



District
Apostle
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Banca-Banca
Congregation

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My dear young Brethren,

"What starts well, ends well" goes an old saying. I hope you started the year 2010 well. The New Year's message: "Proclaim the kingdom of God with courage, esteem and respect for others, mercy and compassion and concentrating upon that which is essential" shall not be forgotten but lived by the youth as well.

The District Elder Loloy Depaz has put in January on his action plan, a focus on **PROMOTE YOUTH ACTIVITIES**, **YOUTH ON THE FRONT LINE**. I have taken this myself also to heart and organized a CORE YOUTH FORUM, round the table discussion with 5 youth the District Elder and myself.

The Focus for the month of February is **DEVELOP MINISTERS AND TEACHERS**. Please my dear young Brothers and Sisters make yourself available to carry a ministry. Sisters are needed as teachers. Yes everything has to start small but willingness is at the beginning. Remember: **WE PROCLAIM THE KINGDOM OF GOD**. That is done in many ways and not just preaching in a divine service.

Thank you for helping along, for reaching out and making our congregations joyful and happy.

Wishing you a blessed month of February.

Yours truly

**Urs Hebeisen** 

# RESOLUTIONS 2010

"Proclaim the kingdom of God.
Be persistent in prayer, work, relationship building and peace making"



### DISTRICT NEWS UPDATE

### **RESOLUTIONS 2010**

### **CHIEF APOSTLE:**

This NEW YEAR shall be one of PERSISTENCE

- PERSISTENT IN PRAYER, that is always the beginning
- PERSISTENT IN WORKING ALONG in God's work
- PERSISTENT MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONSHIP with fellow men and our surrounding
- PERSISTENT MAKING PEACE, Children of God are Peacemakers
- PERSISTENT TO INTRODUCE OUR FAITH to fellow men
- PERSISTENT IN WAITING FOR THE DAY OF REDEMPTION, the day of the Lord with Courage and confidence

### **DISTRICT APOSTLE:**

"...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"

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## LOCAL YOUTH LEADER FOR METRO MANILA

In a round the table discussion with a youth forum the District Apostle announced PRIEST CHRIS REQUILME as responsible Youth Leader for Metro Manila Area. He will support the Regional Youth Leader DEI. Erlendo "Loloy" Depaz.

#### **YOUTH FORUM MAKATI**

In response to the January action plan of the District Elder, the District Apostle invited some youth from Makati congregation for a forum, a round the table discussion, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010. He emphasized that the youth shall be multipliers of visions such as the New Year's Message from the Chief Apostle: "Proclaim the kingdom of God. Be persistent in prayer, work, relationship building making" and peace Communication among the youth is essential. SMS and e-mail now accessible to a growing number. No one shall stand at the outside but be integrated. Youth activities to be organised by the young people themselves together with the Youth Divine Services, Discussion groups, Leaders.

Lectures and Seminars, Singing and Music, Sports are part of a healthy New Apostolic Christian lifestyle of the Youth. He encouraged the participants to make feedbacks and come up with suggestions.

<u>Participants: 6</u> Del. Depaz

Harold Maravilla

Youth on the frontline

Priest Chris Requilme Marvin Maravilla
Rosabelle Silvano Rebecca Silvano

### January 9, 2010 - Leaders Meeting

Officiated by: Del. Depaz

Topic: Action Plan 2010, Focus: Family Outing and VBS, Youth on the Frontline

They have the specific list of activities that needs to address to every youth in the church. Accordingly, the action plan for this year includes family outing and vacation bible school, and the significance of youth on the frontline.

#### Participants: 18

DE. Erlendo Depaz Ev. Noel Tuazon Pr. Chris Requilme. Dc. Sherwin Versoza Rosabelle Silvano Bro. Marvin Maravilla Dev. Rolex Navarro Ev. Rolly Suella Pr. Lito Sabuga-a Dc. Dhon Balana Clarice Tuazon Randy Silvano

Sh. Ernesto Silvano Pr.Chris Ronquillo,. Dc. JP Alipao Susan Silvano Bro. Heinz Bongato Sammy Silvano

## Youth discussion/meeting Makati Multi Purpose January 10, 2010

Topic: Action Plan 2010 Officiated: Del Erlendo Depaz

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of January, youth of the New Apostolic Church in Makati held a meeting in the Makati Multi Purpose after the Divine Service. At the start of the meeting, it was announced that Priest Christopher Requilme as the new Youth Leader of Makati. Afterwards, the Agenda of the meeting plotted. In the discussion, the action plan for this year's activities. It was emphasized in the meeting the importance of youth as the front liner of the church. Youth are the one that gives enjoyment to the church. With their young energy, they have all the capabilities to do what God's want them to do.

