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ABSTRACT

The study is an investigation on how the Church was involved in the creation of democratisation of politics in Zambia up to the end of UNIP era. The term Church in this study represented the three Church mother bodies; the Christian Council of Zambia (CCZ), Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia (EFZ), and the Zambia Episcopal Conference (ZEC). Politics refer to the political governing bodies in the history of Zambia that used their power in public life to influence decisions which affected country; the colonial government, United Independence Party’s Government and its Central Committee leadership and Parliament.

The study first focused on the introduction and historical background to the study and reviewed works by different scholars which were relevant to the study. It then went on to discuss the characteristics and activities of the colonial Church in the face of nationalism in the last decade of the colonial era before looking at how the Church-State relations changed after the attainment of independence in 1964. How the Church responded to the social (introduction of the ideology of Humanism), economic (nationalisation/Zambianisation) and political (the introduction of one-party rule) challenges brought about by black majority rule and to the crisis brought about by the Lumpa uprising have also been taken into account.

Lastly the study argued that the Church put up spirited fights when faced with challenges and brought to light the fact that the Church was a visible player in Zambia’s political history and as a force behind Zambia’s changing social, economic and political landscape from 1950 – 1991.
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ABBREVIATION

ANC.................. African National Congress

BSA Co.................. British South African Company

CCZ.................. Christian Council of Zambia

CMML.................. Christian Mission in Many Lands

ECZ.................. Electoral Commission of Zambia

EFZ.................. Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia

FENZA.................. Faith and Encounter Centre Library of Zambia

GMC.................. General Missionary Conference

GMCNR.................. General Missionary Conference of Northern Rhodesia

JCTR.................. Jesuits Centre for Theological Reflection

NAZ.................. National Archives of Zambia

NCEC.................. North Charterland and Exploration Company

SDA.................. Seventh Day Adventist Church

UCCAR.................. United Church of Central Africa in Rhodesia

UCZ.................. United Church of Zambia

UNESCO............. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation

UNIP.................. United Independence Party

UP.................... United Party

UPP.................. African National Congress

ZCTU.................. Zambia Congress of Trade Union
ZEC.........................Zambia Episcopal Conference

ZEF..........................Zambia Evangelical Fellowship

ZEMCC...................Zambia Elections Monitoring Co-ordinating Committee