



Rally Re-cap: Press forward, for change!

Thank you to the 333 CAJM Network Members and guests who came to our annual Rally, held at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church! People from our 40 congregations gathered to celebrate the successes of our campaigns while also acknowledging that there's still much work to be done as we continue to "press forward for change." Here's a quick recap:

Our Housing Committee celebrated the County Council's decision to set aside \$4.15 million from A-Tax revenues towards affordable housing through a housing trust fund, something CAJM has been advocating for the past six years. Way to go, Housing Committee!

Our Restorative Practices Committee spoke about their partnership with Charleston County School District to successfully implement proven ways to build strong, positive relationships between students, staff, and teachers. District staff even came to share data on the progress of Restorative Practices. Keep up the fantastic work, Restorative Practices Committee!

Our Environmental Justice Campaign reemphasized the need to restore and revitalize Gadsden Creek, negating various falsehoods that claim the creek is a ditch. In reality, Gadsden Creek is a toxin-free, natural waterway that the community cares about and wants to preserve. Let's continue to fight for the truth and the well-being of our environment! Committee members reminded us that To Take the Creek You Take Their

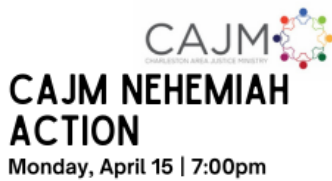
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Our Policing Committee shared the groundbreaking progress the City of Charleston has made following the completion of its audit and external review assessment. CAJM is now working on groundbreaking plans to ensure racial bias is completely eradicated from law enforcement practices. Attending the Nehemiah Action is one of many steps it will take to ensure Just that. We Must Press Forward, For Change!

Our new Education Committee spoke on how systemic racism, gender bias, backroom deals, and unethical conduct - are failing our children in CCSD. The committee is exploring ways an audit and training for the board would create a more solid and equitable structure to put children at the heart of their work. Let's stand together for the future of our children's education!

We also welcomed a new congregation to the CAJM family - St. Matthew's Lutheran Church! We're thrilled to have you join us in our fight for justice and equity.

The rally reminded us that it has been our collective people power that has worked over these years to create change in our community, and it is going to take that same power to Press Forward, For Change! Remember to bring 3 others with you to the Nehemiah Action on April 15 at 7 p.m. at Mt. Moriah, where we'll meet with elected officials and press them to make policy changes that are in the community's best interest. Together, we can Press Forward, for Change!



Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist
7396 Rivers Ave, N. Charleston

