Are you a clergy leader who...

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- is interested in ensuring that your institution is resilient?
- is interested in increasing your institution’s capacity to address the needs of your community?
- is interested in empowering your congregation with financial literacy and educational resources?
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- is interested in developing underutilized property?

There is help for you!
Bridge Street Development Corporation (BSDC) is a faith-based community development corporation founded by Bridge Street AWME Church in 1995 to address the pressing need for affordable housing and to provide civic and economic opportunities to the residents of central Brooklyn. BSDC’s programs now include financial education, foreclosure prevention, tenant and resident organizing, economic development and a portfolio of over two dozen multi-family affordable housing properties. BSDC has worked with faith leaders in Brooklyn to help navigate the development of church property, and address community concerns. BSDC created a community-wide financial empowerment project called Empowerment Weekend, an annual event in which BSDC’s partners with more than 50 churches to educate over 1,000 church members about available community resources and the importance of financial independence.

BSDC recognizes the pivotal role faith leaders play in community development. We greatly value our collaboration with faith leaders because of their role as powerful influencers to help strengthen a community and its residents.

The Building on Faith Initiative was created in response to requests from faith leaders seeking support in building their capacity to address institutional and community challenges. The Initiative has two main components—Real Estate Advisory Services and Leadership Training:

Real Estate Advisory Services
BSDC draws on two decades of real estate development and ownership experience to provide co-development and consulting services to the faith community. We help institutions and their leaders work through a myriad of challenges, such as upgrading older buildings, selling or developing church-owned property, and determining the feasibility of potential residential or commercial real estate projects.

Leadership Training
Through the guidance of a steering committee comprised of faith leaders, Bridge Street Development Corporation hosts leadership training and educational workshops geared to the faith leadership community.

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