

What is Apostolic?

The church of Christ, in its early history, was significantly influenced by the Apostles, the witnesses of his resurrection and their successors. The Apostolic character of the church is based on them.

Understood in a narrower, denominational sense, the „Apostolic congregations“ refer to those communities based on a re-established office of Apostle ministry.

„Put simply, the churches share the central theme of the (rekindled) apostolic service/office and form a role model of the old Christian community, together with the claim of offering this model as ecumenical example to Christianity as a whole. The constituent feature of all Apostolic groups is the office of Apostle as leading office. Given the history of those churches spanning more than 180 years it is only natural that they have developed different priorities and positions regarding their faith.“ (Translated according to German wikipedia, Konfessionsgruppe der apostolischen Gemeinschaften, retrieved on 2014-01-30)



If you have any questions on the history of an apostolic denomination, or are looking for some chronicle data, or would like to share and exchange ideas with others?
Let us know!

Help us

Preserving history is expensive. While we have been able to realize many projects from donations, it is necessary for us to have a sound financial backing for projects and campaigns.

- The web sites we offer cost about € 10 per month, containing thousands of documents publicly available (apwiki.de, apostolische-dokumente.de, apostolische-geschichte.de etc.)
- Digitalizing a book like the Catholic Apostolic Liturgie as well as making it accessible to the public, costs about € 270.
- Upkeep of our public archive in Brockhagen costs about € 400 a month, not including regular maintenance of the more than 35-year old building.

Please help us! Even small amounts of money can help us enormously to continue our work. Donations and fees are tax-deductible in Germany. If you need a contribution receipt, please provide your name and address.

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Join us!

If you would like to support our work continuously, we invite you to join our organization. Membership costs per annum are € 30 (discounted) or € 60 (full) or € 120 at your choice.

Through the support of our members we are able to sustain our campaigns and extend and catalogue our archive even more.

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Apostolic History Network



Experience History Together

Who we are

The Network was founded as an informal cooperative of people interested in church history in 2008.

In 2010, the Network was registered as charity under the name of "Netzwerk Apostolische Geschichte e.V.". This association is the organizational and financial umbrella for numerous activities in the area of Apostolic church history.



Is church history important?

„I don't want to become confused in my faith.“

„You only damage the church by doing this.“

„The Church does know, I don't need to.“

„We don't need all this, we have the Holy Spirit.“

But what if nobody remembers?

Where do we come from?

What were our ancestors' motives?

What did the church look like back then and what has changed?

What does our Apostolic culture come from?

What do we tell our children about the past?

Apostolic History Network/Netzwerk Apostolische Geschichte e.V.
is a non-denominational and independent
research community on Apostolic church history.

Main Tasks and Projects

Our challenges

- Preservation of historical materials on church history
- Bringing together historians, theologians and interested parties in the area of Apostolic history
- Building platforms for information and material exchange
- Promoting appropriate dialogue between different Apostolic denominations on shared history
- Preparation of papers on church history following scientific guidelines
- Upkeep and further extension of a public archive; preserving books, pictures and other media

Our projects

Apart from regular events, talks and presentations on church events, the Network focuses on four different campaigns that are being maintained and extended continuously. The Network is also quite active on the internet and has an online shop selling used books and media on Apostolic church history (shop.apostolische-geschichte.de).

APWiki.de

An extensive encyclopedia on Apostolic church history is being provided on apwiki.de featuring pages and pictures on relevant people, events, congregations, communities and theological terms.

Archiv Brockhagen

The first public archive and library on Apostolic church history was opened in 2012 in a converted, former New Apostolic Church. A large number of scriptures, books, pictures and media is available for researchers as well as an extensive reference library. Many public talks, presentations and concerts are being organized here by the Network. The archive has regular opening hours. Donations are very welcome. (archiv-brockhagen.de)

Apostolische-Dokumente.de

Thousands of documents from the early days of the Apostolic movement are ready for download on apostolische-dokumente.de, also including the well-known Apostolic document library from Peter Sgotzai.

Autumn/Fall meetings on Apostolic history

Starting in 2008, the Network has been organising annual seminars on Apostolic church history featuring interesting talks and discussions. The talks are usually subsequently published as reports later on, usually.



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