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# Preface

This volume is dedicated to Tore Nyberg, who passed away in spring 2018. Nyberg was a renowned scholar on the Brigittine Order and St Birgitta. His own dissertation was on the Brigittine Order and St Birgitta, and his extended network throughout Europe brought several experts on monasticism to Odense. Over the years Nyberg often suggested that the annual November symposiums organized by the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at Southern University should explore a monastic order, theme or period.

The idea was also pushed forward by the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. The jubilee spurred on a great interest in the effects of the Reformation on Danish society. Although the anniversary was commemorating the proclamation of Luther's theses in 1517, the perspective was already broadened during the preparations for the jubilee. Events celebrated not only Luther as a person but also his influence on the Reformation, the course of events, and not least how it affected members of and structures in society. In a Danish context, however, the Reformation in 1536 played a much more prominent role than the year 1517. This was the year the Danish king pronounced the kingdom to be reformed, and it penetrates the works published as part of the jubilee. The present volume is no exception, although when the conference took place in 2014 it was difficult to predict this would become the recurring theme.

This volume should be regarded as the contribution from Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at University of Southern Denmark to mark the anniversary of *Luther 500*.

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