



CAJM's 2025-26 Goals!

CAJM leaders gathered at our Annual Assessment to do what we do best - look honestly at where we are, celebrate our victories, and set ambitious goals that position us for a successful new season of building a just community. This year, we're re-grounding ourselves in the fundamentals that make our organizing powerful.

Our work centers on three proven processes: **Listening** (House Meetings where justice begins with real stories), **Research to Action** (turning pain into policy through organized people power), and **Investment** (building community ownership through financial commitment). These aren't separate activities - they're the integrated foundation of lasting change.

We're also innovating and being honest about our capacity. The gap between our House Meeting attendees and reported Network Members tells us we need realistic organizing - real power comes from knowing exactly who we can count on. We're innovating our techniques and training approaches to develop our people and build stronger organizing capacity.

Our Foundation is Strong - We are Winning!!!

We're building from concrete victories: mobile health units now serve neighborhoods that were healthcare deserts, and our \$8 million win seeding the Housing Trust Fund has already grown to \$11 million flowing toward affordable housing. We've achieved a 75% reduction in unnecessary police stops in Charleston. These wins didn't happen by accident - they're the result of skilled organizers, committed leaders, and disciplined processes.

2025-26 Goals: Building the Movement Our Community Deserves

Our goals aren't just numbers - they're commitments to the disciplined work that creates lasting change:

Listening Process - 80 House Meetings: The sacred root of everything we do. Intimate gatherings where we collect the stories that become our foundation for justice work.

Research to Action - 1,200 at Nehemiah Action: Transforming our collected stories into research, solutions, and the people power necessary to hold officials accountable for commitments that improve lives.

Investment Drive - \$200,000: Building an organization owned by our community, not dependent on outside funders who don't share our vision for justice.

Leadership Development - 25% of Team Leaders in Training: Continuous skill-building through DART training and local development opportunities.

Follow-Through Excellence - 15% "GNATs": Great Network Members All the Time who attend events, invest resources, and bring others with them.

Your Leadership Matters Now!

If you're a Team Leader:

- Check with your organizer for your Team Meeting date, before September ends
- You'll be scheduling House Meetings between September 30th and October 26th!
- Sign up for training opportunities - we need 25% or more participation from Leaders and Clergy to hit our goal
- Mark your calendar for Team Assemblies and major events
- The Listening Process Kick-Off is on September 29th!
- Begin planning how your congregation will contribute to our ambitious goals

If you're a Network Member:

- Prepare for House Meetings by thinking about local community problems that concern you and your neighbors. Consider the challenges in your neighborhood - housing costs, school issues, healthcare access, safety concerns
- Come prepared to tell your stories of how problems in our community affect you and those you love
- Remember: House Meetings are sacred places for collecting the real stories that become our foundation for justice work!!
- Get involved in our current issue work by joining an active committee (Environmental Justice, North Charleston Police, School Governance)

When we gather in small groups to share what's really happening in our communities, we transform individual struggles into collective power for change.

CAJM's power comes from skilled leaders working with a unified vision. The victories we've won prove our methods work. The goals we've set for this new season position us to build the just community our people deserve.

Let's make it happen.

Upcoming Events



What: **Clergy Connect**
Who: CAJM Clergy & any faith leaders in the area who want to attend!
When: Thursday, September 11, 11:30am to 1:00pm
LUNCH PROVIDED
Where: TBD!! In-person at one of our congregations
[Please register here.](#)



What: **North Charleston Policing Full Committee**
Who: CAJM members who want to be involved in our next steps!
When: Thursday, Sept. 18 at 6pm
Where: Zoom; [Please register here.](#)



What: **School Governance Full Committee**
Who: CAJM members who want to be involved in our next steps!
When: Thursday, Sept. 18 at 7pm
Where: Zoom; [Please register here.](#)

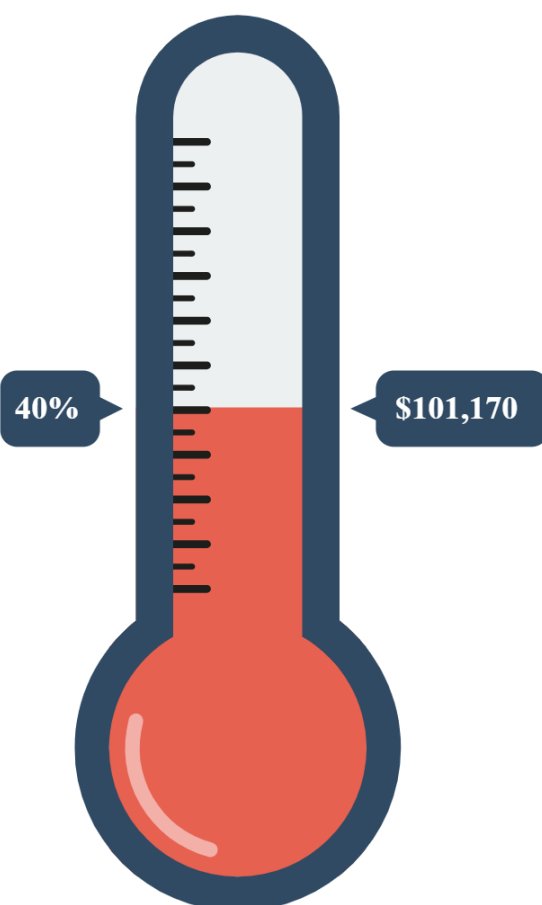


What: **Listening Process Kick-Off (Team Assembly I)**
Who: Team Leaders & Clergy / Anyone who is facilitating a House Meeting!
When: Monday, September 29th, at 6:30pm
Where: Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church
[Please register here.](#)



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!

GOAL: \$250,000



We've already raised **\$101,170** 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:

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