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The Taiwanese Church and the Taiwan Independence Movement: Recent Tendency and the Context of After WW2 in Taiwan

[*abstract]

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Abstract

In Taiwan, there is an ethnic conflict between the Mainland Chinese people (外省人) and The Hoklo (福佬). The Mainland Chinese people came from Mainland China with the KMT (国民党) after WW2. They speak Mandarin, have a Chinese identity, and support the KMT. The Hoklo (福佬) people lived in Taiwan before Japanese rule, speaking Taiwanese, demonstrating a Taiwanese identity, and supporting the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP 民进党).

In Taiwanese Christianity, there are 2 groups of Churches. The one group is Taiwanese Church, the other is Chinese Church. The church communicating in Taiwanese is referred to as the Taiwanese church, and the one in Mandarin Chinese is known as the Chinese church. Most mainland Chinese Christians gather at Chinese church, and most Hoklo Christians at Taiwanese Church. There is a good relationship between the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church (TPC) and the DPP. Both emphasize the Taiwanese language and identity.

The TPC actively participated in the Sunflower Movement and elections in 2016 to support DPP. So in this presentation, I report the activities of the Taiwanese church during the Sunflower Movement in 2014 and Taiwan's presidential elections in 2016. I also want to consider the relationship between the Taiwanese Independent Movement and the Taiwanese church.