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**“But those  
who hope in  
the LORD will  
renew their  
strength. They  
will soar on  
wings like ea-  
gles; they will  
run and not  
grow weary,  
they will walk  
and not be  
faint.”**

**Isaiah 40:31**



# NAC Youth Link

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## Editorial

My Dear Youth,

The experiences in Bais/Negros Oriental were really great. I know not all of you could make it there but be assured being a faithful member and active in the Youth will bring your share of blessing upon you.

DA Fehlbaum from Switzerland brought us a message from Luke 2:52

***“...and Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men”.***

Jesus was not born as a grown up, but as a Baby. Then, as a 12-year old, he knew already, where His place was. In the 40<sup>th</sup> verse it says of Him: ***“and the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom and the grace of God was upon Him”.*** Jesus' life on earth was about growing, becoming stronger in spirit and having more wisdom. God's favour is God's Grace!

This is the way we want to go as well. With Jesus we grow, with Him we succeed and with Him we will accomplish. It is all possible because the Grace of God is upon us. Let us become His disciple.

I wish you all much experience of God's Love, the guidance of Christ and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Did not Jesus say? ***“ASK AND YOU WILL BE GIVEN”.***

Brotherly “Big hug”, love and greetings,

*Urs Hebeisen*

# 1<sup>ST</sup> NEW APOSTOLIC CHURCH NATIONAL YOUTH DAY IN THE PHILIPPINES



NAC Makati Youth in Bais, Negros

*They all have one purpose: to achieve "One Faith, One Goal"*

approaches the Bishop, while listening to his spiritual discussion with the participants. He is interested to know more about our religion and invited the Bishop to visit

mixed and distributed to more than 50 groups to participate in the team-building exercises. Each group must paint an image that portrays our theme: "One Faith, One Goal". The challenge is that each group must do various team-building exercises before they can get each material needed for their painting. One exercise for the white board, another exercise for the pencil, another for the crayons, another for the pastel, and so on. After they collected all

The 1<sup>st</sup> successful New Apostolic Church National Youth Day Philippines was held last April 5 to 7, 2013 at Bais City Elementary School Compound, Bais City, Negros Oriental, Philippines. Over 2,000 young people attended from the Philippines and South East Asia Youth Delegates from Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Thailand.

Bais City is located at the Visayas group of islands, which is in the middle of the Philippine archipelago that comprises of 7,100 islands from three major islands. Luzon is on the northern part, where Manila is located;

him in Mindoro. The Luzon participants arrived at 12:00 noon at Bais City. 4 participants from the Luzon Youth help in the registration booth. Youth Leader Ev. Darwin Nuyad of Mindanao invited the Luzon Youth in the fellowship night of all youth



Visayas is on the central part and Mindanao is on the southern part.

**April 3-4, 2013, Wednesday-Thursday**, a lot of new apostolic youth started their journey to Bais. 45 participants from Luzon Youth left Makati at 6:00 am last April 4, 2013 by bus, while 7 others took the plane, which are mostly members of the NACSea Orchestra.

**April 5, 2013, Friday**, the Luzon Youth decided to make their trip a mission and they distributed testimony flyers everywhere, even while boarding on the boat to Mindoro. A young man

from Mindanao in their camp, since it is also the first time for Mindanao Youth to be together. The evening gave lots of joy to the Luzon Youth because of the intimate fellowship and friendship, which includes music and fun activities hosted by youth from Tangub District. The program was opened and closed in prayer by Apostle Mercurio Nuyad and by Bishop Diniega. **April 6, 2013, Saturday**, the Luzon Youth joined the morning games. Over 1,000 youth was

the materials, that's the only time they can start their painting. The games were concluded at 11:30 am. Everyone took their lunch first and returned at 1:00 pm for the parade of colors. Each Apostle working area is represented in various colors:  
 Orange – Luzon  
 Green – Cebu and Bohol  
 Blue – Negros Occidental (the biggest group)  
 Yellow – Negros Oriental  
 White – Western Mindanao  
 Red – Eastern Mindanao  
 Violet – Guests from other countries



At 2:00 pm, District Apostle Urs



disciple of Jesus. Jesus said learn about me. Our ministers go to NAC seminars and it is like schooling for them. The best way to follow Jesus is learning while doing the gospel of Jesus. We learn it from our Sunday School,

Confirmation,

Divine Services. Meaning, we provide education but we do not institutionalize.

