

Church Order of the Unity of Czech Brethren that was published 1632 in Lesno (Poland) belongs within the publications of Unity to its late prints. Since Church Order is a print approved by the authority Synod of Unity, undoubtedly represents the official views of Unity of Czech Brethren first half of the seventeenth century. Its name "Church Order" evokes to its readers feel that it is more about matter related to canon law. When reading the Church Order, it is quite soon obvious that the text itself does not respond to this assumption. This work aims to characterize the Church Order of Czech Brethren regarding to the purpose for which it was written, and in the first part gathers and evaluates information that illustrate the historical background of the text. This part is then focused on the nature of thought and legal environment of the time and place at which and on which the text originated. On this basis, the purpose and character of the text of the Church Order is specified. The second objective, which this work follows, is the search for answers to the question whether the text itself, (which for the most part describes the practical issues of life of the Christian community, ranging from regional level of the Church to the level of practical application of the Christian approach to everyday family life), is timeless. And if it can be used as a basis for thinking about contemporary religious practice, or whether it is time-conditioned so that it is now a historical document only.