

Being Christians in a Multi Religious Society: An Indonesian Perspective

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This article aims to explore how Christians perform the mission of the church in a multi religious society because living in a multi religious society is not easy. It challenges Christians to rethink and reformulate the mission of the church, and at the same time, it offers a better chance for Christians to perform the mission of the church vividly. By interviewing process and library research, the researcher found out that in a multi religious society, Christians must abandon the notion of converting other religious people and live the principle of walking together with the others. In this way, Christians bring themselves into a vulnerable situation in where on one hand, they must strengthen and live their Christian faith; and on the other hand, they must help other religious people to live their own faith. By doing so, Christians are ready to learn to hear other voices, learn to criticize their own faith, learn not to take control over the others, and learn not to dominate. Being a learning church will enable Christians to always discover God's amazing work which is not only through church but also behind the church. Thus, in a multi religious society, Christians should perform the mission of the church through willingness to embrace the others, even if in order to embrace the others Christians must be hurt, they have to take it with love.

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