The year 2000 marked the 150th anniversary of the preaching of the gospel in Scandinavia and continental Europe by Latter-day Saint missionaries. In commemoration of that event, the Department of Church History and Doctrine at Brigham Young University held a conference on European Church history. The conference was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Mormon History Association (MHA), which was held in Copenhagen and Aalborg, Denmark. Several BYU Church history professors presented papers at the MHA conference. Following the meetings in Denmark, the conference continued with visits to historic sites related to Church history in Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and France, where papers and presentations were given on-site.

Editors Donald Q. Cannon and Brent L. Top selected essays for *Regional Studies in Latter-day Saint Church History: Europe* from the papers presented as a part of that conference. The book, the fourth volume in a series of publications sponsored by the Department of Church History and Doctrine, offers a wide look at struggles and successes of the Church in Europe. Essays include:

- Fred E. Wood’s description of a man named Gudmundur Gudmundsson, who introduced the gospel to Iceland in 1851.

- David F. Boone’s account of the evacuation of missionaries from Scandinavia at the outbreak of World War II.
• Robert C. Freeman’s telling of the experiences of German Saints during World War II.

• Richard O. Cowan’s essay on the Swiss Temple, not only the first temple in Europe but also the first to use audiovisual media in the presentation of the endowment.

• Arnold K. Garr’s account of Mormon pioneers in Estonia.

These and other essays provide readers with an interesting look at key events and people associated with the organization and expansion of the Church in Europe.

This book will soon be available at Latter-day Saint bookstores.
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