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Dear brothers and sisters,

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!"
Jeremiah 8:20

Such was the agonizing mourning of the prophet Jeremiah. Further he asked in verse 22 - *Is there no balm in Gilead, Is there no physician there?*

Such thoughts may also plague us at times...time passes, the good season is behind us, the road is difficult, losses occur, and the Lord has not yet come!

Dear ones, let us take heart! We are not lost; we remain resolute in our belief and knowledge of Jesus Christ. He also lived through such seasons in His life. Many did not understand His teachings and turned away from Him. He suffered rejection, persecution, betrayal, denial, and often, He was alone...

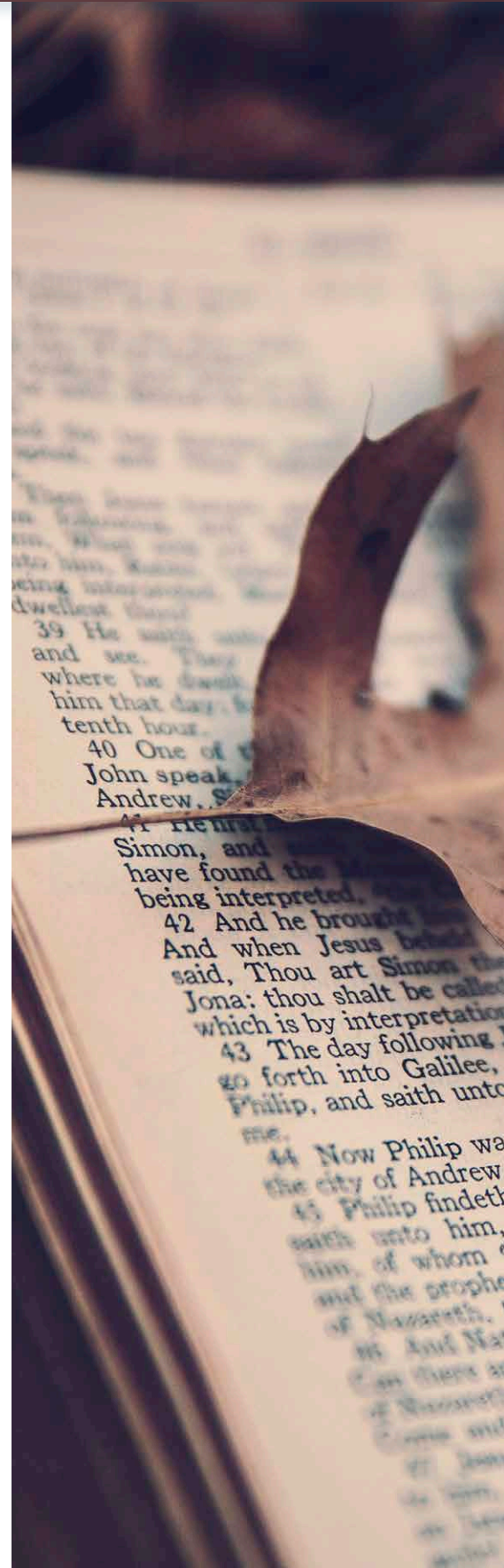
Yes, there is a balm in Gilead and there is a physician here. We know Him in every divine service experience in His holy word and in His earnings. It is the victorious and resurrected Lord! How wonderful are the healing effects of Christ's absolution and the blessing in the benediction. Just as Christ was strengthened by His Father through intensive prayer, so also can we foster such a connection to receive strength and fresh impulses from His Spirit. The Holy Spirit who dwells in us "nudges" us and gives us new perspectives, if we give Him room and call upon Him. We enjoy intimate fellowship in the deep conversations we have in our midweek experience, giving new insights to Jesus Christ and also in "discovering" one another in a new light.

Yes, we live through difficult moments, but we find our joy in Christ, as the first apostles did, that we are *counted worthy to suffer shame for His name* [from Acts 5:41]. The Lord's promise of His return still shines brightly for us, and in the meantime, we continue preparing, constantly knowing and feeling His presence in so many ways. After all, as our Chief Apostle voiced, from Isaiah 44:21 - *I have formed you...you will not be forgotten by Me!*

With such a spirit, let us approach Thanksgiving once again this year with hearts brimming with adoration, praise, and thankfulness.

What abundance, to be a child of God!

With loving greetings,





STEWARDSHIP

WHAT DO WE DO WITH WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN US?

