**Appendix 1: List of Interview Respondents**

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| **Respondents** | **Gender** | **Age** | **Duration of interview (minutes)** | **Length of stay in the USA** |
| R1 | Male | 46 years | 18 | 16 years |
| R2 | Female | 38 years | 15 | 4 years |
| R3 | Female | 41 years | 21 | 5 years and 5 months |
| R4 | Female | 35 years | 24 | 7 years and 4 months |
| R5 | Male | 54 years | 20 | 6 years |
| R6 | Female | 46 years | 21 | 19 years |
| R7 | Male | 45 years | 26 | 5 years |
| R8 | Male | 56 years | 22 | 27 years |
| R9 | Female | 42 years | 28 | 5 years |
| R10 | Female | 38 years | 22 | 4 years and 7 months |
| R11 | Female | 36 years | 29 | 12 years |
| R12 | Female | 43 years | 30 | 21 years |
| R13 | Male | 46 years | 26 | 15 years |
| R14 | Female | 36 years | 28 | 13 years |
| R15 | Female | 35 years | 24 | 15 years |
| R16 | Female | 29 years | 20 | 7 years |
| R17 | Female | 36 years | 26 | 11 years |
| R18 | Male | 37 years | 23 | 10 years |

**Appendix 2: Effects of the church's help on integration**

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|  | Model 1 | Model 2 |
| Length of stay in the US | 1.27\* | 1.21 |
| Member of a religious association | 1.75 | 1.35 |
| Financial status | 1.02\* | 1.02\*\* |
| The importance of the church | 1.44\*\* | 1.49\*\* |
| Church attendance | 1.52\*\* | 1.54\*\* |
| Education |  | 0.81 |
| Age |  | 1.06 |
| Gender |  | 2.25\* |
| N | 280 | 280 |
| Pseudo R2 | 0.20 | 0.22 |
| Log likelihood | -211.97 | -207.76 |

Notes: The coefficients presented are odds-ratios. \*\*p<0,01; \*p,0,05.

**Appendix 3: The Interview Guide**

1. In general, how would you characterize your life in the US now compared to when you arrived?

2. How have you evolved professionally after your arrival in the US until now?

3. Who were the first people you talked to about leaving Romania?

4. What were the reasons that determined your decision to leave Romania?

5. What were the reasons that made you choose the US?

* Did you know anyone there?

6. Who helped you understand how the society and institutions in the United States work?

* How has the American state contributed to your understanding of its society and institutions?
* How did your knowledge of the Romanian community contribute to your integration?

7. In your opinion, did the Church play a role in the process of emigration from Romania?

* Can you describe, please, how the process went? For example, when the discussions with the Church began, how they took place, in what context, etc.
* Was there a connection between your US acquaintances and the Church?
* How about between family and friends in Romania and the Church?

8. Do you think the church played a role in your integration in US society?

* How did the process go?
* When did the discussions with the Church begin?
* How did the Church contribute (what kind of support did you receive)?
* Was there a connection between your acquaintances in the US and the Church?

9. How would you characterize your relationship with the local community in the US?

10. What are the biggest obstacles for you in the United States right now?

* Who or what have helped you to overcome these obstacles?

Note: The numbered questions were asked of all respondents, while the bullet points were follow-up questions that were asked for clarification or further details when necessary.