

LINDA – Fieldnotes – January 31, 2007

Location: Telephone from my office

Time: 3:30-5:00

Calling small churches from Eckson's first fieldwork foray

I started by looking up contact information for the churches on Eckson's list. Varenne suggested starting with Pentecostal churches. I spent some time looking up information on the Internet, and set aside those that seemed "larger," such as Antioch Baptist, which has its own school, and St. John. I composed a telephone script and left a message with Manhattan Pentecostal. I did not leave a message with Iglesias De Dios Pentecostal, since the answering machine had a generic machine message. The two other churches, Gethsemane Revival and United House of Prayer for All People, did not seem to have answering machines. After deciding that late afternoon is probably not the best time to call, I returned to looking up contact information for other churches.

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Manhattan Pentecostal Church

<http://www.manhattanpentecostals.org/ME2/Sites/Default.asp?SiteID=5D98537967CE454AA970D4673962D24B>

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This church has a website and lists the pastor's name, a staff person's name, and their phone number. They have the same phone number.

According to the website, this church has people in charge of "Men's Ministry," "Youth," "Sunday School," and so on. They did not list anyone for "Ladies Ministries" (sic) or "Young Adults." [This information may not be current, as demonstrated below.]

When I called at 4:25, I got an answering machine. The message listed a different pastor's name, something like Pastor Graham (sp?), plus Josephine Paolini, the staff member on the website, Sasha Bowens (sp?), and Manhattan Pentecostal Church [which I assume is a general voicemail box for the church].

I left a message to call me back, basically:

Hello Pastor. My name is Linda Lin and I'm a researcher at Teachers College. We're starting a project on education in Harlem and we're hoping you have some time to talk with us about what the church is doing. I can tell you more later. You can call me at 212, 678, 8357. Again, 212, 678, 8357. I won't be in the office tomorrow but I will be here on Friday. Thank you.

**Iglesia De Dios Pentecostal Me**

622 West 131st Street

New York, NY 10027

212-281-5116 phone

No website. I got the contact info from a brokerage firm's website, <http://www.halstead.com/neighborhoodinfo.aspx?n=24&a=5#results>, which lists "neighborhood amenities" such as cafes, bars, hardware, and so on.

Called at 4:30, got an answering machine with a generic machine message. Did not leave a message.

Gethsemane Revival Holiness

463 W 125th St

New York, New York 10027

212-663-8781

Again, no website. Again, I got the contact info from a brokerage firm's website, <http://www.halstead.com/neighborhoodinfo.aspx?n=24&a=5#results>.

Called at 4:34. No answer, no answering machine. I hung up after about 10 rings. [Bad time to call? Maybe I should call in the morning. Or, perhaps the information is not current? Need to check against Eckson's work.]

**United House of Prayer for All People**

2320 Frederick Douglass Boulevard  
Between 125th and 124th Streets  
New York, NY  
212-864-8795 phone

Again, no website. Again, I got the contact info from a brokerage firm's website,  
<http://www.halstead.com/neighborhoodinfo.aspx?n=24&a=5#results>.

Called at 4:34. No answer, no answering machine. I hung up after about 10 rings. [Same concerns as above.]

**Need to call:**

**Church of Saint Joseph of the Holy Family**

405 West 125th Street  
New York, NY  
212-662-9125 phone

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No website.

In searching for contact info, I came across this site, which I have visited before:

<http://www.harlemonestop.com/feature.php?id=21>

This site has information on events, institutions, and attractions in Harlem, with brief descriptions of the larger churches such as Abyssinian Baptist.

Another website that lists church contact info:

<http://www.ecben.net/nychurches.shtml>