As we approach the autumn season, it is customary for me to write to you about our New Apostolic Thanksgiving Day. For those of you who have diligently saved during the year and intend to give a special expression of your thanks to God with your offering, I thank God for your faith and am inspired by your example.

This Thanksgiving season, I would like to introduce a new perspective to our understanding of offering. This perspective comes directly from the teachings of Christ and is called stewardship. Allow me to explain it this way:

Stewardship may require an evolution in our thinking and a different level of Christian understanding from which to view our lives. It begins with the knowledge that God has called us to follow a unique path of service and love to Him and to others, according to the teachings of Jesus Christ. This is His purpose for our lives. He has given us many gifts to equip us on our paths; **in fact, all that we have are His gifts to us:**

- The gift of our physical existence; our lives and health
- Our time; a lifetime of opportunity
- The grace of Jesus
- The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives; the gift of Divine Childhood in God
- Our unique spiritual giftedness which can be identified through Work of Ministry
- Our relationships with our parents, spouse, children; family and friends
- Our wealth or material possessions

These things really belong to Him, not to us. He has given them to us to glorify Him and to serve His purpose. A steward is someone who manages the possessions of another with the highest level of trust.

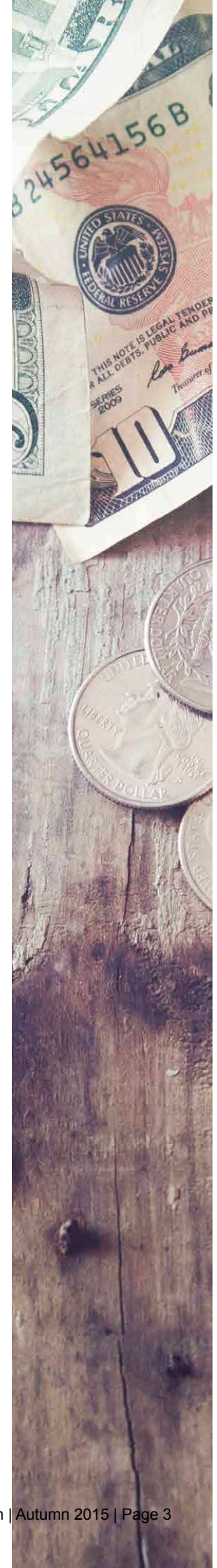
We see that Jesus described this relationship between God and us in many parables. Perhaps most notable is the parable of the talents which we can find in the 25th chapter of Matthew. I would ask you to read this parable carefully and ponder these points:

- Each servant received something different “to each according to his own ability” from his “lord.” We see here that not everyone receives the same gifts.
- The lord of the parable then leaves these servants to care for his talents “in trust” during his absence.
- But each one is expected to account for their use of the lord’s talents. He expected them to be good stewards over His gifts.
- It was not acceptable to ignore the talent or to plead ignorance as to what to do with it.

And then it is interesting that this parable leads directly into Christ’s comments on the judging of the nations as sheep or goats.

All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.” (Matthew 25:32-36)

Perhaps here is the purpose that God has called us to and for which He has gifted us.



I would like to continue this discussion of stewardship and add to our awareness over the coming months. Let me conclude this segment with a few final thoughts on offering and money:

Jesus defines “blessing” in a new way. Our offering is given out of thankfulness for God’s blessing in our lives. God’s blessing is often associated with natural abundance such as wealth and good fortune, like Abraham. Conversely, consider the parable of Job. His friends assume God has removed His blessing from Job’s life because of his natural calamities and they unfairly judge him.

But Jesus paints a different picture in His teachings. In the Beatitudes, He tells the poor, the meek, the mourners and the persecuted that they are blessed also, but links blessing to the Kingdom of Heaven. Our Chief Apostle recently emphasized that in this way, Jesus defines blessing. It is anything that God gives or allows that brings us closer to the Kingdom. Hence, some conditions may be a blessing that are not pleasant to experience and may not include wealth and health. Please be careful of the idea that our offerings will lead to prosperity.

Materialism: This is a powerful negative force that takes us in the opposite direction of stewardship. Here, the individual spends their God-given giftedness in the pursuit of things that *moth and rust destroys*. [Matthew 6:20] Further, this individual says: “I am what I own. I define my life’s purpose, even my self-worth, by my possessions.” This path can be quite destructive. We are inundated with messages that reinforce the myth that material possessions bring respect, acceptance, and purpose to our lives. When taken to the extreme, this path leads away from a true Christian life of

peace and love towards God and each other. There are startling statistics that indicate just how indebted our society has become in the pursuit of materialism and the effects this has on spiritual, emotional, and even physical health.