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or organization: _____

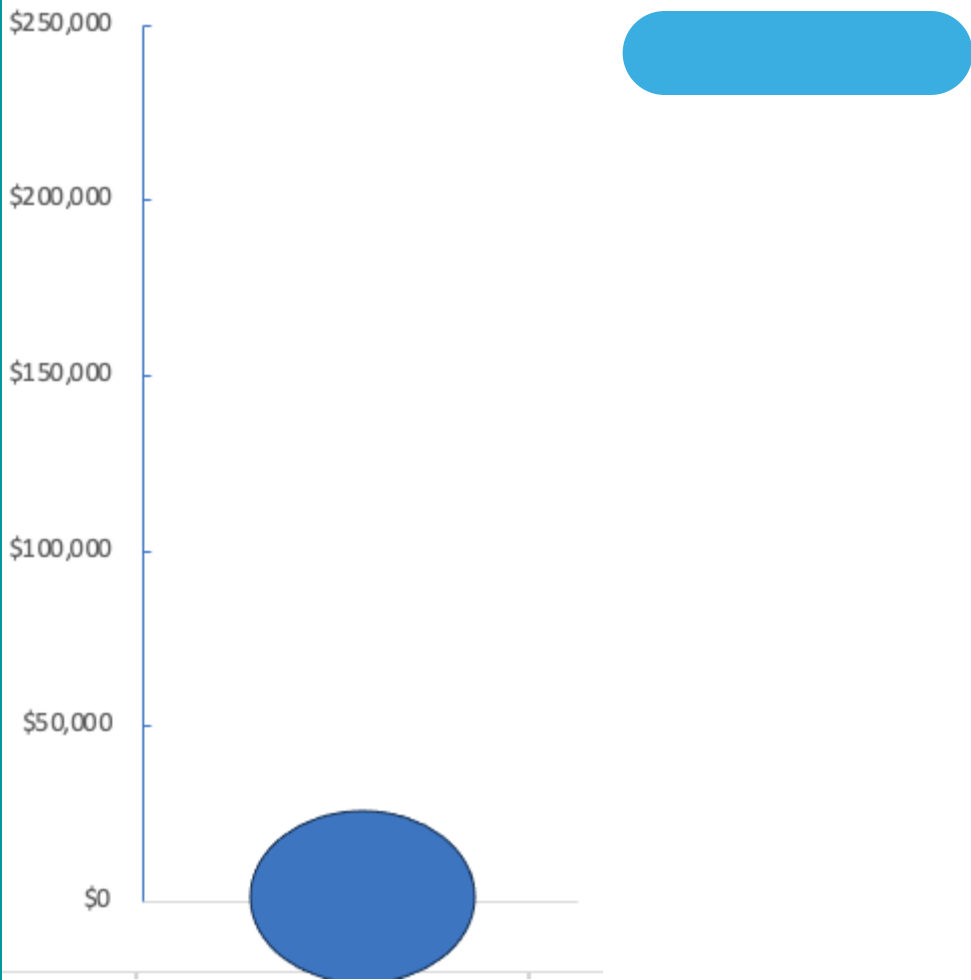
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Investment Update

In 2024, we've raised \$29,971 in Congregational Investments. Thank you for your contributions.

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Upcoming CAJM events and Research Visits

CAJM Presents The

Nehemiah Action

April 15 | 7 p.m. | Mt. Moriah
(7396 Rivers Ave.)



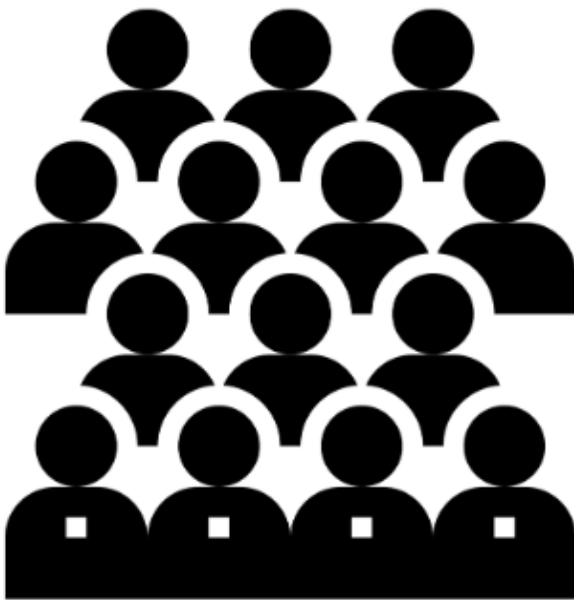
What to expect at the Nehemiah Action

This is our annual direct action event aimed at getting clear commitments from public officials to agree to policy decisions that are in the community's best interest. This year, we will:

- **Push Chas. County School Board to ensure systemic racism, gender bias, backroom deals, and unethical conduct will not continue to fail our children.**
- **Advocate for the restoration and revitalization of Gadsden Creek.**
- **Share our groundbreaking plans to ensure racial bias is completely eradicated from law enforcement practices**

