



## MLK Day and Beyond!



Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a time for us to reflect on our daily justice practices, the kind of community we want to be part of, and the kind of legacy we want to leave.

CAJM will be represented in the YWCA's MLK parade today, and we can't wait to share pictures and videos. Our visible presence is a reminder to others and ourselves that we must continue walking together toward justice - and it can be joyful along the way!

We are **all** dedicated organizers and activists - yes, you, too!

Your input, expertise, and hard work are what make all the difference. How can you resolve to carry the spirit of MLK with you day-to-day?

We have a few suggestions! **First, get involved with one of our active issue committees.** As committee meetings are scheduled, they are included in this very newsletter, but you can also **sign up for email notices specific to each committee, by clicking here and selecting which issues you are interested in.**

### Some quick updates on our issue work:

**Food Insecurity:** We voted as a CAJM body to tackle the problem of food insecurity in our community. At this stage in the process, we are focused on accurately understanding the problem, and setting up research visits so we can narrow our focus down to one proposed solution. Keep an eye out for committee meeting and research visit dates.

**School Governance:** Our committee is focusing on community education and outreach - both so that more people understand exactly what a school board is supposed to do & why it's important; and so they can make informed votes in the elections. We need your input on how to effectively spread the word about what's going on with our school board.

**Environmental Justice:** We are still fighting the good fight for Gadsden Creek. New leadership on city council points toward favorability towards the Ernest Everett Just Ecological Corridor, which will protect creeks on the peninsula. We are building out the strategy to get this Corridor enacted - we are finding out more about what the process of creating the Just Corridor looks like, and the ways that we can be supportive.

**North Charleston Policing:** We are moving into more of a monitoring stage, where we will continue working with the department to make sure they keep holding community conversations and transparently implementing the racial bias audit recommendations. We will keep holding the police department accountable, as we work to close out the issue and ensure that our wins are fully established and protected.

All of our committees are forging ahead with renewed zeal and strategic planning! **BUT, all the best research in the world doesn't mean a whole lot if we don't have the people power to back it up...**

The second way that you can continue to show up for justice is by **attending one of the upcoming Network Meetings.** These meetings are integral to building our people power as we look toward the April 27 Nehemiah Action. This is where we strengthen relationships between congregations & forge tighter bonds, as well as make practical plans for how we each will turn out our friends, family, and neighbors to attend the Action with us. Remember - we need at least 1,200 people in the room on April 27! To get there, each CAJM member has a valuable role to play.

See below for the list of Network Meetings, and mark your date in your calendar. Each congregation is assigned to a Network Meeting date - you only need to go to one. (If you can't make the date that your congregation or organization is assigned to, please attend the date and time that works best for you.)

### Network Meeting Dates (all at 6:30pm)

#### Thursday 2/19 @ the Unitarian Church

Calvary Baptist  
Central Mosque  
College of Charleston  
First Scots  
Greater St. Luke  
Morris Brown  
Morris Street  
St. Paul  
St. Patrick  
Unitarian  
YWCA

#### Monday 2/23 @ St. James Presbyterian

Blessed Sacrament  
Circular  
Edisto  
Hebron Zion  
Mt. Zion  
Nichols Chapel  
Parkside  
Redeemer  
Second Presbyterian  
St. Andrew's  
St. James

#### Thursday 2/26 @ St. Matthew Baptist

Calvary Episcopal  
Charity  
E3  
Greater Goodwill  
Grace City  
Holy Communion  
KKBE  
Masjid  
Mt. Moriah  
Mt. Pleasant Pres.  
Providence  
St. John  
St. Mark's  
St. Matthew Baptist  
St. Matthew's Lutheran  
St. Stephen's  
Wallingford  
Westminster  
Zion Olivet

## Upcoming Events



What: CAJM Board of Directors Meeting

Who: Board of Directors (one representative per congregation)

When: Tuesday, February 3

5:30pm

BOD members should look out for a Zoom registration link.

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.**

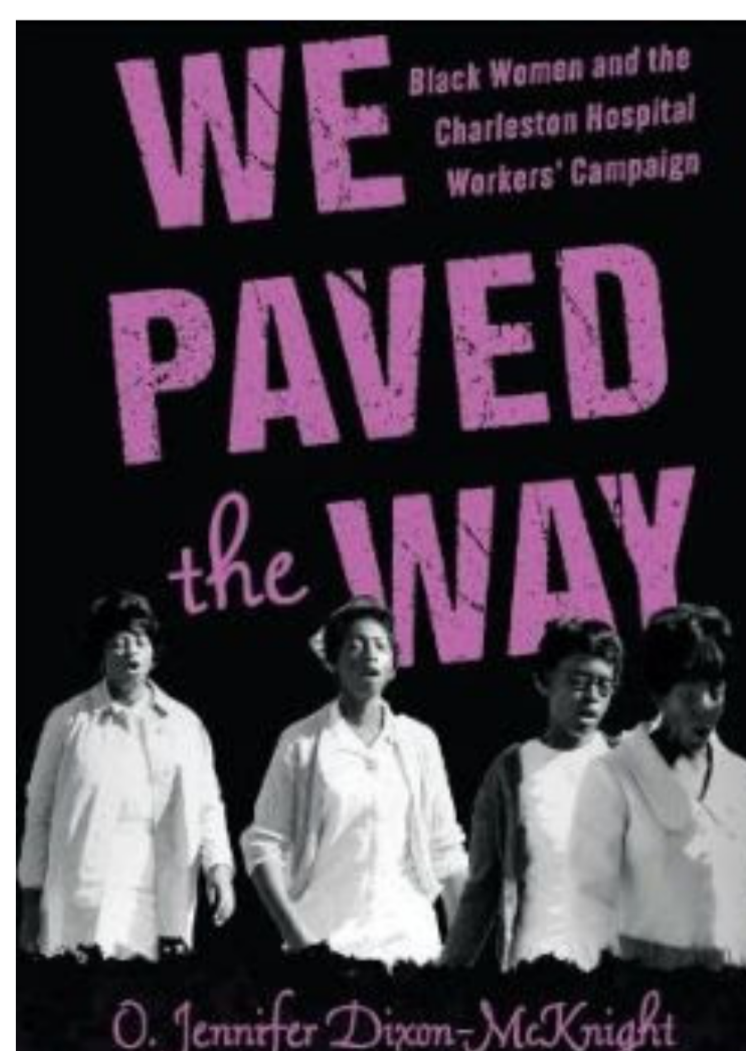
[Register Here!!](#)

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!](#)



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