

Confirmation

Getting to know the New Apostolic Church

The New Apostolic Church is an international Christian church. The basis of its teachings is Holy Scripture. In 1863 it emerged from the Catholic Apostolic Church and is led by Apostles, just like the early Christian congregations.

The core of the New Apostolic doctrine is the return of Christ to take home those who have been prepared for this event. The New Apostolic Church places great value on the personal responsibility of its members. The individual is accountable to God for his conduct. The gospel of Christ and the system of values resulting from the Ten Commandments provide clear orientation for this.

The New Apostolic Church is fully independent and politically neutral. It is financed by the voluntary contributions of its members.

At present, over ten million Christians around the world profess the New Apostolic faith.



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Welcome!

Dear honoured guest, we extend a warm welcome to you.

Today you will experience a confirmation service in the New Apostolic Church. Perhaps this is your first time with us as a guest.

For this reason we would like to briefly introduce you to the New Apostolic Church and explain the act of confirmation as well as the sequence of this divine service.

We wish you a blessed and festive day. You are always warmly welcome to join us.

What is the significance of confirmation?

The word 'confirmation' derives from the Latin word *confirmare* and means "to strengthen", or "to certify".

Confirmation is an act of blessing in which the confirmand vows to lead a life of faith that corresponds to the gospel of Christ in personal accountability to God.

After a brief address, the minister asks the confirmands if they wish to pursue their future way of life as New Apostolic Christians in faithfulness to God. The confirmands attest to their willingness to do so with a collective "Yes", and then go on to say their confirmation vow together. It states the following:

"I renounce Satan and all his work and ways, and surrender myself to You, O triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in belief, obedience, and the earnest resolution to remain faithful to You until my end. Amen."

Following this, the minister places his hands on the foreheads of the confirmands and dispenses the confirmation blessing.

Divine service

Sequence

- Congregational hymn
- Invocation of the triune God
- Prayer of the minister at the altar
- Reading of the Bible text for the sermon
- Musical selection
- Sermon by one or more ministers
- Congregational hymn (hymn of repentance)
- Congregation joins in the Lord's Prayer
- Proclamation of the forgiveness of sins and prayer
- Address to the confirmands
- Confirmation vow and confirmation blessing
- Celebration of Holy Communion*
- Closing prayer and benediction

General information

We thank you for not filming or taking photographs during the divine service, which includes the act of confirmation. There will be an opportunity to do so when the congregation comes to congratulate the confirmands and afterward.

We happily invite you to our divine services. You can find the divine service times of the congregation nearest you at www.nak.org.

* All baptised individuals who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord, and who profess His death, resurrection, and return, are invited to participate as guests.