



## What to Expect at the Nehemiah Action

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**6:30 PM MON. MAY 5**

Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church  
7396 Rivers Avenue  
North Charleston

Join 1,500+ engaged community members at this year's Nehemiah Action!

At the Action, we will celebrate our recent wins - the ecological corridor that will safeguard Gadsden Creek (see more below), and the affordable housing trust fund that Charleston County has established! For active issues, we will be focused on Charleston and North Charleston policing, as well as Charleston County school board governance.

Confirmed public officials:

- North Charleston's Police Chief Ron Camacho
- CCSD Board of Trustees Members: Mr. Keith Grybowski (District 1), Ms. Michele Leber (District 6), Mr. Kevin Hollinshead (District 4), and Dr. Carol Tempel (District 9)
- Others TBD!

[Click here to register for the Action!](#)

## School Governance Research Visits Recap

This week has been another week full of research visits with CCSD School Board Trustees. We met with Dr. Carol Tempel, Mr. Kevin Hollinshead, and Ms. Michele Leber to get their insight and perspective on the topics that our research has proven to be most pertinent right now. All three trustees were very forthcoming with their standpoint on the questions that were asked of them. In addition to their thoughtful responses to our asks, **they all agreed to attend the Nehemiah Action to publicly negotiate and share their positions!** Earlier this month we met with Board Chair Keith Grybowski who will also take part in the negotiations.

In preparation for the upcoming Nehemiah Action, as is our process, we will ask each public official questions that they will respond to with "yes" or "no" answers. They then will have the opportunity to explain their decisions. Each of these questions are within their power to enact, have been well researched, and are reasonable solutions to some of our communities' concerns. This year we are making four requests of the trustees:

- 1 - Will you advocate for a policy that reinstates a public comment period at the Committee of the Whole and all committee level meetings?
- 2 - Will you advocate for a policy that would require board members to commit to hosting public engagement sessions in their district "to ensure constructive two-way dialogue," at least once a quarter?
- 3 - Will you advocate for the board to hire and retain a parliamentarian, certified by the National Association of Parliamentarians, to be present at all school board meetings and ensure all proper procedures are followed?
- 4 - Will you advocate for the board to adopt a policy that requires each board member to annually acquire at least 20 points of education through the SC School Board Association?

It is easy for an official to sit in a private meeting and make decisions that affect our lives. It is not easy for them to step on stage and face over 1,000+ organized community members and tell us they will not do what's best for our community. **That's why it is of the utmost importance for you to be there on Monday, May 5th at 6:30pm!** Not just you, but your family, your friends, and anyone you think would want to be part of real solutions.

Your presence MATTERS...your voice MATTERS!

When we show up, WE WIN!!!

[Click here to register for the Action!](#)

## Call for Volunteers:

Showing up takes many forms! When you register for the Action ([click here](#)) - you'll see an option under "Roles" to select "Volunteer." Please select this option if you are able to be at Mt. Moriah at 4:30pm on Monday the 5th, to help set up and check people in! We will be in touch with specific needs as the date gets closer.

We do specifically need **volunteers who can bring computers to help with check-in**. These volunteers will dramatically improve our efficiency at the door and help us accurately track our attendance numbers—important data that proves our community strength.

**Please email [niki@charlestonareajusticeministry.org](mailto:niki@charlestonareajusticeministry.org) if you are able to bring your laptop and help with check-in on May 5th!**

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"It is now, more than ever, necessary that political leaders be outstanding for honesty, integrity and commitment to the common good. Thus will they be able to marshal the moral resources needed to face the demands of the present, and to pass on to coming generations a society of authentic justice, solidarity and peace."

## Upcoming Events



**What:** Meeting with North Charleston Mayor Burgess (Re: Policing)  
**When:** **TODAY, Monday, April 28**  
Pre-meeting (mandatory) at **2pm**  
Meeting at 3pm  
**Where:** CAJM Office, 2021 Reynolds Ave  
**RSVP:** [Click here to RSVP](#)



**What:** Nehemiah Action  
**When:** Monday, May 5!  
**6:30pm - arrive early for parking!**  
**Where:** Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, 7396 Rivers Ave., North Charleston  
**RSVP:** [Click here to register](#)



**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](#)

## The Nehemiah Action is on Monday, May 5!

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

### Registration Options:

1) [click here to register online](#)

OR, 2) print the [ticket below](#) and bring it with you to the Action

*You don't have to register to attend, but we do appreciate it!*



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\* Please arrive early to give yourself time for parking

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

Your email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Who Invited You? \_\_\_\_\_

## Investments

# Ways to invest

**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](http://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

**Total Congregational Investments**

We've already raised **\$47,713** 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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