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## Memorial Day Reflection; thank you for making the Celebration a success

Today, we celebrate Memorial Day to recognize fallen soldiers of the U.S. Armed Forces. One of the earliest celebrations of deceased soldiers in America took place in Charleston in May of 1865, when thousands of newly-freed slaves honored the remains over 260 Union Troops at present-day Hampton Park. How unexpected it might have been for the enslaved or their oppressors to believe that African Americans would one day become free enough to publicly honor those who died to help liberate the enslaved. It is just as unlikely as the formation of our Justice Ministry - a multiracial group of individuals across faith traditions coming together to advocate for justice in the Deep South. And yet, for more than a decade, CAJM has led the charge for equity and justice in a region that has historically treated people unfairly.

Today, we honor those who died for justice as we continue to live out what justice looks like through our advocacy for ethical governance in education, reducing racial bias in policing, affordable housing, and environmental justice.

Finally, on another note, we'd like to extend a huge shoutout to all of you for making the annual Celebration a success! We'd like to extend a special thanks to Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor Byron Benton, Fox Audio Visual, Keoni's, Fetter Healthcare Network, and all of our CAJM volunteers! If you missed the Celebration, click here to watch.

## Investment Update

In 2024, we've raised $58,752 in Congregational Investments. Thank you for your contributions.

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**What:** Education Steering Committee
**When**: May 28, 1:15 p.m.

**What:** Environmental Justice Full Committee Meeting
**When**: June 6, 6 p.m.
**Where**: Zoom

**What:** Executive Board Meeting
**When**: June 11, 6:30 p.m.

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