



# DO YOUR PART

# BRING THREE!

## **Remember to invite all your people to the Nehemiah Action!**

Shields Green, a formerly enslaved person who had escaped to New York from bondage in Charleston, South Carolina in the 1800s, was once asked by Frederick Douglass whether Green would risk his life to join a planned slave insurrection at Harper's Ferry led by abolitionist John Brown. Douglass, who himself had escaped slavery, couldn't be convinced to risk his life in Brown's planned raid that was sure to provoke violent retaliation from the government. But Green was decided: "I b'leve I'll go wid de ole man," he said referring to Brown.

What did John Brown say to Shields Green to convince him to join the violent struggle for justice? I'm still determining. But this story gives me some strength leading up to our 12th Nehemiah Action. Surely, if John Brown can convince Shields Green to put his life on the line for justice, you can convince your neighbors to show up for an assembly to advocate for a better community.

So, how can we convince our neighbors to attend to the Nehemiah Action? It doesn't take guilt to get them into attending. Instead, we must emphasize why the Action is important.

Ask them if they can think of another yearly gathering in the Charleston area where more than 1,000 people assemble in the name of justice? (surely, they can't.) Tell them that powerful people and systems have long strategically kept communities divided in order to maintain the status quo. Tell them that Nehemiah Action brings together more than a thousand people to ensure public officials feel the urgency to address community problems. Tell them it's hard for us all to bring about change in areas of education, police reform, and environmental justice when people feel isolated, alone and helpless.

Our goal for this year's action is 1,500 people. However, the only way we reach that goal is if each of us does our part. Invite enough people to bring your three. Let's work together to press forward for change.

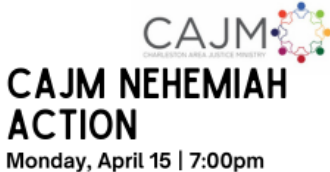
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Want a new CAJM t-shirt? [Order here!](#)

Are you interested in singing in the Community Choir for the Nehemiah Action? [Register here!](#)

Do you want to volunteer for the action? [Sign up here!](#)

Childcare will be provided. If your child has allergies or special dietary restrictions, please bring snacks.



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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation  
or organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Who  
invited  
you? \_\_\_\_\_

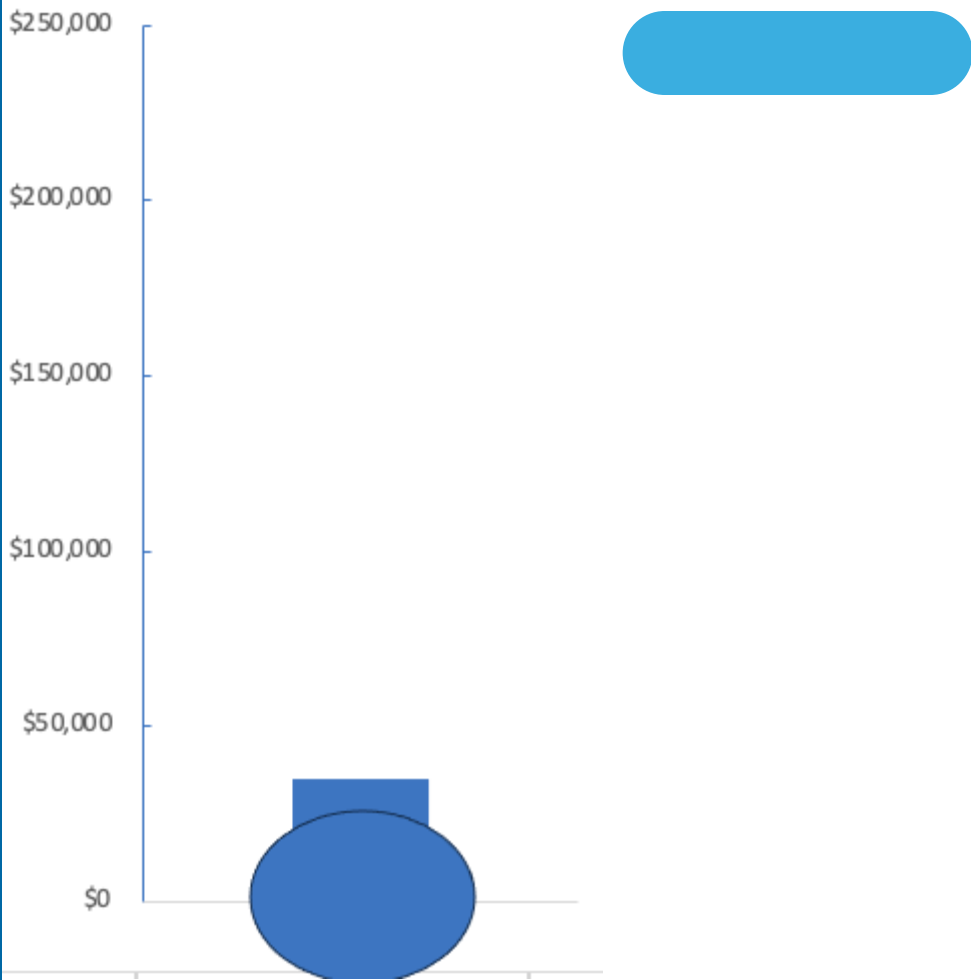
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In 2024, we've raised \$35,609.09. in  
Congregational Investments. Thank you for  
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# Total Congregational Investments



