

METROPOLITAN DETROIT YOUTH CHORUS

This musical group was begun in the 1960's in the Strathmoor building under the direction of Gary McLaughlin and was intended to serve the fellowship and spiritual needs of the area. Using the vehicle of music the young people sang praises to God in a fine manner, but musical excellence was not the primary goal. A board of directors was established to help coordinate activities, as the Chorus became a large and established institution. Rehearsals were held each Sunday afternoon during the school year, with camp weekends for intensive rehearsal in the fall and winter. During the concert season, December to May, the Chorus sang at a different congregation in the Detroit area each Sunday evening, thereby promoting unprecedented visiting and fellowship throughout the area. During Spring break each year, a concert tour is planned that takes the young people in buses to churches across the nation. They have traveled to Florida on numerous occasions, to Christian college campuses, to Europe, to Washington, D. C., to Colorado, and even to California. The Chorus remains a vibrant energetic entity to this day. Many Christian friends and marriages have resulted from this ministry.