



Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in West Africa: A Sierra Leonean Perspective

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Abstract

Religious pluralism in West Africa, particularly Sierra Leone, is characterized by a rich tapestry of religious beliefs and practices coexisting within diverse communities. The study employs qualitative research methods including interviews with religious leaders and community members, as well as document analysis from local religious organizations. There is a notable trend towards inter-faith dialogue initiatives that have successfully reduced communal tensions in certain regions of Sierra Leone, especially among Muslims and Christians. The findings suggest that structured inter-religious engagement can significantly mitigate religious conflicts, highlighting the importance of such dialogues for social stability. Policy makers should support and encourage more formalized inter-faith platforms to foster understanding and cooperation between different religious groups in Sierra Leone.

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