Lastly, it is quite interesting to recognize just how focused Jesus Christ was on this subject. It would be much easier for us to avoid the subject of money completely; it is an uncomfortable topic. However, Jesus dedicated a significant number of His teaching parables to the subject of our relationship with money, so we must conclude that it is an important part of our decision to walk as disciples with Him.

Perhaps we find ourselves in the dilemma of the servant who buried his talent. Perhaps he didn’t know how to manage the gift that he received. Likewise, perhaps some of our members have a heart to help others and to support the cause of Christ, but are prevented by a lack of financial skills. Take just a moment to consider the parable of the Good Samaritan. How would the story be different if he had a heart filled with compassion, but no funds? He had both the heart to help and the ability to give.

Stewardship, in the form of healthy financial habits, is a common problem for many folks today. If you or someone you love could use some help in this area, you are not alone. There are resources available that approach this subject from a Christian perspective. In the hopes of helping each member be a better steward over God’s gifts and to live a more peaceful, balanced, and fulfilled Christian life, the church will provide access to these resources in the coming months and will announce their arrival as they come on line. **-LRK/WJ**



a new blog with thoughts to focus on

Starting in January 2015, a blog was created on the New Apostolic Church USA app and nac-usa.org that comes out every other Friday. This blog, called "In Focus," highlights thoughts from previous Vision newsletters and other interesting articles. Breaking down the Vision articles into smaller, bite-size pieces helps the message to become clearer and puts specific concepts "in focus." Whether the Vision is read in its entirety or on-the-go in smaller pieces...

...everyone can still be on the same page with the direction of the New Apostolic Church USA and the spiritual impulses we need in order to become more like Christ. Some other neat things you can find on the app are service clips of Chief Apostle Schneider and District Apostle Kolb, discussions on spiritual topics in the For Your Journey episodes, all of the Midweek Experience Curriculum videos and guides, weekly devotionals, and a USA congregational locator.

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NAC USA NOW HAS AN APP!

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gratuitous

adjective

1. given, done, bestowed, or obtained without charge or payment; free; voluntary.
2. being without apparent reason, cause, or justification
3. given without receiving any return value

What have you been blessed with? What has God given to you?

When we think of everything that God has entrusted to us we are often moved to thankfulness. But what is the next step after gratitude? What can we do to show God that we are not only thankful, but that we want to glorify Him with all we've been given? We can turn to Matthew 10:8:

Freely you have received; freely give.

As we are humbled by the abundance that God bestows on our lives, these thoughts must turn into action. The action of giving like Christ did, with no conditions or expectations.

In the 2014 Pentecost service, Chief Apostle Schneider said that one of the effects of God's love is that He is always the giver.

He gives without calculation. He gives without expecting anything in return. He gives without stipulating any conditions...The Lord Jesus gave His life for all, without any conditions. He has given us the gift of the Holy Spirit. And I am sure we all agree: without any merit on our part...He gives because He loves us. So if we truly have love then we also have to be those who give it. We too are to give to others without calculation and without expecting anything in return.

Think again of what God has given you. Maybe you are thankful for your spiritual gifts, your relationships, your health, or the time you have to make experiences and learn new things. How can you freely give these things to others? Can you give these things without calculation or without stipulating certain conditions? How can you give away things like time or health?

If we can stay in the frame of mind that the things in our lives really belong to God and not to us, as discussed in the article on stewardship, the natural response inspires us to give freely.



MATTHEW 10:8

Through our giving to others we are drawn into a closer fellowship and likeness to God and His Son. Acts 20:35 is a verse we are familiar with: *It is more blessed to give than to receive.* As our relationship with Christ grows, we clearly see that true joy in Christ is found in giving.

How can our congregations embrace the concept of gratuitousness? It's very clearly defined in our Vision by the phrase, to create "a church in which people feel at home." When we can "give without calculation," we display our love for those to whom we give. This culture of giving and serving is a key aspect in fulfilling our Vision and is a responsibility that is inherent in all of Christianity. **-VB/KAH**

Who we are, and what we have, has been given to us so that we can place it at the service of others. Freely we have received, freely we must give. Our task is to make it bear fruit in good works. - Pope Francis



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What can I give with what I have received?

