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## ABSTRACT

This research work is a study on the Kings Solomon II Miracle Centre in Ile-Ife, a historic Yoruba city in Osun State of Nigeria. The Church existed by the initiative of Arch-bishop Prophet (Dr.) Sunday Gideon Oyebode (JP). It is a brand of The External Sacred Order of Cherubim and Seraphim (Aladura).

The researcher was motivated to embark on this work by a curiosity to find out what motivated the founder to have founded the Church in the heart of a bush where there are no people. Moreover, the researcher wishes to verify whether the impression that the public has on the King Solomon II Miracle Centre is true or false. The work also wishes to actually check whether the King Solomon II Miracle Centre can be referred to as a Church or not.

The research, among other things, examined the background to the emergence of the African Initiated Churches, reason(s) for their emergence and their differing typologies. It went further to examine certain features that are common to the African Initiated Churches as well as their Spiritual inclinations.

The work also studied how the Church, King Solomon II Miracle Centre originated. It also examined the life history of the founder and his aim of founding the Church. It also studied the activities of the church. Like: doctrinal beliefs, fund raising strategies, growth range, faith healing, and festivals were also examined. Furthermore, what

motivate the patronage of the public, and their impression about the Church was also made.

Having considered all the above, the researcher has discovered that the growth strategy of the King Solomon II Miracle Centre includes the claim to know the secret route to miracles, taking into cognizance the African worldview, a lively worship emphasis on vision, dreams, prophecies and healings. Furthermore, King Solomon II Miracle Centre has been classified in this work as a Zionist group, Messianic group, and a syncretic/spiritist group.

The work, however, concluded with a summary, assessment, recommendation and conclusion.