

Unity Apostles Church of New Zealand
Post Card - Farewell to Evangelist John Weder
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Dear brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ

This is just a short, note to report with sympathy that our beloved brother, Evangelist John Weder, has been called to our Father in Heaven. We wish to thank our Lord for giving this brother to us for the years that he was blessing to us here in New Zealand, especially during the time of strife.

He came to New Zealand in 2008, to visit his son, working at that time in New Zealand. He never left and will always be with all of us, especially those members, from the *Old Apostolic Church of Africa* that emigrated to New Zealand and who entrusted their care to him and Apostle Flor and the Apostolic Church of Queensland in 2008.

This was truly a man sent by the Saviour.



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1886 Apostle HJ
Niemeyer



1912 Apostle Willy
Niemeyer

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**Brief Historical Background of the early days of the Unity
Apostles Church New Zealand**

The Unity Apostles Church of New Zealand-*Te Whare Karakia o nga Apotoro Kotahitanga*, is the New Zealand branch of the United Apostolic Church and the “World-wide Unity of the Apostles”. It has its roots in the “Catholic Apostolic Church” in the early 19th century. It is under the care of Apostle Cliff Flor from the Apostolic Church of Queensland (Northern District).

It was established in 2008 in *Aotearoa*-New Zealand when members from the Old Apostolic Church of Africa that immigrated to New Zealand from South Africa could not be accommodated by the Old Apostolic Church of New Zealand, due to doctrinal, theological and magisterial differences.

Consequently, in 2008, some of the Old Apostolic Church of Africa members originally from the Eastern Cape District in South Africa including Brother and Sister van der Nest contacted the Apostolic Church of Queensland, Northern District, for some assistance and was assisted first by Evangelist John McGrath from Bundaberg Community and then Evangelist John Weder from Nundah community in Brisbane.

Brother and Sister van der Nest visited Hattonvale and Caboolture communities in Queensland during the 125th celebration of the Apostolic Church in Queensland in 2008. The feeling was that as Apostle H.F. Niemeyer from the Apostolic Church of Queensland initially sent Apostle C.G. Klibbe to Africa in 1889, that there was a historical connection between the Churches which warranted a closer relationship.



1929 Apostle Emil Zielke



**1961 Apostle Arnold E.
Zielke**

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Apostle Cliff Flor in 2008 consented to receive the van der Nest family as part of the Apostleship of Northern Queensland which has been entrusted to his care. Several other OAC members from the OAC Hamilton community followed which led to the celebration of Divine Services at the homes of members in 2008-2009 in both Hamilton and Morrinsville.

This was supported by a twice-yearly visits from Evangelist John Weder from Brisbane in Queensland. In 2010, the Church was formally registered in Aotearoa-New Zealand under the name UNITY APOSTLES CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND and has active community members in both Hamilton and Auckland and is currently working under the Apostleship of Apostle Cliff Flor from the Apostolic Church in Queensland (Northern District).

In March 2010 with the visit of Evangelist John Weder to Hamilton, Brothers Mostert and van der Nest was called and ordained to serve in the continuing office of Deacon. The Hamilton community had its first sealing service in July 2010 during the visit of the Apostle Flor to Aotearoa-New Zealand at which time Deacon van der Nest was called and ordained to the Evangelist ministry.

Afrikaans Geskiedenis

Die Apostels Eenheid Kerk van Nieu-Seeland is die Nieu-Seelandse tak van die Verenigde Apostoliese Kerk en die Wêreldraad van Apostoliese kerke. Dit is afkomstig van die Katolieke Apostoliese Kerk in die begin van die 19de eeu. Die kerk is deel van die verantwoordelikheid van Apostle Clif Flor van die Apostoliese Kerk van Queensland (Noordelike Distrik) en susterkerk van die ander Apostolise Kerke wat deel is van die Wêreldwye Raad van Verenigde Apostoliese kerke.

