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We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Sincerely,

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Spirituality and business in harmony: case study of Saints Movement Community Church

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ABSTRACT: This research aims to eliminate the duality perception found in human lives. Prior researchers found that spiritualism and materialism are two opposite things. Human nature chases successes in life, and it cannot be limited by material or even spiritual achievements only (Osei-Tulu et al., 2018). Saints Movement Community Church (SMCC) is an organization that aims to harmonizing spiritualism and business or materialism. Interview, observation, and document analysis will be done to explore deeper into SMCC about what initiate the movements and how they move. Begins from a vision that can only be found in GOD, humans often being sent to be involved in the materialistic world to fulfill their destiny (Affolter, 2007). SMCC defines success as reaching the divine goals with divine principles (servant leadership, love, and mindfulness). Specifically, SMCC is trying to create superior leaders’ generation by making some movements such as ELT Indonesia, Dinamigra, Yayasan Pandhega Jaya, etc.

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1 INTRODUCTION

“We are not human beings having a spiritual experience; we are spiritual beings having a human experience” (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin). Human beings are often trapped in the dilemma of duality perception between spiritual aspect and other life aspects. But it is undeniable that human beings are part of this world and even Jesus didn’t deny that fact in Matthew 4:4 “... It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’” (NKJV) and even preaches that His disciples are “salt” or “light” of the world. So, Jesus’ teachings are directing people to be a blessing to the world, by being a part of it using divine principles.

Becoming the “salt” and “light” of the world is actually achievable by fulfilling God’s purpose or calling. Weber (1930) stated that Christians are actually fulfilling that purpose by working in their daily lives. Although some people are called to work in different places such as business, government, ministries, etc. but they are actually fulfilling the specific calling that God has set for them. But it is only fulfilled by harmonizing spiritualism in humans’ daily lives. There are some people and organizations that chase after their calling. One of them is Saints Movement Community Church, which make movements in many aspects such as business (PT. Pilar Dinamika Integra), sports (Seijinkai and Five School), and education (Yayasan Pandhega Jaya).

The highest leaders in SMCC are also involved in many other movements. ISRA (Indonesia Sejahtera) is a social organization that is led by one of SMCC leaders. Another movement is FireBiZ, which is a Christian-based business community, etc. These phenomena are proofs that SMCC is living according to their values, such as empowering, networking, and impacting. They believe that by being involved, they are actually making live impacts throughout their surroundings.

There is a gap to be discussed in this research between the findings of Wibowo & Kristanto (2017) and the reality in SMCC’s movements. Wibowo & Kristanto (2017) found that lack of internal control in churches’ finance leads to corruption in some churches, whereas SMCC is trying to fund their surroundings that is lacking in money. SMCC is funding small churches, primarily so that they keep on being home for the church members. These are examples of harmonizing spiritualism and materialism that is going to be dug deeper in this paper.

2 LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Vision (God’s Purpose)

“Purpose theory is the view that a life is meaningful insofar as one fulfils a purpose that God has assigned” (Metz, 2000, p. 295). Everything is made to fulfill their reason of existence (Affolter, 2007). It is only God who knows the intention or meaning of every human life. While everything has its own purpose and function, not everything is used correctly