

Urban Renewal & Gentrification

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The five decades following the move to West Philadelphia were marked by **continuous disenfranchisement** and health epidemics – including the AIDS crisis and “War on Drugs.” Urban renewal and gentrification were strategies that promised to uplift communities but actually further displaced Black people. Many were left with low incomes, housing insecurity, and health vulnerabilities. Many once again turned to their places of worship for relief.

