

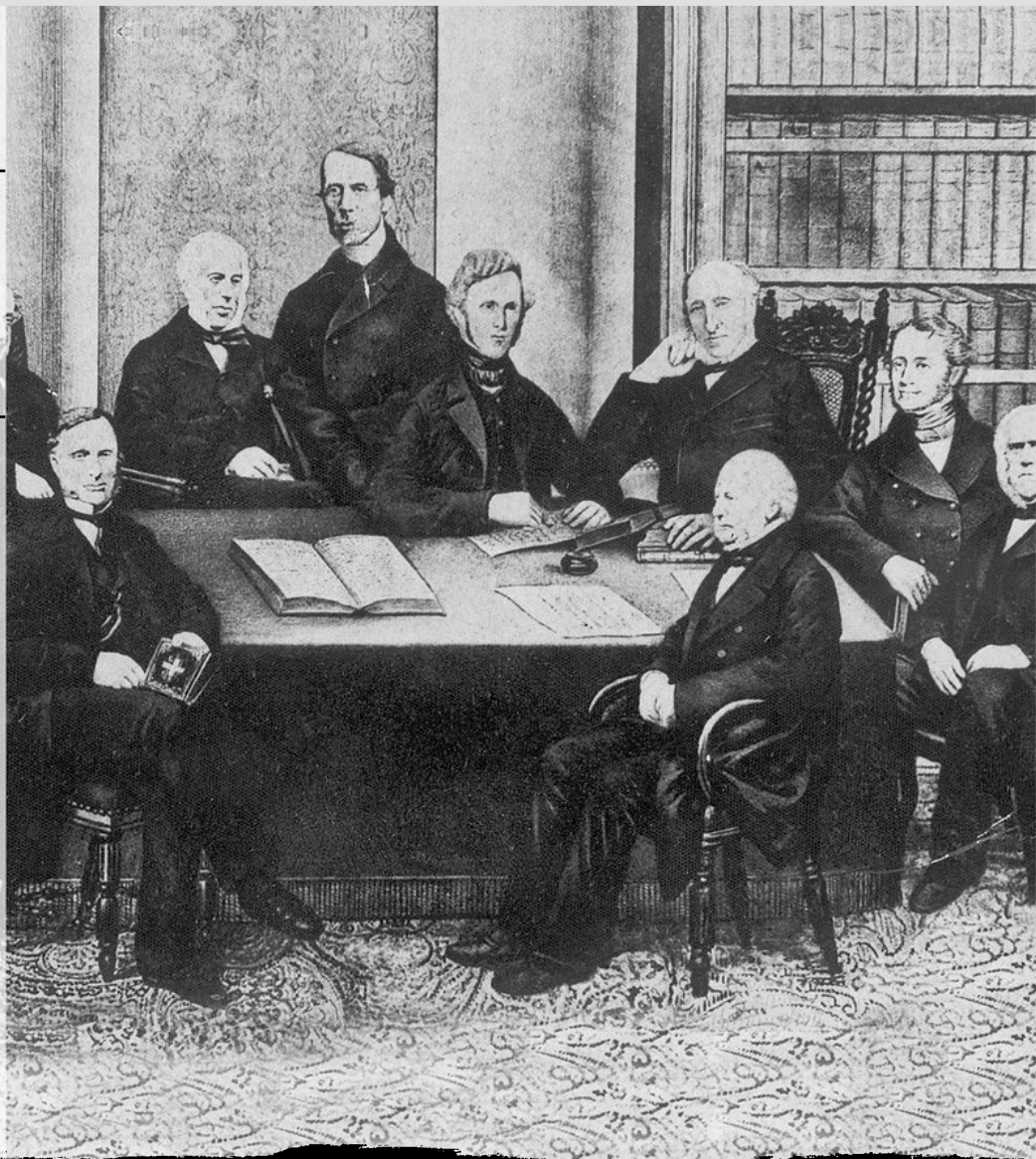
## THE FIRST APOSTLES OF THE END-TIME ARE CALLED

### Objective

The children learn how the first Apostles of the end-time were called.

### Contents

- The calling of spiritual ministries in Albury.
- The calling of John Bate Cardale into the Apostle ministry.
- The calling of additional Apostles.
- The consecration of the Apostles.



Introductory  
Remarks**1 Prayer meetings turn into congregations –  
The calling of spiritual ministries in Albury**

In numerous parts of England and Scotland, where prophecies, healing and other spiritual gifts had become manifest, groups of faithful Christians from various religious denominations had formed. All of them were bound together by the same wish and hope, namely that church life be rekindled as in the early church. During regular prayer meetings the faithful prayed for the restoration of the early Christian gifts and ministries, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the fulfillment of the prophetic promises of the Holy Bible regarding Christ's return. Many sincere Christians had become convinced that the splitting of the churches into various religious denominations must be overcome, and that it was necessary to find the way back to early Christianity.

In some congregations these groups were tolerated. In others, however, they were expelled together with the clergymen who supported or did not stop them.

One such group had congregated in Albury. About 20 believers who had been expelled from their congregations met there regularly for prayer meetings. As elsewhere they prayed for God to revive the spiritual gifts and ministries of the early church.

In one such prayer meeting on 20 October 1832, Henry Drummond was called as a Shepherd and Angel (= leader of the congregation) by someone who was prophetically gifted. Additional callings followed: William R. Caird was called as an Evangelist and Dr John Bayford as an Elder. Through a prophecy these three men were instructed to limit their activity to preaching, exhortation, and prayer for the time being. They were to dispense the sacraments only after having been ordained by an Apostle.

