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Can Church Conflict Inhibit Moral Development and Christian Formation? A Study of Emmanuel Kengeleni Parish of Mombasa Diocese in the Anglican Church of Kenya (2000-2010).

Abstract: The study set out to examine the impact of church conflict on moral development and Christian formation with a special reference to Emmanuel Kengeleni Parish of Mombasa Diocese in the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) between 2000 -2010. For acquisition of data, the study used qualitative methodology. The study found that the conflict had enormous effects on the church and society both spiritually and socio-economically. As an opportunity, the conflict became a source of church growth, expansion and Christian maturity whereas on the other hand it became associated with retarded development, rivalry, strained relations and negative publicity. The study recommends that church leaders be trained on conflict resolution and that churches ought to provide avenues and structures of proactive conflict resolution mechanism in order to remain the beckon of moral development and Christian formation in the society.

Key words: Conflict, Moral development, Christian formation, Freretown.

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