



## OUR MISSION

The members of the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition (NWBCCC) seek social, economic, environmental, and racial justice for our families, our communities, and ourselves. We do this through community organizing that utilizes non-violent confrontation, negotiation, and principled compromise. We conduct our affairs with honesty, integrity, strength and courage. We seek to build a diverse, tolerant, and democratic organization. We act together to ensure all people are treated equally, with respect and dignity, without regard to their age, race, creed, sexual orientation, language, religion, gender, ability or class. Our multi-issue approach relies on a united constituency constructing shared power campaigns to relieve the immediate and material suffering that comes from poverty, while changing the rules of the game to address institutionalized injustice.

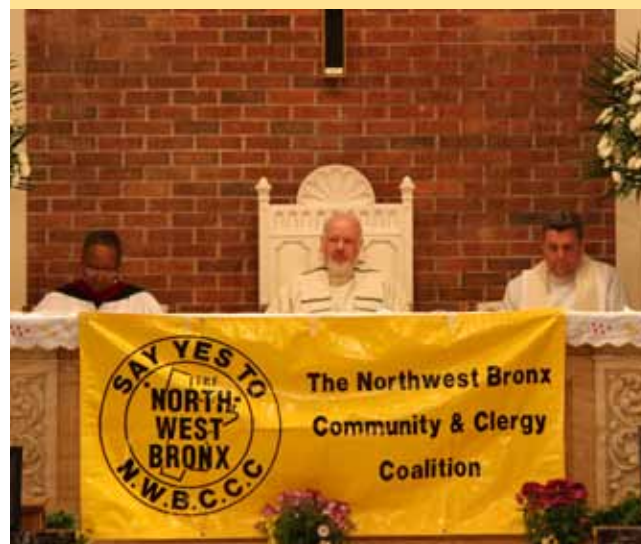
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- Campus Ministry of Bronx Community College and Hostos Community College
- Creston Avenue Baptist Church
- Crotona Community Coalition
- Epiphany Lutheran Church
- Fordham Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Fordham Hill Cooperative Owners
- Fordham Manor Reformed Church
- Friends of the Oval Park
- King of Glory Tabernacle
- Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association
- Leadership Institute
- Mary Mitchell Center
- New Day United Methodist Church
- Our Lady of Angels Church
- Our Savior Church
- Sistas and Brothas United
- Southern Baptist Convention—Tri State
- St. James Episcopal Church
- St. Martin of Tours Church
- St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church
- St. Simon Stock Church
- University Heights Presbyterian Church
- 2720 Grand Concourse Tenant Association



## OUR HISTORY

The Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition is most known for its outstanding membership driven, social justice community organizing. In 1974, as arson for profit schemes plagued the community, Bishop Ahern and the local Catholic churches called together pastors and community leaders to form the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, launching direct action campaigns for community revitalization that won tens of thousands of units of affordable housing to replace apartments lost to arson or abandonment, addressed school overcrowding, climate change and more. The goal of the NWBCCC is to build power through relational organizing and issue campaigns that recruit and train individual and institutional members; energize institutions, win concrete victories that improve material conditions for community members, and change public and private policies that affect the Northwest Bronx.

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# CURRENT CAMPAIGNS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

## KINGSBRIDGE ARMORY

The Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Alliance (KARA) is a trend setting partnership between local congregations, community residents, schools, elected officials, the Retail Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU), SEIU 32BJ, the Bronx Board of Business Agents of the NYS Building and the Construction Trades Council. KARA seeks a precedent-setting Community Benefits Agreement with the Related Companies that would ensure that the redevelopment of the historic Kingsbridge Armory meets the Bronx community's educational, retail, entertainment, recreational and service needs, including a Labor Peace Agreement ensuring local workers living wage jobs and the freedom to organize unions and enter collective bargaining without employer harassment. Check out [www.ourarmory.com](http://www.ourarmory.com)

## HOUSING

NWBCCC's priority is preserving affordable housing, improving housing conditions in apartment buildings and protecting homeowners in the Northwest Bronx. We have taken a leading role in city and state-wide campaigns to protect affordable housing development, fight rent increases and promote energy efficiency through our Weatherization Assistance Program. We are also on the frontlines in the nation-wide fight against subprime lending and the foreclosure crisis. Through grassroots leadership



development, we support tenants in the struggle for better living conditions against the smallest landlords or the biggest politicians. NWBCCC has a strong track record of working on environmental health issues through tenant organizing. We have fought to have asthma triggers such as mold and roaches addressed in the repair agreements that we get signed between HPD, landlords and banks. NWBCCC endorsed the Safe Housing Act and educated our local elected officials about the responsibility of the city to fix dangerous and hazardous conditions if landlords refuse to do so after repeated warnings.

## EDUCATION

NWBCCC is successful in running campaigns that result in concrete improvements at local schools. We know that overcrowded schools do not support high quality teaching and learning. We launched the SEATS, Schools Exploding at the Seams campaign, to address the issue. We were successful in advocating for six new schools, with 3,000 new school seats, to be built. Our education justice committee has worked with school communities to improve traffic and school safety, increase after-school programs, improve teaching and learning, and improve facilities.

## FAITH-BASED & INSTITUTIONAL ORGANIZING

Our Clergy Caucus has brought together 50 clergy members from 12 denominations so far, creating a fellowship devoted to the faithful pursuit of justice. Interfaith celebrations and prayer services dedicated to particular campaigns have recently united over 500 congregants. Institutional organizing impacts the issues that affect people's lives. Organizing also serves to strengthen congregations, universities, and community centers internally.

# CURRENT PROGRAMS

## SISTAS AND BROTHAS UNITED

Sistas and Brothas United (SBU) is the youth affiliate of the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition. Our mission is to develop the leadership of the young people in the Northwest Bronx community who are concerned with the conditions in their neighborhoods and schools, and are interested in developing creative ways to address their problems. We train our youth to believe in their own ability to build people's power, to hold all public officials accountable for the decisions they make, and to take ownership of their schools. SBU's leaders fight for educational justice, quality living wage jobs for all community residents, and to increase resources in the community.

## LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE HIGH SCHOOL

The Leadership Institute High School is a school that was designed and created by community youth leaders from Sistat and Brothas United (SBU) in partnership with Fordham University. The mission of the Leadership Institute is to provide students with an excellent college-preparatory education rooted in the concepts of leadership, community action, and social justice.



## WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, GREEN JOBS & BEYOND

The NWBCCC Weatherization Assistance Program has been creating green jobs while fighting climate change and poverty by improving energy efficiency, health and safety, and maintaining affordable housing since 1983! The program is administered by the NYS Department of Housing and Community Renewal and is funded by the US Department of Energy and the US Department of Health and Human Service under LIHEAP.

Following a comprehensive energy audit, measures such as highly efficient boilers, windows, insulation, air sealing, and electrical and water conservation retrofits are installed to save energy for low-income tenants and homeowners.

NWBCCC is working to create a holistic model for a sustainable and resourceful community. Through a "Greening the Bronx" conference and ongoing roundtables, we are working with our community and labor allies to address the gaps in existing green workforce development, including entry level and advanced training programs, support for local small businesses, union recruitment, and expanding local capacity to address environmental hazards from brownfields to asthma. Through education and ensuring organic foods are available in local groceries, we will address the chronic issues of obesity, diabetes and poor health in our community as well.