Thus, they were reminded regarding the importance of constant communication not only with each other but as well as to the people, they are able to meet. In order for them to understand fully the importance of communication, a workshop was included in the meeting. This workshop shows only that each of us have different perspective depending on the situation.

Each of us has different explanation, however, we must use every opportunity to introduce Christ and

spread the gospel. Every youth should be ready to take the responsibility of sharing the word of God. This is the best way to make every moment of being youth worthy to our Lord Jesus Christ. As the bible says, "remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Hence, in moments like this, youth should maximize their time in remembering Christ through their works.

Participants: 16

Dhon Balana Genesa Azarias Esmeralda Lumbocan Katrina Louise Bajado Dc. Bryan Cervantes

Rosabelle Silvano Nory Calingcag Madelyn Nemeño Marylo Makinano Dc. Jephone Alipao Harold Maravilla

Pr. Chris Requilme Leah Navarro Racil Taguc Levenry Barles

### **District Elder Depaz Programs**

Dec. 27, 2009, Del. Erlendo Depaz, Del. Marcena and some youths from Makati organized a Children and Youth Program in Asan Sur, Pangasinan. The children were very active and happy to receive some toys as a gift from the youth.



DE Depaz Christmas Program in Pangasinan



### **District Apostle Hebeisen visits Banca-Banca Congregation**

On January 03, the first Sunday of 2010, our District Apostle Hebeisen conducted the District Divine Service in Banca-Banca congregation. Famy, Salang Bato and Mabato congregation was invited for the Divine Service. After the service, they gathered in the house of Dist. Evangelist Melencio Bringas for fellowship.



### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

#### FEBRUARY 2010

SUNDAY **February 07, 2010 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church** Sh. Ernesto Silvano

SUNDAY **February 14, 2010 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church DE Erlendo Depaz** 

**SUNDAY February 21, 2010 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church D.Ev. Rolex Navarro** 

SUNDAY **February 28, 2010 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church** Pr. Cris Ronquillo

Announcement: Youth Meeting on February 14, 2009 @ NAC Multi-purpose

Midweek Services every Wednesday at 8 pm

### **Experience of Faith**

### A deal beyond the grave

I have fond memories of my Aunt Francine, my mother's sister. As a child I lived with her in the country for a quarter of a year while my mother was very sick. This aunt was a caretaker in a church that was popular with tourists on account of its beautiful altar.

My New Apostolic mother and my Aunt Francine, who belonged to a different denomination, would often talk about which was the right doctrine of faith. One day my mother proposed something rather unusual, which upon her death and certainly beyond that would bring a solution: "Francine, if you pass away before I do," said my mother to her sister, "and if you fare better there than I do here today, then please come get me too. If it happens the other way around, if I go first and am better off there than you are here then I will come and get you." That was what the two of them agreed.

In her high age my Aunt Francine became very ill. My mother who had just visited her, said to me: "We nee to pray that the Lord shortens her suffering." Shortly thereafter – it was a Saturday prior to the service for the departed – I tried in vain to reach my mother by telephone. My husband downplayed my concern: With this beautiful weather,

your mother will likely be in the garden." Later a sister from our congregation called. She had wanted to visit my mother, but had found the shutters on the windows closed. She had likely gone to visit my Aunt Francine, this sister supposed. Since we knew this was not the case, my husband and I immediately drove to my mother's house a long with one of our sons. When we got there we found her lying on her bed with her eyes forever closed! Beside her was a pair of glasses and an open copy of Our Family magazine. "Looking back thankfully, upward believingly, and forward courageously" was probably the last article she had read before passing away quietly.

The funeral took place four days later. Aunt Francine's daughter was unable to participate because she had to stay with her seriously ill mother, but both sons had come along to the cemetery. When they went to visit their mother later on, she had already followed my mother into the beyond!

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## District Apostle Letterbox



### Dear District Apostle,

In every year we have three (3) Services for the Departed, I often heard the word eternity but I cannot really understand why we have this service for the departed and what eternity is. How can the soul benefit this service? Is there any prove or explanation in the bible regarding these things? What I understand that if you die you will bury and wait for the return of Christ, resurrected when Christ come and face the last judgment.

Thank you very much in advance and more power to you......and your family.

#### **Anonymous**

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God wants that all souls are saved. That of course is only possible in a much wider dimension than we can imagine and cannot be limited to some time here on earth.

Eternity is the realm of the spirit. That is where departed souls live according to their spiritual condition on earth. The soul continues to live and of course to develop. God's word, the sacraments are just as vital for them as it is for the souls in a human body of flesh.

The Lord Jesus Himself entered into this realm after death to testify, before He resurrected.

Our Brochure "Afterlife" is free of charge and provides lots of insight in our faith of salvation for the departed. Get it and read it

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