



Statutes

of the

New Apostolic Church International

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Explanatory Note to this Document

A District Apostle's Area is headed by a District Apostle. A District Apostle's Area comprises a number of District Churches which are legal entities of their respective countries.

Preface

The New Apostolic Church International (subsequently referred to as NACI) is an independent association under Swiss law. It incorporates as members the active Chief Apostle as well as all active District Apostles, District Apostle Helpers, and Apostles from all countries of the world. The New Apostolic Church International forms, together with all New Apostolic District Churches - these to preserve their legal independence - a Church as a whole with a global presence and uniform doctrine, under the leadership of the Chief Apostle as its supreme spiritual instance.

The New Apostolic Church holds itself to be the Church of Jesus Christ in the same sense as the apostolic congregations at the time of the first Apostles. Its religious doctrine is taken from Holy Scripture. The goal in faith of New Apostolic Doctrine is to prepare the faithful for Christ's Return.

Article 1

Name, seat, financial year

- 1.1. The association bears the name "New Apostolic Church International".
- 1.2. The association is registered with the Commercial Register of the Canton of Zurich (Switzerland). It is an association under Article 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code.
- 1.3. The association's permanent seat is Zurich (Switzerland).
- 1.4. The association's financial year is the calendar year.

Article 2

Functions

- 2.1 The Chief Apostle, the District Apostles, and the Apostles are the principal Ministers of the New Apostolic Church. It is NACI's intention to nurture, foster, and preserve the spiritual unity of all Apostles on earth with the Chief Apostle and among themselves. This is assured, in particular, by the following:
 - 2.1.1 Planning, preparing, and conducting District Apostles' Meetings
 - 2.1.2 Planning, preparing, and conducting Apostles' Meetings
 - 2.1.3 Regularly inviting Apostles to participate in Divine Services conducted by the Chief Apostle
 - 2.1.4 Planning and preparing travels by the Chief Apostle to the various District Churches for purposes of conducting Divine Services and cultivating fellowship
- 2.2 NACI promotes the unity of all New Apostolic District Churches as part of a globally active Church as a whole. This is assured, in particular, by the following:
 - 2.2.1 Providing inspiration for a development of the Church as a whole, both inside and outside.
 - 2.2.2 Drawing up guidelines and ordinances conducive to spiritual, organizational, and international cooperation between the District Churches.
 - 2.2.3 Implementing ordinances issued by the Chief Apostle, as well as resolutions passed at District Apostles' Meetings.
 - 2.2.4 Directing the project and work groups set up by the Chief Apostle.
 - 2.2.5 Protecting the unity of the New Apostolic Church against disruptive or undermining activities.
 - 2.2.6 Promoting the interests of the Church as a whole and representing the latter in public.
 - 2.2.7 Devising and promoting a church strategy for the Church as a whole.
 - 2.2.8 Devising and promoting a financial strategy for the Church as a whole.
- 2.3 NACI endeavours to assure the economic viability of the various District Churches, and to contribute to assuring a largely uniform development within the various regions, including the extension of support to financially weak District Churches. This is assured, in particular, by the following:
 - 2.3.1 Seeing that the church strategy is complied with.
 - 2.3.2 Seeing that the financial strategy is complied with.
 - 2.3.3 Receiving and analysing the annual statement of accounts from the various District Churches.
 - 2.3.4 Assisting the various District Churches to obtain state recognition or favoured status.
 - 2.3.5 Assisting the administrations of the District Churches in achieving optimal coordination of all administrative tasks and in coopting available synergies.

2.4 In pursuing public-spirited and charitable activities of international importance, NACI especially discharges the following functions:

2.4.1 Planning, preparing, and implementing public-spirited and charitable activities.

2.4.2 Coordinating beneficial measures.

2.5 A function of NACI is to keep on file church-relevant documents (books, dossiers, records, etc.).

2.6 NACI supervises church publications by the *Verlag Friedrich Bischoff GmbH*, especially documentation for Ministers, teaching material, the church periodical *Our Family*, and music-related material. The periodical *Our Family* is an organ of publication of the Church, providing current information and instruction and also serving to strengthen the faith of New Apostolic Christians. It also falls to NACI to assure that these goals are achieved in a manner conducive to fostering and preserving the New Apostolic Life in Faith.

