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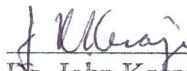
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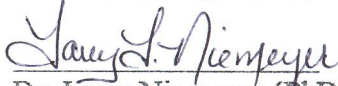
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ABSTRACT

This thesis explores growth of the Anglican Diocese of Mount (Mt.) Kenya South from its beginning in 1975 until 1998. Specifically, the study seeks to understand the factors that led to its formation.

The study utilizes the existing literature to determine how far the current theories of church growth are applicable to the Diocese of Mount Kenya South. The method used in the study is descriptive.

On the basis of its findings, this study makes a number of recommendations on the various prerequisites for the growth.

It is hoped that this research will provide an important insight into means of fulfilling the Great Commission stated in Mathew 28: 18-20.

Student's Declaration

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CHAPTER ONE

1.1 Introduction

The Diocese of Mt. Kenya South comprises the Kenya Administrative Civil District of Kiambu and has boundaries with Nairobi Diocese, Kajiando, Nakuru, Nyahururu, Mt. Kenya Central and the newly formed Thika Diocese. The Diocese also covers the following divisions; Dagorretti, Ngong, Kikuyu, Limuru, Lari, Githunguri and Kiambaa.

The Diocese of Mount Kenya South was “formed out of the subdivision of the Diocese of Mount Kenya in 1975 with its headquarters in Kiambu.”¹ The Right Rev. Obadiah Kariuki, who retired in 1976 is renowned for being its first Bishop. In the same year 1976, the Diocese and the Provincial Synod of the Anglican Communion worked tirelessly to fill the gap left in the Bishopric by enthroning Rt. Rev. Sospeter Magua as the second Bishop.

This enthronement was done on 31st October the same year. It is also remarkable that the Rt. Rev. Eshbon Ngaruiya was made an assistant Bishop during the Rt. Rev. Kariuki's tenure of service. He remained an Assistant Bishop under the Rt. Rev. Sospeter Magua.² Bishop Magua's death in 1982 together with his wife through a road

¹ Provincial Unit of Research. Rabai to Mumias : *A Short History of the Church of the Province of Kenya 1844 - 1994*, p117.

² Ibid 117.

