

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

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For many people, this week we will spend time with family and friends, have a great meal, and enjoy making memories together. It is a time that traditional education here in America has taught us that the Pilgrims and Native Americans peacefully shared a meal to be thankful for that year's harvest. That's a very sanitized version of events. Truth is for many who call this land home, this holiday's remembrance is not quite so peaceful. We know that an unknown number of Indigenous people lost their lives and their native land over the government's desire for land expansion. Even the "Great Emancipator" Abraham Lincoln did not protect Indigenous people. One week before he signed the Emancipation Proclamation to free enslaved Africans, he approved the hanging of 38 Dakota Sioux Warriors for having the audacity of defending their territory. It is estimated that by treaty and executive order over 1.5 billion acres of tribal land was taken between 1776 and 1887 according to [FlowingData.com](https://www.flowingdata.com/mapped-history-of-how-native-american-land-was-taken/) ([Mapped history of how Native American land was taken | FlowingData](https://www.flowingdata.com/mapped-history-of-how-native-american-land-was-taken/)).

So, this week as we are being thankful for our many blessings, take some time to acknowledge the Indigenous people of this land. Let us be mindful that Thanksgiving isn't a happy holiday for everyone in this country. Let us honor the people who first inhabited this land by speaking their names. In the Charleston area, we are in the land of the Yamasee, Kusso, Santee, Waccamaw, Chicora, and more. A resource that you can begin with is the Laurier Student's Public Interest Research Group. Their "Know the Land Territories Campaign" has some great information that can be found here: [KNOW THE LAND – Laurier Students' Public Interest Research Group \(lspirg.org\)](#)

CAJM's Research Kickoff!

We had a great turnout at last Monday's Research Kickoff! Leaders shared testimony's of what being "all in" meant to them, why being involved in the research process is important, and how building stronger relationships have helped to build people power in their congregation. If you were unable to come, but still want to join a committee you still can. Send an email to the following organizers.

Education Committee: Raynique@thedartcenter.org

Environmental Justice: Lydia@thedartcenter.org

Healthcare Committee: Anna@thedartcenter.org

Housing Committee: Amber@thedartcenter.org

Policing and Transportation Committee: Raynique@thedartcenter.org



Interested in future training opportunities? Reach out to your organizer!

Have any leftover Gadsden Creek Postcards? Please get them back to CAJM staff!

The Flooding Committee is working hard to collect SAVE GADSDEN CREEK postcards to deliver to Charleston City Council. If you have blank postcards that you won't use, **we need them back** so that we can get them in the hands of more people who live, work, or worship in the City of Charleston.

Network Members, you can give your extra postcards to your Team Leader. Team Leaders, please reach out to your organizer to coordinate a postcard drop-off.

Still haven't filled out your postcard? [Click here for instructions on how to fill out a postcard, including a link to identify your City](#)

Councilperson.

Questions? Reach out to lydia@thedartcenter.org.

Upcoming CAJM Events



HOUSING PRESS CONFERENCE!!!!

Date: Tuesday, December 6

START TIME: 5:15pm

Location: Lonnie Hamilton Public Service Building (4045 Bridgeview Dr.)

Why: County Council is once again pushing aside the severity of the housing crisis. The Housing Our Futures Plan has been put on hold for an undetermined time period. This is UNACCEPTABLE!! We will then stay for the County Council meeting and make public comments.

Who's invited?: All CAJM clergy, team leaders, network members, and their guests

RSVP: amber@thedartcenter.org

We are also looking for folks who are willing to give a testimony at the County Council meeting which will directly follow the press conference. Reach out to Amber@thedartcenter.org if you're interested.

Friends of Gadsden Creek is hiring part-

time organizers!

Friends of Gadsden Creek is the grassroots organization leading the Save Gadsden Creek campaign. The organizer position is for approximately 10 hours/week. Compensation is \$35/hour. Applications are open until December 15, 2022.



Here's the job description.

CAJM member Circular Congregational Church is hiring a part-time Director of Youth Ministries

The Director of Youth Ministries is responsible for Christian Education and oversight of the church's education program for middle and senior high school youth.

Here's the job description.

South Carolina Legal Services is hiring a Private Attorney Involvement and Recruitment Manager

Here's the job description.

Family Promise of Greater Charleston is hiring its first Executive Director

Family Promise of Greater Charleston, a new affiliate of the [national Family Promise program](#) (their ninth SC affiliate), is dedicated to helping homeless, soon-to-be homeless, and low-income families in the Greater Charleston area. The first program FPGC plans to launch is a family mentoring program, connecting interfaith volunteers with families or individuals who are making efforts to become more self-reliant. Over time, our goal is to provide a broad array of prevention and shelter opportunities that would work with and not duplicate existing programs. FPGC strives to help build an even stronger, unified connection between the faith-based community, service providers, and the unhoused.

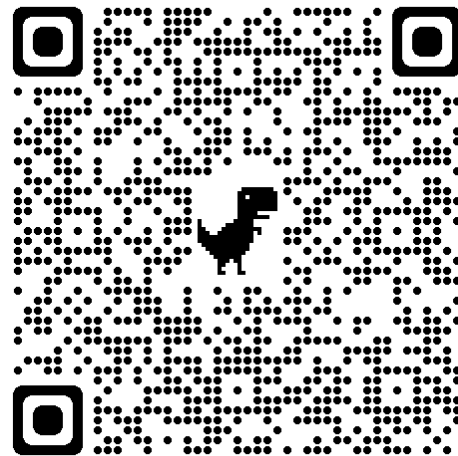
FPGC is currently searching for its first Executive Director and is excited to share the job description with CAJM members. If you know of someone who is a good fit for this position, please feel free to share the job description (below).

[Here's the job description.](#)

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.



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