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### **Preface and Acknowledgments**

This volume on *Christianity and Global Law* is one of several new introductions to Christianity and law commissioned by the Center for the Study of Law and Religion at Emory University. Each volume is an anthology of some two dozen chapters written by leading scholars. Each volume has historical, doctrinal, and comparative materials designed to uncover Christian sources and dimensions of familiar legal topics. Each volume is authoritative but accessible, calibrated to reach students, scholars, and instructors in law, divinity, graduate, and advanced college courses as well as educated readers from various fields interested in what Christianity has, can, and perhaps should offer to the world of law. Earlier titles in this series include *Christianity and Law* (2008); *Christianity and Human Rights* (2010); *Christianity and Family Law* (2017); and *Christianity and Natural Law* (2017). Other titles are forthcoming on Christianity and church law, conscience, constitutionalism, criminal law, economic law, international law, migration law, and private law. We aim to commission similar volumes on Christianity and bankruptcy law, education law, elder law, environmental law, health law, labor law, procedural law, remedies, and other familiar legal topics.

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Ambassador Alonzo McDonald passed away on November 21, 2019 just as this volume was going to press. Al was very much a global leader of church, state, society, and economy. He was a Marine Corps veteran, a distinguished businessman, and a generous philanthropist. His career included service as CEO of McKinsey & Company; president and vice-chairman of the Bendix Corporation; White House Staff Director under President Jimmy Carter; and U.S. ambassador for trade who led the world in negotiating the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), a fundamental early expression of global law. He was a leading member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the International Chamber of Commerce, the Center for Inter-American Relations, and the French-American Foundation. He was also co-founder of the Trinity Forum and trustee of Emory University. With gratitude for his remarkable life of faith and work, we dedicate this book to the memory of Alonzo McDonald.

It was a joy for us to work with such a range of leading scholars from North America, Europe, Australia, and South Africa who contributed fresh chapters to this volume. We are delighted to publish this volume and several others in the distinguished Law and Religion series edited by one of the world's preeminent scholars of law and religion, Professor Norman Doe. Professor Doe and his many colleagues in the Cardiff Centre for Law and Religion have been vital trans-Atlantic allies with our Emory Center for the Study of Law and Religion. We give thanks for their leadership in this expanding global field of interdisciplinary legal study, and for their partnership with us in publishing this and parallel volumes on law and Christianity.

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