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:

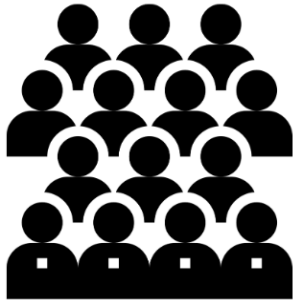
- **Push Chas. County School Board to ensure systemic racism, gender bias, backroom deals, and unethical conduct will not continue to fail our children.**
- **Advocate for the restoration and revitalization of Gadsden Creek.**
- **Share our groundbreaking plans to ensure racial bias is completely eradicated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

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## Housing Action!

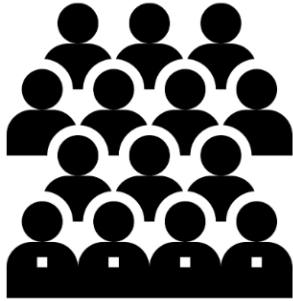
Did you miss the chance to thank Charleston County Council for allocating funding for affordable housing? There's still time to do so. Write a note to council that will be shared at the upcoming Nehemiah Action. You can write a thank you or share a story about why affordable housing is important to you. **Email notes to Anna Long [anna@charlestonareajusticeministry.org](mailto:anna@charlestonareajusticeministry.org) by Wednesday, April 10.**

**What:** Councilman Sass Pre-Action Meeting  
**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:** Environmental Justice Full Committee Meeting

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

**RSVP:** [Click here](#)



**What:** Nehemiah Action Rehearsal

**When:** Monday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.



**What:** Education Full Committee Meeting

**When:** Tuesday, April 9, 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** Zoom

**RSVP:** [Click here](#)



**What:** Community Choir Rehearsal

**When:** Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m.



**What:** Clergy Connect  
**When:** April 11, 11:30 a.m.  
**Where:** Morris Brown AME, 13 Morris Street  
**RSVP:** [Click here!](#)

## Community Events



### FROM SCELP

You are invited to join us on **Earth Day, Monday, April 22, from 3-4:30pm** to pick up litter along Hagood Avenue and [Gadsden Creek](#), one of the last remaining tidal creeks on the Charleston peninsula. Bring friends, co-workers, or family members to celebrate Earth Day by keeping litter out of our waterways! Please arrive a few minutes early to park and get checked in. We will meet at **Harmon Field, located at 210 President Street**. Be sure to wear closed-toe shoes or mud boots and bring a reusable water bottle. All clean-up materials will be provided

This event is part of Lowcountry Land Trust's [Lowcountry Earth Week](#) and we are grateful to be organizing the litter sweep alongside [Friends of Gadsden Creek](#) and the [South Carolina Aquarium](#).

This is a free event, but please [register beforehand](#) so we can plan accordingly. I hope to see you there!

**Want to get involved in CAJM? [Click here](#)**



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