

Faith Based Community Development:
“Community & Economic Development in
Urban Communities:
A Model for Transformation and Recovery”

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Model of Community Restoration...

The Flow for this session

Orthodoxy - Biblical & Theological Implications

The Process for Community Restoration

Orthopraxis - Faith Based (FBO) & Models for Ministry

The Success & The Plan

Questions/Discussion

Community Restoration...

Orthodoxy Biblical and Theological Implications

Biblical and Theological implications...

<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Theological Principle</u>	<u>Implications for restoration</u>
Jeremiah 29:4-8	Restoration	Restoration is always in abundance. When something is restored, it is always better than it was to begin with. God's promise to us is a better way, a better life, a better future for ourselves and our loved ones.
Luke 4:16-21	Liberation	The act of setting someone free from imprisonment, slavery, or oppression; release. the liberation of all political prisoners"
Romans 14:17-19	Shalom	Hebrew word meaning peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquility

The Paradox of Community...

John Perkins in the book “Restoring at Risk Communities”, identifies the three R’s:

1. Reconciliation – restoration of broken relationships and communities
2. Redistribution – building community through job, employment and economic investment.
3. Relocation – living among the community and illustrating the ministry of presence.

Community Restoration...

The Process for Restore Communities

Community Restoration....

The Process – in the book “Community Ministry” –
Carl S. Dudley defines ...the process:

1. Social Context – community, people, focus on the needs
2. Characteristic of Churches – build from biblical & theological history heritage and culture
3. Congregational Identity – level of commitment to social ministry
4. Organizing for Social Ministry – builds from gifts and resources
5. Mobilize the Ministry – competent leaders & partnerships cultivated

Orthodoxy Faith Based Organization (FBO) & Models for Ministry

How to organize an Faith Based Organizations: FBO

- Non-profit organization as 501©3
 - NYS & Federal designation
 - Service and community commissioned
 - Community sponsored
- Five C's of FBO's – connection, collaboration, credibility, commitment and customer focused

Planning for action...

- Pray – seek the Lord – Nehemiah 1:5-11
- Spiritual discernment – Gal 5:22-23
- Coalition building – 1 Corinthians 3:8-9
- Developing Leaders – Philippians 2:3-4

Two Paths to community building – Same Goal...

Community Needs

Map the neighborhood needs

Review deficiencies

Look at Three P's - people, property, problems

Community Assets

Map the neighborhood assets

Review gifts and talents – community and individuals

Look at Three B's – building, block, beliefs

Hybrid approach is holistic

The Road to success...formation

- Non-Profit status 501-c3 designation
- Competent and Capable leaders
- Defined governance structure and authority
- Community engagement and participation
- Financial provisions and resources committed
- Patience and Pray

