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Dear Co-Laborers for the Lord:

My name is Rev. Brodie R. Mathis. I am a Doctor of Ministry Candidate at the Westminster Theological Seminary in Glenside, Pennsylvania. My concentration is Urban Mission.

I am requesting your help in assisting me to complete my dissertation. I am surveying a number of churches and faith based organizations in the Delaware Valley to see if they have an economic empowerment or development ministry to help poor people.

Economic development and empowerment could be job creation or job training for the poor and unemployed, starting businesses that create jobs, loan programs, programs that help to employ at risk youth, and programs that transfer welfare recipients to full-time employment.

Would you please take a few minutes to complete the attached questionnaire? Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated. All responses will be kept confidential. The results of the survey will be made available to you if you so desire. Just leave me your return address in the designated area.

You may want to know that I created, arranged funding, and implemented the nation's first faith based business incubator. This project created fifty-five jobs within one year. Fifteen of these positions were filled by people who were previously on public assistance. I have started many 501 © (3) non profit organization since that time. I also have a MBA.

Should have any questions or concerns, please call me at (610) 383-6897. Otherwise, I thank you for your cooperation and I look forward to receiving your completed questionnaire soon.

May God bless real good!

In His Service,

Rev. Brodie R. Mathis

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**Holistic Economic Development and Empowerment Ministries
Questionnaire**

1. Do you have any kind of an economic empowerment and development ministry in your church?

Circle one.

Yes No

If you answer yes, go on to question # 3.

2. Are you interested in learning how to start or launch an economic empowerment ministry that will help the poor and less fortunate in your serving area?

Circle one

Yes No

3. What is size of your congregation?

Please circle one

2-50 51-151 152-250 251-500 Over 500

4. Does your church have a feeding program for the poor and hungry?

Yes No

5. Does your church create any new jobs for the unemployed?

Yes No

6 Does your church have a computer training or other training programs that help the unemployed get jobs?

Yes No

7, Do you believe in working with non-religious organizations to help you better serve your community?

Yes No

8. Are you affiliated with other non-religious organizations, colleges and universities, and businesses in hopes of being informed and as a means to better serve your congregation?

Yes No

9. Do you think your congregation would like to get involved in economic development for the poor?

Please circle one

Yes No

10. Do you have a Letter of Determination from the Internal Revenue Services that says that your church is 501 © (3) Tax-Exempted Non Profit Corporation?

Please circle one

Yes No

11. Do you have a letter of Determination from the Internal Revenue Services that says you have a faith based 501 © (3) Tax-Exempted Non Profit Corporation?

Please circle one

Yes No

12. Are interested in learning how your church or future organization can become a 501 © (3) non profit corporations that will enable you to serve your community and carry out God's Great Commission?

Please Circle one

Yes No

13. Do you have a credit union in your church?

Please circle one

Yes No.

14. Do you think you have members in your congregation with skills, expertise, and knowledge who could help you carry out a holistic economic development ministry?

Yes No

15. Would be interested in seeing the results of this survey?

Please circle one

Yes No

16. What would you say is the range of your annual church budget?

\$5,000-\$50,000 \$51,000-\$100,000 \$101,000-\$200,000 \$201,000 - \$300,000

\$301,000 - \$500,000 above \$500,000

Optional

Mail results to:

Name of church

Your name

Address and Zip Code

E-mail address:

Are there any comments you care to make?