



Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in West Africa: A Survey of Sierra Leonean Perspectives

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Abstract

Religious pluralism in Sierra Leone is a complex interplay of diverse religious traditions coexisting within a single society. A mixed-methods approach was employed, incorporating surveys with structured questionnaires for quantitative data collection and semi-structured interviews for qualitative insights. Survey results indicate that approximately 60% of respondents reported positive experiences interacting across religious lines, highlighting the importance of inter-faith dialogue in fostering mutual understanding. The study underscores the significance of inter-faith engagement in mitigating potential conflicts and promoting social harmony in a multi-religious setting. Encouragement for policy makers to integrate inter-faith education into curricula and promote community-based initiatives that facilitate cross-cultural exchanges is recommended.

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