



Faith Institutions Fostering Economic Stability
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Agenda

This forum on *Faith Institutions Fostering Economic Stability* will explore how churches and clergy are currently engaged with people, place, and partnerships beyond their primary purpose as a faith institution. Attendees will learn about some of the coalitions that have formed to work collectively on significant social challenges. Dynamic and experienced faith practitioners will share about how they are building their capacity and harnessing the resources to be change agents and solution providers. This forum is intended for faith leaders from those communities that are the most economically disadvantaged as well as those who are interested in learning how they can do more to foster economic stability for their communities and members.

The goal of this forum is to discuss strategies and share ideas for how faith institutions can foster greater social cohesion, financial stability and community development through their messages, programs and partnerships and explore solutions to some of the most pressing issues facing congregations and low-income communities.

10:00 a.m. Registration and networking

10:30 a.m. Invocation: *Father Paul Ganlowski*, Senior Pastor, St. Paul of the Shipwreck
Welcome: *Lena Robinson*, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Opening Remarks: *Bishop Jerry Macklin*, [Glad Tidings Church of God in Christ](#)

11:15 a.m. Panel: Church and Programs

Themes: Family, education, poverty, unemployment, safety net,

The economic downturn is being felt most among low-income households and communities. Even as Wall Street continues to post strong results, unemployment remains high, wages are declining and the public safety net is in shreds. What role for faith-based institutions who also feel the brunt of a decline in household financial stability? Programs such as workforce training, literacy, college scholarships, food banks are so important to rebuilding individual capacity for academic achievement and financial stability.

Moderator: *Pastor Dante Quick*, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Dr. James McCray, [Tabernacle Community Development Corporation](#)

Pastor Maria Reems, Center of Hope Community Church

Arthur Hatchett, [Greater Richmond Interfaith Program \(GRIP\)](#)

12:30 p.m. LUNCH
Stephen Maduli-Williams, [San Francisco Housing Development Corporation](#)
G.L. Hodge, [Providence Foundation of San Francisco](#)

1:30 p.m. Discussion: Church and Partnership

Themes: Reentry, collaboration, funding, advocacy

The problems faced by the most disadvantaged communities and households are no match for a single program or uncoordinated efforts. Economic justice, unemployment, repatriation of formerly incarcerated individuals, and violence prevention are so large as to require collective action. Coordination of ministries is an underutilized strategy that could help to increase resources and maximize the impact of individual efforts. To wrap up the day, we will have a moderated discussion about the social issues faith based institutions are most concerned about and the promise of partnership tackle these significant problems. We will focus on some of the resources and strategies needed to help individual congregations build their capacity to not just toil but to transform.

Moderator: *Kelly Wright*, [FOX News: Beyond the Dream](#)

Ben McBride, [City Team Ministries](#)

Landis Graden, [Dutra Cerro Graden](#)

Theresa Goines, [Old Skool Cafe](#)

2:45 p.m. Closing remarks and next steps
Benediction: *Bishop Donald Green*, San Francisco Christian Center

3:00 p.m. Adjourn