STEPPING FORWARD

We were asked to write an article for the *Unsere Familie* giving an update on the Stepping Forward strategy of the USA district. For your information, the following is what was printed in the magazine:

I would like to share with you some experiences that we have made recently in the NAC-USA district. Six years ago, the leadership of the district created a comprehensive plan to guide the future direction and decision making of our congregations based upon the unique circumstances found in our country. We named the strategy "Stepping Forward." Please allow me to provide a brief summary as well as report to you on our progress and challenges.

Stepping Forward was inspired by the Vision and Mission statements of the international New Apostolic Church. We distilled the statements down to the following hopeful outcome:



**HEALTHY, GROWING CONGREGATIONS
WHERE SOULS ARE COMPLETED FOR
THE RETURN OF CHRIST.**

Such a simple phrase, but how does it happen exactly? What are the intentional steps that each congregation must take that will move us forward toward health and inner growth? There are so many important things to do, but it seemed to us that they should be organized into four distinct objectives:

- **Improve the quality of our Divine Services:** The preaching, the music, the fellowship and ultimately the fervency of our celebration of Holy Communion with Jesus Christ.
- **Create a more Gospel centered congregational culture:** Learn to live, to lead and to make decisions like Jesus.
- **Improve our Pastoral Care:** Help each member to feel the love of God and the presence of Jesus in a very real way given their unique path of life outside the church walls.



- **Create a sustainable congregational structure to care for administrative matters:** Engage each member and lay minister alike to answer God's call to actively edify the body of Christ while living a balanced life.

With these objectives to guide us, we have taken and continue to refine these steps:

- **Formed "flagship" congregations where possible.** These are congregations which have joined together in a very proactive and intentional way to form stronger, larger and more sustainable communities.
- **Introduced shared leadership teams in our larger congregations.** One person is appointed by the apostle to lead the congregational efforts in each of the key areas described in the four objectives above. Therefore a team of four individuals assist the rector and support his role in leading the congregation.
- **Linked International Districts,** previously known as mission lands, apply the same strategy and teachings in all the districts connected to the USA.
- **The Vision Newsletter** was developed to communicate with every household on a quarterly basis. Following this, we branched out into different media outlets as a way of communicating to the different demographics of our membership. The development of the NAC-USA app continued this communication effort, as well as the creation of the Vision Journal, a compilation of all the Vision Newsletter articles arranged by topic of the components of the Stepping Forward plan.



- **Promoted “the Work of Ministry” program.** This Gospel based journey of discovery helps each member to discover their God given calling and giftedness with which to actively edify the Body of Christ. To be a follower of Christ is not a passive role and a healthy congregation requires the gifts and passions of all the members and ministers.
- **Created an Effective Preaching eLearning system for our ministers who preach our sermons.** The course provides a comprehensive approach to training. It is an online platform that helps our ministers in developing inner authority, sermon construction, preaching delivery skills, and utilizing feedback.
- **Developed a new approach to the Midweek Service.** Our challenging lifestyles, work schedules, traffic and distances have combined to make the traditional midweek service an event that was experienced by fewer and fewer members. We have moved to a more interactive and transformational approach designed to take the church to where our members live and work with greater scheduling flexibility. In this way the majority of our members will be able to connect with the church between the Sundays, and share the experience with friends and neighbors inside and outside the church walls.
- **Conducted Town Hall Meetings** and Regional Workshops across the USA. To help our congregations take these steps, a team of NAC-USA employees and volunteers travelled to 13 regional locations to provide hands on training.
- **Project and Work groups** of the NAC-USA are made up of volunteers and employees to

create content and analyze resources. Some examples of these groups are the Children’s Work Group and the Effective Preaching Project Group.

- **re Charitable Ministry –** This is our new charitable organization that helps with national and international disasters, along with providing support to members participating in grassroots and international charitable endeavors.
- **Prepare & Enrich –** This program is designed to assist couples looking to evaluate their current relationship in anticipation of marriage or to strengthen an existing marriage.
- **The Synod was reorganized and an Executive Committee** was formed to oversee major capital expenditures.



All of the above is a work in progress with varying degrees of success to date. The Gospel of Jesus and God’s offer of salvation do not change. However, the fields to which The Master has called us to labor are dynamic. To be fruitful servants, our methods must continually evolve to keep pace. –LRK/WJ/VB



Dear brothers and sisters,

As I travel around the country, I've heard of challenges and concerns, as well as moments of intense spiritual growth, coming out of the midweek experience. Since its introduction in 2014, we have not formally collected feedback, until now. At this point, I would like to ask for your feedback to help us evaluate the current status of where we are on this journey. Your individual feedback is valuable to the apostles and me.

