



The Power of **Possibility**



Here's a hypothetical question: What would the Charleston area look like if you had the freedom and ability to make it what you wanted it to be?

This might sound like an odd question, perhaps because it's so tempting to water down our dreams of the kinds of communities we envision because we know the barriers that stand in the way of social progress. Dreaming can seem immature and a waste of time.

But the sheer audacity to imagine a future in the Charleston area - a future not constrained by the lack of resources or prejudices - is powerful. Such a vision can inspire and embolden us as we engage in our listening process, make decisions in local elections, and strategically plan for CAJM's future.

In house meetings, think about what's possible. What are the issues that hinder the future we want to see in Charleston?

As you think of political candidates, think about what's possible. Which candidates embody your vision - and CAJM's vision - for a more just Charleston?

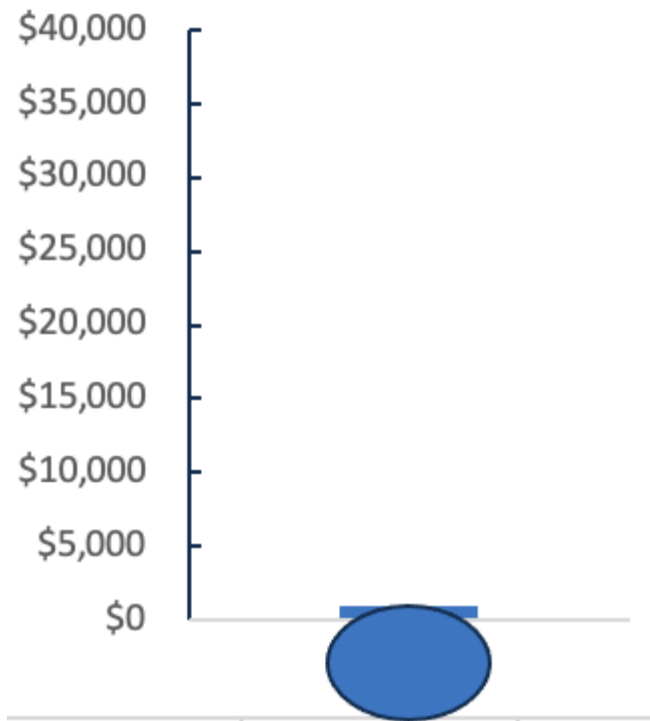
Let us be defined and guided not by what we think we can't do, but what we know we can do.

Support CAJM with your 2023 investment!

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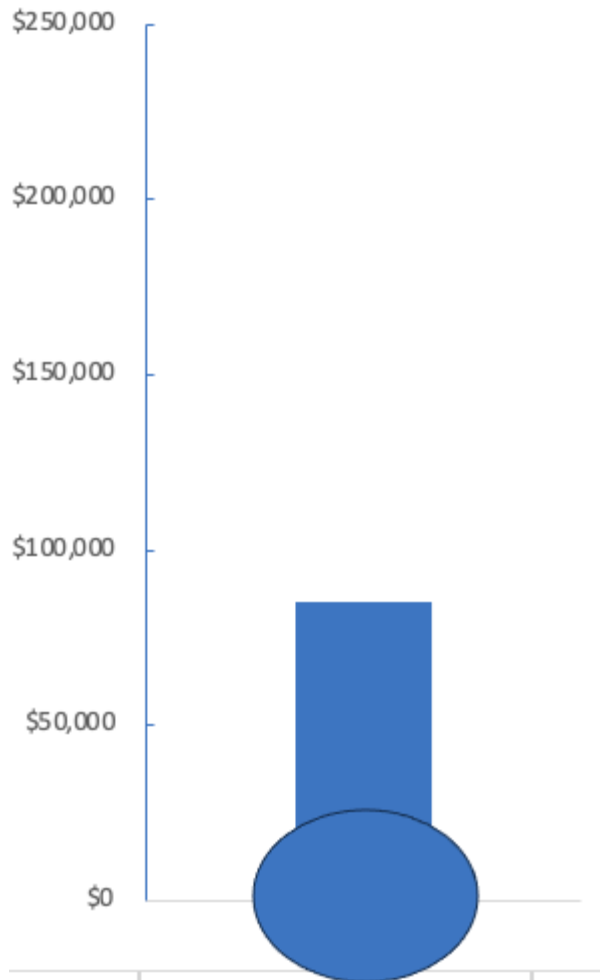
Investing in CAJM

Congregational Investments



Often, goals are best achieved when broken down into smaller steps. In order to successfully reach our financial mark of \$250,000 by December, we're aiming to raise \$35,000 by Sept. 5. We'll update this thermometer regularly to indicate how close we are to reaching our goal. Remember, we invest in CAJM that we might be investing in ourselves and our communities!

