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Sharing our Stories



We are preparing for our Listening Process Kick-off. This prepares us for our series of house meetings that invite congregation and community members to share personal stories about the issues that impact them. Today's manna features one of our team leaders who shared how healthcare

access inspired her to join the revolutionary struggle for justice.

Margaret Ling, a team leader at Circular Congregational Church, works as a dietician in the intensive care unit at downtown Charleston's Roper Hospital. Though the pandemic was a stressful time for the entire nation, the virus placed a particular burden on healthcare workers.

Ling recalls dealing with the influx of sick patients. She remembers that even as people died from the virus, many others around the country and patients in the hospital still refused to take the pandemic seriously by refusing to wear masks and continuing to host large gatherings. Ling recalls how even political leaders failed to acknowledge the virus' severity, even as people of all socioeconomic statuses fell vulnerable to the disease.

Additionally, the pandemic highlighted existing disparities. Ling witnessed how certain segments of the population with underlying healthcare conditions, such as diabetes, faced other issues that further threatened their safety. For example, downtown Charleston's predominantly Black Gadsden Green neighborhood floods regularly. Floodwaters have been proven to contain e. coli, which can be harmful for those with preexisting health issues.

"I think I still held on to a lot of naivety that I attribute to my privilege," Ling said. "I think the hardest thing during the pandemic was realizing that no one is going to save you."

Ling saw that it was up to us - the community - to save one another.

This inspired Ling to join CAJM and get involved in the fight to save and restore Gadsden Creek, among other issues. She said she has a responsibility as a person of privilege to help those being most impacted by the problems facing our communities.

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Investing in CAJM

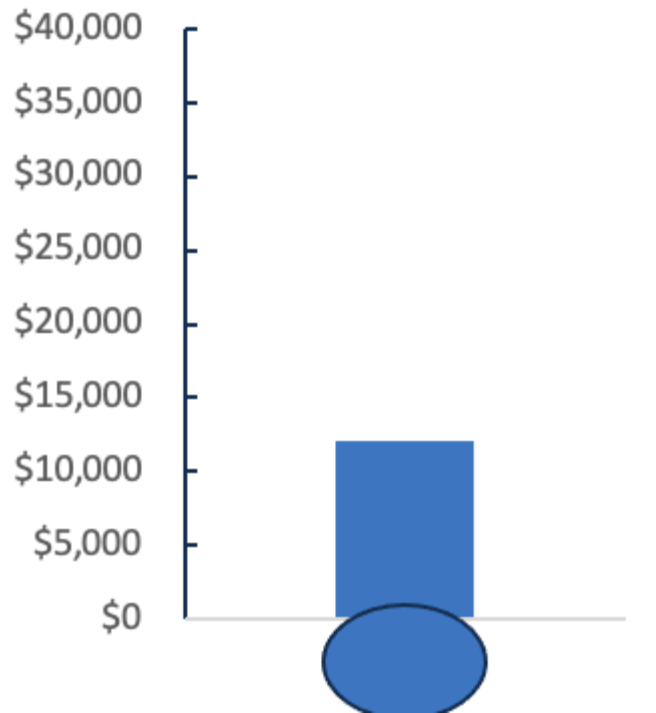


“ Our staff have to have a means of support. We’ve got to take care of CAJM’s staff because they are going to make sure the work gets done. ”

