

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS
RELIGION IN A DORMITORY TOWN

The object of this project is to study the various religious associations in Madina, a relatively new township whose population is made up of mostly workers in Accra. The lack of amenities and the "cheapness" of rent make it attractive to a particular kind of person. Attention is paid to the educational and occupational background of the members of the religious associations, as well as operative values.

That Madina is also in a mobile associational situation gives rise to the need to create or join groups which, in a way, help to re-establish communal feeling and give a feeling of belonging and importance, as well as assistance in making the normative transition. The sectarian religious groups play a great role in this regard, their proliferation in Madina being quite evident. Under focus in this study is the Church of Messiah, a church which was founded this year. It will provide material as to the founding of sectarian groups, their organizational and leadership techniques, their beliefs and practices and the kind of following they attract.

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