



Public issues' proposal
**Deliberate attempt at exterminating Christian Identities, Institutions
and communities in Nigeria**
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Title of Public Issue Statement:

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In the last 10-15 years as a country, we have witnessed deliberate attempts by recognized Islamic extremists, both internal and external, sponsor organized strategic onslaughts against the identities of Christians and Christian institutions within the country.

Identities such as our values are being deliberately eroded by anti-faith policies which have created stagnation for our institutions, such as economic strangulation, deprivation, victimization, and persecution.

This has led to a rise in insecurity in the nation with students being kidnapped and held hostages for ransom, forcing schools to shut down.

People now live in fear of unprecedented attacks on life and property.

The resources that should be channeled into education are now being redirected to acquire ammunition to combat this menace. As a result, lecturers are not being paid their salaries and benefits, resulting in ongoing industrial action in demand of their dues, which has kept students at home for 5 months so far.

The ongoing industrial action is putting students at the risk of engaging in social vices as they become idle; the possibility of gathering together is limited and has led some into depression. In today's economy, it's becoming increasingly difficult for an average young person to live comfortably, as about 85% of Nigerian youths have been forced to live below the poverty line due to the economic crisis resulting from these attacks.



In light of the above, we call on the WSCF, SCMs, and all leaders of the ecumenical movement to advocate on the issue and support us in engaging the Government to do more to stop these religious extremist groups from causing further havoc in our society.