



CAJM Major Events for 2025-26!

It's time to get out your calendars, and mark down some really important dates! Locations are TBD right now.

- **House Meetings - between September 30 and October 26**
 - More information below - House Meetings are the foundation of our grassroots process!
- **Community Problems Assembly - Monday, November 17, at 6:30pm**
 - The CPA is where we hear testimonies that come out of the House Meetings, and CAJM Network Members vote on what issue we will focus on for this year. You must be present to vote!
- **Network Meetings - between February 17 and March 1**
 - The Network Meetings are where we plan for effective outreach, so that we can all reach our Action turnout goals. Stay tuned for more details and exact dates!
- **Rally - Monday, March 23, at 6:30pm**
 - The Rally is where we learn what to expect at the Action, get excited, and check in on progress towards our turnout goal.
- **Nehemiah Action - Monday, April 27, at 6:30pm**
 - Following in the tradition of the Biblical narrative of Nehemiah, we call together a great assembly of people to hold our public officials accountable, and present them with effective, proven solutions that will make real change in the Charleston area!
- **Celebration - Monday, May 18, at 6:30pm**
 - At the Celebration, we CELEBRATE our accomplishments, join in fellowship, have fun, and raise funds to sustain our work!

Why does the Listening Process matter? What do you need to do?

Every Fall, we begin with our Listening Process, which sets the foundation for the rest of our cycle.

At House Meetings, the connections we create, the stories that we share, and the commitments that we make **become the fuel for a successful CAJM year.**

House Meetings are the foundation of building our power in three ways: The commitments and connections made at House Meetings expand our **people power** (more Network Members means greater turnout at events like the Nehemiah Action), amplify our **impact power** (more stories collected and voices amplified), and strengthen our **financial power** (more member investments to sustain our work and maintain our persistence as an organization). Together, these three sources of power create the foundation for creating change in our community. Learning to wield this power happens when we come together in unity at CAJM events.

So, now that we've talked about how important the House Meetings are, what should you be doing right now??

If you've never attended a House Meeting, this is the perfect time to get engaged, right at the beginning of our "year!"

Everyone - mark your calendars for the essential dates listed above!!

Network Members - Plan to attend your House Meeting. Your Team Leader should be reaching out soon to get your team's House Meeting on the calendar, in the month of October. In the meantime, start thinking about what issues and stories you want to share. What is impacting you, your family, people you care about, or your neighbors? If you personally are not struggling, are there people you know who are? Ask them what they're facing, or invite them to the House Meeting, too!

Team Leaders - You should have scheduled or be in the process of scheduling a Team Meeting with your organizer, to get these House Meeting dates firmed up and set goals for your congregation. Once your House Meeting is scheduled, start inviting people right away -- last year's Network Members, potential new Network Members, and **anyone** with a story to share. Also, please plan to attend the **Listening Process Kick-Off** to receive the House Meeting script and some great training around House Meeting best practices. We will convene at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, on **Monday, September 29th**, at 6:30pm. [Register here!](#)

Clergy - Attend the Listening Process Kick-Off, attend your Team Meeting (scheduled with your organizer) and start making announcements about House Meetings!

Let's make it happen together.

Upcoming Events



What: Environmental Justice (Gadsden Creek) Full Committee
Who: CAJM members who want to be involved in our next steps!
When: Thursday, Sept. 4 at 4pm
Where: Zoom; [Please register here.](#)



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: Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist
[Please register here.](#)



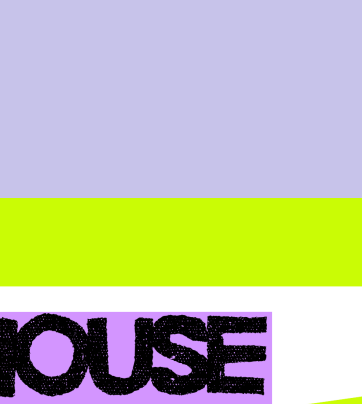
What: North Charleston Policing Full Committee
Who: CAJM members who want to be involved in our next steps!
When: Thursday, Sept. 18 at 6pm
Where: Zoom; [Please register here.](#)



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.](#)