**Question:** Why are there so many religions?

**Answer:** That's human. Everyone has their own opinion.

**Question:** What is the work of an apostle?

**Answer:** He is the representative of Jesus here on earth, to offer the word of God, sacraments, and blessings to those who believe in Him.

**Question:** Why don't we have female ministers?

**Answer:** Jesus chose male Apostles.

**Question:** Are all ministers, selected by God?

**Answer:** Choosing a ministry is not a gamble. Yes God selected the minister in my own conviction.

**Question:** Is mixed marriages allowed in our church?

**Answer:** Yes it is allowed.

**Question:** Is cigarettes, alcohol and dancing prohibited?

Hebeisen and District Apostle Marcus Fehlbaum together with their wives and all the Philippine Apostles and Bishops arrived at the oval. All groups paraded in front of the stage and welcome them with a chant. The District Apostle Urs Hebeisen welcomes everyone to the 1<sup>st</sup> National Youth Day in Philippines. He unlocked the door for the open forum and asked all groups to send their representative on stage and bring all their questions and was answered on the spot by District Apostles, Hebeisen and Fehlbaum, with the participation of Ev. Gobi, a New Apostolic theologian.

Here is the gist of the open forum:

**Question:** If there is forgiveness of sins do we still have to follow the 10 commandments?

**Answer:** Forgiveness of sins does not wash away our sins. To be forgiven requires our willingness to change our attitude. If we love God we will change our attitude and we will follow the 10 commandments.



**Question:** Does religions saves?

**Answer:** Religion cannot save. Only Jesus saves.

**Question:** Why NAC does not have a school for ministers?

**Answer:** The best school is to become a

**Answer:** Government warned the public that cigarette smoking is dangerous for your health. Dancing and getting drunk on Saturday evening and could not attend divine service because

of the effects of alcohol in the body must be avoided.

**Question:** Why do other people worship the cross?

**Answer:** It is forbidden to idolize the cross. In our church the cross is important and meaningful but not idolized.

**Question:** Why do we recognize baptism of other churches?

**Answer:** God commission the churches baptism (water baptism). Baptism in our church, are two steps: baptism of water (Holy Baptism), and baptism of the Holy Spirit (Holy Sealing).

**Question:** What does the theme: "One Faith, One Goal" means?

**Answer:** It is about becoming a disciple of Jesus. To learn about him, follow



Him, commune with Him, have unity with Him and have good experience of faith through Him, in His church with the Apostles of Jesus. Jesus said, "I am the way..." We find Jesus way in His Apostles. They lead us to the goal.

**Question:** Why do we need living apostles?

**Answer:** We cannot have dead apostles. Jesus said to His apostles "who receives you receives me". To accept Jesus we must accept the apostles today.

Before ending the forum, the NACSEA Orchestra rendered a special number. Then the District Apostle closed the forum with a prayer. Everybody returned to their camps for dinner and came back at 7:00pm for the presentation.

Saturday evening was full of wonderful youth presentations from all over the

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Asia including Philippines and its various places, Korea, Malaysia and Indonesia. Dumaguete youth started the presentation with an interpretative dance.

Followed by Luzon youth who performed 4 parts: part 1 is a musical drama on courtship under a live guitar and vocals of a Tagalog song entitled: "Bingwit ng Pagibig" or "Fishers of love", part 2 is "Sayaw ng Aguila" or "Eagle Dance" by the natives "Igorots" (mountain) of Benguet Province, part 3 is "Sayaw ng Kalapati" or "Dancing Doves", and part 4 is "Sayaw sa Bangko" or "Dancing on the benches" which originated in Pangasinan.

The cultural dance and mixed musical show of Cebu Youth interprets the different contemporary issues, which the youth faces nowadays. The Mindanao youth performed a

The Negros Occidental youth performed a choir that beats and marches with fire in their hearts. The Dumaguete Youth Choir rendered a musical number entitled: "We are the world" that sends a message of encouragement to help one another.

