



Joint Catholic-Lutheran Commemoration

Rt. Rev. Dr Antje Jackelén Archbishop, Church of Sweden

Antje Jackelén is the Lutheran Archbishop of Uppsala in Sweden and Primate (*prima inter pares*) of the Church of Sweden. She was elected Archbishop in 2014 and is the first woman to hold this office in the Church of Sweden.

After her early education in Germany, Jackelén pursued theological studies at the *Kirchliche Hochschule Bielefeld-Bethel* and the University of Tübingen, Germany, receiving a Bachelor of Theology in 1979 from Uppsala University.

Jackelén was ordained as a pastor in 1980, and served congregations in Stockholm and Lund.

She received a Doctor of Theology in 1999 from Lund University and became Regional Director for Europe, Science and Religion Course Program of the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, Berkeley, California. From 2001, Jackelén served in several positions with the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, USA, including as Director of the Zygon Center for Religion and Science and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology/Religion and Science.

From 2007 Jackelén served as bishop of the diocese of Lund until her consecration as Archbishop on 15 June 2014.

Jackelén has become known as a prolific social commentator during her time as bishop and archbishop. She believes that religion and society are closely linked. She has won numerous awards and distinctions, particularly as an "opinion former." She received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, USA, in 2015.

She has delivered many lectures and presentations particularly throughout Europe and the USA, and has published extensively.

Jackelén is a member of the LWF Council.