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**Abstract**

The Conference on Christianity and Literature (CCL) is an interdisciplinary society dedicated to exploring the relationships between Christianity and literature. Organized formally in 1956, CCL is dedicated to both scholarly excellence and collegial exchange and includes hundreds of members from a variety of academic institutions and religious traditions from the United States, Canada, and more than a dozen other countries.

The Conference publishes a journal, Christianity and Literature, which appears quarterly. Each issue includes scholarly articles, book reviews, news items, and poetry.

The Conference is allied with the Modern Language Association (MLA) and sponsors sessions each year at the annual MLA Convention. In addition, CCL is divided into seven regional organizations that host regular sessions on a wide variety of authors and themes.

Each year the CCL awards a citation to the author of a work that has “contributed the most to the dialogue between literature and the Christian faith.” The society also sponsors a student writing contest of essays, poems, and stories that address matters of Christian thought, experience, and practice.

Membership in CCL includes a subscription to the journal and the opportunity to participate in activities sponsored by the conference as a whole as well as all regional organizations.

The Joint Archives of Holland at Hope College maintains the official archival collection for the Conference. The collection includes quarterly journals, by-laws, correspondence, and conference meeting notices beginning in 1957.

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