

Review of: "Clergy Vestment: An Analysis Of The Ecclesiological And Theological Journey Of African Pentecostal-Charismatic Churches In South Africa"

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This article is quite well written and addresses an interesting topic. It is most interesting when it highlights different arguments for or against using clergy vestments. Unfortunately, in the second part of the paper, we get lost in the many different relationships to other institutions that a number of self-proclaimed archbishops boast. The meaning of all of these relationships to foreign institutions is not explored either. Finally, a lot of weight is given throughout the paper to a short, not very academic or influential paper by a certain Van Maaren on the two thousand years of history concerning clergy vestments in Christian churches. The topic does bring out important developments in Pentecostal churches in South Africa, and some relevant reasons behind people's choices in this regard are hinted at, although it would have been nice if it had gone deeper.