



Get Engaged with CAJM Research!



Why Research Matters

At CAJM, we don't guess. We don't assume. We RESEARCH.

We find the facts that can't be argued with.

We identify the decision-makers who can say yes.

We build the strategy that turns "no" into "yes."

You're invited to help turn stories into strategy and strategy into wins.

Tonight, we're training in our research process so you can learn exactly how CAJM moves from listening to action. After gathering stories from 500+ people across 79 house meetings this fall, we're ready get into what comes next: the careful, strategic work that turns what we heard into campaigns that actually change things in Charleston County.

This isn't just another meeting. It's your chance to get in on the ground floor of how we organize for justice.

What's Happening Tonight

CAJM Research Process Kickoff

[Tonight via Zoom at 6:30pm](#)

Why Come: Learn how we move from listening to research to ACTION

We heard you loud and clear on our issues. Now comes the research phase—where we dig into the data, identify decision-makers, and build the power to WIN.

On Saturday, our committee leaders gathered to map out strategy. Tonight, they're ready to share their vision—and invite YOU to be part of it:

North Charleston Police Department Racial Bias Committee

Building on our 2015 accountability wins, we're ensuring the racial bias audit leads to real reform—with community voices at the table.

Environmental Justice Committee

Saving Gadsden Creek to save the homes in the Back-da-Green community by creating the Just Ecological Corridor—protecting our neighbors and our natural resources together.

School Governance Committee

Ensuring our elected school board operates fairly and equitably—our children's futures depend on it.

Food Insecurity Committee (NEW!)

Unpacking what food insecurity looks like in our community, understanding what we heard, and finding the best resolutions that actually work for the people we serve.

Join us tonight! [Zoom registration link here!](#)

Bring someone who's been asking "How can I make a difference?"

Choose your committee and become part of the team that writes the next chapter of justice in Charleston

From our fall listening to our winter research to our spring action, THIS is how we win. And we want YOU in the room where it happens.

Can't make it tonight but want to get involved? [Click here to sign up to receive emails from some or all of our committees!](#)

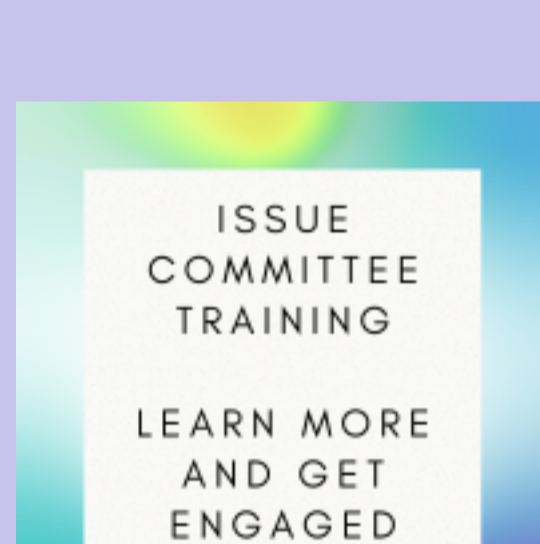
March With Us for Justice

CAJM is continuing its tradition of participation in the **MLK Day Parade on January 19th!**

📍 Meet us at Burke High School at 8:00 AM

👉 Let us know you're coming... [Click Here](#)

Upcoming Events



Issue Committee Training

Open to CAJM members who want to learn more about the research process and get engaged in one of our active committees! We will be doing training and breaking out into each committee for brainstorming sessions!

Monday, January 12

6:30pm to 8:00pm

[Zoom - click here to register!](#)



What: Clergy Connect

Who: Clergy ONLY - to explore sacred texts through a justice lens, and discuss practical approaches for mobilizing our congregations

When: Thursday, January 15

11:30am to 1:00pm

Lunch provided

Where: St. James Presbyterian

[Register here!](#)

Our Annual Investment drive is starting fresh! The sooner you can make your 2026 personal investment, the better. Otherwise, let your Team Leader or Organizer know what your pledge for 2026 is, so that we can follow up appropriately.

[Click Here - Invest in CAJM Today!](#)

In the Community

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Litter Sweep and Food Drive at Gadsden Creek

Monday, January 19th, 2-4 pm at the corner of Hagood and Fishburne St.



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Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Litter Sweep and Food Drive at GADSDEN CREEK, one of the last remaining salt marshes on the peninsula.

Monday, January 19th, 2-4 pm at the corner of Hagood and Fishburne St.

Bring a **nonperishable* food item to donate**, a **reusable water bottle for yourself** and wear **closed-toe shoes or mud boots**. All supplies and instructions will be provided to conduct a litter sweep with data collection. Food donations will be delivered to One80 Place, a local shelter dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness in Charleston.

