

Inclusivity as Christian Understanding of Human Right and Justice: A Christian Response to the Ethnic Conflict between Meitei and Kuki Communities in Manipur, India.

This work is an exploration of concept of Inclusivity within the Christian understanding of human right and justice. This thesis aims to provide a Christian Theological response to the ongoing ethnic conflict between Meitei and Kuki communities in Manipur, India. This study would examine the Christian teaching on human rights and justice with its theological foundation on human dignity, respect, love, and reconciliation. In this research I would propose how Christian perspective can contribute to foster peace, justice and mutual respect in this deeply disturbed region. The research would answer to the questions like;

- How is inclusivity understood as Christian call to respect for human right and social justice?
- How can these teachings be applied to current social justice challenges in Manipur?

In the first part of the thesis, I would present the historical description of the state Manipur in India. The historical exploration of the state Manipur will expose the identification of various tribal groups in Manipur and the inequalities and the disputes among them. Analysis for the historical events gives light in the political, geographical, economic, social, and religious inequalities faced by various tribal communities in Manipur, especially Meitei and Kuki communities leading to the ethnic conflict. It would also examine the reasons behind the most heinous conflict in the history of Manipur, which erupted on May 3, 2023.

The second part of the thesis would be theological and philosophical exposition of the understanding of human right and justice. The theological perspective will provide biblical and the teaching of the church on human right and justice and philosophical reflection of these concepts will give light into the reason-based understanding of human right and justice.

The third part of the study is to investigate various challenges to inclusivity in establishing human right, justice and peace in the society including nature. With all these challenges, inclusivity calls for respect towards all creation of God. Therefore, the research is a call for an active response of people in authority to promote dialogue and addressing systemic injustice.

The final part of the study offers practical recommendations in building peace and establishing social justice in Manipur. It emphasizes the reforming capacity of inclusivity for achieving lasting peace in the disturbed society. A theological understanding Inclusivity emphasizes the need to reconcile with all the cultural and ethnic differences through a Christ-centered approach to human right and justice.