

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE CHRISTIAN BRETHREN*

Emerged 1830 - 1850

Ireland, England, Scotland & around the world!

Young Anglican clergy were some of the most influential leaders

Impacted also by Quakers.

FOCUS: RESTORATION OF NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY & CHURCH LIFE

PRIORITIES OF THE MOVEMENT IN ITS EARLIER YEARS

(Other church groupings also reflect or have absorbed aspects of these priorities.)

Unity of the Church based on unity in Christ.

Unity through weekly communion - Christ presiding.

Unity through diligent attention to Scripture.

Simplicity of the New Testament Church, an organism not an organization.

Elimination of Clergy-Laity distinction, all free to express giftedness as priests.

Devotedness to Christ expressed in - holy life - evangelism - missions. - service to the needy.

End Times Prophecy

Diverse expressions of these priorities in various Brethren groups.



Each grouping overlaps to varying degrees with those located on either side.

← Vision Ministries Canada serves this portion of the Brethren continuum as well as other churches with similar values. →

Higher levels of interaction with other Christian Churches and greater tendency toward innovation.

Lower levels of interaction with other Christian Churches and less inclined toward innovation.

*Known variously in Canada as Brethren, Christian Brethren, Plymouth Brethren, or the Assemblies.