The Korean Youth Orchestra played music that deeply touched the soul. The Malaysian Youth performed an energetic cultural dance wearing their colorful dresses. The Indonesian Youth performed a music using their anklung with two songs: one is a famous modern song entitled: "What makes you beautiful" and the

conducted by District Apostle Fehlbaum. The special text word for the youth was in **Luke 2: 52: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."**

The youth has to grow in wisdom, which means to grow in wisdom in the gospel. Not only learn the gospel but to apply the gospel in ones life. It is the wish of Jesus that we become His disciples. The youth has to grow in stature, which means to grow in faith. Jesus said that you would do greater works than Him, if we have faith in Jesus. District Apostle Urs Hebeisen also said that if we have faith like a mustard seed, we could move mountains. We also grow in Jesus stature through the Holy Communion. Through the



famous Filipino folk song: "Sitsiritsit". They played Sitsiritsit with the participation of Filipinos singing.

power and love of Jesus Christ we grow in unity and oneness with Him.

The final performance was grand; it was from the NACSEA Orchestra.

The evening presentation was concluded with a word from District Apostle Fehlbaum, "You are number 1 to Jesus!" while pointing to the number 1 in the National Youth Day T-shirt 1-goal, 1-faith.

The youth has to grow in favour with God and man, which means to grow in one heart and one soul of desiring to participate in the Kingdom of God.

The cross is important and meaningful to us. It has a horizontal line that refers to our natural life. It also has a vertical line, which refers to our spiritual life that requires a change of attitude in life that we have to grow in stature. District Apostle Urs Hebeisen also said that our life in the cross should not be a left and right but an upward heavenward direction to the goal.



heartfelt interpretative dance under the tune of "The Prayer".

April 7, 2013, Sunday, at 8:00am the Divine Service started and was

## Vacation Bible Study (VBS)

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The youth are asked to select their priority in order to help Jesus prepare His kingdom. How? These are the steps:

- When we change our attitude by **not judging**. Jesus loves everyone, he did not judge the sinners, let us also grow in this nature of Jesus.
- When we change our attitude by **having compassion**. Compassion like Jesus' attitude. Pray for the sick, the poor, have unity with your neighbors, and be a spring of blessing for them.
- When we change our attitude by **not having excesses and vanities**. When we avoid illegal drugs, excessive intake of alcohol and other vices.

When we change our attitude by **glorifying Jesus not in words but in deeds**. By loving our neighbors and loving the Lord.

The culmination of Jesus life is that He followed His Father's will. Our culmination is when we become disciples of Jesus. When we do not only confess our faith but also glorify Jesus in our life.

ONE FAITH is needed for growing, to be blessed and happy towards that ONE GOAL that He promised, which is the return of Jesus.

After the divine service, the District Apostle Urs Hebeisen thanked all who worked, sacrificed, and sponsored the 1<sup>st</sup> National Youth Day in the Philippines. At 11:00 am, all the participants travelled back home.

**April 9, 2013, Tuesday, 4:00am,** Luzon Youth arrived in Makati with a happy and thankful heart for a safe trip and a memorable youth day that no one could forget.

1<sup>ST</sup> day of VBS: All participants and teachers are excited. The teacher assigned for the first day of VBS is Alora

Manlangit. She led the film showing entitled "David and Goliath". Then it was followed by questions about the film. There were exciting games such as Word game and Treasure Hunting.

2<sup>nd</sup> day of VBS: The teacher assigned was Rebekah Silvano. She narrated the story about Jesus and the Blind Beggar. She used illustrations to help the kids imagine what happened in the scenario. The VBS started and finished by a prayer.

3<sup>rd</sup> day of VBS: The teacher assigned for this day was Crisvelle Ronquillo. She led a puppet show about Paul Speech on the hills. She also led games such as word games, answer and question game and cutting out of pictures. Youth also assisted in this day including Jhenar, Frances and others.

4<sup>th</sup> day of VBS: The teacher assigned was Princess



Versoza. She narrated about story of Moses. She also used illustrations to help the kids. Kristine Ronquillo also taught the kids about the new hymns together



with the guitarists: Render, Mac, Paolo and Patrick.

