

Appendix 65:

Proposals to Religious Leaders

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Mallam Nuhu Hassan, an Agricultural Extension officer in Kano, made the following suggestions for Christian leaders to consider in making contributions to the Political Bureau:

1. In order to settle the question of what percentage the different religions are, the government should come up with a document to show the number of each class of the three categories.
2. Any committee to decide any issues in the country should be based on the proportions of the three categories.
3. The term “Religious Freedom” must be spelt out for every Nigerian to understand. In fact it should be extracted and translated into any written language or dialect for thorough understanding by all, because of its sensitivity.
4. Both the federal and state governments should allocate land for the building of churches in any part of the country without any conditions, just as mosques are allowed.
5. In all public schools, there must be religious instructions in both Christianity and Islam, and that Christian religious teachers must be employed along with their Islamic counterparts.
6. There should be an institution responsible for religious affairs whose responsibility among other things will be to advise the government on any religious matter. This institution should comprise of Christians and Moslems. It will handle any religious issue and will be the intermediary between religious bodies and the government.

There should be in each state a pilgrims’ welfare board for both religions. The members should include some of the state indigenes.²

¹M. Gaiya, *Honourable Justice J. H. Dandaura: Apostle of Religious Harmony*. Jos: UJ Press, 2003, pp. 99-100.

² Nuhu Hassan to J.H. Dandaura, 13 June, 1986.