

He was succeeded by **Pastor Richard Brune** of Pniel, previously of Adamshoop. During Brune's many absences as Superintendent of the Berlin Mission, other missionaries served the congregation. From 1905 onwards a German school in Kimberley provided tuition on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Pastor Brune died in 1918 during the influenza epidemic.

The congregation seems to have flourished during the time of **Pastor Ernst Müller** (1918-1927), with 10 confirmands in 1920. From 1927-1962, the congregation was served by various missionaries. In the later years Sunday divine services were held once a month, and funerals, weddings and baptisms when necessary.

MEMBER OF CAPE CHURCH (1962-2001)

In 1962 the congregation joined the Cape Church, and on 3 February 1963 **Pastor Ludwig Bock** of Bloemfontein was inducted in Kimberley by Praeses H. von Delft. With the congregation growing through new German immigrants, it was decided to build a new church, which was dedicated by Praeses von Delft on Reformation Day 1968. (The old church was sold to De Beers and was moved to the open-air museum).

From 1968-1971 **Pastor Otto Kietzig** was placed in Kimberley full-time on a trial basis for three years, with the task also to take care of German Lutherans in Upington, Kuruman, Vryburg and De Aar. From 1972-1975, **Pastor em. Emil Tappenbeck** (from Germany) served the congregation, which celebrated its centenary during this time. (See article by Pastor Tappenbeck in *Afrikanischer Heimatkalender* 1975.)

From 1975 the congregation was served from Bloemfontein, as part of a parish agreement, by: Pastor Gerhard Plüddemann (until 1978), Pastor Nils Rohwer (1979-1985), Praeses Rohwer as *locum tenens* (1985-1988), Pastor Walter Schwär (1988-1995), Pastor Marc Haessig (1995-2001). The congregation played a caring role to many young conscripts stationed in Kimberley.

CONGREGATION BLOEMFONTEIN-KIMBERLEY (since 2001)

Reversal of economic circumstances had led to many congregants migrating away. Monthly services continue to be held in the St. Martini Church in Kimberley. Bishop N Rohwer is currently acting as *locum tenens* for the congregation Bloemfontein-Kimberley; he is assisted by Pastor Peter Koch.

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