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..... many of us have an undying quest to see every part of our continent experiencing true peace, democracy, justice and reconciliation, where citizens can exercise their freedom of choice....., enjoying equal freedom to exercise their power of choice and where intimidation of whatever sort is regarded as a denial of this right.

Rev. Richard M. Mkholo

Comments on this Issue

This issue of AMR contains articles on conflict and the Culture of Rights in Africa. The articles examine issues of conflict in Africa from different perspectives and how communication and the media can be used to help solve conflicts which affect human rights. In the first paper, Makumi Mwagiru discusses the impact of conflicts on women and children and explores the basis on which the situation of women and children in conflict situations should be analyzed. The article also provides the legal basis for the protection of women and children.

Macharia Munene's article discusses the role of religion and culture in conflict creation and resolution in both pre and post-colonial Kenya. The author exposes the inability of religious organizations to prevent conflict and deplores the failure by some religious leaders to condemn political leaders who generate conflict.

The paper by Livingstone Sewanyana addresses the issue of conflict from the perspective of how conflicts were dealt with in traditional African societies with particular reference to Uganda. The author discusses the methods of communication both in traditional and modern Uganda and how respect for rights and responsibilities helped in promoting cross-cultural amity.

P. K. Nzunga examines the role and place of ethnic languages in conflict resolution in Africa. The author argues that the greatest injustice the colonial masters committed was the imposition of their language and culture on the colonized peoples. He ends the article by proposing alternative possibilities in relation to conflict resolution in Africa.

The next article is by Eluzai Yokwe and examines the Sudanese conflict. The author calls for religious tolerance and implores world bodies to explore common factors in social conflicts, and to sensitize people in matters of religious tolerance, injustice and peace. The article calls for the promotion of dialogue among warring protagonists, with particular reference to the Sudanese conflict. The article also provides indications as on how the conflicts should be addressed in an enlightened manner.

The final article is by Jennifer Nduku Kiti and looks at the experience of the Red Cross as far as conflict is concerned. The paper focuses on the challenges and concerns of the Red Cross Movement with regard to wars and other forms of conflict.

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