
DIOCESIS LINCOPENSIS (552 pages) is the first comprehensive scholarly work on the history of the diocese of Linköping, Sweden. However, it does not only give an informative and interesting presentation of this particular diocese’s history, but also a general introduction to the history of Christianity in Sweden—from the early era of missions to the latest development in the first decade of the 21st century. For example, it reveals how events on the international scene had strong implications on the medieval development of the diocese. Further, the close connection between the development on the national level, political as well as ecclesiastical, and the regional diocesan level during and after the Reformation era is clearly demonstrated. Both broad descriptions of major developments and concrete presentations of events at the diocesan and parish levels are portrayed.

In sum, this work on the history of the diocese of Linköping includes a wide range of important events and fascinating personalities, which also has set their marks on the larger ecclesiastical history of Sweden.

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