Upcoming CAJM events and Research Visits

What: CAJM Offices Closed
When: March 29



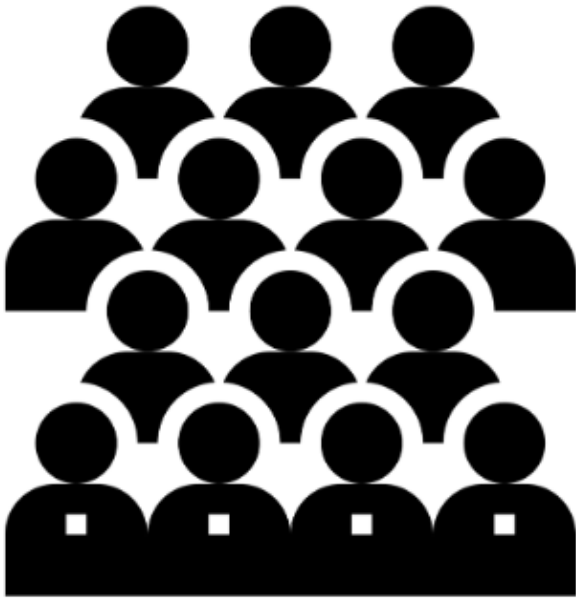
What: Councilman Wehrman Pre-Action Meeting

When: Tuesday, April 2, 11-11:30 a.m.
(pre-meeting at 10 a.m.)

Where: Zoom

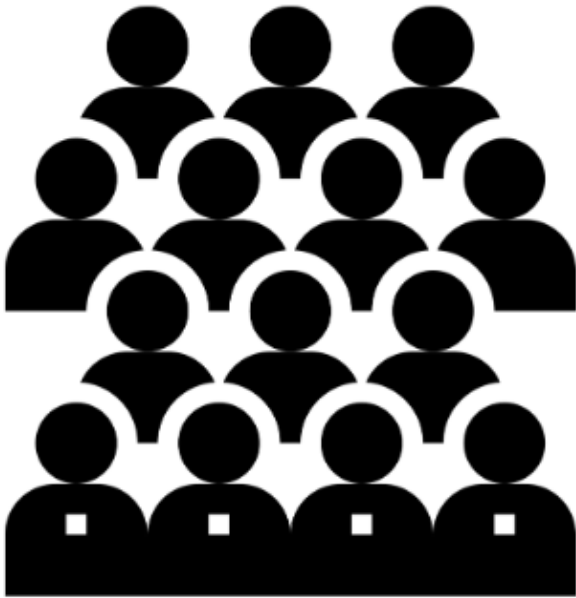
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When: Thursday, April 4, 4:15-4:45 p.m.
(pre-meeting at 3:15 p.m.)



What: Education Steering Committee Meeting

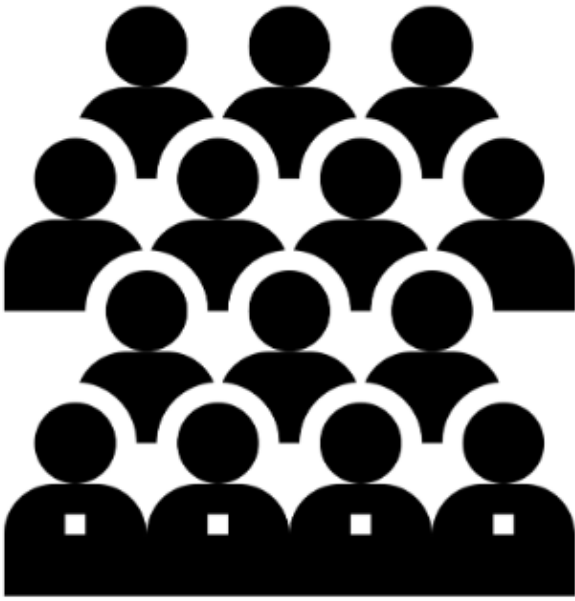
When: Thursday, April 4, 6 p.m.



What: CCSD School Board Meeting

When: Monday, March 25, 5:15 p.m.

Interested in speaking? Let us know [here](#)



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