



Network Meetings are a key to CAJM's success



A lot can happen in two months! Already in 2024, we're beginning to track results in Restorative Practices, have hosted three major events that welcomed more than 300 people to learn of the

importance in restoring Gadsden Creek and holding the Charleston Police Department accountable. Additionally, Charleston County Council has agreed to put aside \$4.5 million in a housing trust fund that will be used to help people afford places to live in the Lowcountry. CAJM is working. Momentum is building. Our elected officials are listening. Finally, Charleston County School District has a Restorative Practices implementation plan that is growing and we are beginning to track results.

Let's not drop the ball now. But instead, let's capitalize on our recent successes by leveraging our Network Meetings and inviting family, friends, and community members to attend the spring Nehemiah Action, scheduled for April 15 at 7 p.m. at Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist in North Charleston.

The purpose of Network Meetings is for each of us to build a list of people we plan to invite to the Nehemiah Action. The only way for the action to be effective is if we intentionally make plans to call people and stress the importance of their attendance. Organizers will have forms at your network meetings that you can use to build your invitation lists.

Please see the reflection below from Rev. Dr. James Keeton, pastor of the historic Morris Brown AME, that he presented during the Network Meeting held last week at Calvary Episcopal.

Question—What is a belief that you held when you came into CAJM, and how has participating with CAJM helped to change your thinking about that belief?

When I was appointed as pastor of Morris Brown AME Church in 2016, I became increasingly interested in the history of Charleston, especially with our city's racialized past. I knew that Charleston was a major entry point for enslaved people to enter this country, but it was NOT until my family, and I moved to Charleston that I understood that over 40 percent of enslaved persons who entered this country came through the ports of Charleston.

This historical reality coupled with the massacre at Mother Emanuel AME Church that happened the previous year, and a police officer murdering an unarmed black man, named Walter Scott, in North Charleston piqued my curiosity. The racialized condition of this area were widely reported. One of the first meetings I had when coming to the Morris Brown was with Treva about Morris Brown's participation with CAJM.

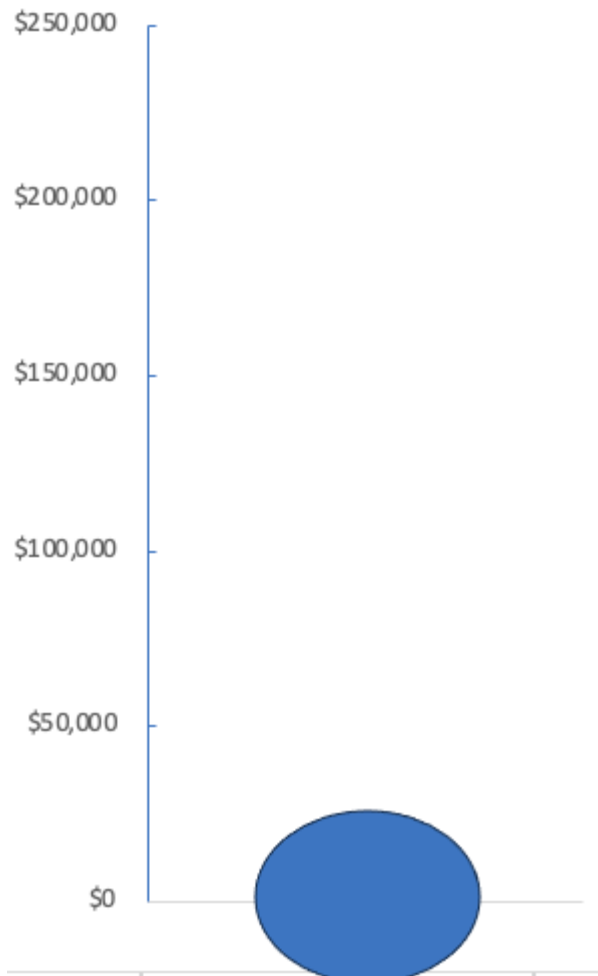
As I met with Treva, and I later met with the team leaders of Morris Brown, I was very interested to see how a community ministry that consisted of a racially diverse group of congregations would be able to work for justice. However, it has been through my work with CAJM that I have been encouraged to see how CAJM has been successfully able to work in our community to make a difference in policing practices, formal education, public transportation, and environmental justice.

Investing in CAJM

**Support CAJM with your
2024 investment!**

[**Click here to invest!**](#)

Total Congregational Investments



In 2024, we have \$8,546 in Congregational Investments. Thank you for your contributions.

