EDITOR'S NOTE

Defining the organizational and external factors that challenge both the broad community-based development field and faith-based development is a significant undertaking. The papers in this section present a cross-section of themes, ideas, and trends current to discussions of evolution and impact by community-based development organizations. No effort is made to synthesize and distill a set number of factors. For much too long, community economic development has suffered from not discussing challenges broadly. The papers pose questions about commonly held beliefs that may or may not be true, and the papers hold one thing in common: the authors' realization that more examination and research are needed to answer some of the questions they rightly pose.