



The Action is Today!!
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Nehemiah Action
Monday, April 27

Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church
Doors open at 6:00pm | Program begins at 6:30pm
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Our goal: 1,200 people!



"After thinking it over, I brought charges against the nobles and the officials... and I called a great assembly to deal with them." — Nehemiah 5:7

TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT

After five months of prayer, research, relationship-building, and listening, CAJM's 40 congregations and partner organizations come together for the 2026 Nehemiah Action. We are bringing our questions, our evidence, and our voices directly to the public officials who have the power to act.

This year's theme runs through everything we will say tonight: **there is enough for all of us.**

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON

Our committees have not been quiet. Since the fall listening season, CAJM members have conducted in-person research with over a dozen local organizations and elected officials, studied successful models from cities across the country, and developed a clear doable ask. Every official has received our questions in advance and understands the format. Tonight is accountability, not ambush.

Three campaigns are ready for their moment.

CAMPAIGN 1: FOOD INSECURITY — WE NEED A FOOD COUNCIL

Over 60,000 people in Charleston County do not have reliable access to enough food. Federal funding cuts are making this worse. The organizations in our community — and neighbors like all of us are already doing everything possible. But there is no coordinated food strategy. A Food Council, bringing together nonprofits, impacted neighbors, local government, and other key stakeholders *is how other cities are solving this problem.* It is time for the Lowcountry to have one too.

Ask 1

\$60,000 to get started: We are asking the City of Charleston, the City of North Charleston, and Charleston County to each commit \$20,000 (a total of \$60,000) to launch a Food Council within 90 days. This money will be used to hire a professional facilitator who will stand the Council up the right way: making sure the right people are at the table, that the work is focused, and that the Council is built to actually develop and implement a Charleston region wide strategy, not just hold meetings.

Ask 2

\$600,000 set aside and ready to move: We are not asking for just another plan. We need to be ready to act. We are asking each jurisdiction to set aside \$200,000, \$600,000 total in funding, so that when the Council builds its strategy, there is no waiting, no new funding process, no delay. The money is already committed. The Council delivers the plan, and there is action.

When an official says yes tonight, they are saying they believe a Food Council is a good idea and that they are going to help others understand that, too. They are committing to be part of making this happen. And by being here tonight, you are saying the same thing. You are standing behind this plan. You are committed to supporting these officials and this work as it moves forward.

CAMPAIGN 2: SCHOOL GOVERNANCE — EVERY ELECTION MATTERS

Every election matters. Every single one. We should all be doing our research and voting every time — local, state, and federal. Tonight we are focused specifically on school board elections.

CAJM is beginning the conversation our community needs to have to elect candidates who will work and govern for all of us. We will not endorse any candidate. But we will talk about what good governance looks like — and what it does not — and we will hold candidates to those standards throughout this election season.

We will not be negotiating on school governance tonight. We are asking you to commit to showing up — to the forums, to the polls, and to this work. Your presence is your power.

CAMPAIGN 3: SAVE GADSDEN CREEK — SUPPORT THE JUST ECOLOGICAL CORRIDOR

Gadsden Creek and the tidal creeks of the Lowcountry are under threat. These waterways filter our water, protect us from flooding, and connect generations of Black Lowcountry families to their land and heritage. The Just Ecological Corridor is a growing effort to preserve this connected system of land and water for our communities and for those who come after us. There is enough here worth saving — we need enough people committed to saving it.

We will not be negotiating on Gadsden Creek tonight. We are asking you to stand with us. We need your voice, your presence, and your commitment as this work grows.

The Nehemiah Action has a specific format. That's how we stay powerful. There may be moments that feel tense. That is okay. Stay grounded. Stay in your seat. Trust the facilitators and the format. Our power comes from our unity and our discipline. The rules protect that power. Follow them.

Tonight is not the end. Commitments made on that stage will be held. This action is the beginning of implementation. The work continues after tonight. WE CAN DO THIS!!

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Upcoming Events



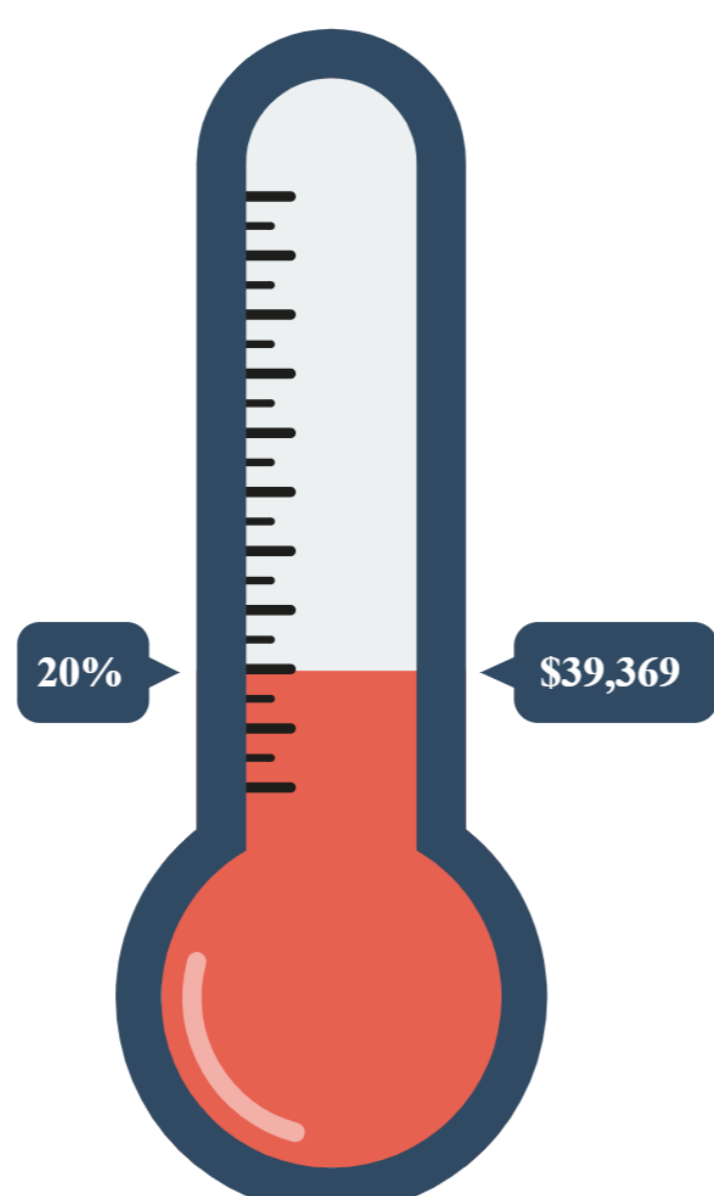
CAJM's Annual Celebration!!

Join us for our annual Celebration! We'll come together to INVEST in our important work, CELEBRATE our wins, and HAVE FUN!

People in positions of power use tactics (we call them the 7 D's) to DELAY, DENY, DISTRACT, DEFLECT, DECEIVE, DIVIDE, and DISCREDIT... but it didn't work in the 1970s civil rights era, and we won't let it work now! Come out in your best 70's attire, and celebrate the wins we've achieved through our organized people power. We're gonna have some fun, and strengthen our resolve to keep carrying this legacy forward!

Monday, May 18
6:30pm
Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church
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GOAL: \$200,000



We've received a total of \$39,369 so far in 2026 toward our \$200,000 individual investment drive goal! We look forward to your continued support this year.

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