



Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in West African Lesotho 2004

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Abstract

Religious pluralism in Lesotho, a small country in southern Africa, is characterized by coexistence and interplay among various faith communities, including Christian, Muslim, traditional indigenous beliefs, and others. The study employs a qualitative research approach, utilising participant observation, semi-structured interviews, and document analysis to gather data from key informants across different religious sectors. Findings indicate that while there is significant diversity in religious practices and beliefs, interfaith dialogue initiatives have led to increased cooperation and mutual respect among the major faith groups. The interfaith dynamics observed in Lesotho suggest a potential model for other countries grappling with similar issues of religious pluralism and social cohesion. These findings underscore the importance of fostering inclusive spaces that encourage understanding and collaboration between different religious communities. Recommendation 1: Government should promote more structured interfaith dialogue platforms to enhance mutual respect and understanding among diverse faith groups. Recommendation 2: Educational institutions should incorporate interfaith studies into curricula to foster a generation with greater awareness of religious diversity.

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