



Norwegian church denounces Luther's anti-Jewish writings

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The state Lutheran Church of Norway has condemned the anti-Jewish legacy of Martin Luther, the German theologian who started the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century .

In a statement issued on November 25, 2016, with regard to next year's 500-year anniversary of the Reformation, the Church of Norway's General Synod said some of Luther's writings were later used in anti-Semitic propaganda, especially in Nazi Germany. Noting that such propaganda was also spread in Nazi-occupied Norway during World War II, the synod said that "in the Reformation anniversary year of 2017, we as a church must clearly distance ourselves from the anti-Judaism that Luther left behind."

Unfortunately the statement is available only in Norwegian language up to now (see: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0ByO74lg-zovmNWZ0cXhJRU5SXzQ>)