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ABSTRACT

In essence, the urgency and inevitability of doing this research work is to underscore pointedly the evaluation of heterogeneous concepts of church planting in selected local Baptist Churches in Lagos differ in some areas slightly from that of the biblical heterogeneous church planting concepts practices. Heterogeneity concepts are quite inherent in gospel proclamations. The purpose of dynamic forces of biblical evaluation of heterogeneous church planting concepts practices are significantly as follows: lack of harnessing those local Baptist members who are Holy Spirit gifted; lack of all members of the Baptist denomination not worshipping together nationwide at the same time; lack of priests and priestesses ordination to assume the duties and responsibilities of Priesthood of Believers; lack of several Baptist members not practicing pragmatic stewardship of empathizing, giving self and substances to church and poor ones; and lack of insufficient teaching and practice of mentoring. Many strategies had been designed different from the biblical heterogeneous church planting were responsible for down playing these simple early church strategies of multiplying churches exponentially in our contemporary time.

In fact, the instrument of the evaluation involved library research, oral interviews and surveys through the application of questionnaire to collect required data. However, the sample model for the evaluation of the heterogeneous church planting concepts involved six big heterogeneous representatives churches in GoodNews Association of Lagos Conference.

Questionnaires were served on seventy members randomly while sixty members responded.

The instruments which were the appropriate solutions were provided to several research questions posed to the consultant of GoodNews Association, Lagos State Conference Secretary, Pastors and members of the six selected local Baptist Churches. Deductions and appraisals were made ^{fr}om their responses and library research. All the research questions were answered using percentile process to do the findings.

The findings of the study revealed that the objectives are being achieved. Because it is apparent to note that there are more mono-lingual churches than heterogeneous churches which are multicultural in nature and practices. While the analyses of the findings from interviews, records and responses to the questionnaire affirmed reasons why biblical heterogeneous church planting concepts practices differ from the contemporary church planting concepts practices.

On the basis of the findings of the study, the following major recommendations were in effect put forward to enhance the biblical practices of heterogeneous church planting concepts:

1. Operation Reach All team should re-strategize and synergize by regrouping with identified local Baptist members who speak in true tongues and through whom genuine healings and miracles are wrought. This would curb drifting of Baptist members to Pentecostal Churches.

2. The NBC should organize Radio and Television worship programs for all local Baptist Churches in Nigeria to hook up to the appropriate frequency and channel respectively at least once per week. This should enrich corporate faith lifting worship and proclamation of the gospel in the Baptist way.
3. Pastors should be organized by the conference to train lay members of the local churches to become 'Priest' and 'Priestess'. Also, they should perform duties of priesthood of believers in their respective "House-Church".
4. Stewardship should be pragmatically expounded in order to bring alive the sensibility of empathy, giving self and substances. Poor ones should be taken care of in the community as well as in the community of faith in particular.

There is a need to re-teach the churches towards the genuineness and dire of Social Ministry. The Church is required to fill the gap left by the government in relation to Social Ministry. In fact, the problem is that majority of the churches are not doing social ministry. Absolutely, there is need to offer financial aid for the poor churches. The quality of life of the poor was found to be far from desirable.

Conclusions

Based on the findings of the study the following conclusions were revealed: The study has put forward a design for a pragmatic and scriptural based church model for the Nigerian Baptist Family. However, this thesis is not in anyway indicting ORA team or the leadership but highlighting that the gifts bestowed on some of the local church members are not sufficiently developed, garnered and utilized.

In order to develop a strong and virile praying network for the Convention, an unencumbersome intercessory coordinating unit is required. The unit is to be established and categorized into three parts as Jesus Christ did. He called the twelve disciples and four of them were more zealous than the second group of the remaining eight disciples. The third category of Prayer warriors were the churches (entire Convention Family). The ORA team on ground now should recruit gifted intercessors (those ones manifesting the gifts of the Holy Spirit with good reports from many people). The hot ones and the warm ones and the cool ones the large remnant (the convention family remnant) are the three categories. Prayer should be used earnestly more with all humility and sincerity to bathe all methodologies and approaches such that Holy Spirit

