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B.A. (Hons), Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan 1999
M.A., Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan 2003
Ph.D, Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan 2008
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(a) Ven. Professor S.U. Erivwo Prize in Church History 1999
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(c) Best M.A. Result, Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan. 2000/2001 Session
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(a) Member, Nigerian Association for the Study of Religion (NASR)
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- (e) Nigerian Association for Christian Studies (NACS)
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IX Details of Teaching and Work Experience

(a) Work Experience

Teaching Assistant: Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan. 2004-2005

Teaching Assistant: General Studies Programme, University of Ibadan, 2003/2004 Session

(b) Teaching Experience

Assistant Lecturer: University of Ibadan, Ibadan 2005– 2008

Lecturer II: University of Ibadan, Ibadan 2008 –2012

Lecturer I: University of Ibadan, Ibadan 2012 - 2015

Senior Lecturer: University of Ibadan, Ibadan 2015 to date

Associate Lecturer: General Studies Programme (GSP), University of Ibadan, Ibadan 2008 to date

(c) Supervision of B.A. Long Essay:

Completed: 21 Ongoing: 3

Supervision of M.A. Dissertation

Completed: 34 Ongoing: 3

Supervision of Ph.D. Thesis

Completed: 3 Ongoing: 6

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

- GES 102: African Cultures and Civilization
- RES 113: Social Anthropology and Religion
- RES 214: Introduction to Sociology of Religion
- RES 312: Basic Practices of the Major Faiths in the Nigerian Context
- RES 313: Research Methods in Religious Studies
- RES 315: Religion and Social Change
- RCS 315: Christian Ethics in Contemporary Society
- RES 326: Interaction of Religions in Nigeria
- RES 413: Comparative Ethics in a Pluralistic Society
- RES 421: Religion and Nigerian Nation
- RES 422: Contemporary Religious Groups in Nigeria

Postgraduate

- RES 738: HIV/AIDS in Africa: The Christian Response
- RES 750: Social Theories of Religion
- RES 752: Christian Social Ethics
- RES 754: Religion and National Development
- RES 755: Religious Economy in Contemporary Christianity
- RES 758: Religious Ethics and Political Issues

Administrative Responsibilities in the University

- (a) Registration Officer, Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, 2007/2008 session to date
- (b) Staff Librarian, Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan. 2007/2008 session-2011/2012
- (c) Assistant Business Manager, *Orita: Ibadan Journal of Religious Studies*, January, 2009 to 2011
- (d) Member, Editorial Board, *Orita: Ibadan Journal of Religious Studies*, January, 2009 to date

- (e) Business Manager, *Orita*: Ibadan Journal of Religious Studies, January, 2011 to 2016.
- (f) Staff Adviser, National Association of Students of Religious Studies (NASSORS), University of Ibadan, Ibadan. , 2007/2008 session to 2016
- (g) Supervisor, GES 102: African Cultures and Civilization, General Studies Programme, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, January 2010 to February 2016
- (h) Deputy Coordinator, Distance Learning Programme, Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, January 2010 to January 2016
- (i) Member, Senate Committee on General Studies Programme, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, January, 2010 to February 2016.
- (j) Member, Finance Committee, Faculty of Arts, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, 1 August, 2010- 31 July, 2011.
- (k) Member, Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee 1 August, 2012- 31 July, 2013
- (l) Member, Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee 1 August, 2014- 31 July, 2015
- (m) Member, Faculty of Arts Postgraduate Committee 2014 to date
- (n) Secretary, 2nd Faculty of Arts Biennial International Conference Committee, 2015
- (o) Member, Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee, 1 August, 2015 to 31 July 2016
- (p) Member, Board of Arts Studies, 1 August, 2015 to 31 July, 2017
- (q) Member of Senate, University of Ibadan, 1 August 2016 to date
- (r) Member, Faculty Appointments and Promotions Committee from 1 August 2017.
- (s) Postgraduate Coordinator, Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, February, 2016 to date

X Research

(a) Completed:

- (I) African Sexual Ethics and the Scourge of HIV/AIDS
- (II) Domestic violence and stigmatisation of People Living with HIV/AIDS in ethical perspective.
- (III) Ethnic Politics and Agitation in Nigeria.
- (IV) Socio-Economic Impact of Boko Haram Insurgency in Northern Nigeria
* It was a collaborative research with Titus Ojo Oshomoh
- (V) Christian Conversion and Social Transformation in Nigeria
- (VI) Euthanasia and the Sanctity of Life

- (b) In progress:
- (I) A study of the social transformation ministry of the Chapel of the Resurrection, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria
 - (II) A study of the *Abikú* Phenomenon and Sickle Cell Anaemia
 - (II) Religious Economy in Contemporary African Christianity
- (c) Dissertation and Thesis:
- (I) Familusi, O.O. (2002). The Examination Malpractices in the University of Ibadan: A Socio-Ethical Perspective. M.A. Dissertation, Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan.
 - (II) Familusi, O.O. (2008). A Religious Assessment of the Electoral Process and Moral Responsibility in Ibadan, Oyo State, 1999 – 2003. Ph.D Thesis, Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan.

XI Publications

(a) Books already published:

- (1) Edo, V.O. and **Familusi, O.O.** (eds). (2012) *African Cultures and Civilization: A Textbook of GES 102*, Ibadan: General Studies Programme, University of Ibadan, 181 pages ISBN 978-978-151-861-4. **(Nigeria)**
- (2) Dada, A.O., Ayantayo, J.K., Akinbamijo, O.B, Adekoya, J.S. **Familusi, O.O.** and S.K. Olaleye (eds) 2018. *Prophecy, politics and power in Ancient Israel and the Nigerian context: A Festschrift in honour of The Most Rev. Dr. G.L. Lasebikan*, Ibadan: Zenith Book House Limited. 437 pages. ISBN: 978-978-960-213-1. **(Nigeria)**
- (3) Opeke, R.O. **Familusi, O.O.** and Berekiah, O.O. (eds) (2018) *The Heart of the Act: Church, Politics and Social Transformation in Nigeria. A Festschrift in honour of The Most Rev. Michael Kehinde Steepen*, Ibadan: Ibadan University Press. 400 pages ISBN: 978-978-8529-34-7 **(Nigeria)**

(b) Chapters in Book Already Published

- (4) Familusi, O.O. (2010). The Moral Context of Nigeria's Political Instability since Independence. Ashafa, A.M. (Ed). *Challenges for Nigeria@ 50: Essays in Honour of Professor Abdullahi Mahadi*. Kaduna: Kaduna State University. 319-330. ISBN 978- 2528-01-3 **(Nigeria)**
- (5) Lawal, B.O. and **Familusi, O.O.** (2012) "Indigenous African Education" Edo, V.O. and **Familusi, O.O.** (Eds). (2012) *African Cultures and Civilization: A Textbook of GES 102*, Ibadan: General Studies Programme, University of Ibadan, 80-89. ISBN 979-978-151-861-4 **(Nigeria)** (Contribution 50%)
- (6) Familusi, O.O. (2012). Understanding the Implications of Ethnic Politics and Agitation for Social Stability in Nigeria. Ajala, A.S. (Ed). *Nationalism and Politics Post-Colonial Nigeria*. Cologne: Rudiger Koppe Verlong Koln. 285-301. ISBN 978-89645-894-0 **(Germany)**
- * (7) Familusi, O.O. 2018 "Prophets as Social and Political Activists: The Nigerian Example" Dada, A.O., Ayantayo, J.K., Akinbamijo, O.B, Adekoya, J.S. Familusi, O.O. and S.K. Olaleye (eds) *Prophecy, politics and power in Ancient Israel and the Nigerian context: A Festschrift in honour of The Most Rev. Dr. G.L. Lasebikan*, Ibadan: Zenith Book House Limited, pp. 17-32 ISBN: 978-978-960-213-1 **(Nigeria)**
- * (8) Familusi, O.O. 2018. "Christian Conversions a Tool for Social Transformation in Nigeria." Opeke, R.O. **Familusi, O.O.** and Berekiah, O.O. (eds) (2018) *The Heart of the Act: Church, Politics and Social Transformation in Nigeria. A Festschrift in honour of The Most Rev. Michael Kehinde Steepen*, Ibadan: Ibadan University Press. pp 49-66. ISBN: 978-978-8529-34-7 **(Nigeria)**

