

# **The Old Apostolic Church: Statement of Activities**

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OLD APOSTOLIC CHURCH

1. The main objective of the OAC (Netherlands) is to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ in the doctrine of the Church for the benefit of the public. Establishing and maintaining faith in Jesus Christ, makes of people new creatures and instills in them a personal and living confidence, uplifting them from the cares of the world to express themselves with joy and glory and receiving the end of their faith, namely the salvation of their souls (1 Pet 1:9) ----- salvation which is only in Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12).
2. In pursuing these objects and encouraging and facilitating the practice of religion by adherents and followers, the following activities have been and will in future be carried out by the Church:
  - 2.1 Church services: Services are held every Sunday in all congregations, worshipping and glorifying God with choral and congregational singing, prayers and evangelistic teachings preaching belief in the Almighty;
  - 2.2 Special services are also held in celebrating religious days and festivals such as Good Friday (crucifixion), Easter Sunday (resurrection), Ascension day, Day of Thanksgiving and Christmas day to enlighten people regarding the importance of these days in their lives;
  - 2.3 Bread-breaking evenings are held on certain weekdays to provide adherents and followers the opportunity to achieve clarity concerning the teachings and doctrine of the Church;
  - 2.4 Congregational evangelistic evenings are held on certain Wednesdays as well as Bible classes on Monday and Thursday evenings providing religious training and education regarding the Holy Scriptures;
  - 2.5 Family evenings are also held to strengthen the family ties and to make the children aware of the family's Godly duties and participation in Church activities. Home tuition calendars containing a thought for the day and spiritual messages especially designed for the spiritual education of children, are provided to families;
  - 2.6 Sunday School classes for children are held on every Sunday, contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children.
  - 2.7 All the above activities are open to all people who wish to attend and comply with the religious-derived norms and behaviour promoted by the Church.
3. The activities and functioning of the Church also include

3.1 religious devotional acts and missionary and outreach work such as the provision of hospital, prison and university chaplaincy, visiting and helping the sick and those who are distressed, providing comfort to the bereaved, administering the Sacraments to the sick, and providing food and other help to the poor and elderly where possible and resources permit.

The officers of the Church are not merely preachers, but shepherds caring for every family and individual in their responsibilities;

3.2 the administering of the Holy Sacraments and the conducting of religious ceremonies such as baptism, sealing of adherents, confirmation of youth at the age of 16 years, solemnisation of marriages, funerals, anointed handling for the sick (refer to James 5:14); etc.

All the above-mentioned religious handlings are free of charge and no monetary charge is levied or accepted for any blessing or service in the Church; and

3.3 funds collected by means of tithes, contributions and donations made on a voluntary basis by adherents, as well as interest on investments, are used for the administration of the afore-mentioned activities and for the provision and maintenance of church buildings to be used for such activities.

4. The objectives of the OAC (Netherlands) are accomplished by the afore-mentioned activities of the Church which surely promote the gospel of Jesus Christ to the benefit of society - --- it gives meaning to peoples' lives and contributes to their spiritual well-being. It helps to develop their faith in the Almighty and provides a moral and ethical framework to live by, which not only provides individual comfort, solace and a sense of purpose, but also contributing towards a better society by inter alia promoting social cohesion, advancing conflict resolution, providing a refuge for the poor and those in spiritual need, as well as cultivating and fostering goodwill, tolerance, discipline, justice and obedience towards authorities.