On the next page you will find a midweek experience survey. Whether you participate in a midweek experience option or not, I sincerely ask you to complete the survey with as much detail as possible. If there is more than one person in your household, please ask your rector for additional copies or print them from www.nac-usa.org.

The number of responses is vital to the accuracy and completeness of the picture painted by this survey. Therefore, encourage everyone in your family and congregation to respond.

This survey can be submitted online at www.nac-usa.org. However, if you choose to take the paper survey, please follow the instructions below. To respect the integrity of the survey and the time invested by you and all other participants, please submit only one response online or via the paper form. If you have any questions, email communications@nac-usa.org.

The deadline for submitting your response is **Monday, December 14th**.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. I look forward to receiving your feedback.

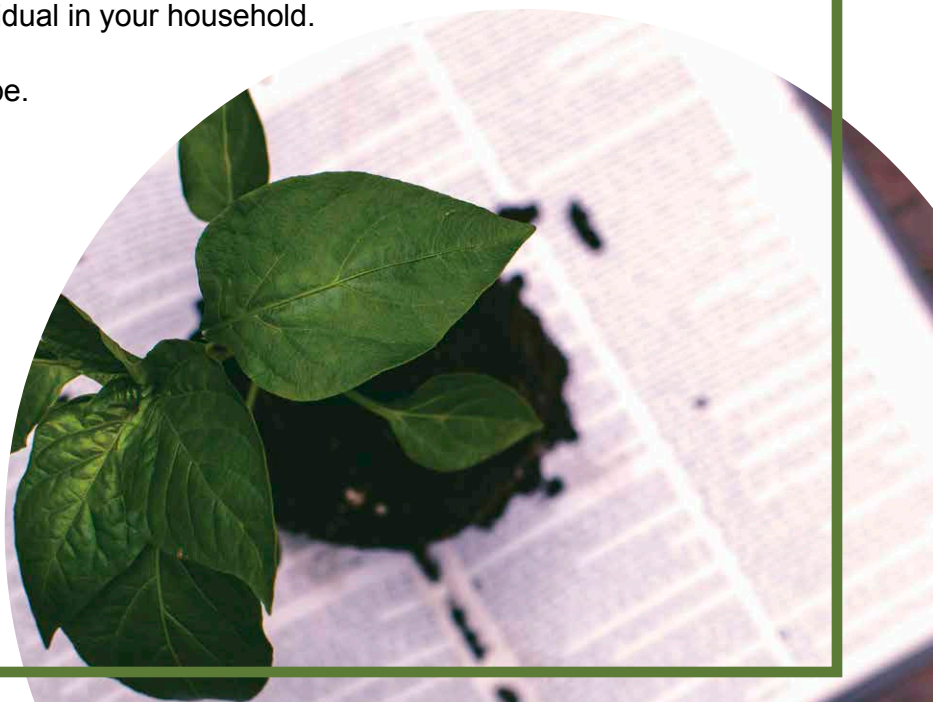
With my love and gratitude,



Instructions for submitting your paper survey:

1. Print enough copies for each individual in your household.
2. Complete the 2-page survey.
3. Mail surveys in a stamped envelope.
4. Send your envelope to:

NAC USA Midweek Experience
6005 Perry Highway
Erie, PA 16509





Midweek Experience Survey

Please fill out one survey per individual. Please print your answers.

CONGREGATION _____

1. Indicate the frequency of all available options during an average month in your congregation's current midweek experience. **NOTE: A small group is typically categorized as 3-10 people, and a group devotional would typically be a larger group.**

		Not available	Unsure of availability
<i>Midweek divine service</i>	_____ <i>times per month</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Word service</i>	_____ <i>times per month</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Group devotional</i>	_____ <i>times per month</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Small group discussion</i>	_____ <i>times per month</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Worship evening</i>	_____ <i>times per YEAR</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Out of your available options, indicate how often you participate. **NOTE: If you do not participate in an activity, please mark it with a "0".**

<i>Midweek divine service</i>	_____ <i>times per month</i>
<i>Word service</i>	_____ <i>times per month</i>
<i>Group devotional</i>	_____ <i>times per month</i>
<i>Small group discussion</i>	_____ <i>times per month</i>
<i>Worship evening</i>	_____ <i>times per YEAR</i>

3. Please rank these midweek options according to their impact on your spiritual growth. (1 = most impactful and 5 = least impactful) **NOTE: Please mark "NA" on any activity that you have never participated in.**

_____	<i>Midweek divine service</i>
_____	<i>Word service</i>
_____	<i>Group devotional</i>
_____	<i>Small group discussion</i>
_____	<i>Worship evening</i>