Article 3

Governing Bodies

- 3.1 The Chief Apostle
- 3.2 The District Apostles' Meeting
- 3.3 The Apostles' Meeting

Article 4

The Chief Apostle

- 4.1 The Chief Apostle is appointed by his predecessor (art. 4.7.9). In the absence of such an appointment, or if the Chief Apostle has been voted out of office, the new Chief Apostle will be elected at a District Apostles' Meeting (Art. 5) or an Apostles' Meeting (Art. 6) from the ranks of the District Apostles, District Apostle Helpers, and Apostles.

His Ministry commences with his ordination. Ordination follows the death of the previous Chief Apostle, or his ascertained definite unfitness for work, or his entry into retirement, or his resignation from office or his having been voted out of office, as per appointment by his predecessor or as per election at a District Apostles' Meeting or an Apostles' Meeting.

The ordination of the new Chief Apostle is performed by the retiring Chief Apostle or by the longest-serving District Apostle. It will be announced without delay to all New Apostolic Congregations around the world.

- 4.2 Upon reaching his 65th year of life, the Chief Apostle is entitled to retire. However, he should not continue in office beyond his 70th year of life.
- 4.3 In the event of a weighty reason obtaining under Swiss Obligation Law (Art. 337) such as undermining the relationship of trust, to the effect that his remaining in office would constitute an imposition, the Chief Apostle may be dismissed through proceedings to vote him out of office.
- 4.4 It falls to the Chief Apostle continually and conscientiously to proclaim Jesus Christ's Doctrine and to preserve its purity. As the supreme spiritual authority of all New Apostolic District Churches on earth, he directs the Church as a whole in all matters spiritual.
- 4.5 The Chief Apostle has the right and duty, within the powers that these Statutes endow him with, to attend to all matters connected with NACI. He has the right to act as sole representative of the Church.
- 4.6 The Chief Apostle may, at any time, delegate his functions to representatives; also confer and revoke plenary powers.
- 4.7 The Chief Apostle has sole decision-making powers concerning all NACI-related matters that are not, by these Statutes or by binding legal provisions, assigned to another organ. In particular, he has been given the following responsibilities:
- 4.7.1 Appointing and ordaining District Apostles, Apostles, and Bishops; also commissioning District Apostle Helpers.
 - 4.7.2 Placing in retirement and dismissing District Apostles, District Apostle Helpers, and Apostles.
 - 4.7.3 Suspending for a specified period of time District Apostles, District Apostle Helpers, and Apostles.
 - 4.7.4 Fixing and altering the boundaries of District Churches, setting up new District Apostles' Areas, reassigning areas for pastoral and administrative purposes.
 - 4.7.5 Determining NACI's annual budget.

- 4.7.6 In consultation with the responsible District Apostle, determining, in compliance with the functions specified in Article 2, the financial contribution to be made to NACI.

With respect to District Apostles' Areas where it is illegal to make contributions to a foreign organization, or in which such contributions would entail legal or fiscal disadvantages for the District Church or its members, NACI waives the remittance of such contributions.

- 4.7.7 Decision-making powers over NACI expenditures and managing its assets.
- 4.7.8 Mediating in cases of divergent opinions within NACI.
- 4.7.9 Appointing his successor from the ranks of NACI members. The Chief Apostle will deposit a document to this effect in NACI's safe. A note to this effect plus plenary powers for accessing this document has been deposited with NACI.
- 4.7.10 Provision for the Chief Apostle being presumed temporarily prevented from discharging his office and his functions: The Chief Apostle will deposit a document to this effect in NACI's safe. A note to this effect as well as plenary powers for accessing this document has been deposited with NACI.
- 4.7.11 Decreeing regulations and ordinances in matters concerning the Church as a whole.
- 4.8 The Chief Apostle's ordinances, subject to compliance with legal provisions, are binding for all District Churches and their governing bodies.
- 4.9 Should the Chief Apostle be presumed temporarily prevented from discharging his office and his functions due to serious sickness or any other grave event (if applicable, certification from two independent physicians is required here), NACI will invite, after a period of two weeks upon the event occurring, the three longest-serving District Apostles to appear within seven days at NACI's seat. Then, in the presence of all, pursuant to art. 4.7.10, the safe and the document contained therein - "In case I am presumed to be temporarily unfit to discharge my duties" - are to be opened. The measures stipulated therein are to be implemented without delay.
- 4.10 In the case of the Chief Apostle being definitely unfit to discharge his duties due to serious sickness or any other grave event (in the case of sickness, certification from two independent physicians is required here), NACI will, within seven days upon receipt of the medical certification or the grave event occurring, convene a District Apostles' Meeting.

