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ABSTRACT

This research is intended to explore the degree of impact that planning and organization are contributing to Christian nourishment and growth as far as corporate worship in local Baptist churches is concerned. Worship is very vital to the life of an average Christian because it determines, to a large extent, the quality of relationship that exists between the individual worshipper and God. Christian worship, from the liturgical point of view, is the embodiment of the worshipper's understanding of the Worshipped.

Essentially, Christian worship is expected to have substance and worth. To attain this height, planning and organization, if well executed, are potent tools in the hands of worship leaders and other officiating personnel to make worship yield the desired and anticipated results. It is therefore the researcher's submission that a well planned and organized Christian worship will not only be impactful and enriching to the worshipper, but it will more significantly attribute all glory to God who is being worshipped.

This first chapter of the work contains an introduction, a clear statement of the problem, the purpose for the study, its significance and scope, as well as the method adopted in carrying out the research. It equally contains a section for definition of terms to avoid ambiguity. The second chapter is devoted to a review of some related literatures on the subject under study. The third chapter is focused on the design of the research, with regard to the instrument used and the methodology adopted. The fourth chapter analyses the data gathered and equally discusses the findings from the research; while the last chapter contains the summary, conclusion as well as the recommendations.

5.2. Conclusion

Worship is essential and pertinent to having a satisfactory, fulfilling and God-glorifying lifestyle. The kind of approach given to planning and organization of corporate worship plays a key role in determining what the experience of an average worshipper could be. This research work has actually not unfolded all that need be done to ensure adequate and rewarding worship planning and organization. Results of findings clearly show that there are other factors responsible for whatever the church members are experiencing in worship, either positively or otherwise, that were not discovered through the research conducted. Nonetheless, it has succeeded in serving as an eye-opener to the necessity for corporate Christian worship to be given more attention.

5.3. Recommendations

It is expedient that our theological institutions are not found wanting on the subject of Christian worship, especially as it affects planning and organization. As a way of complementing the academic efforts and curriculum of our training schools, other training programs such as organized seminars, workshops, panel discussions and debates could be arranged and channeled toward improving worship planning and organization in local church assemblies. Such programs could be organized at Associational or Conference level.

This work is recommended for pastors on the field as well as for those in training at various theological schools. It is equally recommended for other members of local churches, especially those who are regularly involved in the task of planning and organizing worship services. It is hoped that the findings contained in this work will be helpful in serving as a reference point for those who may want to engage themselves in

related research. It will also serve as a worthwhile foundation on which to build further research on the subject of planning and organizing corporate Christian worship.

Finally, the task of planning and organization worship goes beyond physical or practical planning. Of equal significance is the spiritual planning and preparation, especially on the part of the worship leader. However, it is expedient that the worshippers who are the primary and immediate recipients should pray purposely for the overall success of the worship service. It is therefore recommended that the church pastor, who is supposedly the worship leader, and all the officiating personnel should create time before the worship day to pray together, committing the planned worship to God for absolute control and leadership. It is believed that such spiritual step taken will be helpful in forestalling undue errors and abnormalities that may want to rear their heads in the course worship.