

Integrated Solidarity in Fostering Bhineka Tunggal Ika, the Foundation of the Indonesian State among Generation Z Christians in the City of Kupang and Bandung

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ABSTRACT

Solidarity as a social cohesion is critical to unite the diversity contextually and globally. Particularly for Indonesia which admits 6 religions officially and consists of more than 1.300 ethnicity and 17.000 islands, solidarity is prominent to fostering the foundation of Indonesia, Bhineka Tunggal Ika. The current research conducted from October to December 2021 on Indonesian Social Solidarity Among Generation Z Christians in the City of Kupang and Bandung showed the challenge for three significant institutions, education, family, and religious in fostering the social bond in the context of fostering Bhineka Tunggal Ika. The aim of this article is to propose an integrated solidarity approach to fostering Bhineka Tunggal Ika, the foundation of the Indonesian State. The article will employ the qualitative-descriptive approach. The integrated solidarity will analyze three institutions: education, family, and religious. The pandemic Covid-19 revealed the significant of family when the student education and the church service must be proceeded online, thus the interdependence of this three were inevitable. This article will argue that social solidarity among the generation Z Christians must put the centrality of education which is intergrated with family and religious institutions to fostering Bhineka Tunggal Ika (unity in diversity).

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