Upon the decision at a District Apostles' Meeting pursuant to art. 5.10 that the Chief Apostle is definitely unfit to discharge his duties, then during the Meeting and in the presence of all, the safe and the document contained therein - "In case I am definitely unfit to discharge my duties" - are to be opened pursuant to art. 4.7.9. The measures stipulated therein are to be implemented without delay.

Upon the decision at a District Apostles' Meeting to wait a certain time before declaring the Chief Apostle to be definitely unfit to discharge his duties, then procedures in accordance with art. 4.9 may be adopted.

- 4.11 In the case of the Chief Apostle's death, art. 4.10 applies correspondingly.

Article 5

The District Apostles' Meeting

- 5.1 District Apostles' Meetings include the Chief Apostle holding office as well as all active District Apostles and District Apostle Helpers as members.
- 5.2 At the District Apostles' Meetings, the Chief Apostle is advised and assisted in all matters concerning NACI and, together with the Chief Apostle, the active District Apostles and District Apostle Helpers bears the responsibility for the unity of all New Apostolic District Churches.
- 5.3 District Apostles' Meetings, under the chairmanship of the Chief Apostle, consist of ordinary and extraordinary sessions. At the Chief Apostle's invitation, at least twice a year there are ordinary sessions or, upon motion by at least two-thirds of the members, there are also extraordinary sessions. Invitations are issued in writing one month in advance and include the agenda.
- 5.4 Electoral sessions are held if a new Chief Apostle has to be elected (art. 5.1.13) or if a motion has been tabled to vote him out of office (art. 5.14).
- 5.5 At District Apostles' Meetings the following responsibilities in particular are met:
 - 5.5.1 Ensuring the flow of information with regard to matters introduced by the Chief Apostle, the District Apostles, the District Apostle Helpers, and/or the work or project groups.
 - 5.5.2 Discussing together matters presented by the Chief Apostle, the District Apostles, the District Apostle Helpers, and/or the work or project groups.
 - 5.5.3 Passing resolutions concerning matters submitted for decision by the Chief Apostle, the District Apostles, the District Apostle Helpers, and/or the work or project groups.
 - 5.5.4 Discussing and passing resolutions concerning matters of relevance to NACI and administrations of New Apostolic District Churches.
 - 5.5.5 Decreeing regulations and ordinances in matters concerning the Church as a whole.
 - 5.5.6 Selecting external auditors for a year at a time.
 - 5.5.7 Approving the annual statement of accounts, the annual report, and the audited statement. Here the Chief Apostle is not entitled to vote.
 - 5.5.8 Passing resolutions concerning amendments to the Statutes.
 - 5.5.9 Approving the dissolution of NACI or amendments to its legal form.
- 5.6 At District Apostles' Meetings a quorum is made when at least three-quarters of its members are present or have legally valid representation. The District Apostles and District Apostle Helpers may authorize another NACI member to represent them, provided this is set out in writing.
- 5.7 Resolutions at District Apostles' Meetings must be passed by a three-quarter majority of those members present and those who have legally valid representation. Each member of the District Apostles' Meeting has one vote.

- 5.8 Resolutions at District Apostles' Meetings can also be passed by circular letter, provided no member requests that a session be convened for discussion purposes.
- 5.9 Resolutions passed at District Apostles' Meetings are, unless they infringe applicable legal provisions, binding on all District Churches and their governing bodies.
- 5.10 At District Apostles' Meetings, resolutions are passed with respect to previously documented agenda items concerning the Chief Apostle being definitely unfit to discharge his duties. Invitations in writing and containing the agenda are issued by NACI pursuant to art. 4.10. Such sessions are to be chaired by the longest-serving District Apostle.

At such District Apostles' Meetings decision-making powers are acquired when - apart from the Chief Apostle - all of its members are present or have legally valid representation. The District Apostles and District Apostle Helpers may authorize another member of the District Apostles' Meeting to represent them, provided this is set out in writing. Art. 5.8 does not apply.

Resolutions must be passed unanimously. The Chief Apostle does not have the right to vote.

- 5.11 Electoral sessions of the members of the District Apostles' Meeting are held without the Chief Apostle being present.

Invitations containing the agenda are issued in writing by the longest-serving District Apostle. Sessions should be convened within seven days. They are to be chaired by the longest-serving District Apostle.