- * (9) Familusi, O.O. 2018. “Voluntary or Subtle Compulsion: An Ethical Context of Giving as Sacrifice in Contemporary Christianity”
Ayegboyin, D. and Dada, A.O. (Eds) *Sacrifice in Religious Traditions: Essay in honour of Ven. Prof. J. Omosade Awolalu*, Religious Studies Series 6, Ibadan, Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, pp.173-188. **(Nigeria)**
- (c) Articles that have already appeared in Referred Conference Proceedings: Nil
- (d) Patents: Nil
- (e) Articles that have already been published in Learned Journals:
- * (10) Familusi, O.O. (2009): The Threat to Taboos as a Means of Inculcating Ethics in Yoruba Society. *Orita: Ibadan Journal of Religious Studies*, XLI/2. 102-111. **(Nigeria)**
- (11) Familusi, O.O. (2010) “The Yoruba Culture of Aṣo-ẹbi (Group Uniform) in Socio-Ethical Context” *AAU; African Studies Review: A Journal of the Department of History and International Studies*, Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko, Ondo State, Vol. 9, 263-276. **(Nigeria)**
- (12) Familusi O.O. (2010): An Ethicist Perspective of the Problems of Gender, Violence and Stigmatization of People Living With HIV and AIDS. *Orita: Ibadan Journal of Religious Studies*, XLII/2. 122-150. **(Nigeria)**
- * (13) Familusi, O.O. (2010) Religious Politics and its Implications for Sustainable Development in the Post Independence Nigeria” *Journal of Sustainable Development in Africa*, Vol. 12, No. 5, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion Pennsylvania, 156-169 **{USA}**.
- (14) Familusi, O.O. (2011): The Ibadan ‘Son of the Soil Factor’ as an Issue in Civil Conflict in Oyo State. *International journal of African Culture, Politics and Development*, Vol. 6. No. 1. 22-37. **(Nigeria)**
- (15) **Familusi, O.O.** and Oke, O. P. (2011): A Christian Dimension to Poverty Discourse in Nigeria. *Orita: Ibadan Journal of Religious Studies*, XLII/2, 75-94.**(Nigeria)** (Contribution 50%)
- * (16) Familusi, O.O. (2011):“Human Sexuality in African Thought and the HIV/AIDS Scourge”. *LUMINA: An Interdisciplinary Research and Scholarly Journal* Vol. 22, No. 2, Holy Name University Tagbilaran City Bohol, 218-228.**(Philippine)**
- (17) Familusi, O.O. (2012): Religious Factors in the Electoral Process and the Quest for an Enduring Democracy in Nigeria. *Journal of Religious Studies, Department of Religious Studies, University of Uyo, Uyo*. Vol. VII, No. 2, 66-78.**(Nigeria)**
- (18) **Familusi, O.O** and Oke, O.P. (2012): “Changing Roles of Yoruba Women as an Issue in National Development and Family Stability” *LUMINA: An Interdisciplinary Research and*

Scholarly Journal Vol. 23, No. 2, Holy Name University Tagbilaran City Bohol, 1-13.(**Philippine**) (Contribution 50%)

- * (19) Familusi, O.O. (2012):“On Christians’ Involvement in Politics in Nigeria”. *Orita: Ibadan Journal of Religious Studies* XLIV/2, 23-44. (**Nigeria**)
- (20) Familusi, O.O. (2013):“Towards a Religious Alternative to Political Godfatherism in Nigeria”. *Nigerian Journal of Christian Studies*.Vol. 9. 207-237.(**Nigeria**)
- * (21) Familusi, O.O. (2015):“Is The Sacred Also Profane? Interrogating the Role of the Church in Curbing Corruption in Nigeria”. *Orita: Ibadan Journal of Religious Studies* XLVII/1&2, 51-74. (**Nigeria**)
- * (22) Familusi, O.O. (2017).“Electoral Violence in the Context of Religion and Development in Nigeria” *Journal of Sustainable Development in Africa*, Vol. 19, No.1, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion Pennsylvania, 91-104. {**USA**}.
- *(23) Familusi, O.O. 2018. “Economic Recession in Nigeria From the Perspective of Christian Ethics” *Nigerian Journal of Christian Studies*, Vol. 2. No.1, pp.143-165 (**Nigeria**)

(f) Books, Chapters in Books and Articles already accepted for Publication:

(g) Technical Reports and Monographs: Nil

XII Major Conferences Attended

- (a) 4th International Conference of African Association for the Study of Religion at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria (17-21 January, 2010).

