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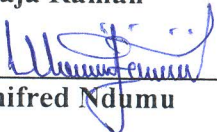
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ABSTRACT

The study explored the Youth perception on the effectiveness of the Youth Ministry at Destiny Worship Centre Church Lang'ata. The data was collected through face- to -face semi-structured interviews with seven participants, and were recorded and transcribed. Observation was also done in two of the youth meetings and activities.

The findings revealed that there was less effectiveness in the youth ministry at Destiny Worship Centre Lang'ata, pointing to the activities, programmes and ways the youth ministry is conducted. The study further affirmed that youth need a variant of holistic approach and strategies to be able to attain spiritual growth and nurture in a given setting.

A model of interrelationships between various activities and programs was advanced and recommendations made to the youth, the church, youth leaders, and other concerned persons on the best way to make the program effective to nurturing the youth in their spiritual life. This would lead the youth to evaluate their growth and invoke a closer relationship with God.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

The youth form a very important segment in any church. They are, in fact, the group that is expected to lead the church in the future. However, it would seem that there is no proper handling, teaching and discipling of the youth. Most churches lack proper teaching models in their services. In essence, the teaching methods used and how they apply to the various groups involved appears inadequate. Every church that desires to grow should be equipped with a comprehensive teaching team, as well as a proper teaching resource. Teaching ministry has lagged behind and this has slowed down the discipling of the various groups that are present in the church. The teaching ministry is very important in the church, as it enables it's members to grow up and be grounded in the word of God and it's truth. Therefore, this ministry must be strengthened to make it appealing and to meet the needs of the people. Knowing and understanding of the Word of God will advocate for personality and revitalization of the church life itself. This would be the ultimate goal of Christian teaching.

The youth, aged 13 to 25, form the greatest part of a church congregation. This is a challenging group that should be handled with a lot of care and caution. They are very active and sensitive to what is happening around them. They require guidance concerning all potential failures into which they can plunge themselves, spoiling their chances in life. Most churches have not played their part in guiding the youth and therefore, the youth have fallen prey to the world.