- 5.12 In electoral sessions of the members of the District Apostles' Meeting decision-making powers are acquired when at least nine-tenth of its members are present or have legally valid representation. The District Apostles and District Apostle Helpers may authorize another member of the District Apostles' Meeting to represent them, provided this is set out in writing. Each member has one vote. Art. 5.8 does not apply.

- 5.13 An electoral session of the members of the District Apostles' Meeting for the purpose of electing a new Chief Apostle is required when the previous Chief Apostle has not designated his successor, when the said designated successor is not available, or when the Chief Apostle was voted out of office.

5.13.1 The Chief Apostle is elected by secret ballot.

5.13.2 The resolution is deemed to have been passed when two-thirds of members present or legally represented could agree on a successor.

5.13.3 If after seven ballots no Chief Apostle has been elected, the election is delegated to the Apostles' Meeting.

- 5.14 An electoral session of the members of the District Apostles' Meeting for the purpose of voting the Chief Apostle out of office is required when a motion (stating reasons) by at least one-quarter of the members of NACI has been tabled (art. 4.3).

5.14.1 The resolution to proceed with voting the Chief Apostle out of office is taken in secret.

5.14.2 The said resolution must be passed by nine-tenth of members present or legally represented.

5.14.3 No more than three ballots may be held. Should the necessary majority not be obtained, the motion is deemed to have been rejected. Should the necessary majority be obtained, the Chief Apostle is deemed to have been voted out of office; the procedure set out in art. 5.13 must immediately follow.

Article 6

The Apostles' Meeting

- 6.1 All NACI members participate in Apostles' Meetings.
- 6.2 Apostles' Meetings, under the chairmanship of the Chief Apostle, consist of ordinary and extraordinary sessions. At the Chief Apostle's invitation, there are ordinary sessions or, upon motion by at least two-thirds of all NACI members, there are also extraordinary sessions. Invitations are issued in writing one month in advance and include an agenda.
- 6.3 At Apostles' Meetings, the following responsibilities in particular are met:
 - 6.3.1 Discussing and passing resolutions on all matters submitted for decision.
 - 6.3.2 Approving of amendments to the Statutes.
 - 6.3.3 Deciding on the dissolution of NACI or altering its legal form.
- 6.4 At Apostles' Meetings, decision-making powers are acquired when at least three-quarters of all NACI members are present or have legally valid representation. Each member can represent no more than 5 other members subject to their written authorization; the Chief Apostle, however, may represent more than this number of members, also subject to their written authorization.
- 6.5 Resolutions at Apostles' Meetings must be passed by a three-quarter majority of present and legally represented members. Each member of the Apostles' Meeting has one vote.
- 6.6 Electoral sessions of the Apostles' Meeting, pursuant to art. 5.13.3, are held without the Chief Apostle being present. Invitations containing the agenda are issued in writing by the longest-serving District Apostle. Sessions should be convened at the earliest convenience. They are to be chaired by the longest-serving District Apostle.
- 6.7 In electoral sessions the Apostles' Meeting decision-making powers are acquired when at least two-thirds of its members are present or have legally valid representation. Each member can represent no more than 5 other members subject to their written authorization. Each member has one vote.

The Chief Apostle is elected by secret ballot.

The resolution is deemed to have been passed when more than three-quarters of those members present or having legally valid representation were able to agree on a successor.

Article 7

Membership

- 7.1 Members of NACI are: the active Chief Apostle and all District Apostles, District Apostle Helpers, and Apostles in the active service of the New Apostolic Church throughout the world.
- 7.2 It is expected of members, in their capacity as representatives of the New Apostolic Church, that they conduct themselves at all times in line with the vows they have taken (Article 7.5.). Members are obliged to actively promote the continuing viability and development of the New Apostolic Church and to stand up for Jesus Christ's Doctrine.
- 7.3 Members will avail themselves of their respective civil rights and duties. They should, however, refrain from political activity. Exceptions require the Chief Apostle's consent.
- 7.4 Membership is acquired by being ordained as an Apostle or District Apostle.

The District Apostles and Apostles are ordained by the Chief Apostle. The Chief Apostle may commission a District Apostle in writing to carry out an ordination in his stead.

