



2025 Nehemiah Action Recap

CAJM family - you showed up last week!

Because you showed up, our Nehemiah Action was a success. Because you showed up, so did our public officials, who committed to creating some of the changes we seek.

The Nehemiah Action is about accountability - in front of our great assembly, and documented clearly, the public officials in attendance gave yes or no commitments to our well-researched and reasonable solutions to our community's problems. Now, we can hold them to their word.

To recap:

- **For North Charleston policing.** Chief Ron Camacho committed to holding a community meeting by the end of the September, to address racial disparities in traffic stops.
 - He agreed that, *provided enough funding*, NCPD leadership will participate in a bias training in collaboration with CAJM and the YWCA.
 - Mayor Reggie Burgess agreed to support the community meeting **and** fight for funding for the bias training.
- **For school governance.** we asked four questions to the four CCSD board members in attendance. Here are their responses.
 - (1) We asked them to advocate for public comment to be reinstated at the Committee of the Whole and Audit & Finance Committee meetings
 - Kevin Hollinshead - yes
 - Dr. Carol Tempel - yes
 - Michel Leber - yes
 - Keith Grybowski - yes
 - (2) We asked them to advocate for required quarterly community engagement sessions, hosted by each board member
 - Kevin Hollinshead - yes
 - Dr. Carol Tempel - yes
 - Michel Leber - yes
 - Keith Grybowski - yes
 - (3) We asked them to advocate for the board to hire a certified parliamentarian to ensure proper procedures are followed at board meetings
 - Kevin Hollinshead - yes
 - Dr. Carol Tempel - yes
 - Michel Leber - no, but agreed to advocate for more training for the district's current legal staff
 - Keith Grybowski - no, and did not *clearly* agree to advocate for more training for the district's current legal staff
 - (4) We asked them to advocate for board members to be required to acquire 20 points of education through the South Carolina School Board Association
 - Kevin Hollinshead - yes
 - Dr. Carol Tempel - yes
 - Michel Leber - no, but agreed to advocate for each board member to be required to have an individual professional development plan that includes training provided by other organizations, such as the National School Board Association
 - Keith Grybowski - no, but agreed to advocate for each board member to be required to have an individual professional development plan that includes training provided by other organizations, such as the National School Board Association; *as well as* increased funding in the budget for trustee training

There were 896 people in the room that heard these commitments. We are working to have the video available on our NEW YouTube channel as soon as possible - [here is the link to our channel.](#)

One thing that was crystal clear at this event is that our presence matters. And showing up doesn't stop here. CAJM only wins through our persistence, and through strong volunteer leaders that push our issues forward. **We need YOU to be involved in these ongoing campaigns and help to plan the follow up on these commitments.** Join our next full committee meetings for policing and/or school governance. [See our calendar below!](#)

Next Up - The Celebration!

CAJM CHARLESTON AREA JUSTICE MINISTRY

Celebration

register here!

**MONDAY
JUNE 2ND
6:30PM**

GREATER ST. LUKE
78 GORDON ST.

Now, let's have some fun!

What: THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION!
When: Monday, June 2, 6:30pm
Where: Greater St. Luke AME Church (78 Gordon Street)
RSVP: [Click here to RSVP](#)

Coming together as a joyful, united, diverse community so that we can refresh and rejuvenate? ***That's a powerful act.***

This is our time to CELEBRATE! We will have food, music, activities, and awards. Will you be there?? [Click here to register!](#)

[Click here for a PDF version of the flyer.](#)

This also an opportunity to win the JUSTICE CUP, our newest annual tradition! Last year, Parkside Church took the prize. Who will rise to the occasion this year?

The Justice Cup is based on (1) what percentage of your Network Members come to the Celebration, and (2) what percentage of your 2025 investment drive goal is raised by the Celebration!

The winning congregation or organization will be announced the following week.

[Don't forget to register!](#)

Upcoming Events



What: Charleston AND North Charleston Policing Full Committees!
When: Tuesday, May 20 5:00pm
Where: Zoom
RSVP: [Click here to register for the Zoom.](#)



What: School Governance Full Committee
When: Tuesday, May 20 6:30pm
Where: Zoom
RSVP: [Click here to register for the Zoom.](#)



What: Clergy Connect - all justice-minded clergy are invited to gather for Fellowship, a text study, and lunch!
When: Thursday, May 22 11:30am to 1:00pm
Where: Morris Brown AME Church
RSVP: [Click here to RSVP](#)



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Farewell and Deepest Gratitude from Amber Campbell-Moore

Dear CAJM Family,

As I prepare to begin the next chapter of my journey, I wanted to take a moment to reflect and express my deepest gratitude for the time I have spent working alongside each of you. Serving with the Charleston Area Justice Ministry has been an honor and a profound learning experience—one that I will carry with me always.

Together, we have labored tirelessly for justice, striving to make our community more equitable and compassionate. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities I have had to contribute to this important work, and even more so for the relationships I have built along the way. The passion, resilience, and commitment I have witnessed within this community have left an unforgettable mark on my heart.

I want to extend a special thank you to those who have guided and supported me during my time with CAJM. I am genuinely grateful for every shared strategy session, every community gathering, and every hard-fought campaign. I have learned so much from so many of you and I am encouraged by so many people willing to speak truth to power!

I am especially thankful for the support and trust you all have extended to me. I have grown both professionally and personally through our shared struggles and triumphs. Thank you for challenging me, inspiring me, and teaching me about people power! Your dedication to justice is inspiring, and I am confident that the ministry will continue to drive meaningful change in Charleston and beyond.

Although I am stepping away from my role, please know that my commitment to the work of justice remains unwavering. I will always be an ally and a supporter in this work. I look forward to witnessing the powerful changes that are yet to come and still being connected to CAJM, just in a different capacity. I'd love to still be in touch with you all so please drop me a line if you ever feel so inclined at AmberCampbellMoore@gmail.com.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve, learn, and grow with you. I am forever grateful.

In solidarity and gratitude,
Amber Campbell-Moore, OLY, MPA

Investments

Ways to invest

CAJM CHARLESTON AREA JUSTICE MINISTRY

Cash App: \$DoJustice
scan the QR code and follow the instructions

Givelify:
The Charleston Area Justice Ministry
scan the QR code and follow the instructions

Online:
www.tinyurl.com/give2cajm

You can also mail cash or checks to
Charleston Area Justice Ministry PO Box 71416 North Charleston, SC 29415. Make your check out to Charleston Area Justice Ministry



GOAL: \$250,000

26% \$65,861

We've already raised **\$65,861** this year in congregational investments. We look forward to your continued support this year as we reach our goal of \$250,000!

[Click here to invest](#)

Want to receive updates from our issue committees? Let us know [here](#).



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