Paper Read: Religious Politics and its Implication for Sustainable Development in the Post-Independence Nigeria

- (b) International Conference on Territorial Origins of African Civil Conflicts at University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa (29 -30 January, 2010).

Paper Read: The Ibadan ‘Son of the Soil’ Factor as an Issue in Civil Conflicts in Oyo State, Nigeria

- (c) International Conference on Nigeria @ Fifty @50: Politics, Society and Development, organised by the Department of History, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. (8-11 August, 2010).

Paper Read: A moral Reflection on Nigerian Politics in the Web of Godfatherism.

- (d) International Symposium on Nigeria at 50: The State, Nationalism and Politics: Challenges of Nation-building in Nigeria, organised by Humboldt Kolleg, Ibadan, Nigeria (7-10 October, 2010).
Paper Read: Understanding the Implications of Ethnic Politics and Agitation for Social Stability in Nigeria.
- (e) Annual Conference of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria (21-23 February, 2011).
Paper Read: Towards a Religious Alternative to Political Godfatherism in Nigeria.
- (f) Annual Conference of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria (15-17 April, 2013)
Paper Read: Revival of Religious Moral Values as panacea for Insecurity in Nigeria.
- (g) 2nd Biennial Faculty of Arts International Conference, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. (18-22 May, 2015).
Paper Read: Beyond the other in (dis) order: A perception of unhealthy religious relations in Nigeria.
- (h) Annual Conference of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria (10-12 August, 2015).
Paper Read: Giving as sacrifice in Christian tradition
- (i) First Biennial Conference of African Society for the study of Religion (ASSOSER) at University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria (15-17 May, 2016).
Paper Read: Beyond Emotional Rhetoric: Religious Ethics as Recipe for Enduring Change in Nigeria
- (j) Annual Conference of Nigerian Association for Biblical Studies held at Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo, Nigeria. (6-8 July 2016)
Paper Read: Christian Ethical Values and the Quest for Sustainable National Development in Nigeria
- (k) 7th Biennial Conference of the African Association for the Study of Religion (AASR) held at the University of Ghana, Legon. (26-29 July, 2016)
Paper Read: Human Sexuality in Africa and the HIV/AIDS Scourge
- (l) 2017 Annual Conference of Nigerian Association for Christian Studies (NACS) held at Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji- Arakeji, Osun State. (24-27 October, 2017)
Paper Read: Economic Recession in Nigeria from the Perspective of Christian Ethics
- (m) 8th Biennial Conference of the African Association for the Study of Religion (AASR) held at the Justo Mwale University, Lusaka Zambia. (1-4 August, 2018)
Paper Read: Between theory and practice: An appraisal of the place of religion in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- (n) 2018 Annual Conference of Nigerian Association for Christian Studies (NACS) held at Redeemer's University, Ede, Osun State. (24 October- 1 November, 2018)
Paper Read: The essentiality of Justice and Equity in the search for Peace and Security in Nigeria

ABSTRACTS OF 10 PUBLICATIONS

1. Prophets as Social and Political Activists: The Nigerian Example

Abstract

Beyond being God's mouth piece, the role of prophets have always been extended to issues of social concern, which in a way could be understood as their oversight functions. In other words, prophets are agents of social change. This is not only apparent in the Bible; it has always been the case in human history. Given this, scholars in Biblical studies and other fields of study have worked on several issues in prophecy in ancient Israel, intertestamental period, New Testament and the contemporary time. The aim of this paper is to examine the role of prophets as social crusaders and political activists with particular reference to Nigeria. Arguably, in performing this unique role, not all prophets can be said to have a clean bill of health. Therefore, attention shall be paid to both the strength and weak points of their activities and the implications of such for the prophetic ministry. Recommendations made shall focus on the need for prophets to avoid compromise and other forms of distraction, which have always undermined their integrity. It is this atmosphere that they can continue be relevant in a society that needs to be rescued from social and political disorders.