Upcoming CAJM Events & Research Meetings



CALLS TO ACTION

ATTEND **FOUR** ORGANIZATION-WIDE EVENTS

4

Community Problems Assembly | October 30 @ 7pm

Rally | March 18 @ 7 p.m.

Nehemiah Action | April 15 @ 7pm

Celebration | May 20 @ 6:30pm

**Your congregation will also have a congregational Network Meeting in January or February before the Rally, date TBD*

3

BRING **THREE** PEOPLE TO THE NEHEMIAH ACTION

2

INVEST **\$200** IN THE WORK (OR AN AMOUNT THAT IS MEANINGFUL TO YOU)

1

SO WE CAN COME TOGETHER AS **ONE** UNIFIED VOICE FOR JUSTICE IN THE LOWCOUNTRY

Research Visits & Committee Meetings



Housing Call to Action

By Amber Campbell Moore

What: At the Charleston County's Special Housing Committee Meeting, a quarterly update was given that summarized recent actions taken by council as well as a number of agenda items related to their overall housing efforts. Of special note, staff recommended to allocate \$4.15 million to initially fund a program that would use local accommodations sales tax allocation for workforce housing. This program would give council the ability to put up to 15 percent of collected A-tax money for workforce housing. Staff also recommended to

authorize staff to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the S.C. Community Loan Fund to structure and manage the trust fund! County Council then voted on Feb. 13 to approve the recommendation. This is to be celebrated! It's what we've been asking for. So, at our full committee meeting, we will discuss next steps including turning out to County Council on Tues. Feb. 27 to congratulate the council on taking this next step forward, and what we can do at the Nehemiah Action.

When: Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Lonnie Hamilton Building, North Charleston

Negotiator Training

Negotiator Training Saturday March 9

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- THE ART OF NEGOTIATING
- WAYS TO USE YOUR SKILLS IN YOUR JUSTICE MINISTRY AND YOUR LIFE

REGISTER NOW

Treva Williams is hosting this training in Columbia, SC on Saturday, March 9 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM for all South Carolina organizations. \$100 per person

Charleston Area Justice Ministry
January 26, 2015 · 🌐

Jonathan Bonoek, photographer for the Charleston City Paper, has a feature this week around the photos that "...we should've run." The negotiations at the 2014 Nehemiah Action and a shout-out to the "steadfastness" of the Justice Ministry make an appearance. "Presentations typically don't lend themselves to great photos. But this one hosted by Charleston Area Justice Ministries was particularly interesting...I loved the intensity of this moment. The image depicts the frustration of Riley and the steadfastness of Justice Ministries."

We encourage all CAJM members to join us for research visits and full

committee meetings! Email dorightcajm@gmail.com to be connected with our research committees, and/or use the links below to sign up to attend.

Network Meetings

**Charleston Area
Justice Ministry**

Upcoming CAJM Events

Spring 2024

Network Meeting Sunday,
February 25th 1pm at Mt. Moriah
Missionary Baptist Church --
optional meal at 12pm

Rally Monday, March 18th 7pm
at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist
Church

Nehemiah Action Monday, April
15th 7pm at Mt. Moriah
Missionary Baptist Church

Celebration Monday, May 20th
7pm -- location TBD

**Mt. Moriah
Missionary Baptist**

7396 Rivers Ave.
North Charleston, SC

Network Meeting Congregations in Attendance

- Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist
- Blessed Sacrament Catholic
- Circular Congregational
- Church of the Holy Communion
- Mt. Zion AME Church
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church



Register for the Network Meeting on 2/25!

Link: <https://qrco.de/belRve>

GROUP 2

When: Sunday, February 25 at 1:00pm

Where: Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church (7396 Rivers Ave, North Charleston)

Congregations:

Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Circular Congregational Church

Church of the Holy Communion

Mt. Zion AME Church

St. Mark's Episcopal

[Register here](#)

Upcoming CAJM Events

Spring 2024

Network Meeting Sunday,
February 25th 2:30pm at Charity
Missionary Baptist -- optional
shared meal at 1:30pm

Rally Monday, March 18th 7pm
at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist
Church

Nehemiah Action Monday, April
15th 7pm at Mt. Moriah
Missionary Baptist Church

Celebration Monday, May 20th
7pm -- location TBD

Charity Missionary Baptist

1544 E Montague Ave.
North Charleston, SC

Network Meeting Congregations in Attendance

- Charity Missionary Baptist
- Grace City
- St. John Catholic
- First. Scots Presbyterian
- St. Matthew Baptist
- St. Stephen's Episcopal



Register for the Network Meeting on 2/25!
Link: <https://qrco.de/belKpt>

GROUP 3

When: Sunday, February 25 at 2:30pm

Where: Charity Missionary Baptist Church (1544 E. Montague Ave, North Charleston)

