



## Thanksgiving 2025

*“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” (Colossians 3:17)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Church Thanksgiving approaches in a few months time. Often in the past, the question was raised: when is the right time to begin preparing for our Thanksgiving Day? The answer is “today and now!” Our Thanksgiving preparation is perpetual, every day and all year long.

What a great opportunity to reflect on how we can show our gratitude to God. Our motto for this year gives us a clear indication of the many ways to exercise thankfulness to God by taking the “time to do good.” When we speak and act in the name of Jesus Christ, we reveal His nature and our relationship with Him. To do good means we seek to do His will, follow Christ’s example and adhere to the gospel.

Acting in the name of Jesus Christ means serving Him, declaring our love, our trust and that we belong to Him. Our kindness towards others, our willingness to forgive and our contribution to the unity and development of the Church bear witness to our gratitude to God.

Our personal reflection of God’s greatness and grace upon us moves us towards our Thanksgiving. We appreciate His gifts and His blessings, both spiritually and naturally, in every facet of our lives. We express our gratitude to God in our prayers, in the divine services we attend, through our offerings and in serving Him and our neighbour.

Our focus remains the return of Jesus Christ, which is a wonderful future God has secured for us! It is worthy of our praise and thanksgiving today, tomorrow and for all eternity.

Our Church Thanksgiving Day on Sunday, October 5, 2025, holds special significance for us as New Apostolic Christians. More than mere tradition, it is a teaching of thankfulness, an opportunity to tune our hearts towards gratitude, and to express our love for God and our Church. It is my wish that every child, all our young people, all our ministers with their families and all our members may experience the manifold blessings and joy derived from preparing their hearts and offering of thanksgiving.

Together with the Apostles in the Canada District, we wish you, your families and the congregations a blessed Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Mark Woll



## A Note of Personal Thanks

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We take this opportunity to express our personal thanks to you for your love, support, patience, forgiveness and friendship over the last 25 years as Apostles and ministers. Both of us appreciate the relationships forged since our youth.

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, our Chief Apostle Schneider will conduct the divine service in Margaret Ave, where we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Canada District Church. In this divine service, we will both go into retirement, and the Apostle Martig will be appointed District Apostle for the Canada District Church.

It has been our privilege and joy to serve in God's work for 50+ years as ministers. Our activity among our children in the Sunday School, our young people, our seniors, and the congregations, here and in many countries overseas, provided experiences which we will carry in our souls for the rest of our lives. It is difficult for us to find expression for the many emotions we have. However, the overriding feeling is one of thankfulness to our almighty God for His love, grace and blessing.

In thankfulness, we look forward to the future of God's work under the leadership of Apostle Martig. Our prayers and support remain with him and our ministers, who continue to care for our congregations and members. We wish them the richest blessing of our triune God.

We have seen many changes over the years in the work of God. Together, we have experienced the amalgamations and consolidation of congregations, which aimed to create critical

mass and a more vibrant congregational life. In most of our main cities, land has been purchased and/or new churches have been built. We are thankful that our brothers and sisters can and will have a functional building suited to today's needs. The streamlining of our church administration and operations overseas continues to contribute to establishing a good path forward. It is a joy to see the development of our children's teaching material and a renewed focus on training. By God's grace, we have experienced His blessing upon the investments of our forefathers, which establishes a strong foundation for the future.

God's work is an evolution which continues to change, which it must. We cannot stand still and our faith must also develop as we grow into the image of Christ. We can only reiterate the words of Christ, "So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'" (Luke 17:10).

Once again, thank you for your love and faithfulness. We look forward to seeing you in the congregations as we join the ranks of the seniors.

Sincerely,

Mark Woll and Frank Dzur