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n the 16th century, successive waves of reform rocked the Christian world, radically reshaping European Christianity and Western civilization. Now, 500 years later, an international and ecumenical gathering of historians, theologians, church leaders and pastors here celebrates and also critically assesses that legacy.

The contributions in this volume revisit the Reformation—its seering visions, its classic themes, its abiding convictions, as well as its conflicts and recriminations. They offer new insights into the social and political context of the reforms and the reformers. They evaluate the received theologies of the Reformation against its originating impulses. And they gauge its contemporary relevance, probing the pertinence of the one gospel and the one church of Jesus Christ to the altered and imperiled world of today.

