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Language Translation in Localizing Religious Musical Practice

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- Historical analyses of language translation in localizing religious musical practice.
- Thematic analyses of interviews conducted with church musicians about their understanding of language translation in localizing religious musical practice.

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