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TITLE OF PAPER : CHRISTIAN ETHICS II

COURSE CODE : TRS 203/IDE-TRS 203

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

MARKS : 75

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. CHOOSE AND ANSWER ANY **THREE (3)** QUESTIONS.
2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES **25** MARKS.
3. BEGIN EACH QUESTION ON A FRESH PAGE.
4. CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CLARITY, ACCURACY AND GOOD THEOLOGICAL INSIGHT.

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QUESTION ONE

“CHURCH FOR LOCAL GAYS ON THE CARDS.”

Swazi Observer, 12 December, 2012 12:21:00

By Nolwazi Kunene

Discrimination of LGBT (Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgender) people by orthodox churches who feel homosexuals have no place in the congregation, has prompted a few of the LGBT Swazis to establish a church of their own affiliated to a long established LGBT church in South Africa, known as the Ark of Joy, which has its head office in Nelspruit, Mpumalanga under the leadership of Reverend Makhathini. The Ark of Joy was started in 2007 and it is open to all children of God who need spiritual healing and it serves the marginalized while its members are in full support of LGBT conduct. Like most people contacted to speak on gay issues in this small conservative country most speak on condition of anonymity. This newspaper has on record that Swazi LGBT people have long taken interest into the activities of Ark of Joy church as some locals who chose anonymity said they have been making frequent pilgrimages to the Nelspruit Conference church.

How far do you support the initiative by the LGBT Swazis to establish their own church in the Kingdom of Swaziland? Explain.

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QUESTION TWO

‘The Bible declares without doubt that the prenatal foetus is a human being.’

To what extent do you agree with the above assertion? Discuss.

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QUESTION THREE

Emmanuel Kant’s ethical theory suggests that people should only have sex in committed relationships by mutual consent and not merely to satisfy lust.

To what extent do you agree with the Kantians as far as living together arrangements are concerned?

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QUESTION FOUR

How would you explain to a friend why the legalisation on euthanasia in Swaziland would either be morally right or wrong?

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QUESTION FIVE

"...Jesus was in no sense an enemy of the state on principle, but rather a loyal citizen who offered no threat to the State's existence...."
(By Oscar Cullmann in *The State in the New Testament*, p 54).)

How far do you agree with Cullmann's assertion? Discuss.

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QUESTION SIX

"All psychologists who have studied the intelligence of women, as well as poets and novelists, recognize today that women represent the most inferior forms of human evolution and that they are closer to children and savages than to an adult, civilized man" (Gustav LeBon 1879: 26)

Using the knowledge you have acquired in the study of Christian ethics critically comment on the above declaration within the context of contemporary society.

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