Rev. Eugene Richardson,
St. Andrew’s Presbyterian

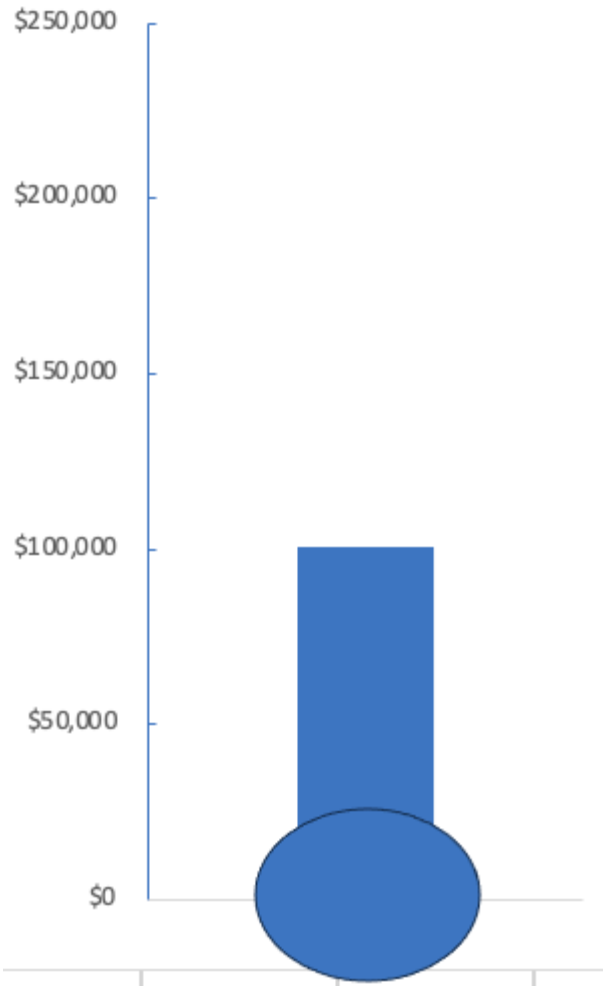


Congregational Investments



So far, we have raised \$12,101 **towards our Sept. 5 goal** of \$35,000 in congregational investments.

Total Congregational Investments



We've raised \$100,624 towards our overall goal of \$250,000 in investments.

Housing Action

CALL TO ACTION



What: We need representatives from each district to give a statement asking council about transparency regarding the status of the Housing Trust Fund.

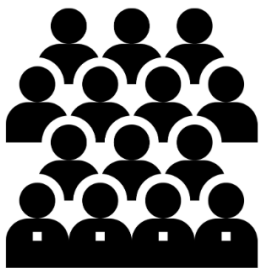
If you have a housing testimony, please let Amber (amber@thedartcenter.org) know if you would be willing to share it at the council meeting

When: Sept. 12, pre-meeting at 5:45 p.m.
Council meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Lonnie Hamilton Building, 4045
Bridge View Drive, North Charleston

RSVP: [Click this link to register.](#)

Upcoming Research Visits



Meeting with Councilman Keith Waring

What: CAJM will meet with Charleston City Councilman Keith Waring to discuss bringing up the Gadsden Creek issue again before City Council

When: Sept. 7, 2:30 p.m. (pre-meeting);
3:30 (actual meeting)

Where: TBA

RSVP: [Click this link to register.](#)



CAJM and Charleston Police Department to co-host Community Meeting

What: CPD will present racial bias data on stops, as well as department changes that have taken place since the racial bias audit.

When: Sept. 18 @6:30p.m.

Location: Burke High School,
244 President St., Charleston
Open to the entire community

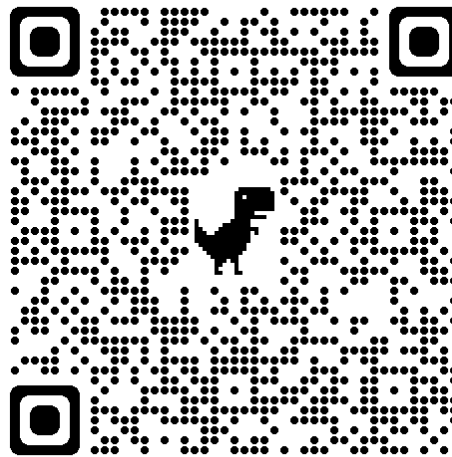
[Sign up for this meeting here](#)

[Click here](#) to see notes from CAJM's recent meeting with the Charleston Police Department.

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. Use [this link](#) if you want to join a committee. Use [this link](#) if you'd to go on a corporate visit.



