



## COGIC Urban Initiatives

### The Vision of COGIC Urban Initiatives

The vision of COGIC Urban Initiatives is to build healthy individuals, families and communities for a successful future.

#### **Mission**

The Mission of COGIC Urban Initiatives is to empower the local church to implement programs that address Education, Economic Development, Crime, Family and Financial Literacy. These programs will result in measurable improvement in the quality of life for individuals, families and communities served by the Church of God in Christ. The Church of God in Christ does this by identifying and replicating best practices from our churches as well as external resources and making them easily available to all churches utilizing technology and other resources.

COGIC Urban Initiatives offers programs and strategies that address:

- Education (Access, Excellence and Equity)
- Economic Development (Job Training and Job Creation)
- Crime Prevention (Reduction, Prevention and Rehabilitation)
- Family Life (Developing Healthy Men, Women and Children)
- Financial Literacy (Earning, Saving, Investing and Spending Wisely)

Attacking the problem from these interrelated perspectives simultaneously will maximize the likelihood of success.

#### **Education – The Mission of the Education Initiative**

To identify and make available programs that focus on giving individuals equal access to an excellent education. In the long term we expect to witness visible transformation within families and communities as men, women and children empowered with the ultimate prerequisite to success – a good education.

#### **Economic Development – The Mission of the Economic Development Initiative**

To identify and make available programs that result in new jobs being created and to provide job training. In the long term we expect to witness visible transformation within families and communities as individuals are given the means and the tools to achieve a living wage.

#### **Crime Prevention – The Mission of the Crime Prevention Initiative**

To identify and make available programs that reduce crime and lower recidivism rates for past offenders. In the long term we expect to witness visible transformation within families and communities as individuals learn to successfully navigate positive, alternative routes to securing food, shelter, clothing, inclusion and acceptance.

#### **Family – The Mission of the Family Life Initiative**

To identify and make available programs that focus on improving the quality of life within the nuclear family. Particular emphasis will be given to the black man focusing on repairing the unique damage that he has suffered. In the long term we expect to witness visible transformation within families and communities as men, women and children are given tools to achieve a thriving, productive, wholesome and spiritual family environment.

#### **Financial Literacy – The Mission of the Financial Literacy Initiative**

To identify and make available programs that result in enlightened individuals who earn, save, invest and spend wisely. In the long term we expect to witness visible transformation within families and communities as individuals learn to develop and execute sound, long term financial plans focused on creating, growing and managing wealth.