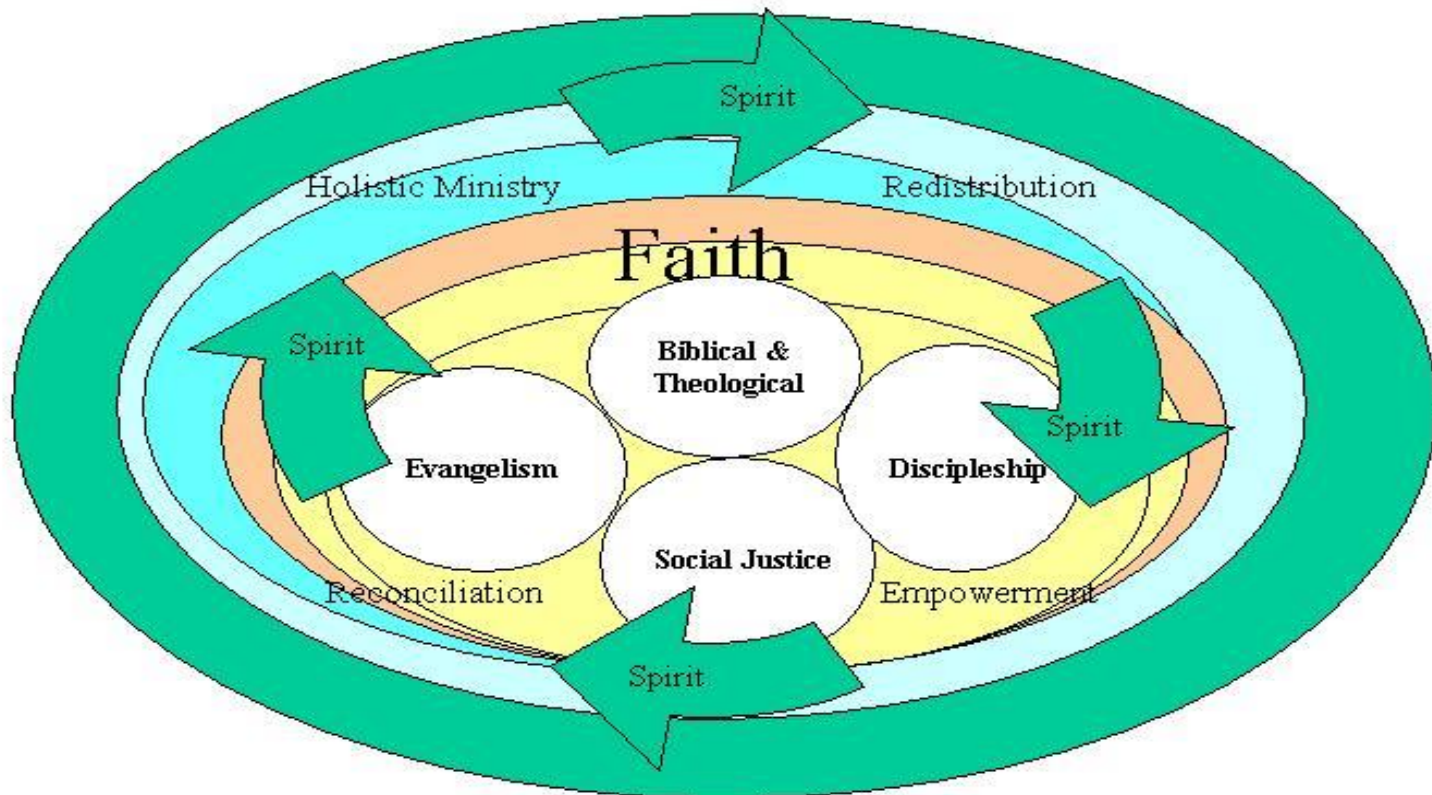
Parameters of Success...

- Incremental steps of success
- Build confidence and capability over time
- Seek alternatives for partnership with experienced groups
- Partner across social, ethnic and cultural traditions
- Stay focused on your vision and mission
- Remember its ministry – “The Kingdom of God”

The Church Model – “The Axis of Ministry”

