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Christian Education: Retrospects and Prospects

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The religious landscape has seen considerable changes and shifts in the past couple of decades. Africa and the rest of the developing world have been freed from the yoke of formal colonialism. Christian education which used to be in the hands of Western missionaries is now firmly in the hands of indigenous clergy and lay people. The Western world is growing increasingly secular. The center of gravity in Christianity has moved from the West to Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The Pentecostal-Charismatic forms of Christianity have dislodged mainstream Christianity as the dominant brand of the Christian religion. This Special Issue explores Christian education from the past, through the present and its prospects for the future, against the background of these seismic shifts in the Christian world. We welcome papers that look at the goal, models, content, and practice of Christian education from the past into the future, as well as the response of Christian education to the changes that are happening in both the secular and Christian worlds.

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