

Muslim and Christian relations in the field of education after the Ambon-Maluku conflict (The biggest religious conflict in Indonesia)

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ABSTRACT

Through the Malino II agreement on February 12, 2002, there was a peace agreement between Muslims and Christians who were involved in the Ambon-Maluku conflict that had occurred since 1999. The efforts of various parties to find solutions so that Muslim and Christian religious leaders can have a dialogue have always failed. In the end, through the cultural-based reconciliation approach of *pela gandong*, this religious-based civil conflict can be ended even though it is not completely resolved. *Pela gandong* is a system of brotherhood for the Maluku without a problem with religion. The problem after reconciliation is the damage to religious relations. Therefore, the transformation of *pela gandong* is carried out to be applied in the field of education and is called *panas pela* of education. The purpose of this study was to describe the relationship between Muslims and Christians between students from SMPN 4 Salahutu Liang and SMPN 9 Ambon City through *panas pela* of education. This study uses a qualitative research method with a case study approach. The data was collected by means of literature study, document analysis, interviews and field observations. The results of the study reveal that there has been a brotherly relationship between students from the two schools. This can be seen from the existence of integrated social science learning with peace education. *Panas pela* of education activities consisting of scouting activities, *Porseni* (sports and arts), Iftar, Christmas and student council activities together. The establishment of Ambon-Maluku as a peace laboratory and tolerant city in Indonesia is evidence of the results of efforts to improve relations between Muslims and Christians.

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