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The mandate of *IJC&ELT* (ISSN 2334-1866, online) includes the following aims:

- to publish articles and reviews related to ELT, using a Christian perspective
- to stimulate the integration of the Christian faith and learning and teaching in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- to encourage and thus promote critical reflection, discussion, engaging theory, excellent research, and inspirational practice in applied linguistics and TESOL
- to provide an international approach to English language teaching and research
- to offer an open access forum that shares knowledge and applies high academic standards, including double blind peer review

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Audience

The *International Journal of Christianity and English Language Teaching* is primarily intended for use in the academic community, especially for members of the Christian English Language Educators Association (CELEA, see <http://celea.wildapricot.org/> or <http://www.celea.net>), its sponsor. Yet *IJC&ELT*'s interdisciplinary nature also makes it accessible and of interest to educators of various types (including teacher trainers and those working with English language learners), curriculum developers and materials writers, Christian organizations concerned about language issues, and other interested practitioners, researchers, and theorists.

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With the above audience and policies below in mind, the focus of the *International Journal of Christianity and English Language Teaching* is primarily on, though not restricted to, the following areas of inquiry, practice, and thinking in English language teaching:

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- classroom and other best practices in TESOL
- design and development of EFL/EIL/ELL/ESL/ESP curricula and materials
- ELT skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and methodologies
- innovations in teaching and learning English as a second/foreign language
- TESOL teacher education, research, and training
- theory and practice in second/foreign language learning and teaching

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