4. Please explain why you chose your "1" and "2" ranked experiences as having the most impact on your spiritual growth.

#1 _____

#2 _____

5. If you **DO NOT** currently attend a small group discussion, please check all the reasons below that apply:

- I am more comfortable with the way things were before.
- I feel less compelled to go to church if there is not a divine service.
- I am not interested in trying this new option.
- I am uncomfortable sharing my personal feelings/experiences with other people.
- I feel like I may not have anything to contribute.
- Small group discussions are not currently offered in my congregation.
- Other: _____

6. If you **DO** currently attend a small group discussion, please evaluate the following by circling only one number ranging from highly effective to not effective.

	Highly effective			Not effective	
Evaluate your facilitator's effectiveness in cultivating an engaging discussion (time-management, digging deeper, not letting people dominate, preparation, etc.).	1	2	3	4	5
Evaluate your small group's effectiveness in engaging in discussion.	1	2	3	4	5
Evaluate the NAC Midweek Experience curriculum videos and guides .	1	2	3	4	5
Evaluate the effectiveness of your small group experience in deepening your relationship with Christ .	1	2	3	4	5
Evaluate the effectiveness of your small group experience in increasing your Biblical knowledge .	1	2	3	4	5
Evaluate the effectiveness of your small group experience in building relationships with others.	1	2	3	4	5
Evaluate the effectiveness of your small group experience in giving and receiving strength and comfort .	1	2	3	4	5
Evaluate your small group's overall effectiveness in impacting your spiritual growth and transformation over the past year.	1	2	3	4	5

Where does your small group discussion take place? Check the answer that applies most often.

- Someone's home
- At church
- At a coffee shop
- Other: _____

7. Any other suggestions, successes, challenges, and/or stories that you would like to share?

OPTIONAL: If you are open to being contacted for further questions, please include the following information. Your name and contact information will not be shared publicly.

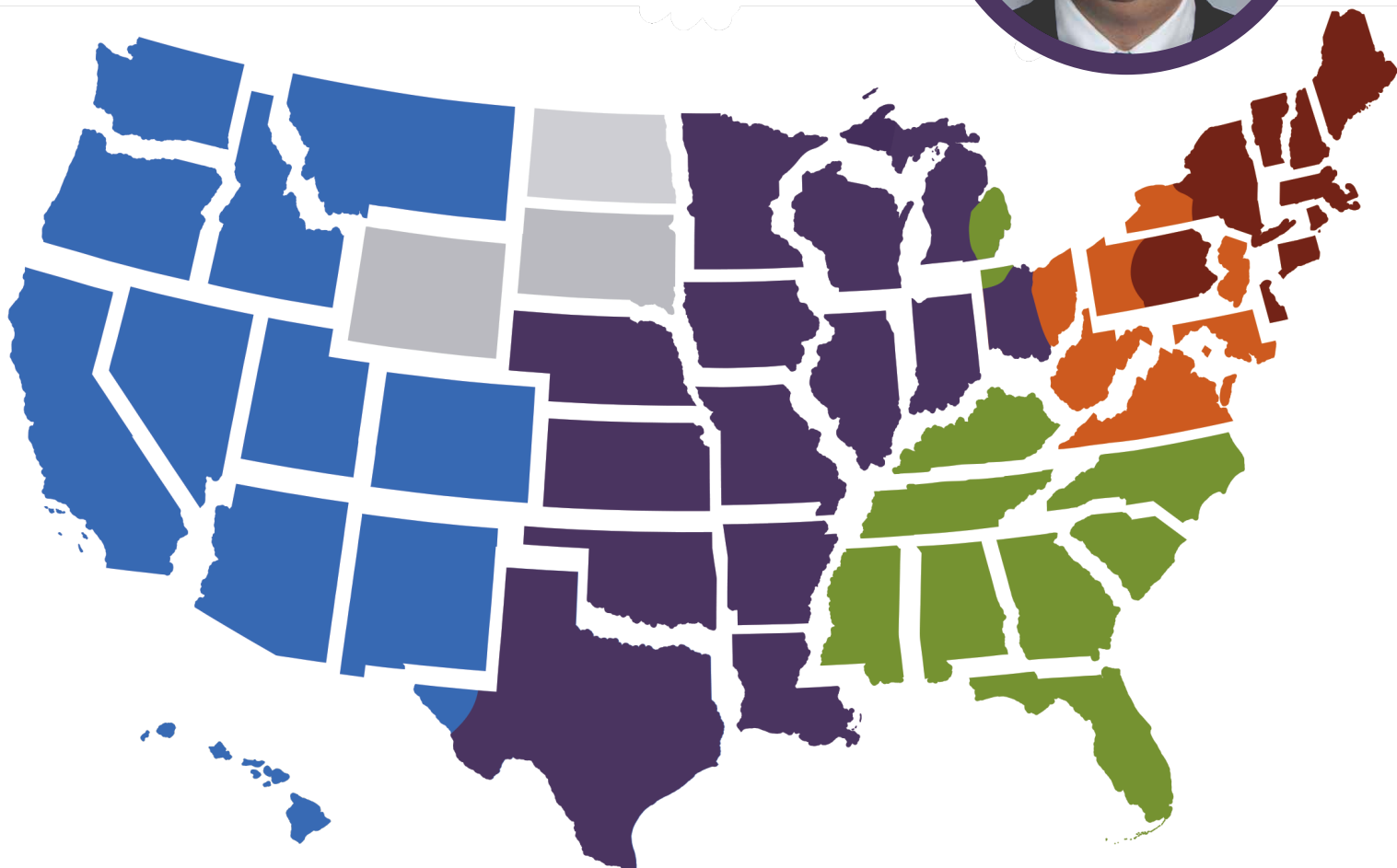
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USA DISTRICT REORGANIZATION