Organized by SC Aquarium, in community partnership with The Charleston Area Justice Ministry and the Near Center for Climate Studies at the Citadel

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

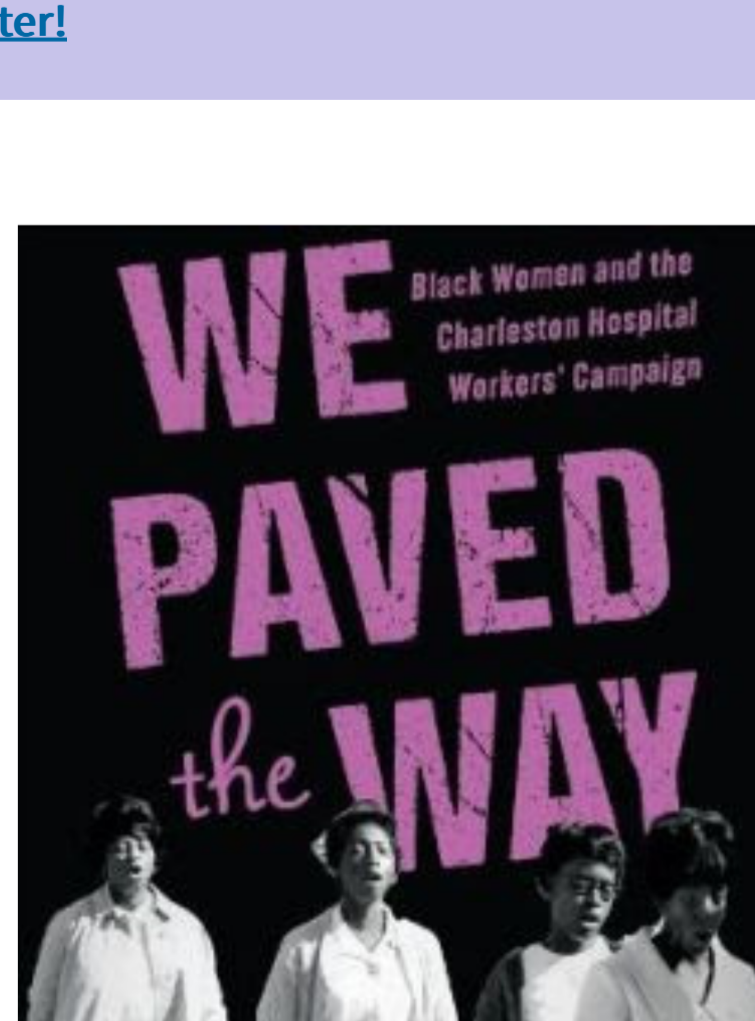
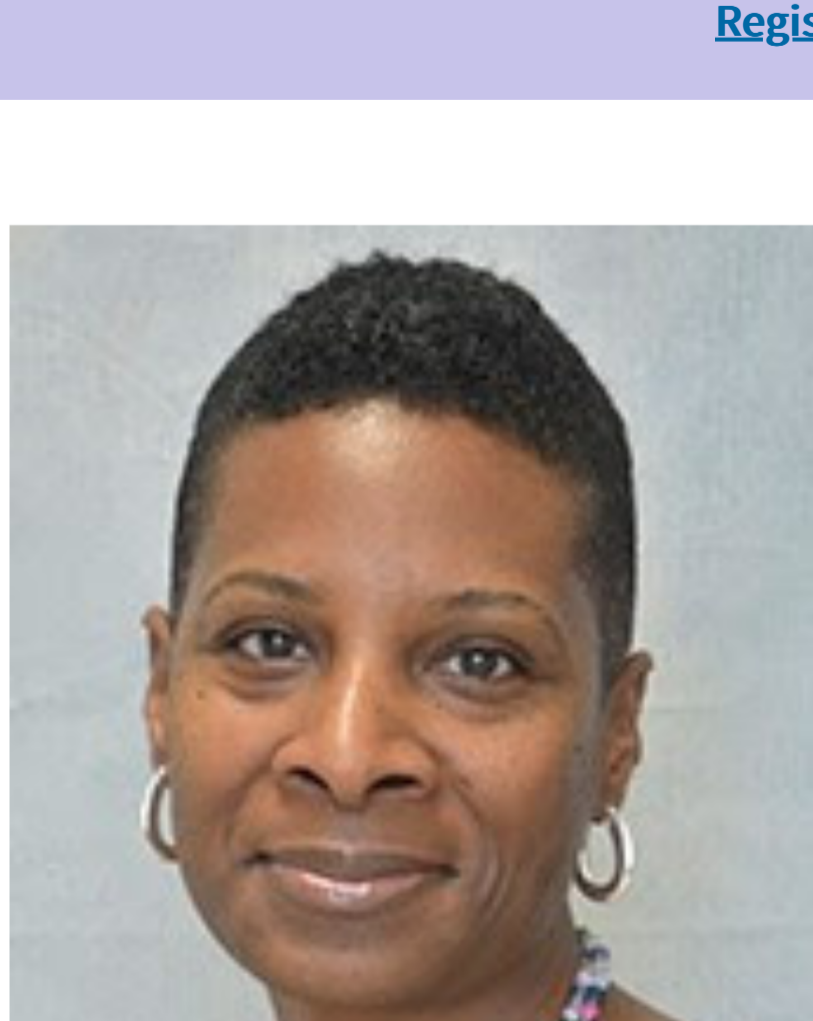


Join a free lecture from Dr. O. Jennifer Dixon-McKnight on **Thursday, January 22nd at 6:00pm at the Unitarian Church in Charleston** (4 Archdale Street)

This event is co-sponsored by the South Carolina Historical Society and the Charleston Branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

Dr. McKnight is Associate Professor of History and African American Studies at Winthrop University. She will speak about her new book, *We Paved the Way: Black Women and the Charleston Hospital Workers' Campaign*. Using interviews and oral histories, the book examines the 1969 strike by Black, female hospital workers through the lens of Black women's activism.

[Register!](#)



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



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