Year 10 Religious Education
2020

Ecumenism
Research report

You are required to complete a research report on a Christian denomination. This is an individual task of approximately 1000 words.

Statement of Inquiry: Religions share core beliefs but allow for denominations which express particular interpretations.

1. Choose one of the following Christian denominations to research:
   - Eastern Orthodox (Greek, Russian etc.)
   - Anglican
   - Baptist
   - Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
   - Pentecostal – choose one organisation e.g. Hillsong, Planet Shakers, City Churches
   - Amish
   - Salvation Army
   - Another Christian denomination of your choice (please get approval from your teacher)

2. For your chosen denomination, include information on the following:
   - **Services**: What does a Sunday service look like? What takes place? What is the style of worship? What sorts of people are involved (what is the demographic?)
   - **Rites & rituals**: Do they practice Baptism and Eucharist/Communion? If so, explain their rituals and what they believe about them. What other rites and rituals do they practice?
   - Include a brief history of their origins. Where did they come from? What were their reasons for forming?
   - **Leadership structure**: Who is in charge? How is the leadership structure organised? How are congregations organised? What is the role of women in leadership?
   - **Beliefs**: What are their core beliefs, the ones that are central to their identity and mission? What is their mission statement?

   - **Word count**: approximately 800 words. Include diagrams and images where appropriate.

3. Write a 200-word summary on the similarities and differences between the denomination that you chose and Catholicism. Give some examples for both of their involvement in the Ecumenical movement.

4. At the end of your report, include a bibliography using MyBib.

Your work must be submitted in Canvas by Thursday June 18.
RESEARCH SKILLS

• Use a range of websites. Start at http://materchristi.libguides.com/ecumenism.
  o Firstly, use the official Australian websites (where possible) for your denomination then international ones.
  o Secondly, look at YouTube clips of services or events held by your denomination – they show you what the denomination looks like in practice.
  o Thirdly, find information from unofficial websites. They may be affiliated or may comment on your denomination.

• Develop good research and note-taking skills. See the tips at http://ergo.slv.vic.gov.au/learn-skills/research-skills. It is essential that you do not copy and paste. Limit your notes to key words and dot points then put information into your own words. Use the MCC Learning Commons Research Scaffold.

• When writing up the report, be very careful that none of your work is plagiarized. When using quotes, cite the website in-text (see example below). You will lose serious marks for plagiarism.

• You must also include a bibliography using MyBib. See http://materchristi.libguides.com/learningcommons/bibliography for details. Your bibliography does not include every website you look at, but every website you use information from.

Example of in-text citation for a quote
The Anglican Church of Australia encourages its members to live out their faith in a practical way, urging them to ‘serve Christ faithfully in the circumstances of our daily lives’. (Anglican Church of Australia, 2016)

Bibliography entry