Keywords: Prophets, social and political activism, Nigeria

2. Christian Conversions a Tool for Social Transformation in Nigeria

Abstract

Conversion, a cardinal factor in religion has continued to elicit reactions from scholars in various fields of study. It is not logically possible to discuss propagation of religion without recourse to conversion. This paper argued that Christian conversion does not only enhance increase in membership of a religion, but it is also an avenue for social transformation of individual converts and a society. It is premised on diffusion theory of social change, which posits that changes occur as a result of contact, interaction and acquisition of new ideas, values and norms. Some converts were interviewed and their opinions were complemented with a content analysis of relevant academic materials. The paper established that Christian conversion has been instrumental to the transformation

of converts as well as the society in terms of culture, morality, education, economy and healthcare.

Keywords: Conversion, Christianity, Social transformation, Nigeria

3. Voluntary or Subtle Compulsion: An Ethical Context of Giving as Sacrifice in Contemporary Christianity

Abstract

Sacrifice is a pedestal on which religion stands. Perhaps it can be adduced that religion is sacrifice and sacrifice is religion. The word is provably well used and often times misused and overused in various religions. Consequently, sacrifice has become polysemous, connotative and ambiguous. It means different things to different people and it is presented and taken as such. That sacrifice is a well-researched subject in academic discourse is an understatement; hence studies abound on it in various forms and dimensions. In this paper, giving is presented as a variant of sacrifice in Christian religion with reference to moral issues arising from the Christian concept of giving, which have not been given adequate attention is scholarship. The concept is traced to the Old Testament, through the New Testament and the contemporary time. In understanding giving from the perspective of sacrifice, the following questions are addressed: What is sacrifice? What is giving? Who is the giver? What is it that is given or to be given? In what ways is giving demonstrated? At what point does giving become sacrifice? Does any benefit accrue from giving? Can giving be explained in ethical context? A proper understanding of the subject matter is recommended in religious spheres in order to guard against its further misinterpretation, which is a common feature the church today.

Keywords: Giving, Sacrifice, Christianity Morality

4. The Threat to Taboo as a Means of Inculcating Ethics in Yoruba Society

Abstract

In Yoruba society, living a moral life is imperative in the interest of all and sundry, hence several methods of ensuring this are adopted. One of which is the imposition of taboo on individuals in different localities, which in no small ways enhances moral consciousness. This paper discusses the relevance of taboo in the inculcation of ethics among the Yoruba people. However, as potent as taboo was in the past, it has been threatened by several factors such as civilization,

acculturation, intertribal marriage and the onslaught of Christianity and Islam. Consequently, moral consciousness arising from taboo has been on the wane. In spite of the threat, some people still observe taboos, hence their continued relevance.

5. Religious Politics and its Implications for Sustainable Development in the Post Independence Nigeria

Abstract

The multi-dimensional social impact of religion is apparent; hence the subject matter is unarguably an issue in the question of sustainable development, which is equally multi-faceted. In the area of politics, which is the focus of this paper, religion has been a strong determining factor in aspects, such as style of governance, policy formulation, and the electoral process in Nigeria, especially in the post-independence milieu. However, the impact could be both positive and negative. In other words, as religion enhances sustainability, so also it could be counterproductive in the matter of politics. In view of the foregoing, this paper x-rays, critically, the influence of religion on politics, with emphasis on the concept of sustainable development, as experienced in Nigeria. In doing this, the history of politics, in relation to religion since independence, is probed, with attention paid to the prospects or otherwise of the apparently unavoidable relationship. Recommendations are made toward ensuring the sustenance of the positive influence, on the one hand, and tackling the challenges of the negative influence, on the other hand. This is a way of establishing the relevance of religion in achieving sustainable development in Nigeria in this epoch of political upheavals, which have been a threat to an enduring democracy

