United Methodist Foundation of the Northeast

Wesley Development Group

The Wesley Development Group resources and supports churches struggling to pay for deferred maintenance and steward their aging buildings well. With expertise in real estate development, architecture, structural engineering, affordable housing, project management and more, WDG supports churches through decision-making, strategic planning, and building repurposing. The Foundation offers follow-up services and post-consulting guidance, as needed.

WDG OVERVIEW

OVER 60 CHURCHES
Served Since 2023

KEY OUTCOMES
Hope, Purpose, & Possibilities

SHORT-TERM ADVISING
& Support For Additional Church Decision-Making

Introduced options for new building uses, redevelopment, strategic property sales, and partnerships
That Can Both Benefit The Congregation And Create Deeper Ties With The Community

WHAT CHURCH LEADERS SAY ABOUT WDG:

Helped congregations "face the reality" of economic conditions

Brought "a new perspective and clarity" through "a comprehensive and helpful look at the possibilities" for churches

Taught churches "how to have hard conversations without upheaval"

"Brought [members] closer"

Assisted churches in finding major building users to financially support their churches and provide community resources in their neighborhoods

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