ABSTRACT

Indonesia is a very pluralistic country, with people from different cultural backgrounds, religions, ethnicities and races can live together. This diversity in the society is a socio-historical reality that has existed long before Indonesia declared its independence from colonialism on August 17, 1945. In addition Indonesia is home to the largest Muslim population in the world

This study focuses on theological foundation of Muslim-Christian cooperation as an interreligious dimension of diakonia, which works close to socio-economic ethics. Diakonia is a specific term to refer Christian ministry. In the context of religious pluralism in Indonesia, diakonia is challenged to bring the mission of the church and also build harmony between religions, especially Islam and Christianity. By 'Interreligious dimensions of diakonia', I simply mean that in the diakonia, Christians are called to serve others regardless of their religious background.

I will use the New St. Gallen Management Model (NSGMM) as a socio-economic analysis. Actually SGMM is a management model designed to analyze all the interactions from the elements that make up a complex system within the organization. This analysis will applied to observe the function and involvement of the church as organization with various elements in society (stakeholders) in building religious harmony from the perspective of normative governance.

By integrating theology and management as part of a socio-economic analysis, I would like to open up new insight in doing diakonia in the context of religious pluralism. From my analysis of the background of religious violence, it is not mere religious reasons but there are social, economic, and political problems at their heart. Here the church is confronted with a difficult challenge, between maintaining harmonious interfaith relations, criticizing government policies related to religious life and the welfare of the people, and carry out the mission of the church. Can the church do three things simultaneously? And how does the church do?