

**TOPIC: CHRISTIAN IMPACT ON
SOCIETY: AN ANALYSIS OF
HISTORIC INTERNATIONAL AND
LOCAL INITIATIVES.**

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Abstract

- **(Mathew 25.35), "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. wasneeded clothes and you clothed me, was in prison and you came to visit me".**
- Evangelizing without practical service is not biblical according to Jesus' teachings.

Introduction

Christians have throughout history engaged themselves in pioneering of great ideas that have contributed to the development of human institutions and transformed the world. Some of such engagements were difficult, taxing and needed a lot of determination to change the human perspectives held by the people.

Objectives

- To find out if Christians have complied with the biblical call of service to others
- To explain if Christianity has contributed to social development
- To elucidate the challenges Christians experience in their social initiatives of service to others.

Methodology

The study used document analysis of journals, magazines, observation of proxy Christian practices, and listening to some media comments about the church engagements in Kenyan setting.

Literature Review

- Church has played a role in social -economic and political development in Kenya (Kamara 2000)
- Ochanda (2012) Faith based organizations have been involved in the social and economic development in sub Sahara Africa
- Olarinmoye(2012) refers to religious believers as silent actors impacting behaviour

Literature Review

- Okulu (2003) says that at the policy level religious organizations are recognized for their work in advocacy leading to the restructuring of local and international socio-economic and political
- Pope John Paul 2 (1997) religion invests in people's hopes by addressing their sadness and anxieties. It also addresses the distributive inequalities, corruption

Literature Review

- Botchewey (2007) faith actors play an important development role agent from connecting their followers to a deity
- Mclearly (2003) religion just as culture influences social interactions and economic outcomes by affecting personal traits such as honesty, work ethic and altruistic behaviour.

Literature Review

Christian initiatives on social- development

- Roman Christian pacifists
- Christians against oppression in America
- Martin Luther King initiative in the sixties
- Christian peace initiatives in Kenya
- TJRC committees after 2007/2008 crisis
- NCCK/ Episcopal bishops 1992/1997 crisis
- Kenyan one party system intervention

Literature Review

Christian initiatives on social- development

- sick and their treatment in Roman times
- Roman culture and women
- Examples of mission hospitals
- FIDA Kenya chapter
- Constitution and women

Literature Review

Preservation of Literacy

- Celtic monks
- Bible and literacy
- Early missionary and schools
- Kenyan educational institutions
- Faithfuls Higher institutions edge
- Kenyan free education
- Christian sponsorship

Literature Review

Church and Human Rights

- Influence – Martin Luther King in the sixties
- Reformists and slave trade
- Early missionaries and slave trade in the region
- David Livingstone

Literature Review

Christian Criticism

- Christian challenges in service
- Christian leaders misleading
- Christian compromise
- Church lacks direction
- Dualism
- Incapability due to poverty
- Lack of capacity building
- Cheating, exploiting
- Diseases ignored

conclusion

Literature Review

- Christians have made a remarkable effort They can do better by collaborating

There is need for Christians to change their conduct to attract more faithfuls

CONCLUSION

- Christianity challenge
- Christian Compromise
- Form collaborations
- Possible strategies for impact