

**MULTISTAFF MINISTRY: A MEANS OF REACHING  
THE GRASSROOTS IN EVANGELISM**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This essay is aimed to look at the ways multistaff ministry can be used to reach the grassroots in evangelism. This is borne out of the fact that some section of the society are left unreached while some are “half baked” in terms of their commitment to God. Some are ordinary church goers whose life is never different from a non-church man.

This essay tries to offer solutions to the above problems. In an attempt to find solutions, the functions of the church and the pastors are seen, the evangelistic fields are seen in order to know the extent of the work our Lord Jesus commits unto us.

The views of Pastors and church members are critically juxtaposed in order to see how multistaff ministry can best help to reach the grassroots. After all said and done, recommendations are given to churches, theological institutions, associations, conferences and convention at large as to how multistaff ministry can see the light of the day in order to make everybody reached with the true gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## B. RECOMMENDATIONS

In line with what has been discussed above on the subject matter, the researcher wishes to put up the following recommendations for effective adoption and implementation of Multistaff Ministry in our various churches.

1. Seminars and workshops should be organised in educating our ministers and church members on the importance of multistaff ministry. This is to be done at Association., Conference and Convention levels.
2. Courses on multistaff ministry should be offered in our various Theological Institutions so that our Pastors would know from the onset the importance of teamwork.
3. Job descriptions should be provided for proper implementation.
4. Church constitution and bye-laws should be amended to incorporate multistaff ministry.
5. The call for more Pastors should be weighed critically before attempt is made. Multistaff is not necessarily the fertilizer for church growth but also a means by which the numerical and spiritual growth of the church can easily be catered for.
6. The Nigerian Baptist Convention should make it mandatory for our conferences and association that a church whose population is above 300 members should call for associate Pastor(s). However, a church whose population is far below the prescribed number can also call for associate Pastors provided there is the need and the strength to do so. Schaller's<sup>1</sup> suggestion for staffing a church may be used if found applicable to any church setting. See table below:

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<sup>1</sup> Schaller page 59.