



Why We Build From the Ground Up

At CAJM, our power comes from regular people, not from leaders at the top telling us what to do. We believe the people living with problems know best how to fix them.

Everyone's voice matters here. Instead of a few people making all the decisions, here's how we work:

House meetings and one-on-ones: We sit down together and share what's really going on in our lives and neighborhoods

Research committees: Network Members dig into issues to understand what's really happening and what we can change

Team Assemblies: We come together to vote on our priorities and learn new skills for making change

Nehemiah Action: We stand together as one united voice to meet with local officials about the problems we've identified and the solutions we've researched

Yes, this takes more time than having someone just tell us what to do. It means more meetings, more conversations, and more planning. But here's what we get: real people power. Officials listen because we show up—and that presence is power. When hundreds of us stand together with one plan, that unity is power. When we win changes like affordable housing, audits for racial bias in policing, or better resources for school discipline, those victories belong to all of us. We're not asking for favors or charity. We're organized neighbors demanding action on issues that come from our own streets and experiences not someone else's agenda.

What this means for new members: Your voice and your vote matter. You're not joining a group where everything's already decided. You're joining neighbors who will listen to your concerns and help you become a leader on issues you care about. We are developing leaders, not just followers.

What this means for existing members: Every new person makes us stronger. Their stories might reveal problems we haven't seen. Their connections bring new communities to our table. By teaching our democratic process, we're not just growing, we're building leaders who will carry this work forward.

This is how we build power that lasts.....together, from the ground up.

URGENT Call to Action - Housing!

We have a real shot at getting the eviction sealing bill (H4270) recommended by the Children's Committee — but they need to hear from us by Friday, TODAY!!

Send a quick email using the template here:

<https://sc-tenant-union.solidarity.tech/tell-the-children-s-committee-evictions-hurt-kids>

And please CC Kanani@schj.com.

Evictions hurt our families. Let's raise our voices and change the harm done to our community.

Call to Action - Gadsden Creek!

The CAJM Environmental Justice Committee is working to save and restore Gadsden Creek by creating the Just Ecological Corridor, which will protect the creek and the nearby community of Gadsden Green (Back da Green) from severe weather damage.

You can help by signing the petition!! [Sign here.](#)

Upcoming Events



What: **House Meetings!**

Who: Anyone with a story to share about community problems; and/or anyone who would like to commit to being a Network Member for the 2025-2026 CAJM cycle!

Between September 30 and October 26 – each congregation's Leaders will schedule time/date/locations!



What: **Team Assembly II (Voting on Recommendations for the CPA)**

Who: **Team Leaders & Clergy ONLY**
When: Thursday, November 6 at 6:30pm
Where: St. James Presbyterian Church

[Please register here.](#)



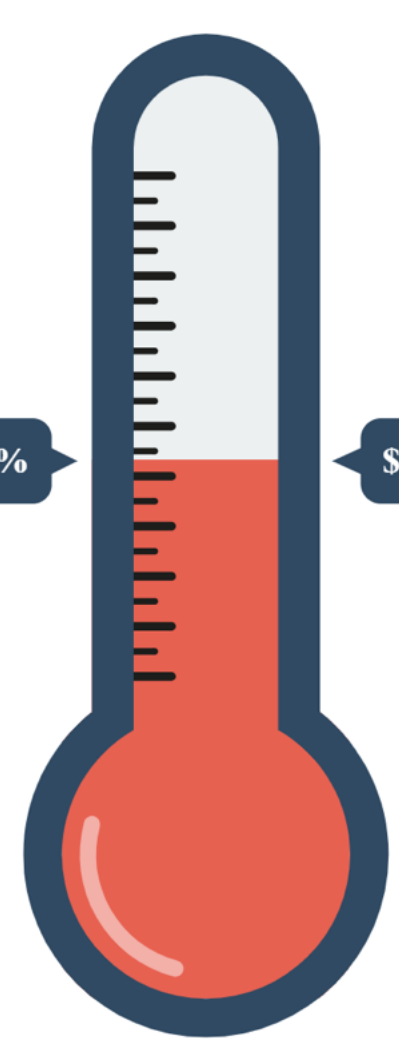
What: **Community Problems Assembly**

Who: CAJM Network Members, Team Leaders, and Clergy - all fully committed CAJM Members should attend to vote on what new issue CAJM should focus on!

When: **Monday, November 17 @ 6:30pm**

Where: Westminster Presbyterian Church

GOAL: \$250,000



We've already raised **\$108,182** this year in individual investments. We look forward to your continued support this year as we reach our goal of \$250,000!

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In the Community:

2025 CHARLESTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATE FORUMS

Mon, 10/20 (6 – 7pm): James Island City Council Candidate Forum

James Island Town Hall, 1122 Dills Bluff Rd, Charleston, SC, 29412

Tuesday, 10/28 (6:30 - 7:30): Mt Pleasant Mayor Candidate Discussion

Goodwill Family Life Center, 2818 N. Hwy 17, Mt Pleasant, SC, 29466

[Reynolds Ave. Homecoming Block Party, 10/25](#)



Reynolds Homecoming is a living vision of what Reynolds Avenue could become when neighbors, city leaders, and community partners invest in its future.

On Saturday, October 25th, from 11am to 2pm, Reynolds Avenue will transform into a lively community hub, featuring:

Interactive streetscape designs and opinion surveys

Community stories and creative displays

Local food trucks & vendors

Live DJ & entertainment

Family-friendly activities & youth-designed fun

A pop-up wellness center

And other incredible surprises!

Reynolds Homecoming is both a celebration and a strategy to make sure the community shapes the policies that impact and improve the spaces where we live, work, and play. Come for the fun, and leave knowing you've added your voice to the future of Reynolds Avenue.

Gadsden Green Mutual Aid Event, 10/25

GADSDEN GREEN / "BACK DA GREEN"

MUTUAL AID COMMUNITY EVENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 — 11AM - 2PM
CORNER OF LINE AND FLOOD STREET
ACROSS FROM HARMON FIELD (44 FLOOD ST)

OCT 25
11-2PM

free
essentials!

Hang out with Friends of Gadsden Creek for a **FREE BBQ cookout, essential items like cleaning products and toiletries, and youth activities!** Come celebrate the Gadsden Green community and learn more about our fight to save Gadsden Creek!



Hosted by Friends of Gadsden Creek



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



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