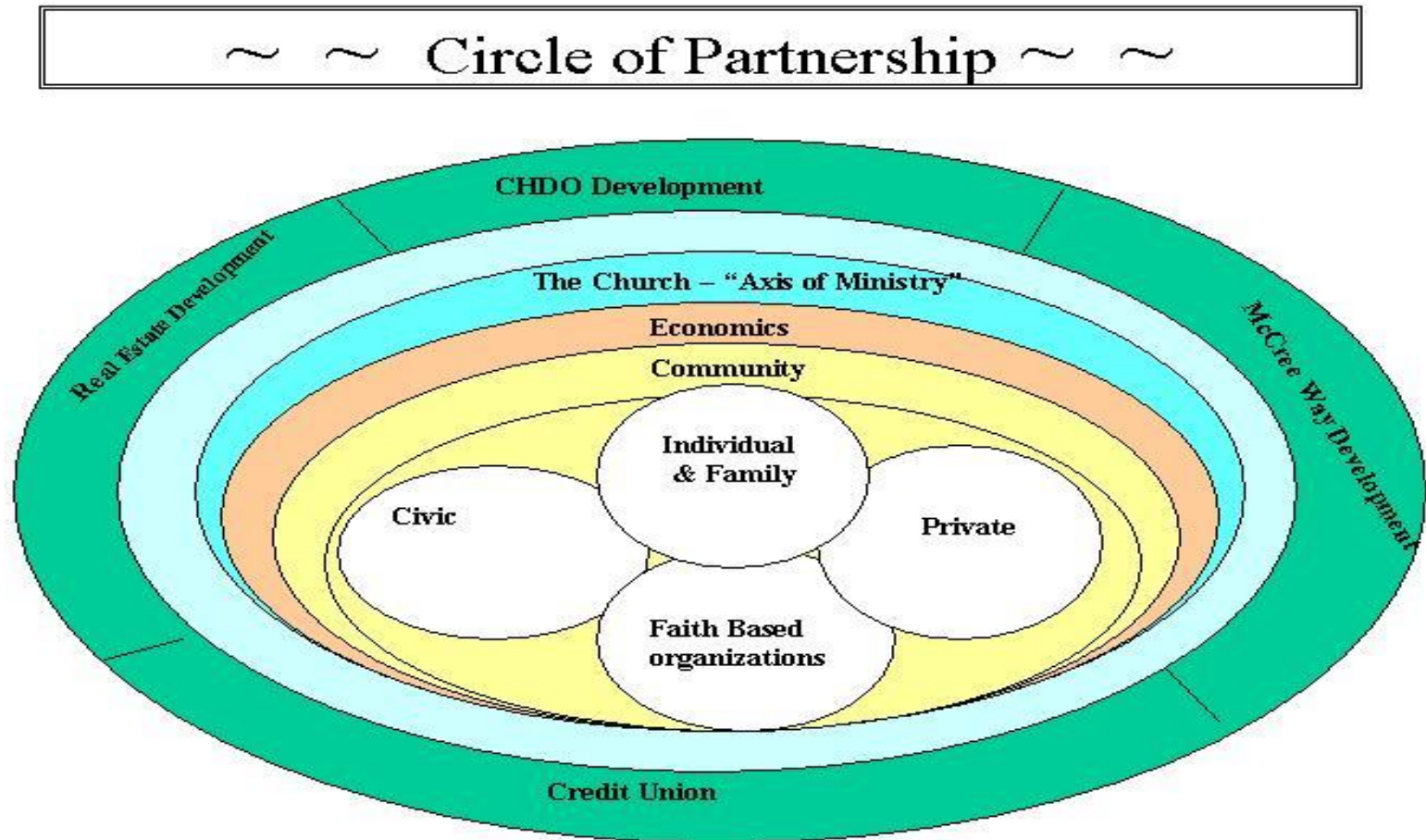
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~ ~ Axis of Ministry ~ ~



The Community Model – “The Circle of Partnership”

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The Success
&
The Plan
thru First Genesis
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The mission and Vision.....

Mission

To assist underprivileged members of the greater Rochester community and especially those surrounding the First Genesis Baptist Church through a variety of programs aimed at employment, affordable and sustainable housing, healthy lifestyles/education and economic empowerment

