Mennonite Music Education In Southern Manitoba: A Descriptive Study Of Mennonite Collegiate Institute And Steinbach Christian High School

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Abstract
The purpose of this study was to describe and compare the music programs at Mennonite Collegiate Institute (MCI) founded in 1889 and Steinbach Christian High School (SCHS) which has its origins in Steinbach Bible College founded in 1936. The Kanadier, Mennonites who came to Manitoba in 1874 (e.g., Kleine Gemeinde and Bergthaler), had previously rejected part-singing in Russia. However, they became more open to part-singing after they came to Manitoba. The Bergthaler in Gretna helped establish MCI. The Mennonite Brethren (MB) and Evangelical Mennonite Brethren (EMB) were influential in promoting choral music among the Kleine Gemeinde in Steinbach. Steinbach Bible College became a joint effort of the MB, EMB, and Kleine Gemeinde (now the Evangelical Mennonite Conference or EMC). The RuÅâländer (or Russlaender) who came to Canada in the 1920s, many of whom were MB, were culturally more progressive than the Kanadier and influenced both MCI and SCHS. The researcher interviewed teachers, administrators, a museum curator, visited archives, and attended a SÄngerfest (or Saengerfest) at MCI and a concert at SCHS. Both schools are known for their choral programs and do similar repertoire. Regarding the religious musical heritages of the two schools, MCI is more deliberate at including German hymns and traditional favorites known as Kernlieder in their programming whereas the emphasis at SCHS is sacred music in general.

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Mennonite Collegiate Institute (MCI) is a private high school located in Gretna, Manitoba. It has approximately 135 students from grade 7 to 12, teaching the curriculum requirements of Manitoba Education within a Christian/Anabaptist setting. Its main purpose is to serve Mennonite students but non-Mennonite students who are open to exploring their own religious values are welcomed.[1].

References. ^ "Mennonite Collegiate Institute". Mciblues.net. Retrieved 2010-04-14. External links. Mennonite Collegiate Institute. Basis of this page is in Wikipedia. Text is available under the CC BY-SA 3.0 Unported License. Steinbach Bible College is a small Anabaptist college located in Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada. It opened in 1931 as a training school for Mennonite Brethren and Evangelical Mennonite Brethren churches of Canada. Higher education in Manitoba — traces the development and expansion of higher education (also described as post secondary or tertiary level education) in the Canadian province of Manitoba. Canadian Mennonite University — Infobox University name = Canadian Mennonite University motto = established = 1999 type = Private president = Gerald Gerbrandt city = Winnipeg state = Manitoba country = Canada undergrad = 1,862 postgrad = staff = colours = Green You may also like Bachelor's