



2016 CAJM Rally

40 Days of Prayer in Preparation for the Nehemiah Action

We are nourished by the times of private meditation, that each of us may be alone with our dreams and thoughts, with that which gives our lives meaning and purpose. Then comes the time, when so nourished, we heed the call to step beyond our individuality, join our companions in the struggle, and together confront that which must be corrected.

Our God, in all the ways we know you and by all the names we call you, let us find the courage to stand with our CAJM brothers and sisters, of whatever experience, faith, and ideology, to point out the injustice some of us feel, that others of us only see; to educate ourselves in the reality of broken systems and insufficient policies, and present what we know to be true, to be reasonable and possible to those leaders with the office and power to make needed change in the community we love, in the lives of the people we love.

Open our hearts to those who live in fear, who suffer in body and spirit, those with limited options, limited hope, and limited freedom; those disenfranchised, overlooked, and underserved. Let us remember the striving of the world, all its confusion and heartbreak. And we pray that along the way to peace and righteousness, we are learning great lessons. Our prayer is a wish for the stronger will, the clearer purpose, the deeper longing for all things good and true.

We raise up our beloved city and county, and we pray fulfillment, safety, and wisdom for all those who lead, represent, and protect us. Bless them in their service, attune their hearing to the voice of the people, align their sight with the vision of promise, opportunity, and equity—for all. Yoke the convictions of our

hearts to the strength of our hands. Add our individual skill to CAJM's collective talent. That together we might magnify our influence and lengthen our reach, as we do our part, with what we have, and however we are able, to bless the world, to heal the world, to serve the world.

Always, even when it is difficult, especially then, let us find joy in our worthy labor. AMEN.

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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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