ALEXANDER MUGE AND THE STRUGGLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE IN KENYA
ABSTRACT
The late Bishop Alexander Muge of the Anglican Church of Kenya, Diocese of Eldoret, made a remarkable contribution to the struggle for social justice in Kenya in the 1980s. However, his
contribution to the struggle for social justice in Kenya has not been studied, hence the need for
the present study. The purpose of the study was to establish the extent of Muge’s contribution to
the making of Kenya’s history. The objectives of the study were to explore Muge’s early life, to
examine Muge’s role and contribution in the struggle for social justice in Kenya in the 1980s,
and to evaluate Muge’s efforts towards empowering the Kenyan society socially and
economically. Liberation theology, as understood and used by theologians in Latin America in
the early 1900s, was applied to exploration of Muge’s struggle for social justice and the
economic empowerment of the Kenyan society. Knowledge on Muge’s contribution to the
making of Kenya’s history as well as being one of the architects of the struggle for democracy in
Kenya, underlie the significance and justification of the study. Data was collected from both
primary and secondary sources. Archival and oral sources were significant in generating data.
Purposive sampling, especially the snowball technique were used to identify interviewees.
Analysis and interpretation of data employed the historical method. The findings of the study fill
a knowledge gap about Bishop Muge’s contribution to the cause of justice and socio-economic
empowerment of the Kenyan society.
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