The teachers together with Sister Susan Silvano and Harrold Maravilla prepared the booth for the 5<sup>th</sup> day of VBS. There were 5 booths all in all. It was well prepared such that the place will

look like a house party.

5<sup>th</sup> day of VBS: All kids enjoyed the booth. Teachers are entitled to give points to the groups. After the games, all participated in cleaning the place. The kids also made a Mango Float for their merienda and they've



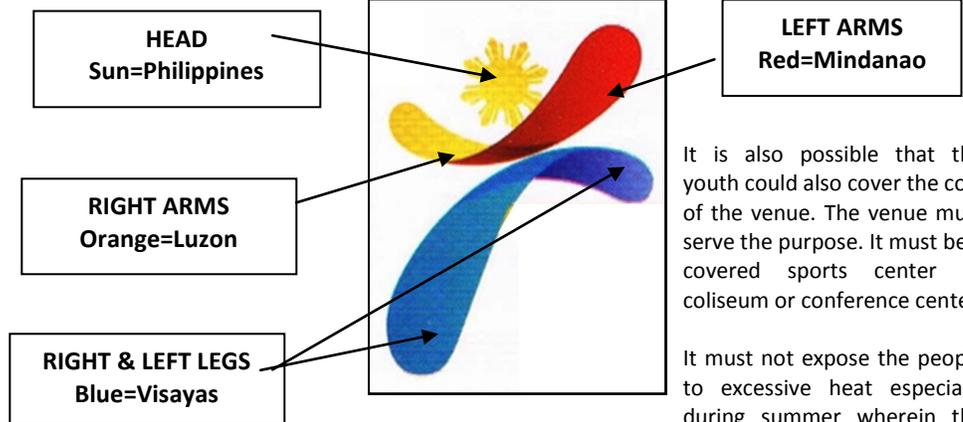
practiced for the role-playing, which is presented in Fami Laguna. The kids had an overnight in the Church, for they'll be leaving the church early the next morning.

6<sup>th</sup> day of VBS: The participants went to Salang Bato. There were also kids from Laguna who participated in VBS. The participants ate and went swimming in the river. The youth were very thankful to Sister Susan Silvano given the chance to teach the children and participate in such wonderful event.

7<sup>th</sup> day of VBS: After the divine service, the participants of the VBS presented their different pieces such as role playing and singing of songs. To wrap it up, the organizers were very thankful to all who participated in the event and also the people who helped especially those who are from Salang Bato.

## Meaning of the National Youth Day Logo =

### The Body of the Youth



#### 1<sup>st</sup> NATIONAL YOUTH DAY Feedbacks, comments and suggestions

1. Suggest that a National Youth Day Committee has to be represented by Youth Leaders and Youth Coordinators from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.
2. Suggest that the organizational content and the spiritual content of the National Youth Day be a different function. The National Youth Day Committee should handle the organizational content and the Apostles Ministry should handle the spiritual content. This will help the hosting Apostle not to be burnt out with the nitty-gritty details of the NYD.
3. Suggest that the National Youth Day Committee plans 2 years in advance. 1 year in advance submits the entire plan to the Apostles Ministry for approval and 1 year in advance upon approval by the Apostles Ministry be announced to the

youth all over the Philippines.

*"It was not raining when Noah build the ark."*

God commission Noah to build the ark. God did not give him a financial budget to get it done. Noah has to be resourceful to accomplish his task.

When Apostles commissions the National Youth Day Committee (NYDC) to build the 2<sup>nd</sup> NYD, the NYDC must plan and build it with the youth. The 1<sup>st</sup> NYD was successful and the youth contributed for their own transportation, food and accommodation. Advance preparation through regular savings in a NYD Fund will help them; maybe not all but at least most of the youth can join the NYD.

Promo fares of airlines are available 6 months in advance; if the youth had save for the fares in advance they could buy the tickets in advance at a cheaper price. Example, round trip promo ticket Manila-Cebu-Manila is only P1, 500.00.

It is also possible that the youth could also cover the cost of the venue. The venue must serve the purpose. It must be a covered sports center or coliseum or conference center.