This prophecy, which ensued still prior to the calling of the first Apostle, John Bate Cardale, already contains a distinct reference to an important responsibility of the Apostle ministry: the ordination of ministries. After being called into a ministry by prophecy, an Apostle still had to carry out the ordination, thereby conveying the required ministerial authority.

**2 The first Apostles of the end-time are called**

On 31 October 1832 John Bate Cardale was the first to be called as an Apostle through a prophecy by Henry Drummond during a prayer

meeting at someone's home in London. Henry Drummond is said to have spoken the words: "Convey the Holy Ghost, for art thou not an Apostle?"

On 7 November 1832 God revealed this calling once again, this time through the Prophet Taplin, who stepped forward and addressed J. B. Cardale as an Apostle of Christ. This was followed by a prophetic speech about the Apostle ministry.

The faithful were shocked by the Apostle's calling. They thought the Apostle ministry had been reserved for the early church only and, at first, did not know what importance should be attached to this calling. Weeks passed before the Apostle became active in his ministry.

### **3 The ordination of the first ministers**

On 24 December 1832 Apostle Cardale participated in an evening service in Albury, during which he was driven by the Holy Spirit to place his hands upon William R. Caird—he had already been called as an Evangelist—and ordain him into his ministry. During the Christmas service, in accordance with the Prophet Taplin's call, Apostle Cardale ordained Henry Drummond Angel of the Albury congregation through laying on of hands and prayer. The ordination of Elder John Bayford was later effected in the same manner.

### **4 The calling of another eleven Apostles and their consecration**

By July 1835 another eleven Apostles had been called. One of them did not heed the call he had received. Duncan Mackenzie took this man's place on the basis of a prophetic calling. According to a directive all twelve Apostles were to be consecrated in a festive divine service, with the Angels of all the congregations present. This took place during a divine service on 14 July 1835 in the London Central congregation.

The twelve Apostles stepped before the Angels of the seven London congregations. The Angels then laid their hands upon the Apostles and, under the words of blessing, consecrated them "for the work, for which the Lord had called them".

At the consecration they were relieved of their responsibilities in the congregation, and appointed as ambassadors of the Lord for all Christian churches.

## Lesson Plan

## Lead-In

## Workbook, Exercise 1

First the children read and then solve the mathematical exercise; use a calculator if necessary.

## Implementation

## Teacher's Presentation

Before finding out what wonderful gifts were to appear on 14 July 1835, preceding events must be considered.

In many parts of England and Scotland, where prophecies, healing, and other spiritual gifts had appeared, faithful Christians from various denominations had gathered in prayer meetings to ask for the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the ministry as in the early church. In some Christian congregations these groups were tolerated. In others, however, they were expelled together with the clergymen who supported or did not stop them.

One such group had congregated in Albury. About 20 believers who had been expelled from their congregations met there regularly for prayer meetings.

In a prayer meeting on 20 October 1832, Henry Drummond was called as a Shepherd and Angel of the congregation (= leader) by someone who was prophetically gifted. Additional callings included William R. Caird as an Evangelist and John Bayford as an Elder. Through another prophecy these men received the commission to limit their activity to preaching, exhortation, and prayer for the time being. They were to dispense the sacraments only after having been ordained by an Apostle.

## Discussion

Discuss the following with the children:

- The believers who met in Albury for prayer meetings were initially without a pastor, because they had been expelled from their congregations. In Henry Drummond they found a Shepherd and rector. A congregation had come into being.
- Although there were no Apostles yet, reference to the Apostles had already been made here in prophetic utterances.
- An ordination by an Apostle, who equipped the ministers with the necessary authority for their ministry, still had to follow the prophetic calling into a ministry. Only then were the ministers entitled to dispense the sacraments.

Workbook, Text	The children read the text “Excerpts from the life of John Bate Cardale”.
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ God had announced the calling of Apostles through prophecies several times before already.</li> <li>■ Twice it was revealed through prophecies that John Bate Cardale had been called as an Apostle.</li> </ul>
Teacher’s Presentation	<p>On 24 December 1832 Apostle Cardale carried out the first ordination. He participated in an evening service in Albury. There he was driven by the Holy Spirit to place his hands upon William R. Caird, who had already been called as an Evangelist through the word of prophecy, and ordain him into his ministry.</p> <p>During the Christmas service that followed, in accordance with the Prophet Taplin’s call, Apostle Cardale ordained Henry Drummond Angel, in other words, leader of the Albury congregation, through laying on of hands and prayer. Later the ordination of Elder John Bayford was effected in the same manner.</p>
Statement Prompt	The ministry of an Angel at that time does not correspond fully to the responsibility of a rector in the New Apostolic Church today.
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Angels received their ministry through prophecy and ordination.</li> <li>■ Rector is not a ministry but the appointment of a priestly minister to lead a congregation.</li> </ul>
Workbook, Text	The children read the text: “The consecration of the Apostles”.
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Apostles were the wonderful gifts announced in the prophecy on 14 January 1832.</li> <li>■ At that time an ordination was a little different than today, because the Apostles had been called and even been active as Apostles already. Apostle Cardale had been called more than two and a half years before! At their consecration—as it was called at the time—the Apostles were released from their responsibilities in the congregation and appointed to work as the Lord’s ambassadors for the entire church of Christ.</li> <li>■ Today an Apostle is ordained into his ministry through laying on of hands and prayer through which he receives the necessary ministerial authority (for example, to dispense the Holy Spirit and ordain ministers).</li> </ul>

The children work on the exercise individually. Compare the results.

### Workbook, Exercise 3

To recapitulate have the children answer the questions. Solving the problem correctly will provide an outline of England.

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