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### Psychology: Religious Conflicts Amongst a Christian Campus

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Research Abstract

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### **Abstract**

The current study seeks to develop and validate a quantitative measure of religion on a Christian campus. As the influence of religion in multiple aspects of the world continues to evolve, it becomes increasingly important to gain an understanding of the experiences of college students within a Christian campus. It has been found that “exposure to new ideas that college provides were thought to lead students to question and ultimately abandon their traditional religious beliefs” (Maryl & Oeur, 2009). More research regarding the effect of religion specifically on a Christian campus is needed; therefore, a reliable and valid psychometric scale is essential. In this study, we asked students at Belmont University questions regarding their religion and how welcome they feel on a Christian campus. Three hypotheses were tested. First, we hypothesized that our original scale will demonstrate reliability through internal consistency, split-half reliability, inter-item correlations, and item-total correlations. Second, we hypothesize that our scale will be positively correlated with the Religious Discrimination Scale (Allen et al., 2018) and the Attitudes Towards Evangelism Scale (Putney & Middleton, 1961). Third, Christians will feel more religiously accepted on campus than non-Christians. Results and discussion are forthcoming.