



The Community Problems Assembly is almost here! Please join so your voice and vote can be heard when the CAJM family selects a new focus area. We have the power to make change in our community - so let's make sure to pick an issue that we can really rally behind!

When: Monday, November 17 at 6:30pm
Where: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1157 Sam Rittenberg
Who attends: All CAJM Members!

Click here for a PDF version of the flyer below.

Please either register online, or plan to use a paper ticket!

[Register online here. Registering online saves time that staff has to spend doing data entry, and helps keep our records more accurate.](#)

OR print and fill out your ticket, [click here!](#) (We will have some tickets available at the door, too.)



COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSEMBLY

6:30pm on Monday, Nov. 17
Westminster Presbyterian Church
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd
** arrive early to check-in **

Please attend to hear testimonies about the problems that we and our neighbors are experiencing in our day-to-day lives. From these stories, CAJM members will collectively vote on what our new focus area should be!

* scan the QR code to register!



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CAJM
COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSEMBLY
Monday, November 17 | 6:30pm
Wallingford Presbyterian
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd
Charleston, SC 29407

Name: _____
Your email: _____
Congregation or organization: _____
Team Leader: _____

Listening that Leads to Justice

By Rev. Dr. Byron L. Benton, Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church

In the sacred texts of Nehemiah 5:1-13 and Mark 10:46-52, we see two powerful examples of what happens when leaders truly listen. Both stories begin with voices many would prefer to ignore, but they end with transformation and justice.

In Nehemiah's time, the cries came from within the community itself. The poor were being crushed by debt and losing their land. When Nehemiah heard their outcry, he didn't dismiss it as a complaint—he gathered the people, confronted the injustice, and restructured the system so that exploitation would cease. Listening moved him from awareness to action, and his leadership restored dignity to the oppressed.

Centuries later, in Mark 10, another unheard voice called out from the margins. Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, shouted for Jesus's attention while others told him to be quiet. Yet, Jesus stopped, listened, and invited him forward. That sacred pause—"Jesus stood still"—became the turning point where mercy met need, and healing became possible.

Both passages remind us that listening is never passive. It is the foundation of justice. When we listen deeply—to God, to our congregations, and to our neighbors, we begin to sense not only what people are feeling but also what needs to change.

That is the heart of our house meetings in CAJM. These gatherings are not just opportunities to gather stories; they are spaces where sacred listening takes place. When we make room for honest testimony about economic strain, housing insecurity, violence, healthcare disparities, environmental injustice, and other inequities, we participate in God's redemptive work. The pattern remains the same: Hearing the outcry → discerning together → responding in justice.

Your Next Step: The Community Problems Assembly

Just as Nehemiah gathered the people after hearing their cries, we now gather at the Community Problems Assembly on November 17th at 6:30 PM. This is where our sacred listening becomes sacred action.

All CAJM network members will vote to select the ONE problem we'll tackle together this year. Your voice matters. Your vote shapes our collective response to injustice.

Not yet a network member? Join CAJM now and be part of this critical decision.

Community Problems Assembly
November 17th, 6:30 PM
Westminster Presbyterian Church

May every voice be heard. May justice roll down.

Upcoming Events



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

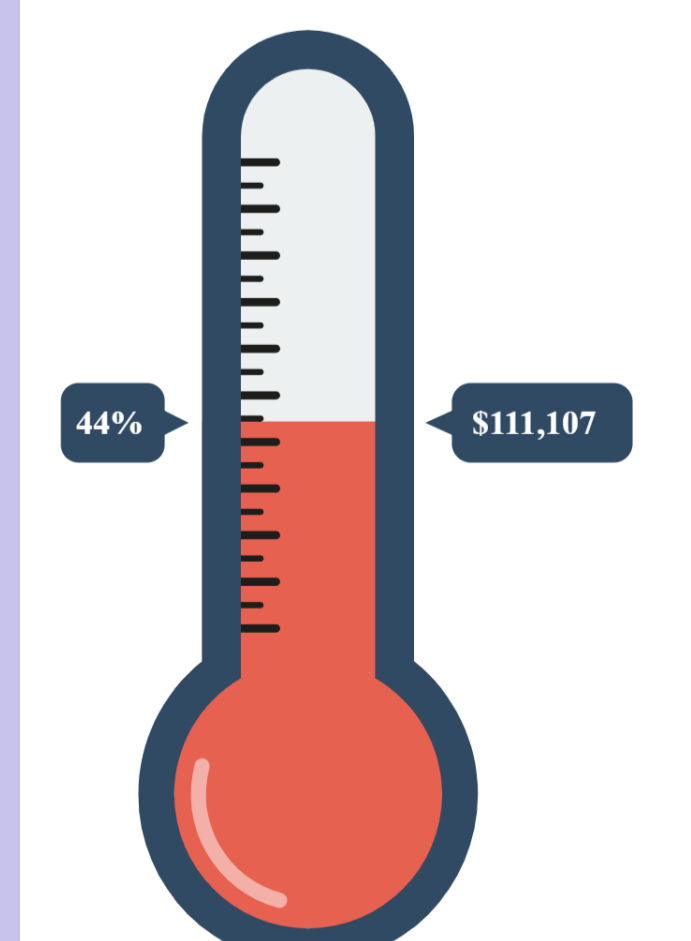
Who: CAJM Network Members, Team Leaders, and Clergy - all fully committed CAJM Members should attend to vote on what new issue CAJM should focus on!

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Where: Westminster Presbyterian Church

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GOAL: \$250,000



We've already raised **\$111,107** 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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