



Facts and figures

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As an international Christian denomination, the New Apostolic Church is part of society. It offers appealing, timely pastoral care for its members on the basis of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Global membership

Approximately 9 million people around the world profess membership in the New Apostolic Church. Irrespective of their diverse backgrounds, social spheres, ages, or other sociological characteristics, these individuals align their lives with the gospel of Jesus Christ, believe in His imminent return, and fulfil their tasks in both church and society.

Congregations around the world

Congregations are the hub of church life. It is in their congregations that members gather for divine services, choir practices, youth events, religious instruction and confirmation classes, as well as other congregational activities. Whether they are children or adults, whether they live in families or alone, all are brought together in the congregation. The congregation provides an atmosphere of security and a feeling of belonging in the circle of likeminded individuals.

Ministers around the world

To be a minister in the New Apostolic Church is to perform a service for one's neighbour in an honorary capacity, i.e. without remuneration. With the exception of very small number of full-time ministers, the clergy of the New Apostolic Church discharge their pastoral care duties parallel to their profession. In so doing, the principle applies: "Everything to the glory of God and the wellbeing of our neighbour!" In global terms, there is approximately one minister available to serve an average of 40 members. This is a figure that demonstrates the great importance associated with voluntary ministry in the New Apostolic Church. This also shows clearly that individual pastoral care is assured for each and every New Apostolic Christian: their minister is approachable, reachable, and committed. What is interesting in this context is the fact that the most widely represented ministries in the New Apostolic Church are Priests and Deacons, who comprise more than 90 percent of the total number of ministers around the world!

Continent	Members	Congregations	Ministers
Africa	7.611.903	50.245	213.181
America	231.697	1.531	7.747
Asia	585.977	3.767	6.743
Europe	475.033	2.679	19.589
Australia, Oceania	129.818	792	6.082
Total	9.034.428	59.014	253.342

Please note that a new definition for countries and affiliation to continents has been applied, based on the United Nations definitions. Therefore, the comparability with the previous years' figures per continent, primarily for Asia and Europe, is limited.