

THE HISTORY OF COLLEGIUM PATRISTICUM LUNDENSE

Collegium Patristicum Lundense was formed in Per Beskow's garden on a beautiful autumn day in September 1979. Per Beskow had been given a research position in patristics, the first and so far only one in the country. A program and a membership sheet, *Messages from the Collegium Patristicum* (now *Patristica Nordica Annuaria*), were initiated. In 1981, the first Nordic Patristics Meeting took place, which, among other things, took the initiative to create a *Nordic Patristic Bibliography* (published in two volumes and continuously updated in a database), launch a Nordic research project and, as in Oxford every four years, arrange a Nordic Patristics Meeting. Eight more meetings have been held and all contributions have been published in the *Patristica Nordica* series, first within the *Religio* series and then at Artos publishing house.

In addition to the seminars and meetings, CPL has invited world-leading patristics to lecture in Lund, organized a number of symposia and since 1998 an annual patristic day in Lund. The Collegium is also the initiator of the publication of the *Swedish Patristic Library* series.



MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACT

Collegium Patristicum Lundense is a non-profit association that relies on membership income to conduct its business. As a member, you make it possible for us to continue to provide a network for people interested in patristics in the Nordic region. The membership includes the journal *Patristica Nordica Annuaria*, which is published once a year.

On our website <https://patristik.se/medlemskap> you will find contact information for the board as well as forms for registration.



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A SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY FOR THOSE WITH AN INTEREST IN
THE HISTORY AND THEOLOGY OF EARLY CHRISTIANITY



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Are you interested in ancient religion & culture?



*Do you want to know more about how
Christianity was shaped in the first centuries?*



*Do you want to be part of a network offering
teaching, dissemination of current research and
exchange between Nordic universities?*



What is patristics?

*Patristics is the study of early Christianity from New Testament times until about 800. The word comes from the Latin *pater* (father), and refers to the Church Fathers, a common designation of Christian writers during this period.*

Traditionally, the subject has devoted itself to translations and analysis of such authors with a focus on theology. Today, the topic includes much more than the texts of the Church Fathers. In recent decades, questions of social conditions, spiritual authority, identity formation and gender have taken an increasing place in patristics, and both sociological and literary perspectives are applied today. A broadening can also be seen in the fact that material other than texts has become important in historical reconstruction, such as art, artifacts and architecture. In short, today's patristics offers a variety of sources, tools, and perspectives for those who want to increase their understanding of early Christianity.



TEACHING

Religious Roots of Europe is a two-year master's program at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University, in collaboration with the universities of Copenhagen and Oslo. The focus of the program is the early development and interaction of Judaism, Christianity and Islam as fundamental to European culture. Digital teaching is combined with on-campus teaching, and creates an exchange between students from different universities. Admission to the program takes place before each autumn. See:

www.ctr.lu.se/rre

www.religious-studies.net



PATRISTICS SEMINAR

At recurring seminars, early Christian texts are discussed, and researchers in the area present their research. In addition, there are translation seminars, where we work on translating early Christian texts into Swedish (you can read more about this under "Publication").

PUBLICATION

Collegium Patristicum publishes the scientific journal *Patristica Nordica Annuaria*.



In the series *Patristica Nordica*, presentations from the first nine Nordic patristics meetings have been published as:

- *Patristica Nordica* 1-5 in *Religio* (1982-1999)
- *Imago Dei – poesi och bildspråk i den tidiga kyrkan*, 2005
- *Eros och Agape – barmhärtighet, kärlek och mystik i den tidiga kyrkan*, 2009
- *Soteria och Gnosis – frälsning och kunskap i den tidiga kyrkan*, 2012
- *Mellan tid och evighet – eschatologiska perspektiv i den tidiga kyrkan*, 2016.

In the series *Svenskt patristiskt bibliotek*, the following has been published:

- *Gudstjänst och kyrkoliv*
- *Martyrer och helgon*
- *Ur kyrkofädernas brev*
- *Bibel och Predikan*
- *Asketer och munkar*
- *Teologi före Nicea*
- *Mariologi*