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<b>Subject</b>	david cantrell of City Mission
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<b>Interviewer</b>	eugene yakubov
<b>Special Notes</b>	good for contemporary issues regarding City Mission, a few nice quotes

**minutes:**

31105A:

- 1 introductions, personal background
- 2 family history
- 3 graduated Cleveland State in 1984 (psychology), "I love the weather, the change of seasons" "my roots are here... this is my home"
- 4 now living in chesterland
- 5 learned of city mission from bible study group, harry banfield, 1986
- 6 missionary work
- 7 "when I was in another life going to the bars in the 1970s I remember driving by the city mission and seeing the cross", early impressions
- 8 memories
- 9 "talk about history in the making...it's been a really exciting time" describing the City Mission and its purpose, "not so much a building - it's
- 10 people..."
- 11 working with homeless men
- 12 "gathering in the people of the city...connects people from all walks of life"
- 13 restating purpose, "transform" not rehabilitate
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- 15 born again in prison
- 16 missionary work
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- 19 staying positive
- 20 personal role at mission, in the beginning "there were very few positions"
- 21 from friendship and supervision to counseling
- 22 time constraints
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- 24 success stories, role as counselor
- 25 keeping fellow missionaries on the "same page"
- 26 dealing with relapses, balancing between strong stance and nonjudgement
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- 28 "every day is a learning experience..."
- 29 range of people that come in for help
- 30 sent by court orders, prison chaplains, walk-ins, referrals, etc...
- 31 success story
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- 33 "I love to see families get together", not giving up on individuals and families
- 34 different ways people find the mission
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- 36 other personal ambitions, thoughts on future community service
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- 38 describing the City Mission program: confronting personal issues, christian ethics, fatherhood classes, racial reconciliation
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41 racial demographics and dynamics at city mission  
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31105B:

1 effects of weather on attendance at the mission and on relapse rates  
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3 drugs and sex  
4 missionary work  
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10 relationship of city mission to city of cleveland: gentrification, protective  
11 neighborhoods, neighborhood improvement, crime reduction as byproduct  
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14 common characteristics of men who need help exacerbated by inner city  
15 atmosphere  
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17 immigrants: not served as often as when city mission opened in 1910, interesting  
18 story of cuban immigrants and their thoughts on US culture\*  
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21 white immigrants and hoboes in early years of mission, rise of urban drug culture  
22 in 1980s changed demographic  
23 women's ministry currently serves about 120, men's serves about 98  
24 city mission camp utilized by local schools as well as the homeless to "get away  
25 from the city...to just get some peace"  
26 plans for expansion and satellite programs  
27 AGRM (association of gospel rescue missions)  
28 limited room at city mission, limited budget ("something like four or five million  
29 dollars")  
30 women's mission  
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33 children at the mission  
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36 18 year old male residents and how they deal with the older men  
37 economic concerns  
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39 restating city mission purpose and goals for the future  
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42 closing comments

\*mr. cantrell asks that the story of the man from cuba not be used for any public purpose