The New Apostolic Church USA has gone through some changes in the past few months in regards to the organization of the USA district. In the June Woodbury divine service with Chief Apostle Schneider, Apostle Wilbert Hoffman was placed into retirement from his ministry. He was responsible for the pastoral care of the northwestern region of the USA as an Apostle since 1999. With his retirement comes the need to reorganize the regions slightly so that all are cared for by an Apostle. Please look at the map to see how the district is now organized.



PERSPECTIVE

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

In the international District Apostle Meeting in March of this year, Chief Apostle Schneider shared some thoughts concerning the forgiveness of sins and the importance it has in our spiritual lives. There are four main parts to this teaching:

1. PREPARING FOR THE ABSOLUTION MOVES US FORWARD IN THE SANCTIFICATION PROCESS

Before our sins can be forgiven, there are a few things we must do, and this process strengthens us spiritually. To be forgiven for our sins, we must first **be aware** of them. This requires an intense reflection and examination of ourselves. Set aside time for yourself before the time of absolution to recognize and reflect on your transgressions. Following the recognition of our sins is our **confession to God**. In the confession, we can show God we know what our sins are and that we feel guilt over them. The Chief Apostle said, *“Confession is a great way to counteract false excuses that we invent ourselves.”*

After our confession, we can **repent** for what we have

done and make a resolution to do and be better.

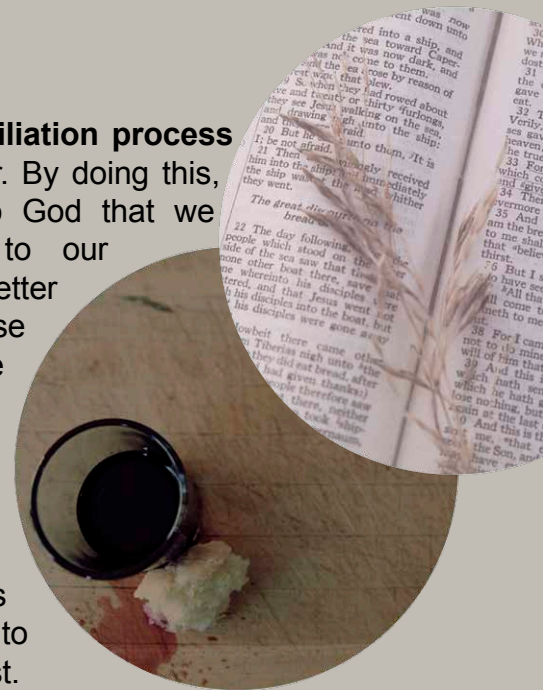
Repentance might be seen as the last preparatory step to forgiveness of sins, but there is actually one more thing we are implored to do; this is to immediately

start the reconciliation process with our neighbor. By doing this, we can show to God that we are committed to our resolution to better ourselves. These four steps, done in preparation for each divine service, help us move forward in our sanctification, developing us more and more to become like Christ.

