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THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH AND DEVELOPMENT: A CASE STUDY OF ALL
SAINTS CATHEDRAL NAIROBI IN NAIROBI COUNTY

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ABSTRACT

This study consisted of an empirical research which is qualitative in nature and a grounded theory to certify whether the method used by All Saints Cathedral to meet its mission objectives in an attempt to alleviate the living standards of people living in informal settlements. The study affirmed that a holistic ministry approach to transformational development as used by All Saints Cathedral that seeks to empower the local people within the urban context is a useful poverty alleviation strategy for the poor in general and specifically to those living in informal settlements. The study sought to bring out by use of questionnaire the views of the beneficiaries of the All Saints Cathedral development activities and the congregations at large. The aim was to determine the impact of All Saints Cathedral development programmes on its members. The study has shown strong evidence from the respondents indicating the All Saints Cathedral has impacted the lives of its members but at the same time there is a lot that has to do in order to fulfill its mission.

KEY TERMS: Church, Poverty, Holistic, Transformation, informal settlements.