



December 13, 2022

Thanks to all who showed up at last week's housing rally and press conference!

Nearly 50 CAJM members gathered last week outside of County Council to call on Charleston County to release the Housing our Future plan which is intended to lay out how the County will attack the worsening affordable housing crisis. The County was set to release the plan in mid-November but is now holding off until the new year.



The *Post & Courier* covered the rally, stating:

"The Charleston region's affordable housing problem is no secret,' according to the county's Housing Our Future website.

Rents jumped by 30 percent or more during the past two years in three cities — Charleston, North Charleston and Mount Pleasant, according to Apartment List's database. As of October, a home in the county fetched a median price of \$520,000, according to Redfin.

Some people, as a result, are relocating toward the rural edges of the suburbs. Others resort to shared living."

[Click here to read the rest of the article.](#)

It's a time of transition on CAJM staff

If you haven't heard the news yet, Associate Organizer Lydia VanOsdol recently stepped down from her role on CAJM staff. She left

a teaching career to follow a call to pursue justice ministry full-time, and is excited to share that she will be returning back to teaching. Lydia has been an invaluable part of the team for the last year and we will miss her on staff very much. But you'll still see her around participating in CAJM through her congregation, Grace City Church!

Upcoming CAJM Events

It's almost time for Network Meetings! Check in with your congregation's Team Leader to see which date your congregation is signed up to attend.

Community News

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

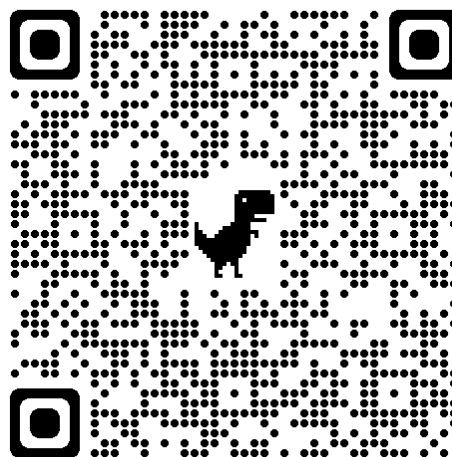
The Director of Youth Ministries is responsible for Christian Education and oversight of the church's education program for middle and senior high school youth.

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

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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