Calendar

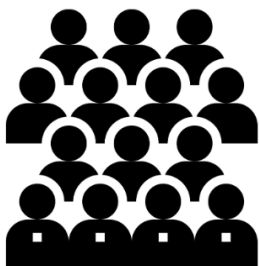


Full Housing Committee Meeting

What: CAJM Full Housing Committee Meeting

When: Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Morris Brown AME, 13 Morris St., Charleston



Meeting with International African American Museum

WHAT: We will meet with Dr. Sadar Shine to share our current work to restore and revitalize Gadsden Creek. International African American Museum

WHEN: The pre-meeting is at 11 a.m. at the Charleston Public Library, 68 Calhoun St, Charleston, SC 29401 (Tentative); Meeting at 12:00 PM

RSVP: Sign up to attend [HERE](#)

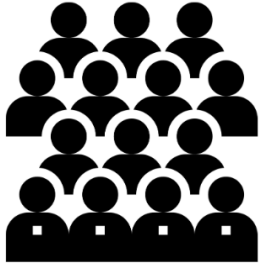
Clergy Connect

What: CAJM Clergy Connect (clergy only)

When: Sept. 21 11:30 - 1 p.m.



Where: St. Patrick Catholic Church
RSVP: [Click this link to register.](#)



North Charleston Mayoral Forum

What: CAJM will host a mayoral forum alongside the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Charleston Black Lives Matter, the Black Liberation Fund, Charleston Moves, North Charleston NAACP, the YWCA Greater Charleston, Community First Land Trust, and the Racial Justice Network. Join us to hear from North Charleston Mayoral Candidates on issues of public safety. We know that a safe community is a community where families have housing they can afford, healthcare that is accessible, affordable jobs that pay living wages, a strong public transportation system, after school programs for youth, economic opportunities and a strong education system just to name a few. Come hear from Mayoral candidates on how they plan to make our communities safer.

When: Oct. 14, 2:30 p.m.

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

Community Board

Charleston County Well, Septic Tank, and Connection Program.

What: This program provides safe water and wastewater or sewer systems for income-eligible residents by replacing failing wells and septic systems, providing maintenance services for wells and septic systems, and

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WELL, SEPTIC TANK AND CONNECTION PROGRAM

PROGRAM PURPOSE:
Charlotte County Council has approved funding to create a well septic tank and connection program that will provide residents of Charlotte County with safe water services.

PROGRAM SERVICES:
Install, inspect, and/or repair systems.
Assist with the cost of impact fees, tap fees, and plumbing fees associated with making water and sewer connections.

Eligibility Requirements

- Reside in Charlotte County
- Must be the primary residence of the owner.
- Provide proof of ownership or ownership interest in the case of held property.
- Meet the Department of Health Income Limits guidelines. Income guidelines can be viewed at [https://www.charlottecounty.org/department/Community Development](https://www.charlottecounty.org/department/Community%20Development)

Required Documents to Determine Eligibility

- Current state ID and identification card or driver's license
- Household income for all household members. Examples: Pay stubs for the last 30 days, pension award letter, or 2023 social security award letter.
- Current utility bill.
- Current tax bill, paid tax receipt, or property deed document proving ownership in the case of held property, provider affidavit, burial notice, well/leak claim claim deed, or birth certificate, etc.

HOW TO APPLY

In-person:
Workshops
Review the schedule on the back.

Online:
<https://portal.charlottecounty.gov/secure/charwellstcncdd>
NYSU/PDF/DOC

By Phone:
(843) 202-6980. For an application to be mailed.

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assisting with the cost of impact fees, tap fees, and plumbing fees for connection to existing water and sewer infrastructure.

When: Applications will be accepted on numerous sites Aug. 31 - Sept. 13.

Where: Click this link to see the

[application schedule.](#)

More information: For detailed information on eligibility requirements and

documentation needed for the program, [click this link.](#)





It's with great sadness we share Treva Williams will be stepping down from her contracted position with CAJM. See her letter attached [here](#). We are grateful for Treva's ten years of service with CAJM, most recently involving her contract work with our organization. Nonetheless, she won't be going far!

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