2. FORGIVENESS OF SINS ADVANCES OUR SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING

The absolution not only erases our sins, it also assures us of the peace of Christ when we hear the words at the end of the absolution, “The peace of the Risen One abide with you.” Hence, we are reminded of three truths that are indispensable to our spiritual well-being:

- The forgiveness of sins confirms God’s constant love for us. He does not reject us for our sins and therefore, forgives us.
- We experience the victory of Christ over evil. Our sins are able to be forgiven because of Christ’s sacrifice. Chief Apostle Schneider



said, "The evil one can still make us fall, but he cannot separate us from the love of God."

c) With forgiveness of sins, our guilt is voided. Without the burden of our guilt, God allows us to have a fresh start.



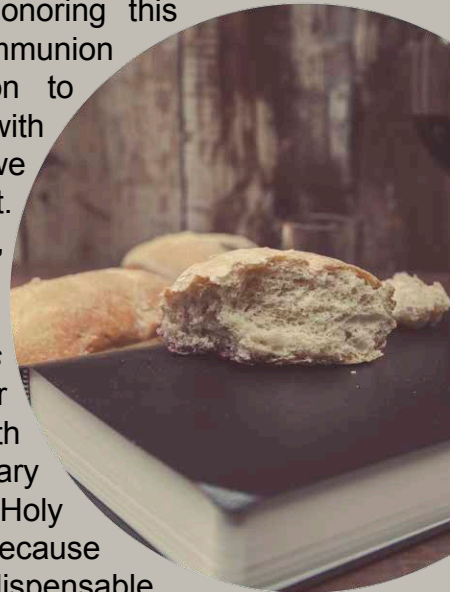
3. FORGIVENESS OF SINS STRENGTHENS THE UNITY OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD

We also need to consider the communal aspect of forgiveness of sins, which strengthens our fellowship as children of God. Together, the congregation confesses their sins by singing the repentance hymn and praying with each other the Lord's Prayer. In this open confession, each one publicly acknowledges their sin and admits that one is not better than another brother or sister. When the congregation says together, "deliver us from the evil one," in the Lord's Prayer, it signifies that all are joined together in the fight against the evil one. We pray and hope for each one that we can overcome temptations and fight sin. After the Lord's Prayer, we hear the absolution together. This confirms not only that our individual sins have been pardoned, but also that my brother and sister's sins have been pardoned. When we experience repentance and forgiveness of sins together, we grow stronger in our relationships with each other. This is a major element of our "Joy in Christ." We can be joyful that not only are our individual sins forgiven, but that the sins of our brothers and sisters are forgiven.

These things may seem and be...
Our fathers did once...
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then Jesus said unto th...
verily, I say unto you, he...
but say, "Father, giveth fro...
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the bread of God, whic...
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gave us this bread."
Jesus said unto them, I...
said they unto him, Lord...
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4. FORGIVENESS OF SINS IS INDISPENSABLE IN PREPARING FOR HOLY COMMUNION

The forgiveness of sins is necessary for our worthy partaking of Holy Communion, which is crucial for our salvation and for us to live in Christ. Forgiveness of sins is an important step before Holy Communion because we must be pure in order to have communion with Christ. Holy Communion is for those who are committed to turn away from evil and follow Christ, and through the repentance of our sins, we are honoring this commitment. Holy Communion allows the congregation to also be in fellowship with one another, while we commune with Christ. The Chief Apostle said, "True communion is only possible if [the congregation] has forgiven each other." Our desire to reconcile with one another is necessary for us to partake in Holy Communion together. Because Holy Communion is an indispensable part of our spiritual lives, we need to put in the work to prepare ourselves to have our sins forgiven.



We can see, through this understanding from Chief Apostle Schneider, that the forgiveness of sins is much deeper than we may have thought or felt. It is not just a brief moment in the divine service, but rather is something that involves our preparation for the divine service, our sanctification, our spiritual well-being, our unity, and our worthy partaking of Holy Communion.





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2016 DEVOTIONAL JOURNAL

The yearly devotional journal will be discontinued after 2015, so there will be no 2016 journal. You are still encouraged to write down your thoughts before, during, or after the divine service so that you can continually learn from what the Spirit has provided. You may want to buy your own journal for taking notes. Along with having your own journal, you can access a weekly devotional on the NAC USA app or subscribe to receive the devotional via email at nac-usa.org. This devotional comes out every Monday and provides the Bible verse from the Sunday service the day before, thoughts to go along with it, and questions to provoke understanding and personal reflection.

A 2016 Children's Devotional will still be produced by the Children's Work Group. These will be available for order on our national website by mid-November at www.nac-usa.org.

