

ABSTRACT

The study examines advocacy for children's rights within its diaconic contexts in order to come up with systematic understanding of the NWD/ELCT's advocacy for children's rights. Thus, it is concerned with the analysis of diaconia's contexts and the way by which advocacy is managed. Through such analysis, transformative diakonia and its role in promoting children's rights is studied. This leads to systematic understanding of the church's advocacy for children's rights, which exposes the church's contribution to the promotion of human rights through her transformative diakonia's advocacy.

In order to achieve the below mentioned understanding, the study is conducted through analyzing children's rights contexts, transformative diaconia and strategies for empowerment. The contextual analysis is concerned with the examination of the children's rights situation and contextual factors which are considered to influence the violation of children's rights. They include social, political, economic and churchly factors.

The study is concerned also with transformative diaconia, in which the church's diaconic engagement including advocacy is analysed, as it is indicated below. It includes the meaning of diaconia and advocacy, the church's three organizations which work for children and their engagement in serving vulnerable children. The analysis is also about the way by which advocacy for children's rights is managed. This includes management in its three aspects which are normative, strategic and operative management. At this direction, the study intends to examine the effective management's contribution to the function of the church in advocating for children's rights.

The observed strategies for empowerment are also studied because advocacy is also concerned with empowerment. Such strategies include education, evangelization, good management and economic support, which are considered as empowerment tools for vulnerable children to improve their life situation. The results of such empowerment are also identified, as it is indicated above.

Through observing, examining and analysing children's rights contexts, the NWD/ELCT's engagement in transformative diaconia and strategies for empowerment, there is achieved understanding of the advocacy studied and the way through which it is managed, as the study appears in its conclusion.