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Church Visit

1. How did this ministry begin? How did it come to be placed in this community? Does the history of this ministry influence the goals of the ministry today? What is the mission of the ministry? "Living Hope NYC" is a church that is a part of the UPCI 'United Pentecostal Church International'. It is a church pastored in Times Square by James Carnagie and his wife. It is a daughter work of a UPCI church in Westchester. The concept of the church has always been to reach "souls" instead of "numbers", so yes it does reflect the goals of current ministry. The mission statement is "Taking Jesus as He is, to people as they are".

2. What is the faith tradition or denomination of this ministry? What are some aspects of their beliefs that distinguish it from other faith traditions? If a Christian Church, is it Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, or Protestant? If Protestant, what denomination and what makes it different from any other?

The denomination is Pentecostal Apostolic, derived from Assemblies of God. It is Oneness based doctrine.

3. What role does this ministry play in the community currently? How are people impacted by its presence? It plays a significant role. Service is held on the 17th floor off of W 37th street and they have close relationships with all other tenant in the building, along with having several community outreach programs.

4. How do the beliefs of this ministry impact their perspective on the needs of their community?

What does their faith say about their responsibility to their community?

They are Bible based, so they follow as many values taught in scripture as they can.

Their mission statement shows where their priorities are with the community.

5. What does this faith tradition have to say about economic disparity, race, ethnicity and racial

tensions, and the exploitation of women? Victimization of sexual minorities? What perspectives

derived from the tradition specifically are used to answer these questions?

Their perspective is that a victim mentality should not be created, but immoral sins should be

held accountable.

6. What are the student's own faith tradition or lack thereof? What sequence of events led to the student being involved with this tradition or lack of one?

The students in the church are very involved. Some were raised since birth in it, others converted as newly as a year ago.

7. What are the basics of the students' beliefs? How do those beliefs inform the student about economic disparity, race, ethnicity, and racial tension? Using their faith traditions, how do students evaluate the exploitation of women and victimization of sexual minorities?

The students all have diverse backgrounds. Studying the scriptures shows that immoral sins are kind of common sense.

8. Based on the student's faith tradition, what is their responsibility to their community?

They all are very committed to helping the community find Jesus.