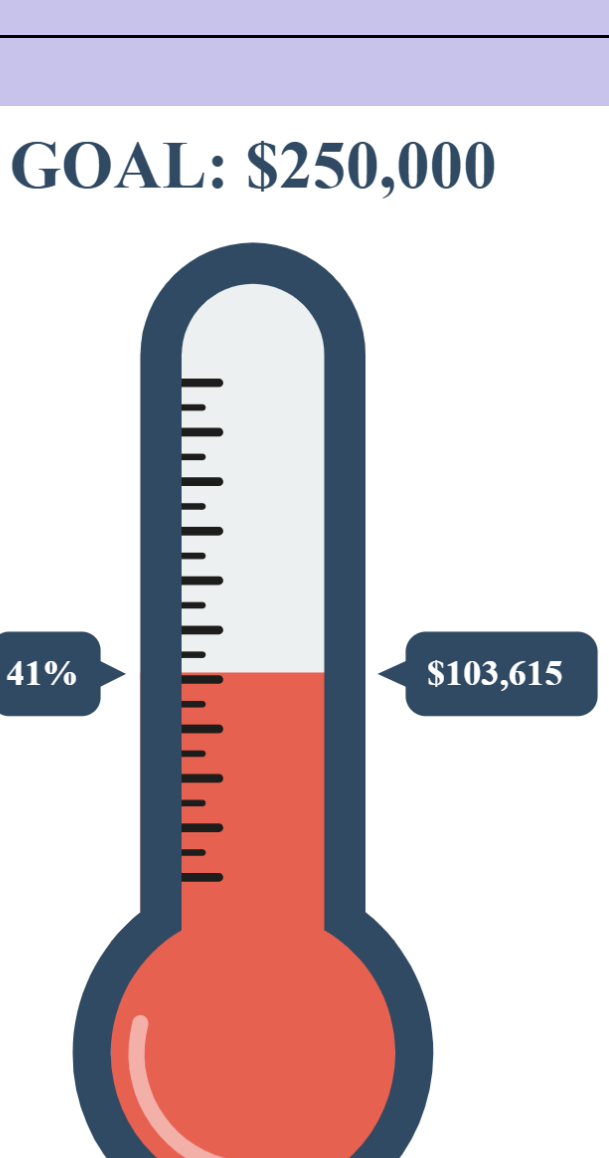
What: Listening Process Kick-Off (Team Assembly I)
Who: Team Leaders & Clergy / Anyone who is facilitating a House Meeting!
When: Monday, September 29th, at 6:30pm
Where: Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church
[Please register here.](#)



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 **\$103,615** 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:

From the City of Charleston Newsletter
Next Steps for Medical District Overlay Zone

Charleston residents are encouraged to share their input as the proposed **Medical District Overlay Zone** continues through public review following Planning Commission approval last week. **The City will host a listening session on September 10 at 5:30 p.m. at 108 Meeting Street.**

[Click here to register for the listening session.](#)

An update will be provided at the Planning Commission meeting on September 17, with a public hearing and first reading at City Council set for September 23. Weekly meetings with neighborhood groups and stakeholders will also ensure community voices remain central as the plan moves forward.

[Girls in Aviation Day - Saturday, September 20](#)

Girls IN AVIATION DAY

A Women in Aviation International® Event

11th Annual Girls in Aviation Day

Venue: Signature Flight
5875 S Aviation Ave.
North Charleston, SC 29406
Thank you for hosting and providing all the food & entertainment.

DATE: Saturday September 20, 2025
No registration required/free event to the 1st 100 max limit.
Anyone interested in aviation Ages 8-18 years old.

Time: 10am - 2 pm

Download the free Aviation for Girls App
Available year-round with hours of educational and inspiring content.

Contact Leslie Lane 843-991-9396
Photography donated by Madisa Rae Studios
Thank you for giving back and taking awesome photos to share.

WOMEN IN AVIATION / PALMETTO PRIDE CHAPTER CHARLESTON SC
--contact: lanesummerville@aol.com

More details to be announced at WAI.org/giad

[Gadsden Creek Cleanup - Sunday, September 21](#)

Sunday, September 21, 2025 / 2-4 pm

PLEASE JOIN US TO CARE FOR GADSDEN CREEK

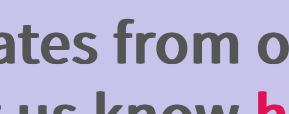
A HISTORIC SALT MARSH ON THE CHARLESTON PENINSULA
An Essential Fish Habitat and Critical Wetland

We will gather at the corner of Fishburne and Hagood Streets. Look for the SC Aquarium tables. Remember to wear close-toed shoes, a hat, & sunscreen, & bring a water bottle and gloves.

REGISTER HERE!

2025 SWEEP CAPTAIN - Merrie Koester
 In partnership with South Carolina Aquarium, The M.A.R.S.H. Project, and CAJM

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