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Summary

THE SYNOD OF KUTNÁ HORA (1443), THE LAND DIET (1444) AND THE FORMATION OF A DISTINCTIVE CZECH NATIONAL CHURCH: HISTORY AND MEMORY

The aim of this study is to incorporate the religious negotiations of the 1440s into the long-term process of the formation of a provincial church independent from Catholic Rome in the Kingdom of Bohemia. The emphasis is on the formal mode of resolving religious disputes through the authoritative intervention of secular power in matters of faith. The author starts from the idea that the Synod of Kutná Hora, held in 1443, and the Land Diet, which convened a year later, represent two of the most significant acts of resolving religious issues by secular power, represented in this case by the laity. The study focuses on the contemporary rejection of the solution of religious disputes by the laity, both at the synod itself and at the subsequent Land Diet in Prague in 1444, a fact that was the main argument of Tabor, represented by the priest Mikuláš Biskupec of Pelhřimov, against the authoritative decrees related to the concept of the sacrament of the altar and the permitted form of church ritual. The second part analyses the transformations of the historical memory of the Synod of Kutná Hora, or rather the different dimensions of the construction of this memory. The emphasis is once

again on the different approaches to the intervention of secular power in religious matters that have been preserved from the environments of theologians and chroniclers subscribing to Catholicism or Utraquism as well as to the Unity of the Brethren.

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