters, but always as helpers. Luke 22:26
21. Drink no strong drink, only insofar as is good for your health but at no time before Divine Service. Ephesians 5: 18
22. Be a light, and know that the Lord has many in your Office, and has need of you. Matthew 5: 16

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Sister Leesa Kugel visiting from Queensland and Auckland community



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Those first few words....

**MAIN APOSTOLIC
DEACON OFFICE VOWS**

Will you be in fear of God and
His judgement, if you fail to
fulfil your calling?

If so, say "Yes, so help me God".

Will you bear soul love to every
soul?

If so, say "Yes, so help me God".

Will you remain obedient to the
Holy Spirit labouring in the
Apostle Office?

If so, say "Yes, so help me God".

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Priest Justin Kronck and family
from Queensland visit.



Apostle Kuhlen

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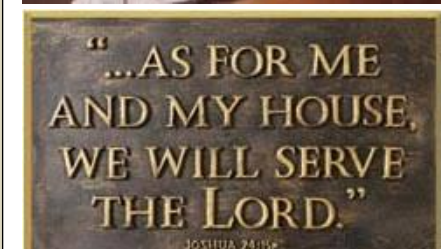
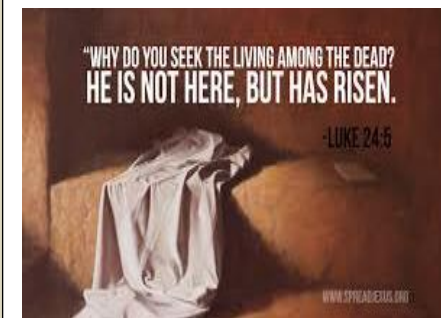
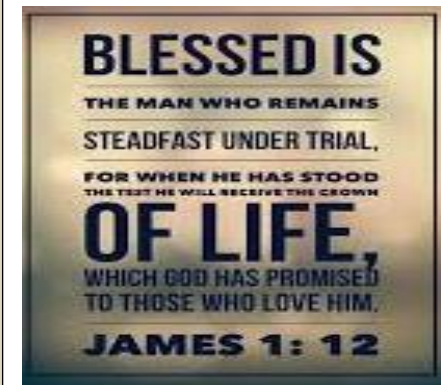
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in the Lord Jesus,
and You Will Be Saved
Acts 16:31



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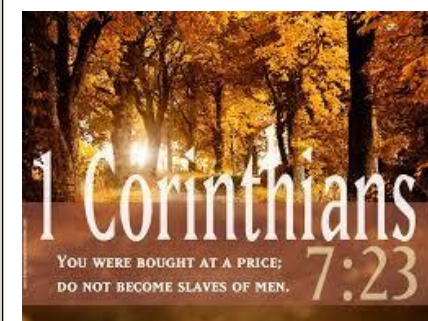
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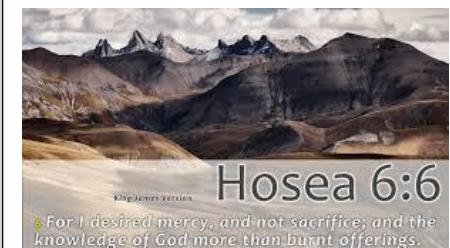


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Apostles in South Africa

Left to right

Apostle Phillip Erasmus (South Africa)

Apostle PJ Erasmus (South Africa)

Apostle C Flor (Queensland)



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Die pragtige Ampte van die Wes-Kaap.



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