If an Apostle is to be ordained, the responsible District Apostle will propose to the Chief Apostle a Minister from his District Apostle's Area. The Chief Apostle will inform the District Apostles to this effect; these will advise the Chief Apostle of any misgivings they may have. It is left to the District Apostles' discretion to inform the Apostles in their working area.

In case a District Apostle is unable to propose a suitable Minister to receive the Apostle Ministry, the Chief Apostle will confer with other District Apostles about calling a suitable Minister from another District Apostle's Area into the Apostle Ministry.

- 7.5 In cases of new ordinations, District Apostles (when first being ordained into the Apostle Ministry) and Apostles will take the following vow in the presence of the Chief Apostle or his representative prior to their ordination:

"Before God, the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit I vow to love the Almighty God, the Creator of all things, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my being, and with all my strength; also to love my neighbour as myself.

It is my holy duty to proclaim Jesus Christ's Doctrine, especially the redeeming power of His sacrifice, and to proclaim His return; through the gift of the Holy Spirit, to fulfil the commission received in Jesus' name honestly, diligently, conscientiously, and uprightly. I want to serve in humbleness and conduct myself worthily and honourably before God and man.

I acknowledge the Chief Apostle as the highest Minister and promise him my full support. I declare my support for the unity with the Chief Apostle and the District Apostles and Apostles of the New Apostolic Church that are united with him, whose highest duty is obedience in faith, whose highest honour is being faithful to God's work, whose greatest goal is completion in Christ.

In discharging this leading Ministry of the New Apostolic Church, I shall unequivocally take responsibility for this profession of faith and live in accordance with the Gospel as an Apostle of the New Apostolic Church."

- 7.6 Only after taking this vow and putting his signature to the Statutes (which must be countersigned by the Chief Apostle and the responsible District Apostle) can the prospective District Apostle or Apostle be ordained. The Statutes must be signed in triplicate. Copies go to the Chief Apostle, the responsible District Apostle, and the newly ordained Minister.
- 7.7 During the suspension of a District Apostle, District Apostle Helper, or Apostle, which may be pronounced by the Chief Apostle in the event of a weighty reason pertaining (e.g. sickness-related, family-related, marital, or personal), all membership rights are suspended.
- 7.8 Membership of NACI terminates at:
- 7.8.1 Death
- 7.8.2 Retirement
- Upon reaching his 65th year of life, each District Apostle, District Apostle Helper, or Apostle shall retire. For certain regions the Chief Apostle may specify an earlier timepoint that deviates from this. In the event of a weighty reason obtaining, the Chief Apostle may extend the period in office of a District Apostle, District Apostle Helper, or Apostle. Retirement commences with the Act of Retirement, pursuant to art. 4.7.2.
- Each member is entitled to take early retirement, i.e. before reaching his 65th year of life, or else be placed in retirement, particularly when his state of health so requires. The respective decision is taken by the Chief Apostle.
- 7.8.3 Dismissal from office
- Dismissal from office may be effected by the Chief Apostle in the event of a weighty reason pertaining. The member concerned must first be given two weeks' opportunity to state his position with respect to the reasons given for his dismissal.
- 7.8.4 Resignation from office
- Each member can resign from office at any time subject to submitting to the Chief Apostle a written declaration to this effect.
- 7.9 The Chief Apostle's membership in NACI ends with his death, with the ordination of a successor, with his resignation from office as made known to the District Apostles' Meeting, with his definitive disability to serve being established, or with his being voted out of office.
- 7.10 When membership in NACI terminates, all vested powers lapse.
- 7.11 Each member must provide the Chief Apostle - even after membership terminates - upon the Chief Apostle so requesting, with information regarding his official activities and give an account of them.
- 7.12 Each member must exercise due care that, after his membership terminates, all objects belonging to the New Apostolic Church, plus all writings, documents, databases, files, books, inventories, movables, etc., as well as all other assets belonging to the District Apostle's Area in question that are of relevance to ministerial and business management, are passed on to the responsible representative and that they are not misused. If applicable, the Chief Apostle may designate a responsible representative.

