



## CPA 2025 - We Can Make Charleston Abundant For All!



On Monday, CAJM SHOWED UP!

300 participants packed Westminster Presbyterian Church for our Annual Community Problems Assembly. We were all encouraged and excited by the new addition of Westminster to our CAJM family.

[Click here for more pictures!](#) Let us know if you have any to add to the album!

At the CPA, we heard powerful testimony about the trials of SCARCITY that exist in the Charleston Area. The insufficient transportation and heavy traffic that impacts our quality of life and time with loved ones. The housing instability that tears families apart and emotionally exhausts everyday people. The food insecurity that leaves parents, children, and seniors wondering where their next meal will come from.

But, we know that ABUNDANCE exists, too - and it's all a matter of making sure that our neighbors have access to that abundance. We have enough to go around.

**With all of this in mind, CAJM Network Members voted to focus on food insecurity.**

Are you ready to make Charleston a more abundant place, where resources flow freely to those who need them? Join us!

[Click here if you are interested in joining the food insecurity research committee.](#) Our other committees also need active participants!

In the coming weeks, we will start forming the steering committee, made up of community leaders, impacted persons, and other experts, who are informed and ready to forge the path ahead.

If you are new to CAJM's issue work, [please join us for a training Zoom on Monday, January 12 at 6:30pm.](#) You will learn more about the research process and ways to get involved with each committee! Network Members and Leaders who want to get more engaged in issue work should attend.

And, of course, mark your calendars for the **Nehemiah Action, on Monday, April 27, at 6:30pm** - we need your presence, alongside 1,200+ others, to demonstrate our power to elected officials and other decision-makers, who are accountable to us!

We also voted in a new Executive Board for 2026, and honored the close of Rev. Patricia Jones' service as Co-President. Thank you to our exemplary leaders!

### Environmental Justice Report

On Thursday, November 20, an entire swath of native salt marsh plants along the Harmon Field side of Gadsden Creek was mowed to the ground. Plants in both the salt marsh along the street and in the upland area were leveled. Only the day before, the beautiful upland plants provided essential habitat for birds and pollinators. Taken to the ground were groundsel shrubs, in their fullest flowering stage, as well as mature marsh elders and the late blooming sea ox eye daisy. *Spartina alterniflora*, the dominant salt marsh plants, trap pollutants from heavy metals to plastics, and keep them from entering the estuary. These plants have been the ONLY way to date that flooding (from high tides and extreme rain events) has been mitigated at all for the Gadsden Green community. According to the EPA, each acre of wetland can store up to one million gallons! THERE IS A KING TIDE COMING THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER!

See the picture below, and click here to [watch news coverage.](#)

It has been determined that a work order for "routine maintenance" led to this feckless action.

We must work together to help fix a system where it is even possible for "routine maintenance" of City spaces to include leveling of native wetland plants in an already flood-prone community.

Every Charleston County resident has been given an [opportunity to complete a survey on how they would "spend" funds raised from a transportation tax.](#) This is your chance to call for prioritizing investments in underserved communities across many different areas, from more reliable public transit to the vital importance of preserving and protecting our wetlands.

You can also send a specific complaint about the destruction of these plants to [citizenservices@charleston-sc.gov](mailto:citizenservices@charleston-sc.gov).



### Upcoming Events



**What: School Governance Full Committee**

**Who:** Network Members who want to be involved in planning our next steps!

**When:** Monday, December 1 6:00pm

**Where:** Zoom  
[Register here!](#)



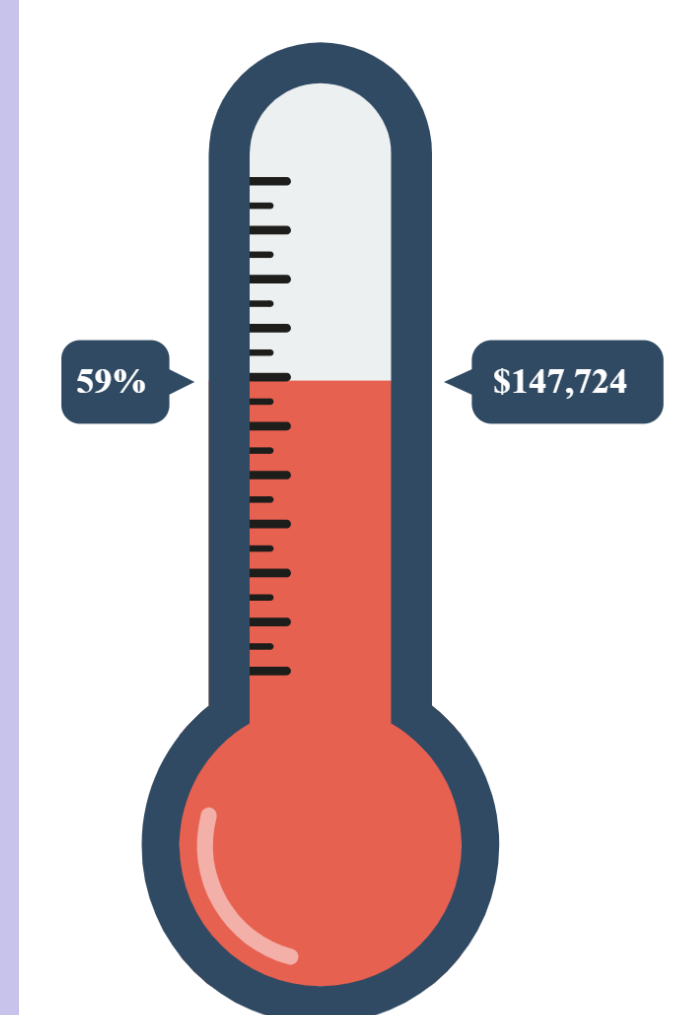
**What: Clergy Connect**

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

**When:** Thursday, December 4 11:30am to 1:00pm  
Lunch provided

**Where:** St. James Presbyterian  
[Register here!](#)

**GOAL: \$250,000**



We've already raised **\$147,724** 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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