It must not expose the people to excessive heat especially during summer wherein the Department of Health advises the people to stay away from the sun during easterlies in which temperature is rising from 30 to 35 degrees centigrade to avoid heat stroke.

The venue of the NYD plays an important role. The NYDC could already canvas all over the Philippines the best economical venues for the NYD, which will serve the purpose.

Sharing of rooms in a lodging house could be the accommodation of the youth. The cost becomes cheaper if 4-6 persons share in one room.

Food can be budgeted as low as 50-75 pesos per meal and can be arranged with eateries or can be organized by the youth themselves.

## A Mother's Day Celebration

A Mother plays a very important



role not just in a family, but in a society. The upbringing of every individual relies on her hands. She serves as the light in every family. The sacrifices, efforts and handwork she is doing are countless.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> May of 2013, a Sunday, a mother's day celebration was held. Youth, orchestra member and the Sunday school children have their own special efforts for all the mothers of the congregation. A night before

Sunday, the youth and the Sunday school children had an overnight activity in church. Youth prepared some gifts while the young ones

made flowers for the mothers. On Sunday, after the Divine Service, special presentations were presented to the mothers. The Sunday school children sang a special song

number, followed by recorders. Orchestra members also played their awesome love song pieces.

For the finale song, the youths sang thankful songs for all the mothers. At the end of the presentation, youth distributed their special gifts to all the mothers in the congregation. The mothers were very happy for the presentations



prepared for them. It seems that everyone has their own way of giving back the love

## Schedule of Activities

### Youth Meeting

June 16, 2013 (Sunday)

2 pm at Makati Multi-Purpose Room

### Youth Caravan

July 14, 2013 (Sunday)

10 am at Bagong Nayon Congregation

3 pm at Abuyod Congregation, province of Rizal

**Midweek Service every Wednesday at 8 pm**

## The power of Prayer in a Youth Fellowship



May 12, 2013. After the Divine Service and the Mother's Day Celebration at the Makati Central Church, the young brothers and sisters prepare for a youth seminar headed by Priest Connolly at Le Delice, Merville Country Club.

The seminar started with a prayer by Priest Connolly and followed by an opening message from Priest Leo. To start the activity Pr. Connolly asks a question about the sermon of District Elder Depaz based on Acts 1: 14 "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

The Makati youth were grouped into four for a simple activity. Each group was given a piece of paper and a bible, they were told to search for the text word at the Divine service and write four points of what they have understood in the text and after that they will choose 4 members each to discuss the outcome of their brainstorming. Each member of the group was asked about

their ideas about the text word and then summarizes it into four main points to be discussed in front.

The four groups come out with different ideas and they all also get the message of the text that is all about Prayer. One of the groups gave a simple verse that "Prayers can move mountains." based on Matthew 17:20 "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." While other groups come out with the idea that prayer can unite a family as the praise tell that "The family that prays together stays together." After the discussion of the four groups Pr. Connolly gives his words about the verse and he also appreciates the cooperation of each youth on the activity, Pr. Leo also shares his opinion on the verse and congratulates the youth on the outcome of the activity. District Elder Depaz review the

youth on what they have learned in the activity and opens the forum that the youth can ask questions that can be answered by any of the ministers present on the seminar. The discussions went well; there were interactions within the participants and lessons being soaked to their hearts. Before the seminar ends each group were given a homework which is to read the assigned bible chapters for the discussion of the next seminar. The seminar ended with a prayer by Rendernick Navarro, Antonette Dela Cruz and Florante Alandria Jr. members of Makati Youth.

After the discussions, delicious lunch was prepared for the youth. Some went to swimming after their lunch while others were busy having bonding with other youths. Youths went home a little bit late, because of the fun experience they have for the day not only material joyfulness but most especially the spiritual knowledge they've learn from the seminar.

## Pentecost 2013

“Surely your  
salvation is  
coming”

(Isaiah 62:11)

New Apostolic church celebrates Pentecost, *the sending of Holy Spirit to the followers of Christ.*

Last Sunday, May 19, 2013 was the celebration of Pentecost in New Apostolic Church. Congregation all over the world unites in celebrating this one big moment. There was transmissions service direct from Hamburg, Germany and Chief Apostle Wilhelm Leber officiate the divine service together with Chief Apostle Helper Jean Luc Schneider and the District Apostles around the world.