Total Congregational Investments



Thus far, we've received a total of \$85,000 in investments.



Call for corporate sponsorships

It's that part of our annual cycle that focuses on attracting corporate sponsors. Thus, we are asking each member to consider their relationships to local businesses. Are you connected to a Charleston area business that might consider being a CAJM sponsor? Some companies may have funding set aside specifically to assist with nonprofit and community-based work. Additionally, businesses are often looking for ways to

give back to the community. CAJM sponsors have their logos printed on our communications, are publicly acknowledged at our major meetings and events. Reach out to a CAJM organizer if you know a company that might willing to sponsor our ministry. Also, reach out to a CAJM organizer if you'd like to attend a corporate visit.

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Upcoming Research Visits

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.

CAJM and Charleston Police Department to co-host Community Meeting

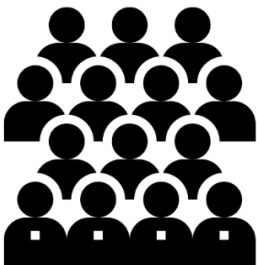
What: CPD will present racial bias data on stops, as well as department changes that have taken place since the racial bias audit.

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

Location: TBA

Open to the entire community

[Sign up for this meeting here](#)



Full Flooding and Policing Committee Meetings

When: July 25, Flooding - 5 p.m.; Policing - 6 p.m.

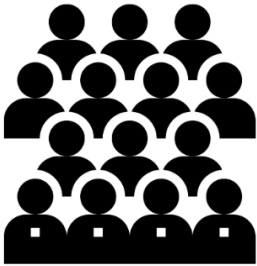
Where: Zoom

RSVP: Sign up [here](#).

Meeting with N. Chas. Police Chief Greg Gomes (policing committee)



When: Aug. 2
Pre-meeting: 9 a.m.
Meeting: 10:30 a.m.
Where: TBA
RSVP: Sign up [here](#).



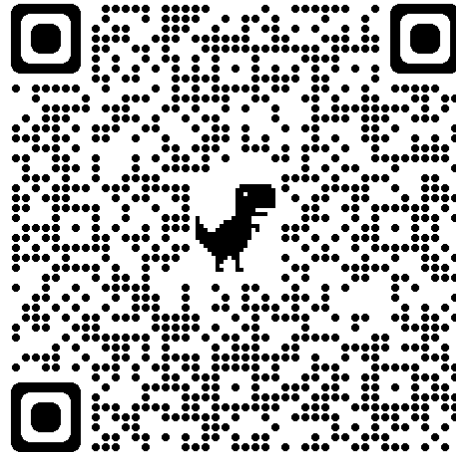
Meeting with Charleston Mayoral Candidate Peter Shahid

When: Aug. 8
Pre-meeting: 1 p.m.
Meeting: 2 p.m.
Where: Sign up [here](#)

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.

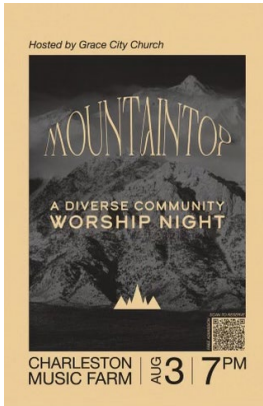


Community Board



CAJM in the news

Check out this [Charleston City Paper article](#) that highlights CAJM's continued efforts to save Gadsden Creek. Specifically, it features CAJM's Treva Williams and hydrologist Joshua Robinson, who argues the existing stream along Hagood Avenue is, in fact, part of the creek.



Mountaintop Worship Night

What: CAJM member congregation Grace City Church is hosting a diverse, community worship experience

When: Aug. 3 @ 7 p.m.

Where: Charleston Music Farm, 32 Ann St.



Praise in the Park

When: July 23 @ 12 p.m.

Where: Riverfront Park, 1061 Everglades Drive, North Charleston



Reynolds Ave. Transit Development Workshop

What: The Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments is hosting a workshop as part of the bus rapid transit project.

When: July 29 @ 10 a.m.

Where: St. Matthews Baptist Church, 2005 Reynolds Avenue, North Charleston

CAJM Calendar

NETWORK MEMBER CALLS TO ACTION

ATTEND **FOUR** ORGANIZATION-WIDE EVENTS

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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*

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bRING **THREE** PEOPLE TO THE NEHEMIAH ACTION

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

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