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Journal Name:	<b>Journal of Education, Society and Behavioural Science</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_JESBS_110016</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>FACTORS HINDERING CHURCH GROWTH IN RWANDA: A CASE STUDY OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF RWANDA (LCR)</b>
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**PART 1: Review Comments**

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<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></p> <p>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p> <p>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></p> <p>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></p> <p><b><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></b></p>	<p>The manuscript is important for scientific community as it provides a comprehensive overview of the subject matter of the factors hindering the growth of the Lutheran Church in Rwanda</p> <p>The title is appropriate as it signposts clearly the Article's main purpose.</p> <p>The article's is clearly presented but needs to be strengthened to better engage the reader from the onset.</p> <p>The subsections and structure of the manuscript are appropriate well-organized.</p> <p>The manuscript is scientifically correct as it undertakes an elaborate analysis of the broader implications of the study and its relevance to the field- the growth of the Church and body of Christ.</p> <p>There is an engagement with some relevant references, but the author should consider including more recent literature to strengthen the current relevance of the study.</p>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<p>The writing is clear and concise, but there are instances of repetitive language. The author needs to address these for better flow. Also, the author needs to proofread the manuscript for grammatical errors and typographical mistakes. I have signposted some of the instances in the comments on the manuscript.</p>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p>The manuscript provides a comprehensive overview of the subject matter, but some sections, particularly the methodology, could benefit from more clarity. The author would also benefit more by engaging with the following recent publications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Imanirumva A.D.D. et al., (2022) 'Determining Youth Involvement in Rwanda Pentecostal Church Activities with Reference to Tyazo Parish', <i>Open Journal of Social Sciences</i>, 10(4) <a href="https://doi.org/10.4236/jss.2022.104013">https://doi.org/10.4236/jss.2022.104013</a></li> <li>2) Mahali F.L., (2019) 'An impact of Lutheran Theology on the Formation of the Church and Society in Tanzania', <i>Dialogue- A Journal of Theology</i>, 58(2), 123-130 <a href="https://doi.org/10.1111/dial.12470">https://doi.org/10.1111/dial.12470</a></li> <li>3) Sentama, E. (2023) 'Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding in Rwanda', in: Kilonzo, S.M., Chitando, E., Tarusarira, J. (eds) <i>The Palgrave Handbook of Religion, Peacebuilding, and Development in Africa</i>, Palgrave Macmillan, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-36829-5_9">https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-36829-5_9</a></li> </ol>	

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<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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