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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research was to find out the factors affecting giving and its effects on the ACK Diocese of Eldoret. The study relied on an interdisciplinary methodology which included empirical research from social science field work. The empirical data investigation utilized qualitative method under the case study design to collect and analyze data. The data was obtained using survey questionnaires, information from documents, and interviews. The findings of the study revealed that Christians' financial giving has been affected by many factors. The study discovered that there was an acute deficiency on continuous teachings on financial stewardship. Findings also revealed that the clergy and lay leadership lacked leadership capacity to teach and mobilize financial resources. Additionally, the study found out that there was mistrust owing to the lack of accountability and transparency in some parishes and local congregations. Immaturity among many Christians also emerged as a potential factor leading to poor financial giving. Possibly, the large size of parishes and a small group of "Sunday Clergy," explains the immaturity and the lack of character and the spirituality of giving. Findings showed that there was no financial management and stewardship policy. Parishes were operating without proper guidance on financial stewardship. This has led to poor communication from the head office to parishes and vice versa on financial updates adversely affecting financial giving. Finally, it emerged from the study that the ACK Diocese of Eldoret has gone through a cycle of conflicts resulting from the death of the first Bishop, Alexander Kipsang Muge, and the post-election violence in Kenya of 1992, 1997, 2002 and 2007 leaving the members dissatisfied. The dissertation makes substantial recommendations based on the review of literature and the study of the Scriptures. When the ACK leadership takes up the recommended actions, many of the circumstances revealed by the empirical research will be mitigated.