

CAJM  **Manna**
CHARLESTON AREA JUSTICE MINISTRY
Building a Charleston where justice and equity prevail

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DID YOU MISS THE CPA?

Hello CAJMMR'S,

On October 24th at 7:00 PM about 400 of us gathered together at Mount Moriah to decide next steps for our justice ministry work. We all were so excited to see each other in person after so much time on zoom. We heard [updates](#) from our existing issue committees. You can sign up to help with research [HERE](#).

Together we voted **NOT** to take on a new issue and to continue pressing for deeper connections within our relationships internally and externally and to press our local officials to Do Right Now!

We also voted to accept our wonderful new board members:



Rev. [Adam Shoemaker](#) from St. Stephen's Episcopal our new Co- President. Vice President, Rev. [Patricia Jones](#) Hebron Zion

Presbyterian, *Secretary* **Betty Niermann** of St John Catholic, and continuing for another term as *treasurer* **Mr. Jesse Wilson** of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

We welcomed 4 at large members, **Dr. Elise Davis-McFarland** of Morris Street Baptist, **Richard Pastva** St. Patrick Catholic, **Pastor Will Plonk** Grace City church and **Gail Thiedeman** from Circular. When you see them, give them your well wishes.

Please give a incredible thanks to our outgoing board members **Mrs. Irene Whaley** Edisto Presbyterian, **Dr. Matt Cressler** UU, and **LuAnn Rosenzweig** of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim. And our Nominating committee members **Andy White**, **McKenna Steward** and **Louis Kaufman**

We are still calculating the money turned in from the evening and will be sure to get the results to you as soon as possible. Didn't get a chance to invest? [CLICK HERE](#) to do so now.

The video is being edited and we look forward to a premier in the upcoming weeks.

Feel free to use [THIS LINK](#) for a quick survey to give us your feedback on how you felt about the evening.



In 2013, CAJM's members voiced concerns about the number of children who were suspended or expelled from CCSD schools. A close look at the suspension data indicated ***Black and Brown students were almost 10x more likely to be suspended or expelled than white students.*** Research indicated successful implementation of [Restorative Practices](#) to foster relationships between teachers and students and among students was successful in reducing suspensions and expulsions in schools across the country. CAJM began to advocate for implementation of Restorative Practices in CCSD schools.

The 2022 election brings a change in the CCSD school board elections. One candidate will be elected from each of 9 districts. CAJM sent a survey to each of the candidates with questions about their expectations for school climate, discipline and suspensions, their ideas on improving school climate, and their support for implementation of Restorative Practices in the schools. **The responses of each candidate who completed the survey are in this [link](#) or the QR Code below. Please review and share .**



Early Voting Ends NOV 5TH!!!

You can vote at the places listed below - ANY of them no matter where you live.

Note: The Election Commission office is **NOT** one of the sites.

Locations:

- Baxter-Patrick James Island Library: 1858 S Grimball Road, Charleston, SC 29412
- Hollywood/St. Pauls Library: 5130 SC-165, Hollywood, SC 29449
- John's Island Regional Library: 3531 Maybank Highway, Johns Island, SC 29455
- Main Downtown Library: 68 Calhoun St, Charleston, SC 29401
- Mt. Pleasant Seacoast Church: 750 Long Point Rd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464
- North Charleston Convention Center: 5000 Coliseum Dr, North Charleston, SC 29418
- West Ashley Seacoast Church: 2049 Savannah Hwy, Charleston, SC 2940

Have you filled out a **SAVE GADSDEN CREEK** postcard?

Our Environmental Justice Committee is working hard to collect at least 500 SAVE GADSDEN CREEK postcards to deliver to Charleston City Council.

Do you live, work, or worship in the City of Charleston? Have friends who fall into any of those categories? **Make sure to fill out a postcard and bring it to the Community Problems Assembly.** If you have extra postcards that you will NOT use, please get them to your CAJM organizer as soon as possible so that we can get them to folks who will fill them out.

[Click here for instructions on how to fill out a postcard, including a link to identify your City Councilperson.](#)



Have questions on how to fill out a postcard or how to get more? Contact CAJM Organizer Lydia VanOsdol at lydia@thedartcenter.org.

CALLING ALL CAJM CLERGY: Join us for our next Clergy Connect!

We would love to have all our CAJM Clergy present @ our next Clergy Connect. Clergy Connect is an intentional space for CAJM clergy to build relationships and support one another in our shared work for justice in the Charleston area.



Join Us Thursday November 17th from 11:30-1:00pm

@ Charity Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Nelson B. Rivers, III.

Register below and lunch will be provided

[Click here to register](#)

Send some love to CAJM Organizer Anna Long!

Anna is away on medical leave, and we are sending all the prayers and good thoughts her way. **Want to show her some love during her time of healing?** *Sign up to deliver a meal, make a financial contribution, or send her a card!**

Meals: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/1n35vw>

CashApp: \$annascout

Venmo: @Anna-Long

**If mailing her a card, please reach out to Raynique at raynique@thedartcenter.org for Anna's address.*

Upcoming CAJM events



Charleston County Council (Housing)

Date: November 10th, 2022

Pre-Meeting: 5:45pm

Meeting: 6:00pm

Location: Lonnie Hamilton Building
(4045 Bridge View Drive)

RSVP: CAJM Organizer Amber Campbell-Moore
- amber@thedartcenter.org

SEEKING CAJM NETWORK MEMBERS TO DELIVER TESTIMONY



Research Kick-Off

Date: Monday, November 14th 2022

Time: 6:30pm

Location: TBA

[JOIN A RESEARCH TEAM HERE](#)

Things to do outside of CAJM!

HEBRON ZION PCUSA
presents
an
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Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022
4 P.M.-7 P.M.
2915 Bohicket Road
Johns Island, SC

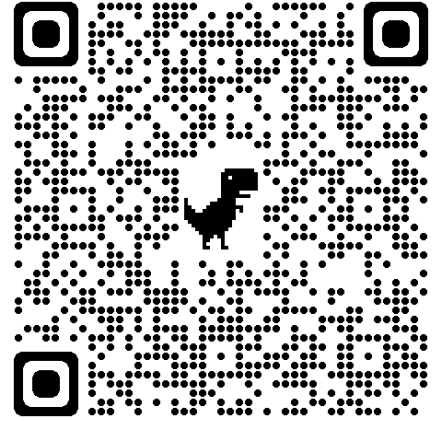
Tickets: \$25 in advance
\$30 day of event
Chicken and Fish baskets: \$8

Scan the QR Code to purchase your ticket.

New to CAJM and want more information?

We are so glad you are here,
and we'd love to connect you
with a CAJM Team Leader!

Use the QR code to the right, or
follow [this link](#), to fill out a short
survey so that we can match you
with the Team Leader who best
fits your needs.



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 late 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!](#)

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