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**We need YOU to turn out strong for  
the Charleston Police Department's  
Public Forums on the Racial Bias  
Audit!**

## Feedback Needed!

Share your experiences, thoughts, and satisfaction with the  
Charleston Police Department



### When/Where

Saturday, May 20, 10 AM - 12 PM

Bees Landing Recreation Center, 1580 Ashley Gardens Blvd, 29414

Thursday, May 25, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Main Library Auditorium, 68 Calhoun Street 29401

\*Hosted by the Racial Bias Audit External Review & Assessment Team. This will be a safe, supportive environment. Refreshments will be provided. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. If unable to attend, share your thoughts at [cpdracialbiasfeedback@gmail.com](mailto:cpdracialbiasfeedback@gmail.com) or 843-619-7342.

Moderators: Bob Kahle, Thuane B. Fielding

[Click here to let us know you are coming!](#)

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## Welcome to CAJM's new Communications Director, Rev. Rickey Dennis!

After a year of fundraising and work to identify the right candidate, we have hired our first-ever Communications Director! We are excited to announce that the Rev. Rickey Dennis will be joining us on staff full time in June. Rev. Rickey attended the Celebration on Monday and met many of you. His bio is below. If you'd like to send him a welcome message, you can do so by emailing [anna@thedartcenter.org](mailto:anna@thedartcenter.org).

Rickey Ciapha Dennis, Jr., is the son of the late Rev. Dr. Rickey C. Dennis, Sr., and Mrs. Tonya C. Dennis. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communication from Winthrop University in 2015. For the past seven years, Rickey has worked for local newspapers covering a wide range of communities including Summerville, Moncks Corner and North Charleston.



Rickey has worked as the local government and religion beat reporter for *The Post & Courier* in Charleston, South Carolina since 2018, where he has covered issues relating to affordable housing, gentrification, criminal justice, healthcare, flooding and other problems. He has a passion for using communication as a tool to advance the causes of equity.

Rickey is also an ordained minister. In 2021, Rickey was appointed pastor of Mount Nebo AME Church in Awendaw, SC. He's also pursued higher education. On May 6, 2023, Rickey graduated with a Masters in Divinity degree from Dickerson-Green Theological Seminary at Allen University. Above all else, Rickey is most proud to be married to Sis. Zaria Dennis. In his free time, Rev. Dennis enjoys reading, exercising, watching sports, listening to music, and coffee.

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## **CAJM is hiring an Associate Organizer! Apply now!**

Associate Organizers will spend their most time in the community developing relationships with grassroots leaders and moving our issue campaigns forward. Organizers train leaders in our member congregations to engage others in doing justice, and guide them in conducting research into community problems and creating winnable issue campaigns. Organizers also recruit new congregations, organize

public direct action events, and coordinate an annual fundraising drive. We are looking for people who have a passion for justice and have acted on it, and who can build strong relationships with people from all walks of life. Interested?

Learn more and apply at: [thedartcenter.org/careers](https://thedartcenter.org/careers).

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## Upcoming Research Visits

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We encourage all CAJM members to join us for research visits and full committee meetings! Email [dorightcajm@gmail.com](mailto:dorightcajm@gmail.com) to be connected with our research committees, and/or use the links below to sign up to attend.

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### **Public Forum #1 - Charleston Police Department Racial Bias Audit Assessment Team**

**What:** Turn out to share your thoughts and experiences with the Charleston Police Department

**When:** Saturday, May 20 @ 10:00am

**Where:** Bees Landing Rec Center (1580 Ashley Garden Blvd)

**RSVP:** [Click here to sign up](#)

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### **North Charleston Deputy Chief Karen Cordray (Policing)**

**What:** We will be meeting with Deputy Chief Cordray to review questions about the North Charleston Racial Bias Audit

**When:** Tuesday, May 23

**Pre-Meeting:** 12:00 (*You MUST attend the pre-meeting to attend the meeting!*)

**Meeting:** 1:00

**Where:** CAJM Office (2021 Reynolds Ave)

**RSVP:** [Click here to sign up](#)

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## **Environmental Justice Full Committee Meeting**

**What:** Come for an update from the Steering Committee and to strategize on next steps!

**When:** Tuesday, May 23 @ 5:00pm

**Where:** Zoom

**RSVP:** [Click here to get a link](#)

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## **Public Forum #2 - Charleston Police Department Racial Bias Audit Assessment Team**

**What:** Turn out to share your thoughts and experiences with the Charleston Police Department

**When:** Thursday, May 25 @ 5:30pm

**Where:** Charleston Main Library Auditorium (68 Calhoun Street)

**RSVP:** [Click here to sign up](#)

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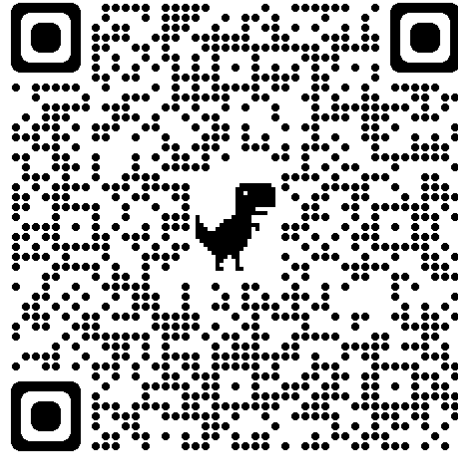
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**New to CAJM and want more information?**

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.



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## Community Board

Help end predatory lending in South Carolina!



CAJM is a member of the SC Fair Lending Alliance, a statewide coalition advocating to pass legislation to cap interest rates on consumer loans in our state at 36%. Currently, there is no limit, which has allowed some supervised lenders to charge as much as 950% APR.

Last year, a House bill failed to make it to a vote before the legislative

session ended. However, a similar bill (**S.518**) was recently introduced in the Senate by SC Senator Katrina Frye-Shealy (District 23) to cap interest rates at 36%. Write, email, or call your SC Senators to make them aware of bill S.518. Use this **Take Action Form** which will pre-populate a message of support. You may personalize it or send as is. Your actions are helping prevent a cause of homelessness and helping ensure people in our community can build economic stability.

Contact Susan Fender, Circular Church, (864-905-5466) to learn how your congregation can become more involved.

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