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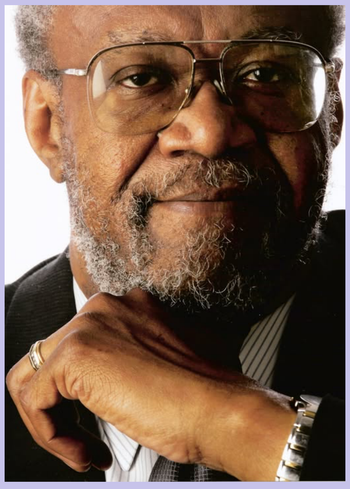
Thank You, Rev. Joseph Darby



Dear Friends,

As we prepare for a new season of CAJM's justice work together, we find ourselves pausing to mourn the profound loss of one of our most esteemed leaders. The Rev. Joseph Darby, our first CAJM co-president who served alongside Fr. Dow Sanderson has passed away. As Rev. Rutledge shared with us: "As news of his passing has reached us, we find ourselves at a loss for words. We bow our heads, mum and mumbling, searching for a prayer. How can we name our thanks?"

There was only one Joe Darby.

Many of us remember his gentle giant posture—the way he carried himself with both humility and strength. We remember his soft baritone that could climb into a mighty roar when justice demanded it. We remember his prolific writing, often gracing the pages of the Post and Courier, and his most recent tireless efforts on the CAJM healthcare committee, working alongside leaders such as Rev. Byron Benton, Julia Eichelberger, Minister Rhulaunda Donald, and Stephanie Pope Singleton.

We remember his voice—not only the sound of it, deep and resonant, but its call. He raised his voice for justice. He told the truth unflinchingly. He bore witness. And he invited us into the movement, the freedom struggle that has always been made of ordinary people.

Whether walking alongside CAJM folks or pursuing his many other endeavors throughout the city, state, and nation, Rev. Darby was a champion and beacon of hope for the mandate we are all called to follow: Do Justice, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly with God.

After we heard the news, so many of us began sharing stories of Rev. Darby—his wisdom, courage, and example. The Lowcountry seems diminished today. Our hearts are broken and full at the same time. What a life he lived, and what a difference he made.

As we bow our heads and search for prayers, we give thanks for The Rev. Joe Darby. May we keep his memory through our stories, and may we honor it by heeding his call to continue the work of justice he so faithfully advanced.

May he rest in peace and power.

CAJM Staff and The Rev. Dr. Jeremy Rutledge

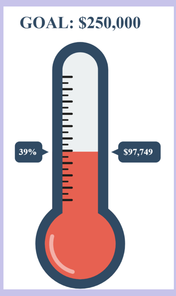
Video

Upcoming Events

What: School Governance Full Committee
Who: CAJM members who want to be involved in our next steps!
When: Tuesday, August 12 at 6:00pm
Where: Zoom; Please register here.

What: CAJM Annual Assessment
Who: Team Leaders, Clergy, Board of Directors
When: Tuesday, August 19th, 3pm to 6pm
Where: Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church in North Charleston
Please register here.

What: North Charleston Policing Full Committee
Who: CAJM members who want to be involved in our next steps!
When: Thursday, August 21st, 6pm
Where: Zoom; Please register here.



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