

Methodology In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: The Model of Fund Management of the Church

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Abstract

This research belongs to qualitative study that explains the prayer-based methodology In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit in the management of the Church's fund. This achievement is a concrete manifestation in the socio-economic life of the Church in the care of God's love. The research data was obtained through in-depth interviews. The results show that the prayer-based Methodology In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit are the principles of the people's personal nobility, welfare, solidarity and the principle of social justice.

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Introduction

From the beginning, The Catholic Church has a high social sensitivity and seeks to interpret the message of the Good News (Gospel) which always refers to Jesus Christ into the midst of human life. The value of love, humanity, justice, and social welfare is spread and applied in social, economic, political and cultural life. The Church conveys the divine salvation in such a way is expected to be good for all. The universal dimension of Jesus' salvation applies to all mankind and not just to those who call themselves Christians. What is important is how the Catholic Church in Indonesia can contextualize this social role in everyday life and the application of these values will help all elements of society to live more prosperous, righteous and peaceful (Kristiyanto, 2010).

The Church as an institution certainly can not move on its own without the cooperation of all people of the Church and all levels of society from various background of customs, races and religions. The Church is open to cooperate with all parties with good will in advancing the whole world. This cooperation requires sacrifice and mutual understanding. Thus the Church can indeed apply love in truth. This love is indiscriminative, no favoritism, but it embraces all human beings who want to develop the world (Kristiyanto, 2010).

The relationship between a person and his neighbor must be maintained towards a true brotherhood, a brotherhood that is rich in quality of the spiritual life and thereby further perfects human life in this world. Living in brotherhood by sharing with each other as expressions of their true identity as the image of God, will open the heart and mind of mankind to the source of his life, that is God himself. The social character of a person is then returned to a trinitarian, which means that he has an inseparable relationship both with his neighbor and with God. Based on that understanding, in the Christian religion the meaning of the relationship between man and God emphasizes the way of love (Nasr, 2005).

That raised morality makes Christians understand it as a deeply ingrained spiritual value. In the Christian tradition we recognize a religious and theological spirituality, which means that the ultimate value that integrates all life is the encounter with God, the trinity of God, who reveals himself in the person of Jesus Christ and whom we believe by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Christian spirituality is the life of faith, hope and love in the community of believers (Sutopanitro, 2014).

The Church as a social institution has its own mission and is different from profit-oriented companies. The church is given the responsibility to manage the available funds. Funds received such as collections, donations, and church efforts while funds are spent on church services, Church missions are for the salvation of all, the welfare of all people, like the physical and the spiritual, the social aid and the empowerment of the people.

The results of these thoughts show an objective truth. The objective truth as explained by Muhadjir (2011: 63) is obtained through research methodology. The research methodology is the science of the method of searching and collecting data concerning the particular problem which is processed, analyzed, taken conclusion and the solution (Cresswell, 2010: 23; Muhadjir, 2004: 25). The data are extracted, processed, synthesized using principles of philosophical thinking. Philosophy is a rational reflection (think) of the whole reality to achieve the truth and wisdom (Endraswara (2012a: 7).

Method

Although some appropriate methods is used as a methodology, it is not a provision to use others as a method due to the limitations of each method (Eriksson and Kovalainen, 2008: 16). This study is a qualitative study with prayer-based analysis In The Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit in the management Church's fund. This prayer is very meaningful for the life of the faithful believer. It is important to be means of communication with our brothers and God whom we believe.

The study obtained from literary works in the form of books, and researches from both national and international scientific journals. Furthermore, to explain the validity of data trustworthiness and data reliability tests are used by not presenting the emphasis on consistency, standardization of methods, control of the research environment, and the interaction between researchers and informants. However, a model of deep interaction and direct involvement to obtain data based on the focus of the research object show the results describes the authenticity.

Discussion

The prayer ritual explains the concept of accountability based on Prayer in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit in the management of the Church's fund. This concept is explored based on the social spirituality that the people believe. That to run various activities will be started by saying the prayer. The concept of prayer is supported by the conceptual review of the opinion of the Pastor and the people through in-depth interviews. This step is done to increase the belief that the concept of prayer-based accountability is used as a form of accountability that is included in the management of the church's fund.

Furthermore, the interpretation of texts obtained from the field and the opinions of the Pastor and the people is developed into context. It aims at responding to reality. In addition, this step is also an attempt to avoid the interpretations of expression's meaning from the vagueness of understanding.

Based on the results of the interpretation of the practice (Pastor) and the opinion (people), then the concept of prayer-based accountability In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is arranged. This prayer is a ritual uttered during the delivery of the church's funding report. The focus of this research is done for the depth of research. The depth of research is a natural characteristic of qualitative research.

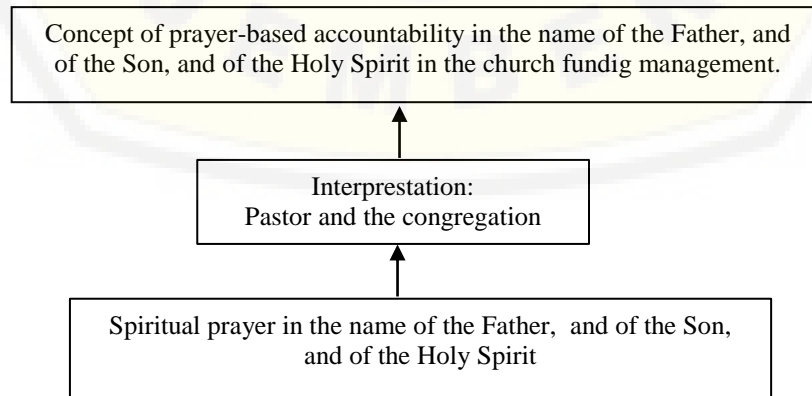
These characteristics are derived by the spiritual values incorporated in the management of the people's funding to devise a concept of prayer-based accountability In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Furthermore, the data validity and reliability is very influential. The data validity concerns the validity or truth of data while data reliability relates to the reliability of the data (Silverman, 2008: 288; Sarantakos, 1995: 80). Related to this, Creswell (2007: 202; 2010: 286) and Creswell and Miller (2000) explain that validity in qualitative research is termed as trustworthiness. Trustworthiness is more reliable than the validity of data on quantitative research. This is because the data obtained show more actual accurate conditions in the field, the use of the method is relatively more transparent and flexible, using the base of communication interaction, as well as data collection are more open and unlimited.

The data reliability in this research is not to present the emphasis on consistency, standardization of methods, research environment control, and the existence of interaction control between researchers and informants. However, it presents deep interaction and direct involvement to obtain data based on the focus of research objects. The results are able to describe the authenticity of the data. Furthermore, the process of interaction and direct involvement of data obtained through interviews, participation or observation, and documentation.

The final step in this research is to summarize the results obtained from the interpretation and analysis into a single unit to explain the concept of social spiritual accountability in the management of Church funding. Prayer-based accountability In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit as a form of accountability To God and others.

Prayer-based Accountability In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit are the findings of this study. This concept of accountability is based on the reality of the ritual practices performed by the Pastor in delivering the people's fund report. So the methodology In the Father's Name, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit are as follows:



Conclusion

This research is to reveal the methodology of Prayer in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit as the value of social spirituality in the management of the Church's fund. The result of this prayer methodology provides knowledge that can be useful for fund management. The prayer-based fund management became the movement of Catholic Church people in growing the principle of individual nobility, welfare, solidarity and the principle of social justice. This achievement is a manifestation in the Church's socio-economic life in the care of God's love.

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