

**AN EXAMINATION OF CONTRIBUTION OF CHRISTIAN
VALUES TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION PRACTICES
AMONG THE METHODIST CHURCHES IN IMENTI SOUTH
SUB-COUNTY, MERU COUNTY, KENYA.**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to establish the contribution of Christian values of morality, stewardship and empathy on environmental conservation in Imenti south sub-county. The study utilized the descriptive research survey design. The target or accessible populations for this study was all the 88 pastors and 1733 congregation members in the Methodist churches in the sub county. A sample of 22 churches was sampled through stratified random sampling. The study utilized a questionnaire to collect data. This study employed descriptive statistics to analyse the data obtained. The data collected was coded and entered in the computer for analysis using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) version 21 for windows. The results of data analysis were presented in tables and figures. The study established that; the pastors did not emphasize on the moral importance of environmental conservation, in every sermon, the church leaders did not often teach the congregation on their role in environmental conservation, the church leaders rarely taught on the problems and dangers posed by littering of the environment and unrecyclable materials on the ground. The study further established that the church leaders did not stress on the God given duty of Christians to take care of the environment, the church members did not actively take part in the actions of environmental conservation. That the preachers did not offer teachings to the Christians on their God given role of taking care of the environment, and the Christians did practice the teachings the study recommends that the churches should organize on days for cleaning the environment, in the neighbouring towns, collecting litter and burning, the preachers should mobilize their congregation members on how they can take care of the environment, and make the congregation members to elaborate to the people outside the churches. The Church members should also actively participate in building gabions and terraces, to reduce soil erosion, and planting of trees, to replace the already cut ones.