Keywords: Nigeria, Religion, Politics, Sustainable Development

6. Human Sexuality in African Thought and the HIV/AIDS Scourge

One major problem confronting mankind in contemporary time is the HIV/AIDS scourge, which is largely attributable to sexual contact. Given this reality, researches of various kinds have been carried out on the subject matter while measures have been put in place towards minimising the rate at which the pandemic is transmitted. This paper discusses human sexuality in African thought with attention paid to the benefits accruing from African sexual ethics and dangers inherent in some cultural practices in respect of HIV/AIDS. It is recommended that the aspects of African culture, which emphasize the sanctity of sex should be imbibed while those practices that may aggravate the spread should be discarded. This is expected to reduce the rate of the spread of the virus that causes AIDS in Africa, where the spread is rife and which is our focus in this paper

7. On Christians' Involvement in Politics in Nigeria

Abstract

The focus of this paper is on 'a' controversial issue of Christian's' involvement in politics. It discusses the views of those who subscribe to their involvement and those who preach political apathy, with practical examples drawn from Nigeria. It is argued that despite the failure of many Christian politicians to maintain integrity in politics, abstention from politics is not a good alternative. Christians are encouraged to be actively involved in politics in any form, and strive to imbibe Christian moral values in the face of temptation, intimidation and ostracism in a morally perverse political sphere. Support from other Christians in form of monitoring and offering useful advice to Christian politicians is recommended. It is concluded that Nigeria can experience good governance if genuine Christians stop abdicating their responsibilities as the light of the world and salt of the earth. Hence the need for them to participate in politics.

8. Is The Sacred Also Profane? Interrogating the Role of the Church in Curbing Corruption in Nigeria

Abstract

Corruption has been the bane of growth and development in Nigeria. This has impelled several measures by governments and various organisations towards stemming its tide, which however have proved non-effectual. Corruption, a global phenomenon is multifaceted. Hence, we talk of it in the political, economic, manufacturing and educational sectors among others. It is obviously a systemic social malady. The church being an agent of social transformation has always been on the vanguard of the war against corruption. However, the desired result is rarely achieved because the church itself is not immune from corrupt practices as evident in disposition of many a Christian-a development, which consistently questions its relevance. Scholars have examined the issue from different approaches. Thus, the academic sphere is replete with literature on variants of corruption. In this paper, the role of the church in the crusade against corruption is examined with particular reference to how effective it has been, the obstacle to its effectiveness as well as various ways corruption manifests in the contemporary church. Recommendation made centre on how a healthy, holistic, sincere and pragmatic war could be waged against corruption by the church in Nigeria, as the

only way it could maintain its position as the metaphoric ‘salt of the earth and light of the world’.

Keyword: Corruption, the Church, Nigeria

9. Electoral Violence in the Context of Religion and Development in Nigeria

Abstract

Electoral violence, which is an issue in national development, has become a culture in Nigeria as every election conducted so far in the history of the country was marred with violence of various magnitude. Given its nature and effects, literature abounds on the subject from political, sociological and economic perspectives. However, much has not been said about the stance of religious ethics on electoral violence. Therefore, this paper discusses electoral violence in the context of religion and its implication for sustainable development. Since electoral violence has been the bane of political stability and development, application of religious moral values is considered to be a veritable tool for ensuring violence – free elections, which will ultimately impel the ever obscure development in Nigeria.

Keywords: Election, Violence, Religion, National Development, Nigeria

10. Economic Recession in Nigeria From the Perspective of Christian Ethics

Abstract

Economic recession, a regular slogan in contemporary Nigeria is a nightmare as it has crippled national development and human welfare. This is obvious in the fallen standard of living, devalued currency and escalating poverty. Measures taken so far by the present government are yet to ameliorate the condition. In academic discourse, scholars have approached the issue from various perspectives such as politics, religion and economy. This paper examines economic recession in the context of Christian ethics. It argues broadly that the present economic condition of the country is an after effect of the moral failure of Nigerians; both as leaders and followers at all levels. The work conducts a survey of economic development in Nigeria to decipher how it has been faring. Recommendations are based on the imperative of the adherence to Christian ethical values by Christian at their levels of operation in the country; as a way of getting out of the present economic quagmire.

Keyword: Economic recession, Christian ethics, Nigeria