Rendall Memorial Presbyterian Church

Individual Landmark 59 West 137th Street



Rendall Memorial Presbyterian Church. Photo: Lorraine Colbert

The current Rendall Memorial Presbyterian Church building was originally the home of the African American congregation of St. James Presbyterian Church, where businesswoman A'Lelia Walker was married. The Church was constructed in 1914 by the architecture firm Ludlow & Peabody and stands two stories tall on a lot that is 50 feet wide by 91 feet long.

Rendall Memorial was founded in 1916 and was then known as the Washington Mission. It was renamed in 1919 for the president of Lincoln University, the Reverend Issac N. Rendall. Before settling at its current site in 1927, the church resided at 122 West 129th Street.