



2016 CAJM Rally

40 Days of Prayer in Preparation for the Nehemiah Action

As our Nehemiah Assembly draws near, we feel ourselves on the growing edge of something consequential and powerful. We are now close to what we have worked so hard to accomplish. Accordingly, we seek confidence, enthusiasm, and faith to carry us through the next days and hours. Howard Thurman understood the growing edge and calls us forward in hope and spirit:

“Look well to the growing edge! All around us worlds are dying and new worlds are being born; all around us life is dying and life is being born. The fruit ripens on the tree, the roots are silently at work in the darkness of the earth against a time when there shall be new leaves, fresh blossoms, green fruit. Such is the growing edge! It is the extra breath from the exhausted lung, the one more thing to try when all else has failed, the upward reach of life when weariness closes in upon all endeavor. This is the basis of hope in moments of despair, the incentive to carry on when times are out of joint and reason seems lost, the source of confidence when worlds crash and dreams whiten into ash. The birth of the child — life’s most dramatic answer to death — this is the growing edge incarnate. Look well to the growing edge!”—Howard Thurman* (adapted)

God of all times and all people, we have accepted the challenge before us and soon we will assemble together in solidarity, speak truth to power, and make a righteous case for justice and equity in Charleston. We do not ask that you be near, but that we not forget that you are always are. Amen.

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*Howard Thurman (1899 –1981) was an African-American author, theologian, and civil rights leader. He played a leading role in many social justice movements and organizations of the 20th century. Thurman's theology of radical nonviolence influenced and shaped a generation of civil rights activists; he was a key mentor to leaders within the movement, including Martin Luther King, Jr.

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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