Dit het ontstaan nadat lede van die Ou Apostoliese Kerk van Afrika want na Nieu Seeland gemigreer het nie meer geakomodeer kon word onder die bestaande bestel van die Ou Apostolkise Kerk van Nieu-Seeland nie. Gevolglik het sommige van die lidmate die Apostel Flor in Queensland genader vir hulp. Die gevoel was dat omrede Apostel Niemeyer Apostel Klibbe verordineer het en na Suid-Afrika gestuur



1961 Apostle Arnan
Niemeyer



1977
Apostle Merbyn Zischke

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het in 1889 om die geloof daar ook te vestig, dat daar ‘n geskiedkundige band was wat vernuwe kon word. Die van der Nest familie was ontvang as deel van die Apostolise Kerk van Queensland in 2008. In 2010 is die kerk geregistreer met die Liefdadigheids Kommissie in Nieu-Seeland met die naam UNITY APOSTLES CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND. Ander lidmate het die besluit om na die Apostoliese kerk van Queensland as die moedegemeente terug te keer vir ondersteuning, ondersteun. Daar is tans werksaam ‘n evangelis, twee priesters en ‘n diaken in Nieu-Seeland.

‘n Insiggewende aspek van die kerk is dat die gevoel van die lidmate was dat daar ‘n begeerte was vir ‘n terugkeer na die Ortodokse Apostolise geloofsbelydenis en siening van die oorspronklike Apostolise kerk. Noemeswaardig is die feit dat alle besoekers welkom is en dat daar geen beperkinge op die lewe van lidmate geplaas word nie. ‘n Groot fokus van die gemeentes is dat all eer God toekom.

Avondmaal word tydens elke diens bedien en die kerk onderhou die drie tradisionele sakramente van Heilige Doop, Heilige Avondmaal en Heilige Verseëling.

The Tenets and Faith of the Apostolic Church

These Tenets and Faith are founded on the Apostle Creed and the word of
God given in the Holy Bible.

In confessing our beliefs in this manner, it must be understood that we
believe that there is only one God, the living and true God who is made up of
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these
three are one God, to All Eternity.

This is known as the doctrine of the Holy Trinity God.

1.—We believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.



1990 Apostle Clif Flor



1990 Apostle Ken
Dargusch

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- 2.—We believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God the Father our Lord and Saviour, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered on the Cross by Crucifixion, died and buried, descended into Hades, on the third day He arose, taught His Disciples for 40 days of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, ascended up and into Heaven, and as the High Priest sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He will come again to take the Members of the Elect unto Himself, and on the last Judgment Day to judge the Quick and the Dead.

- 3.—We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Universal Holy Apostolic Church, the Communion with the Saints, forgiveness and remission of sins, and the Resurrection to life everlasting (eternal).

- 4.—We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of His Church, which He rules and sustains through The Holy Spirit and to which He sent and continues to send His Apostles.

- 5.—We believe in the Apostle as teacher, helper, intercessor and the ambassador of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 6.—We believe in the Holy Scriptures, of the Old and New Testaments, with all promises contained therein from beginning to end.

- 7.—We believe in Holy Baptism with water, whereby we belong to Jesus Christ.

- 8.—We believe in the Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, as it is by this Sacrament, that the Father and Son, through the Holy Ghost, lives within us.



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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- 9.—We believe that through the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our soul is clothed in His righteousness and prepared for His Bride, and becomes a vessel for the Holy Ghost, through which the Father in Heaven makes the internal being alike unto His Son.
- 10.—We believe in the Sealing, through which we receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit, by laying on of the hands of the Apostle to activate the Gifts of the Holy Ghost within us.
- 11.—We believe that the Holy Ghost gives us all our teaching from Heaven, according to the words and promises of our Lord Jesus Christ through the Apostle Office sent into the world for this purpose.
- 12.—We believe that we live in the last day of God (a thousand years is as one day before God) and that the day of the return of our Lord Jesus is approaching, when He will take His Bride from those that slumber in death and the living as the first resurrection.
- 13.—We believe in the uniting in Heaven with Christ and then on earth, the cleansing time will occur.
- 14.—We believe in the reign of peace of a thousand years on Earth as the seventh day of God, after which the last judgment will follow.
- 15.—We believe in God the Father as the Creator, in the Son of God as the High Priest who intercedes for us, and in the Holy Ghost in the Body and



2010 District-Evangelist

Theo van der Nest

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Blood of Jesus Christ, as the Teacher speaking to us, in the Holy
Apostolic Church.

Read all about our beliefs in our Understanding faith handbook
<http://www.apostolicchurchqld.org.au/Docs/BookFaith.htm>



Evangelist John Weder



District Elder P Vorster
(2015 - Present)

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