Article 8

Finances

- 8.1 The various District Apostles' Areas undertake, subject to the applicable legal provisions (art. 4.7.6), to remit revenues to NACI. These revenues are used for the following purposes:
 - 8.1.1 Covering NACI's administrative costs
 - 8.1.2 Pursuing public-spirited and charitable activities of international significance
 - 8.1.3 Extending support to financially weak District Churches
 - 8.1.4 Subsidizing the *Verlag Friedrich Bischoff GmbH*
 - 8.1.5 Discharging all other NACI activities
 - 8.1.6 Accumulating reserve funds
- 8.2 Revenues remitted to NACI will be managed in line with the Chief Apostle's directives. The Chief Apostle will take steps to assure professional accounting of all of NACI's financial transactions; also to assure a professional statement of accounts by the end of each calendar year, including the auditing of same by a reputable auditing company.
- 8.3 The annual statement of accounts, the annual report, and the audit report must be approved by those who participate in District Apostles' Meetings.
- 8.4 NACI waives a membership fee.
- 8.5 Members - including those who have resigned or have been dismissed - have no claim to NACI assets.
- 8.6 NACI'S liability is restricted to its assets.
Personal liability on the part of NACI's members is excluded.
- 8.7 For purposes of devising and promoting a financial strategy, within a period of six months after the end of each financial year, the signed statements of accounts, together with the business reports and the auditor's auditing reports, are to be forwarded to NACI by the District Apostle, (without being asked to do so), these to pertain to:
 - 8.7.1 The District Apostle's Area (in the form of balance sheets of the District Churches under his care or in the form of a consolidated balance sheet)
 - 8.7.2 Charitable bodies
 - 8.7.3 Foundations
 - 8.7.4 Church-owned economic enterprises

Article 9

Interlinking District Apostles' Areas with NACI

- 9.1 Each District Apostle is obliged to deposit with the Chief Apostle a copy of the current constitutions and Statutes, and articles thereof, concerning the District Churches in his care, as well as all associated economic undertakings and charitable bodies and foundations. New constitutions and Statutes, and articles thereof, as well as amendments to such regulations, are only binding subject to the Chief Apostle's written approval. Should such approval not be forthcoming within a period of three months following receipt of the new/amended Constitution or Statutes by the Chief Apostle, then approval shall be deemed to have been refused.
- 9.2 Should the Statutes of a District Church deviate, for compelling reasons, from NACI's Statutes, the latter shall take precedence with respect to the situation of its members.

Article 10

Data protection

Data gathered, processed, and utilized by NACI for church purposes are deployed according to data protection guidelines laid down by the Chief Apostle and also according to the directives given by the data protection commissionee appointed by him.

Article 11

Amendments to the Statutes

- 11.1 The Statutes may be amended by the District Apostles' Meeting upon motion tabled by a member of NACI. Amendments to the Statutes are subject to approval by the Chief Apostle and the Apostles' Meeting. Amendments to the Statutes must be made known to all NACI members.
- 11.2 Amendments to the Statutes enter into immediate effect after having been approved of by the Apostles' Meeting.
- 11.3 Amendments to the Statutes are to be registered by the Chief Apostle at the Commercial Register at the seat of NACI.

Article 12

Duration and dissolution

- 12.1 The duration of NACI is unlimited.
- 12.2 With the consent of the Chief Apostle and based on a resolution passed at a District Apostles' Meeting, NACI members participating at Apostles' Meetings may with a three-quarter majority of all members decide to dissolve NACI or to alter its legal form.
- 12.3 Liquidation is effected at a District Apostles' Meeting, the members of which may appoint particular liquidators for this purpose.
- 12.4 In the event of NACI's dissolution, its members have no claim to any portion of its assets. In the event of NACI's liquidation, its assets shall be transferred to the District Apostles' Areas - or, if applicable, to their legal successors - in a proportion commensurate with the contributions they have paid to NACI over the last three years.

Article 13

Final provisions

- 13.1 These Statutes replace the previous NACI Statutes of June 1, 1990.
- 13.2 Pursuant to art. 8.6 of the Statutes of June 1, 1990, responsibility for amendments to the Statutes is vested in the Apostles' Council. The latter approved the present Statutes at its session held in Cologne on *October 26, 2001*.
- 13.3 The present Statutes come into force on June 17, 2002.
- 13.4 The original version of these Statutes is formulated in the German language. It will be translated into other languages. In case of lack of clarity, the German version shall apply.
- 13.5 For registration purposes, a complete copy of these Statutes will be submitted to the Commercial Register of the Canton of Zurich.

Decided by the Apostles' Council
In accordance with the minutes
Cologne, October 26, 2001

Approved by the Chief Apostle
Zurich, October 30, 2001

Approved by the Apostles' Meeting:
In accordance with the minutes
Johannesburg, May 17, 2002