ABSTRACT

The study has to do with the challenges of University students single mothers. This is done in the light of Christian women liberation theology rooted in Christian doctrine on family, parenting and education in view of contributing towards invaluable way forward in this regard. The main goal of the study is to investigate the challenges faced by UoN single mothers students in the light of Christian women liberation theology rooted in Christian doctrine on family, parenting and education with the finality of contributing towards invaluable emancipating way forward. In this regard, the specific objectives are: To identify and elaborate different modes of single motherhood among the UoN students single mothers triggering diverse categories of single motherhood imbued with respective challenges; To investigate the traditional, social, economic, political, ecclesial, sexual and especially intellectual challenges UoN students single mothers encounter; To explore the authentic nature of Christian women liberation theology in view of contributing towards the plight of UoN students single mothers; To identify and discuss the teachings of the Church and theologians' reflections on and about family, parenting and education in view of the subject-matter; To draw out the invaluable consequences and crucial implications of the study pointing out a more fruitful way forward together with the emerging conclusion. The main hypothesis of the study is that a serious investigation of the challenges faced by UoN single mother students in the light of Christian women liberation theology rooted on Christian doctrine and theologians' reflections on family, parenting and education contributes immensely towards invaluable emancipating way forward. The specific hypotheses of the study are as follows: Different modes of single motherhood among the UoN students single mothers trigger diverse categories of single motherhood imbued with respective challenges; UoN students single mothers encounter traditional, social, economic, political, ecclesial, sexual and especially intellectual challenges; A proper authentic understanding of the nature of Christian women liberation theology contributes towards the plight of UoN students single mothers; Identifying and discussing the teachings of the Church and theologians' reflections on and about family, parenting and education adds value towards handling the challenges UoN single mother students are confronted with. This study is guided by four theories namely: mediation theory; redaction criticism theory; theory of different causes of single motherhood resulting in unique types of single motherhood categories each imbued with respective challenges; theory of diverse modes of feminism triggering different approaches to Christian Women Liberation Theology which are adopted and utilized effectively to provide a wealth of transforming pastoral care to University students single mothers which will assist them a great deal in facing and overcoming the challenges they face. The way these theories are employed in the study will help in realizing the study's main goal. Among the invaluable consequences of the study is that of creating awareness to the pastoral agents that UoN single mothers are not monolithic but divergent owing to a pluriformity of causes. This will assist them in identifying the causes of UoN single mothers. By so doing, they will manage to draw out the different categories among these mothers each with peculiar challenges realizing that some modes of feminism trigger liberation theologies harmful to such mothers while other that are compatible with Christianity result in fruitful women liberation theologies fruitful to these mothers.