THE ROLE OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN PROMOTING PEACE AND TRANQUILITY

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ABSTRACT

Religious leaders play an important role in enhancing peace and tranquility. Just like political leaders, religious leaders have followers. The strength of religious leaders supersede that of politicians in the sense that people relate their stance with God, whom they creed.

Aims: This paper therefore expounds the role of religious leaders in maintaining peace and tranquility. The paper stems on the speech presented before the religions leaders of Ruvuma region, which was conducted to elude on the role of each of personality in ensuring that Tanzania remain to be the place to choose to live on the globe.

Study design: The study is a case study design as only religious leaders present during the meeting participated in responding to the speech of the regional Commissioner. Therefore this is a review and uses description to arrive at the conclusion. Our orientation in both politics and religion provides an immerse experience in seeing and analyzing the impacts of phenomenon. Holistic thinking has been used to evaluate the impact of the behavior of religious leaders on the one hand and the followers on the other.

Results: We conclude that religious leaders should realize the fact that African is a recipient of the two main religions Christianity and Islam. We neither find religious wars in Middle East and specifically Saudi Arabia where Islam originates nor in Europe and middle east, specifically German, England and Israel where Christianity originates. Therefore we must apprehend our humanity at the expense of religion.

KEYWORDS: Religion; religious leaders; peace and tranquility; followers.