

Summary

Formation of Protestant Hymnbook of Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren

This diploma thesis presents the history of preparation of the new *Protestant Hymnbook* of Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (ECCB).

Four chapters of this work include the work chronology in respectful departments, evolution of opinions and the final publication. The first chapter describes the oldest hymnbooks from 1918 (foundation of ECCB), second chapter studies the beginning of systematical work in departments in the years 1941 – 1950, the third chapter follows the work in the Department of Hymnology of the Synodal Council of ECCB in the years 1951 – 1979, when the new hymnbook was finally published. The fourth chapter concludes the thesis with the summary of reaction of the church after the publication of the new hymnbook, publication of the *Appendix* of the new hymnbook and describes the situation in present days. The whole thesis is finished with an interview with a contemporary witness, Mr. Jiří Otter, former secretary of the Synodal Council. His task was to superintend the press in Germany and he gave some photos to the author of this thesis (see Appendix).

The whole thesis is based on archival materials found in the Archive of ECCB and National Archive in the first half of 2013.