

Foreword

In late summer 2014, the six authors of this book gathered at a retreat center situated in the quiet farmlands of southern Minnesota. Three Lutherans and three Roman Catholics, they responded to the invitation of Augsburg Fortress (a Lutheran publishing house) and Liturgical Press (a Catholic publishing house) to create together a resource to help Protestants and Catholics observe together the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

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Using a collaborative writing process known as Book Sprints, facilitated by its gently persistent founder, Adam Hyde, and fueled by daily prayer and seemingly endless conversation from dawn to dusk over a period of five days, these six theologians developed the resource you now have in your hands.

With *One Hope*, the authors and publishers intend to provide a tool to bring us one modest step closer to fulfillment of the hope for Lutheran-Catholic unity with the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in mind. May God bless and guide our journey forward together.