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ABSTRACT

This study is a theological study of Jürgen Moltmann's political theology in the Kachin context. It engages how and why the Kachin churches should take part in the political conflicts for finding solutions. The writer argues that Christians should not detach from the politics. But Christians should theologially reflect and respond the political conflicts. Christian faith is not private religion because Christ was publicly crucified. Thus, Christian faith is to make public use of faith and practice it publicly. Thus, every Christian should meaningfully exercise his or her faith in the public affairs and participate in finding solutions for the political problems of society. When the church engages in the politics, it is so important that the church does not lose her identity. Thus, Christians should participate in the politics by holding tightly Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as their yardstick.

Firstly, the writer discusses why he chooses Jürgen Moltmann's political theology for this independent study, purposes and benefits of the study. And then the

writer discusses the definition and history of political theology. Then, he discovers the political-historical background of the Kachin context. After that, the writer considers Jürgen Moltmann's political theology and how it speaks to the Kachin context and finds how the Kachins can reflect theologically the current political situation through studying Jürgen Moltmann's political theology.

The study focuses on documentary research approach, such as the scholarly books written by Jürgen Moltmann himself and other related books, online journal articles and magazines related to the study.

The research is divided into five chapters. Chapter one includes introduction of the study, such as questions of the study, expected benefits from the research, and previous research related to this study. Chapter two is divided into two parts. Firstly, the history and definition of political theology are discussed. In the second part, the political-historical background of the Kachin people is discussed. Chapter three talks about the methodology of the study, and organization of the study. Chapter four considers Jürgen Moltmann's political theology with four sub topics, such as, revolutionary hope and loving solidarity, Jürgen Moltmann and Human Rights, why so little resistance to Nazism the totalitarian government, and the last topic Jürgen Moltmann and Revolution. Finally, chapter five talks about the political-theological reflection for the Kachin context and it includes conclusion, discussions and recommendations for further research.