Congregations:

Charity Missionary Baptist Church
Grace City Church

St. John Catholic Church
First Scots Presbyterian Church St. Matthew Baptist
Church St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

[Register here](#)

GROUP 4

When: Monday, February 26 at 6:30pm

Where: St. James Presbyterian Church (1314
Secessionville Road, James Island)

Congregations:

St. James Presbyterian Church
Edisto Presbyterian Church
Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church
Parkside Church
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
College of Charleston
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Bethel/Salem Presbyterian Churches

[Register here](#)

GROUP 5

When: Tuesday, February 27 at 7pm

Where: Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church (302
Hibben Street, Mt. Pleasant)

Congregations:

Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church
Unitarian Church in Charleston
Greater Goodwill AME Church
St. Patrick Catholic Church
St. Paul Baptist Church

Providence Baptist Church
KKBE

Register [here](#)

Community Events



CARTA OnDemand is a partnership with Uber and Lyft that serves seniors and Tel-A-Ride paratransit customers throughout the designated CARTA fixed-route service area. Trips can cost as little as \$4 each way and rides can be scheduled with as little as one-hour notice.

Use OnDemand service for as little as \$4 Each Way!

CARTA OnDemand will connect riders going to or from destinations within the fixed-route area, **Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.- 5 p.m.** Trips with **Uber and Lyft** cost can cost as little as \$4 each way.

Who Can Ride?

CARTA OnDemand is open to all seniors 55+ as well as Tel-A-Ride customers. Seniors 55+ can register for CARTA OnDemand by completing the application. Tel-A-Ride customers are automatically registered but will need to contact CARTA and obtain a voucher to start riding with Uber or Lyft. To

request your voucher, email us at publiccomment@bcdcog.com or call us at 843-529-6284. Those who wish to apply for Tel-A-Ride can do so by completing the Tel-A-Ride Application.

<https://www.ridecarta.com/services/ondemand/apply/>
Copy and paste the link above to apply

Charleston County School Board Meeting

What: Charleston County School Board Meeting

When: 5:15 p.m., Feb. 26

Where: 75 Calhoun St., Charleston

Click this link to let us know if you are planning to attend any of the school board meetings and if you are planning to speak. Please arrive at **3 p.m.**

Grocery Classes

What: GroceryRx is a free community-based produce prescription program including nutrition & cooking classes, fresh & local fruits, vegetables, and local eggs for 6 months.

When: Jan 9 - April 2, Tuesdays, 12 - 1 p.m.

Where: Virtual

RSVP: Call 843.609.8188 to register or scan the QR Code below

REGAIN CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH!



Let food



GroceryRx is a **FREE** community-based produce prescription program including nutrition & cooking classes, fresh & local fruits, vegetables, and local eggs for 6 months. There are virtual and in-person class options to make it work for you and yours!

GRx gives you the tools & confidence to regain control of your health. Participants also get 1-on-1 sessions with a registered dietitian to focus on **you!**

**LOSE WEIGHT!
LOWER BLOOD SUGAR!
LOWER BLOOD PRESSURE!
LOWER BAD CHOLESTEROL!
REDUCE OR ELIMINATE MEDS!
AND GET FRESH VEGETABLES,
FRUITS & LOCAL EGGS FOR FREE!**



CLASSES WEEKLY
TUESDAYS 12-1 PM
JAN 9-APR 2
SUMMEY LIBRARY N CHAS



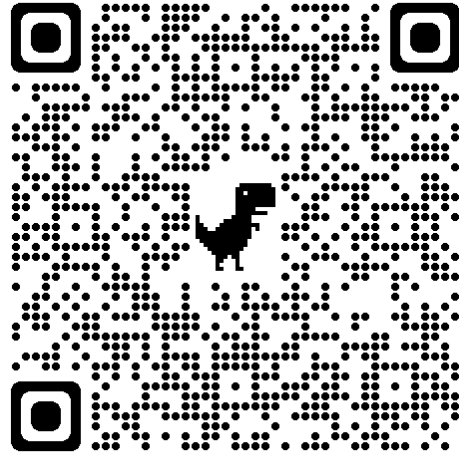
MORE INFO
& SIGN UP
THRU CODE
OR CALL
843.609.8188
*ASK FOR GRX TEAM!

LOWCOUNTRY
STREET GROCERY

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.



Follow CAJM on social media!



This email was sent to <<Email Address>>

[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

The Charleston Area Justice Ministry · PO BOX 71416 · North Charleston, South Carolina 29415 · USA