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**LOC/UK RESEARCH TRIP INFO LITERACY/TOPIC FOCUS SELF-ASSESSMENT**

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Because of the time/cost/commitment involved in a major research trip to a world class research library, it is important to begin the journey by assessing your readiness to get the expert help you need to be successful. Be realistically honest about your progress and areas where you need to seek help. In addition to the 1 to 5 general stages of progress to mark below, compose concise additional descriptions to the strategic questions to contextualize your research for information experts. Make 1 page 2 sided copies to give experts as you begin a help seeking encounter to orient them to provide the right help quickly. [*It is like a researcher’s version of a heathcare provider’s case history to start an appointment!*] 4

**Information Literacy Research Skills**

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| Feeling challenged: little knowledge or experience with finding research beyond Google | Basic familiarity with online library catalogue searches and online databases | Some experience with Key Word Searching  (Distinguish popular & scholarly sources) | Experienced with Key Word Searching  (Can translate interests into & relevant topics) | Experienced  Researcher  (have done academic research successfully before) |

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What research skills do you need guidance about in order to move forward?

I need more skill in key word researching and academic research.

What information sources (subjects) or research systems (physical collections, electronic databases, etc.) or topic experts (in person or virtual) do you need to locate and productively access to move forward? Provide succinct statements for each below.

Information sources (subjects):

Church Unity in Kenya

Cultural Identity and the church in Kenya

Research systems (physical collections, electronic databases, etc.):

Topic experts (in person or virtual):

**Degree of Research Focus**

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| Need help identifying a specific research topic | Have research issue & study target population & goal for doing research | Have Research Problem & need to narrow topic & Research Purpose | Have written Research Prospectus & ID’d study participants | Already have specific research topic and want guidance |

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My Research Problem and/or Question is:

What is the impact of cultural identity on unity in the Kenyan church?

My research Purpose and/or Hypothesis is:

To create a curriculum to help transform Christians in Kenya to have a biblical identity rather than a cultural identity.

When Christians retain their cultural identity rather than a biblical identity unity in the church breaks down along cultural lines.

My research population is:

The churches in Kenya.

Topics I need to find research sources on for my Literature Review include:

Cultural identity and church unity in Kenya

Identity transformation through the gospel message

Keywords related to my research include:

Cultural identity

Church unity

Cultural transformation

Seminal authors in my research area include:

This is what I need help with. I have not been able to find any solid works dealing with this subject.

Theoretical Frameworks or Models used to understand my research area include:

Identity theory as a theoretical framework to understand the impact cultural identity has on unity in the church in Kenya.

Identity transformation looks to help an individual critically reflect on their personal assumptions, beliefs, values, and perspectives leading to make a shift from a cultural identity to a biblical identity.

I need to find Instruments that address the following issues or constructs:

How to measure church unity

How to measure cultural identity compared to biblical identity

How to measure the cultural impact on church unity

How to measure the shift from a cultural identity to a biblical identity