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PERSPECTIVES ON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITIES STAYING ON COURSE

Christian university education has the potential to empower students with Christian values, thus enabling them to make a positive difference in the world. Unfortunately, many Christian founded universities, including the Ivy League, no longer describe themselves as Christian. The objectives of this study were first to identify the Christian elements in the vision, mission and core values and to seek respondent's opinions regarding the extent to which these variables agreed with the curriculum, policies and practices of their universities.

Data were collected from various sources, including a structured questionnaire. Findings show that the Christian universities in this study face the risk of becoming secular institutions and gradually moving away from their Christian foundation and identity. We recommend that these Christian universities take urgent corrective actions to retain their Christian identity, consistent with their visions, missions and core values.

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