



2016 CAJM Rally

40 Days of Prayer in Preparation for the Nehemiah Action

Dear Charleston Area Justice Ministry Friends,

As we move toward our fifth Nehemiah Action on Monday, April 24th, Rev. Heyward and I would like to invite you to join us in holding our justice ministry in daily prayer and meditation. We are inspired by the civil rights movement and mindful that the brave sisters and brothers of the movement prepared themselves through prayer and meditation. Before they sat at lunch counters, marched with placards, registered voters, or spoke in public forums, they prayed and focused their minds and hearts on what mattered most.

This year CAJM continues to work to address racial bias in policing practices. The work is not easy and the wounds run deep. As we move toward April 24th, let us pray for all involved that we might take real steps this year to repair some of what has been broken in our community. With the power of a prayerful and prophetic people, and with the resolve of dedicated public officials, we can make meaningful change together. Let us begin our forty days with a prayer:

To the God
whose name
is love
we pray

Our thanks
for what has been done
in five years' time

thirty congregations

seeing past
what has divided us
for too long

crossing old lines
of race and religion
to make of ourselves
a new family

all of us
your children.

We pray
this day
for our Nehemiah Action
on April 24th
and all who now work
toward that night.

We pray for our staff and board
those who will represent us
on the dais.

We pray for our public officials
who will join us
in the power of that moment.

We pray for the volunteers
making research visits
scheduling meetings with officials
preparing the sanctuary
and materials.

We pray for every person
who will attend
that we might all
bring open minds and hearts
to what is possible
when we gather.

And we pray
that all we do
would bear witness
to the stories of our sisters and brothers
and that our work for justice
would be the work of love
lived out in public.

We ask this prayer
in your name
the name of love

Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Jeremy Rutledge
Senior Minister, Circular Congregational Church

Co-President, Charleston Area Justice Ministry

Nehemiah Action
Monday, April 24, 2017
7:00 PM
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, N Charleston



CAJM is a network of 30 faith-based congregations who come together with one goal: to make the Charleston area more just. We are religiously, socio-economically, geographically, and racially diverse and together, we speak with one powerful voice for justice for our community.

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