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### **Bio and Research Statement**

Isaiah Dada, member of the Canada's Research Chair on Islam, Pluralism, and Globalization at the University of Montreal, Montreal, Québec, Canada. Pro-active, compassionate spiritual caregiver and strong proponent and advocate of the benefits of pastoral care with people of all faiths. My researches areas are on: Religious Education, Peace Education, Interreligious Peace Education, Hospital and Pastoral Education, and Interreligious Dialogue.

My present research focused on: *Interreligious Curriculum for Peace Education in Nigeria: A Praxeological Intervention for the Advanced Training of Religious Leaders*. This dissertation intends, through praxeological theory and method, to formulate an interreligious peace education curriculum for religious leaders in Nigeria. Nigeria with a long and on-going history of violence, as well as my previous personal experience, in colleges of Theology, where there is no peace education course in their curriculum. The curriculum will build upon Christian and Islamic conceptions of peace, with the goal of creating a safe, caring, spiritual, peaceful and successful interfaith relationship of communities. It is posited that the development of an interreligious peace education curriculum for religious leaders will reduce the growing religious violence in Nigeria, by addressing the tensions between Christian and Muslim populations and by enabling peacemakers to create interreligious islands of peace amid the violence.

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