

Building a Charleston where justice and equity prevail

April 11, 2022

## You presence made a difference at the 2022 Nehemiah Action!

Last Monday, over 1,500 of you came out to CAJM's 10th Annual Nehemiah Action Assembly. Wow, what a powerful showing!



Photo: Rabbi Stephanie Alexander, Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim



Photo: Rev. Jeremy Rutledge, Circular Congregational Church

**Your presence at the Action mattered.** Official after official came up to the microphone and said our favorite word-YES-to the proposals our committees have put together to bring justice and equity to the Lowcountry. And while our all-star negotiators made things looks easy, some of those YES responses came as a big surprise, reminding us that *a powerful Nehemiah Action DOES effectively move our officials!* 

Click here to read coverage of the Action in the Post & Courier!

## Charleston County is asking for your input!

Please complete the Riley Center's survey for Charleston County to help them determine how funding should be spent–especially around housing.

Click here to fill out the survey!

#### Introducing the Nehemiah Cup!

Every year, the DART affiliate that turns out the most people to their Nehemiah Action wins the NEHEMIAH CUP (and bragging right across the network)!

CAJM won last year's Nehemiah Cup after turning out over 2,400 people to our Nehemiah Action! We are hoping to keep the cup this year, but Actions are still happening all across the Midwest and Southeast so we'll have to wait a few more weeks to see if it gets to stay in our office. We are definitely in the running but it's going to be close this year. So, if you <u>DID NOT</u> check in to the Nehemiah Action but you <u>DID</u> attend, please let your team leader or organizer know as soon as possible.

And for now, feel free to pop by the office to see the Nehemiah Cup in person!



### **Upcoming CAJM Events**



### Celebration & Investment Drive Kick-Off

May 16 @ 6:30pm Hanahan Amphitheater (3100 Mabelline Rd., Hanahan) Click here to register

### **Upcoming Committee Events**

**Charleston City Council (Flooding)** 

Come out to stand against the filling of Gadsden Creek!



Tuesday, April 12 5:00pm Charleston City Hall (80 Broad Street) Email Iydia@thedartcenter.org to RSVP



### CCSD School Board Meeting (Education)

Come out to show your support for Restorative Practices in schools! Monday, April 25 5:00pm CCSD District Offices (75 Calhoun Street) Email **raynique@thedartcenter.org** to RSVP



#### **Charleston City Council (Flooding)**

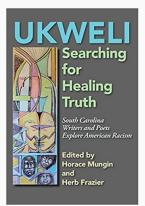
Come out to stand against the filling of Gadsden Creek! Tuesday, April 26 5:00pm Charleston City Hall (80 Broad Street) Email Iydia@thedartcenter.org to RSVP



#### Charleston County Council (Housing)

Come out to support an Affordable Housing Trust Fund! Tuesday, April 26 5:45pm Lonnie Hamilton Building (4045 Bridge View Drive) Email treva@thedartcenter.org to RSVP

# Want to have some fun outside of CAJM events?



#### **Ukweli Book Discussion**

Friday, April 22 7:00 Unitarian Church in Charleston - Gage Hall (4 Archdale Street) <u>Parking:</u> Behind Gage Hall on the street or in the Queen Street Garage <u>Childcare:</u> Available upon request!

The Unitarian Racial Justice Coordinating Team is sponsoring a book discussion on a new book on racial healing in South Carolina. *Ukweli: Searching for Healing Truth* was inspired by a poetry, lecture, and dialogue series at McLeod Plantation in 2020 organized by the poet Horace Mungin. The personal accounts and insights from 47 writers and poets from South Carolina (including our very own CAJM Executive Director Treva Williams!) will educate white Americans about the systemic racial bias employed to stymie African-American progress.

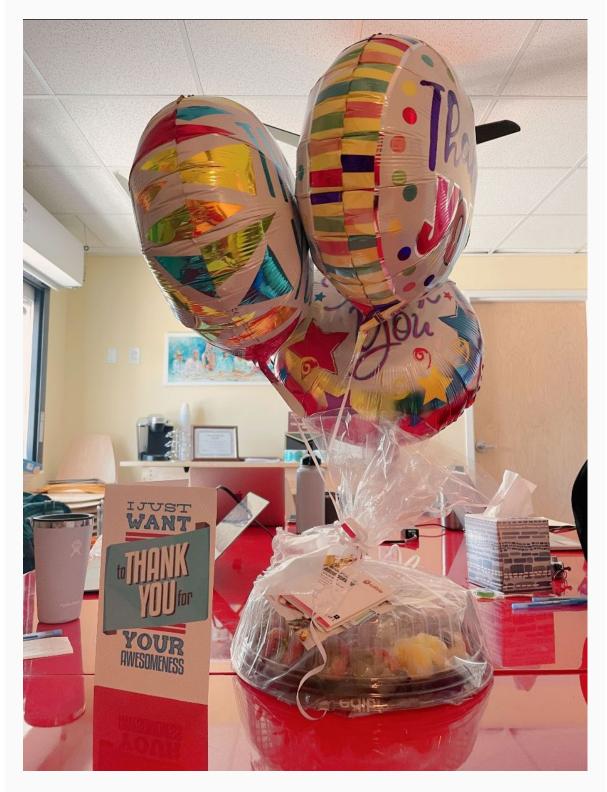
#### Have you made your 2022 investment in CAJM?

CAJM's 2022 investment drive goal is **\$215,000**! In honor of our tenth year, we are striving for 100% participation for investments! In other words, we're going ALL IN for year ten!

It's not too early to make a payment towards your 2022 CAJM investment! You can do so by clicking the link below. Reach out to your team leader or organizer with any questions about investing.

**Click here to invest!** 

# CAJM staff thanks Matt Cressler for the post-Nehemiah Action gift!



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