“Blowing the Wind of the Holy Spirit” was an inspiring message being instilled from the altar of grace. Everyone must be in one faith to achieve the one goal with the help of the Holy Spirit. Part of this Pentecost was the retirement of the Chief Apostle Leber and an appointment of the new Chief Apostle. Chief Apostle Leber ordained Chief Apostle Helper **Jean-Luc Schneider** as the new Chief Apostle of the New Apostolic Church.

It was an amazing moment as the Chief Apostle made a sacred turnover while the new ordained Chief Apostle embraced the full pledge responsibility in the altar of grace. Congregations worldwide were able to witness this wonderful event. The New Apostolic Church has their New Chief Apostle now that will lead their Faith to their One Goal.

## CARAGA Youthday and Victory Party



The first Philippine National Youthday in Caraga was a very memorable event for the youth who was able to attend the historic activity. We are so overwhelmed and we enjoyed the activity despite

of the heat of the sun and the long trips, we



are still happy that we attended that event. We wanted to share our adventurous and unforgettable experienced through reminiscing the said event. This is through our will and determination, the youth, who attended, plan and organise the activity.

We organised a youthday and at the same time a victory party. We would be using the games that we played in the PXD. Caraga Youthday happened last May 11, 2013 at Sagisi Beach. There are 54 youth from different congregations, who attended the said event. Each participant contributed for food and other expenses. At exactly 1 o'clock in the afternoon, the program started. Each group presented different talents in singing different hymns. The program ended, making each

one of us happy and had enjoyed the trip home.

Thanks for our supportive parents, brothers, sister and specially to the one who headed the event, Apostle Leonilo Desoloc and from

above, with the will of Heavenly Father, the said event was successfully done.

We are planning to conduct a meeting with

the other youth from different congregations, specially Agusan Del Sur, who has many youth. Now, we



started communicating with the youth leaders of that congregation, to organize the Youth Activity as soon as possible to be held at their place.

## Experience of Faith

# With God, Nothing is Impossible!

Every one of us has faith in God and we connect to God through our prayers. Here is my experience that has proven, God is always there for me.

I remember when I was a child; my family lived in a province. It's a simple and happy family even if I have so many siblings. My father's business is a piggery; then one time when he delivered the pig to the buyer he was accidentally kicked. He was brought to the hospital and doctors said that he needed to stop that kind of business because of the trou-

ble that happened. Then I prayed to God to give us hope that he may recover and find another business. Then we had another business, which is selling vegetables and fruits, it went well but since our place always has typhoons, our business went down because it was swept away by the typhoon. I prayed to God that we may cope over those things and that He may help us recover. Then we eventually cope up. Then, a few years ago, my father got sick and was diagnosed with diabetes. I'm so sad and I felt unwell. I plead to God, to heal

and give my father good health. Even if it took a period of years, I know God have a reason why He did not do that. I still prayed for him and have faith that he will be healed, until he passed away. My family and I were so sad. Before he passed away, I remembered that he said: "don't give up your faith, this is the truth." Then I realized what my father said is true. Even if God did not answer all my prayers, He answered what is important, especially when it comes to my family. He takes care of my family and me.



## Question and Answer



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I am one of the youth here in our congregation, and I get involved within the circle of youth activity because I really love youth activities. I make friends and do some bonding within the youth circle. One day, I was surprised; a friend of mine in the youth circle told me that he is not yet New Apostolic member, even though he's been attending the church actively. I ask Him why? He said, because he is not yet 18 years old and his parents are both not New Apostolic. In his case, do we still need to wait his legal age for him to be adapted and be sealed in our church?

*Answer: From Confirmation age onward, one can become a member of the New Apostolic Church, meaning receive the sacraments of baptism and Sealing. The non-new apostolic parents are no hindrance, unless of course, they make an objection. I think your friend should just simply ask the parents to allow them to become a member of the New Apostolic Church.*