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### History

Catholics, Peasants and Chewa Resistance in Nyasaland 1889-1939 / Ian & Jane Linden  
Malawi: Luviri Press & Montfort Media Limited, 2023  
366p.  
Includes Index ; Bibliography  
9789996066467  
Luviri Classics No. 2  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
482gm.

The 1960s saw the first flowering of African Studies-in History led by the University of Dar-es-Salaam and in Malawi by George Shepperson and Tom Price's biography of John Chilembwe. This study relied partly on the archives of the White Fathers trained to record their observations. It also benefitted from the pioneering anthropological research of the Montfort Father Matthew Schoffeleers on religion in the Lower Shire. It is in this context that this study of the early years of the Catholic Missions in Malawi and their encounter with traditional religious life and Chewa culture should be set.

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### Official Publications

Malawi: The Fifth Integrated Household Survey (IHS5) : 2020 Report  
Zomba: National Statistical Office, 2020  
1v.  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
614gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=843684>

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### Religion – Christianity

Decolonizing the Theological Curriculum in an Online Age / (Eds) Felix Chimera Nyika, Mzee Hermann Y. Mvula & Kenneth R. Ross  
Zomba: TSM Press, 2022  
432p.  
Includes Index  
9789996009204  
\$ 54.00 / PB  
572gm.

The second annual conference of the Theological Society of Malawi was held at the historic Ekwendeni Campus of the University of Livingstonia from 14 to 16 September 2021. It took up the urgent theme of the decolonization of the theological curriculum. Though Malawi has

been an independent country for 58 years, coloniality still stalks the land. This book calls theologians to take a lead in decolonization, while navigating the educational task in an online age. With more than twenty institutions teaching theology at tertiary level in Malawi, and now united in the Theological Society of Malawi, there is huge potential to learn from each other in developing the theological curriculum in the country. While the primary audience is unashamedly a Malawian one, this book might also prove relevant in other contexts where there is a reckoning with past and present experience of colonialism. The book is a call to action and is published in the hope that it will have lasting impact on the teaching and learning of theology in Malawi and beyond.

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Christian in Active Politics : The 'Why and How' of Christians' Active Participation in the Secular Political Affairs / Mzee Hermann Y. Mvula (Series Ed) Rev. Dr. J. Thipa (et al.)  
Zomba: Kachere Series, 2022  
ix, 405p.

Includes Bibliography

Kachere Book Series No. 79

9789996025303

\$ 68.00 / PB

550gm.

Some Christians may be uncomfortable to think of Jesus as being political, since the word "*politics*" or "*political*" has evolved to have negative overtones and connotations in our world today, particularly in Africa, where this monograph from the Department of Theology and Religious Studies of the University of Malawi has originated. Christians often argue that their commission or job description does not include the political process, which is the way a society conducts its public affairs. However Jesus, beginning with his temptation as in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, showed the people who would follow him what it means to do God's will. The third temptation, conceived of in this study as a political temptation for power, is the rational behind the arguments made in this study, which begins by positing that the message of Jesus was not politically neutral and therefore Christianity, as a super culture must be active in all sectors affecting social concerns, if it is to truly be the change agent who Christ believes it to be. It goes on to define and describe what it means to say that the message of Jesus was political and lays out the biblical, theological, ethical, and experiential rationale for Christians' active participation in the secular political arena.

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Secularization in Malawi and Britain: A Comparative Inquiry / Billy Gama

Zomba: Kachere Series, 2022

xiii, 272p.

Includes Bibliography

9789990802573

Kachere Book Series No. 68

\$ 37.00 / PB

378gm.

The major purpose of this book is to critically examine the applicability of manifestations and factors of secularization in Britain to Malawi. The book was guided by the key research question, "Are the manifestations and factors of secularization in Britain applicable to Malawi?" The question was supported by other follow up questions, namely, "What were the factors that contributed to the rise of secularization in Britain?" "What is the connection between Britain and Malawi?" "To what extent does secularization in Britain affect that in

Malawi?" "Does Malawi have unique factors that are specific or are the same factors at work that have contributed to the process of secularization in Britain?"

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