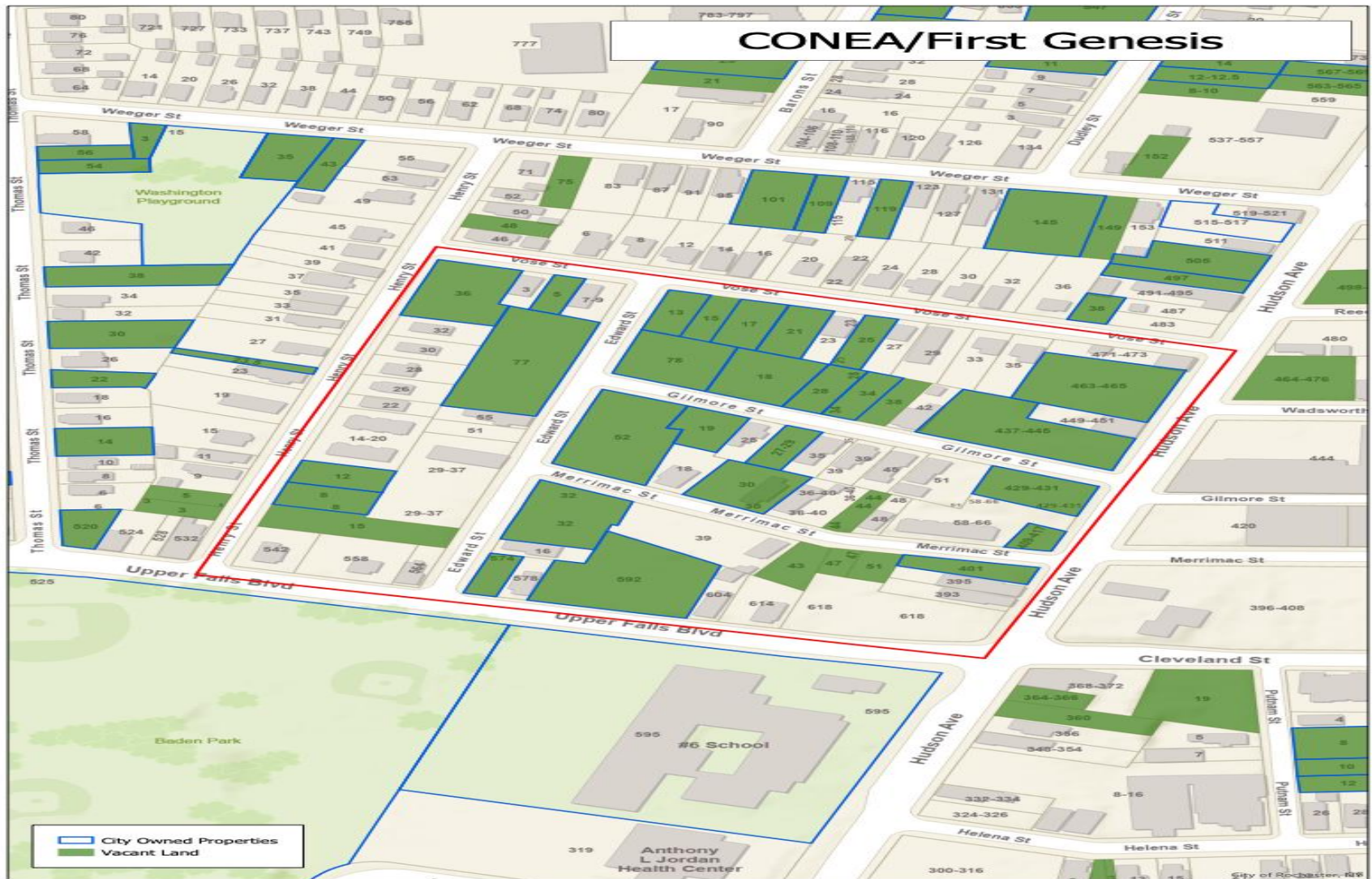
Vision

To be recognized and respected as **THE** faith base leader for affordable housing, wealth building and developing family values, through love, compassion, education, advocacy and mentorship

