

PASTORAL CHALLENGE IN AFRICA

SUMMARY OF PAPER TO BE READ BY PROF BALOYI ME ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2017 IN THE CONFERENCE.

I am basically going to make my discussions around few selected issues that needs a consideration when doing pastoral care within African context which are briefly as follows:

1. **REALISATION OF AFRICAN WORLDVIEW-** This will include how pastoral care is understood in Africa. The discussion will also go to find out some African beliefs as well as the influence of language dynamics.
2. **THE VIEW OF GENEROCITY-** Since generocity generally characterize Africanism, its not isolated to think that even pastoral care and services are expected to be part of that generocity, which comes against the western though of "client-counsellor" context.
3. **GENDER DISPARITIES-** The role of patriarchal influence cannot be underestimated when coming to pastoral care, for instance, its still difficult even for those churches who decided to ordain women to give them necessary support as to their counselling responsibilitites.
4. **COMMUNALISM-** Its not easy to deal with individual challenge in an African context because one person's problem is a community's problem.
5. **RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PASTORAL WORK AND LIBERATION-** The context of majority of black people is undeniably that of poverty, landlessness, unemployment and other related challenges. Every pastor who should serve in those communitites can often be seen as a liberator who is coming to liberate them from their calamities. The fact that very little had been done to liberate people politically, then the likelihood is that anyone who comes is expected to play a role towards that challenge.