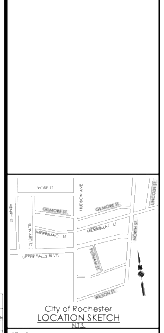
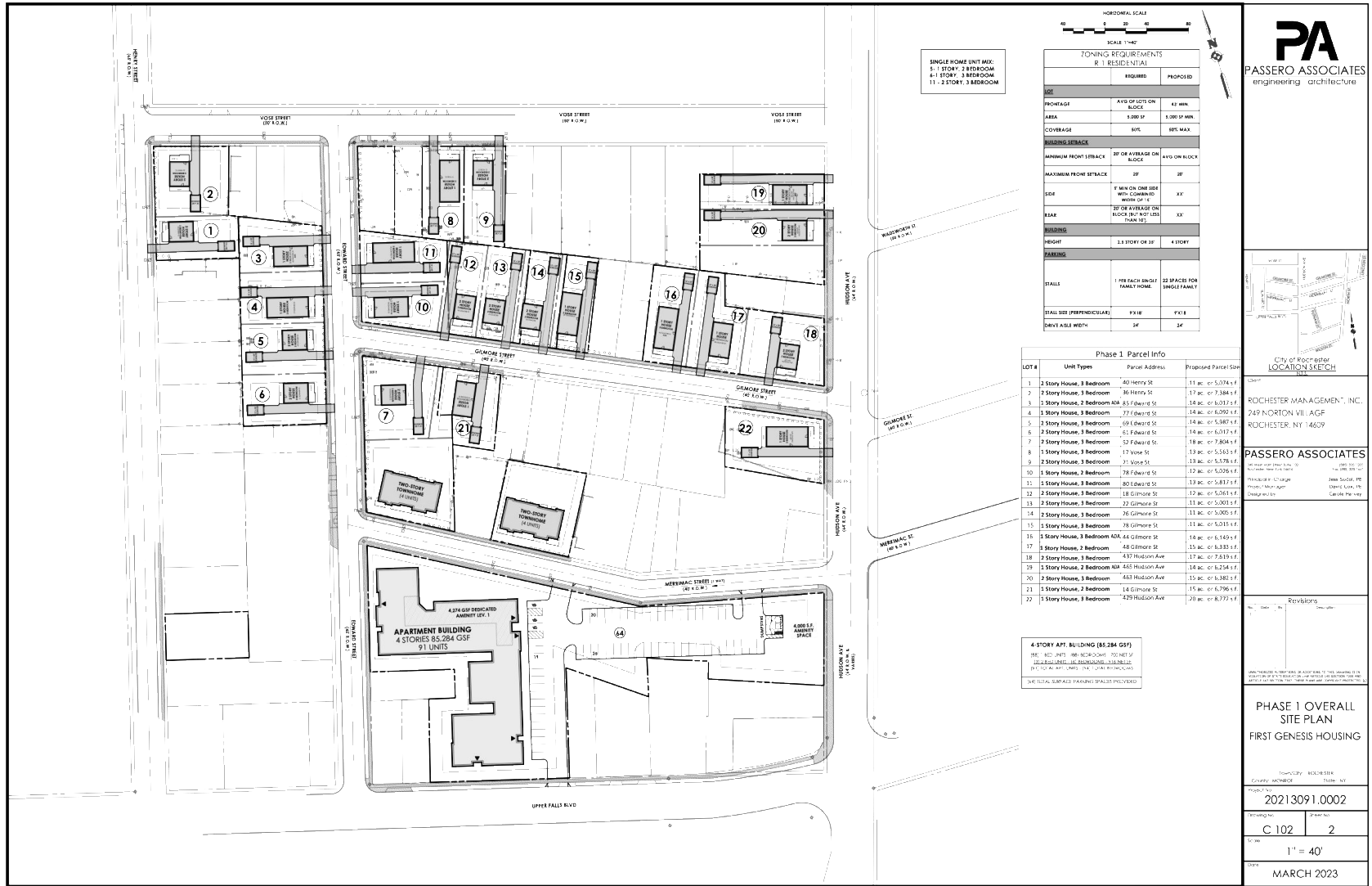
The Model for the future for generational wealth..

- First Genesis Baptist Church organized the First Genesis Development Corporation – 501c3
- Utilizing the “Axis for Ministry” and “Circle of Partnership” as the guiding principles
- \$45m dollar Economic Development Project – two phases – Home Ownership - Single-family Homes (Qty 45 units) - Senior Apartments & Town Homes (qty 107 units)
- Holistic framework to build generations and families to bring forth restoration, liberation and shalom

Area of Focus...



Area of transformation...



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Whats next...

Three Questions to ponder:

1. What are the implications for community restoration and revitalization?
2. What are the implications generational wealth for Urban African American communities?
3. How does this make the Church relevant for the marginalized and disenfranchised communities?