



Justice Cup and Celebration Results

We are thrilled to announce that St. James Presbyterian Church has won the coveted Justice Cup! Thank you, St. James, for your dedication to justice and your unwavering commitment to building power in this community. Your people showed up, and it made a difference.

Our "Stuck in the 70's" Celebration turned out 111 people, and we are so proud of this entire network for the energy, investment, and joy you brought! Thank you to all those who worked hard this season to build and sustain relationships and who invested time, talent, and treasure into this ministry of Justice. This work shapes the lives of our community and our own lives as well. This is our season of investing in this work; so let's continue to pour into the work and seed the funding for our next cycle of wins. [Make your investment today!](#)

Team Leaders should have received an emailed automated report regarding your congregation's investments. If you have any questions about your report or any information from this season, please contact your organizer.

Voting Is Sacred Ground — Hard-Won at Great Cost

We do not take lightly the right to vote. People marched across bridges, sat at lunch counters, endured jail cells, and gave their lives so that communities like ours could have a say in how we are governed. Black Americans, women, and other historically marginalized communities fought and continue to fight for the ballot. That sacrifice is sacred, and every time we choose not to vote, we risk letting it be in vain.

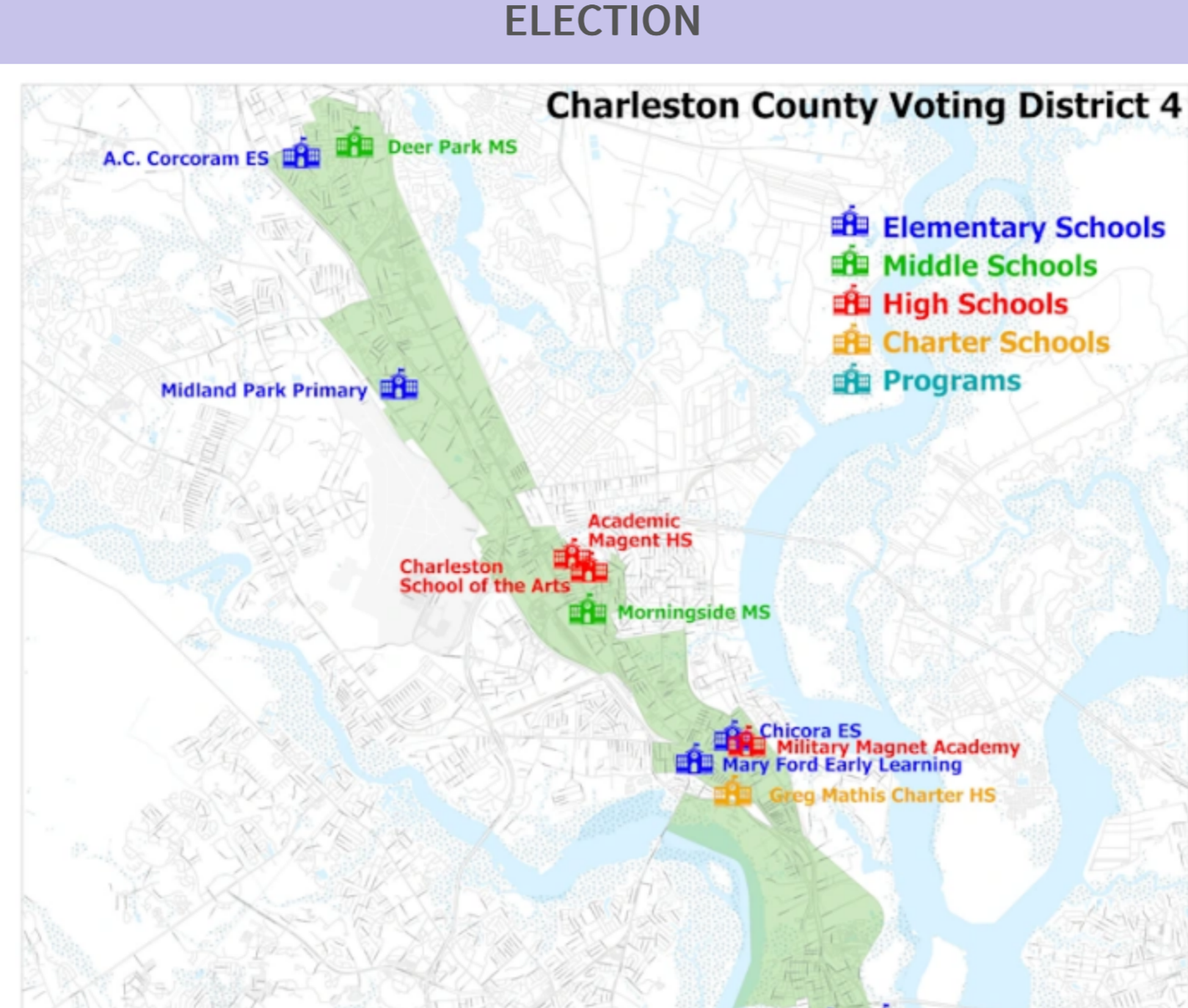
Today, that legacy calls us forward. Voting rights remain contested across this country. Access is being narrowed. Local elections are decided by razor-thin margins. School boards, city councils, and county governments make decisions every day that shape the lives of our children, our neighbors, and our families. Every eligible voter who sits out an election hands power to someone else.

"The vote is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have." — John Lewis

Long before community organizing had a name, the prophet Jeremiah was laying out its core logic: the well-being of the individual is tied to the well-being of the whole community. "Seek the welfare of the city," he wrote, "for in its welfare you will find your welfare." (Jeremiah 29:7) That is why we vote. That is why we organize. Because none of us is free until all of us can flourish.

The work of CAJM is about developing leaders who act - leaders who Listen, Research, and Act. Informed civic participation is not a partisan act. It is the foundation of a just democracy, and it is the backbone of every win we have ever celebrated together. We must vote in every election, primaries, special elections, school board races, runoffs, November elections, every single one. The margins in local races can be as small as a few hundred votes. Our people power is more than enough to shift the outcome. But only if we show up.

ACTION REQUIRED — DISTRICT 4 SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL ELECTION



Show Up. Your School Board Needs You.

At the Nehemiah Action, those on the stage called us to be engaged citizens who hold elected officials accountable. That accountability starts at the ballot box. One of the most immediate ways we can act on that call right now is the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees Special Election for District 4, happening Tomorrow, Tuesday, June 9th.

We need a school board made up of members who serve the whole of our community who have the best interests of our children at heart and who take the responsibility of fair, effective governance seriously. Do your research on the candidates in this race. Know what they stand for. Then show up.

[Learn about the District 4 candidates here](#) and [watch the League of Women Voters' Candidate Forum here.](#)

YOUR ACTION STEPS

Here Is What We Are Asking Every CAJM Member to Do

1. Know your voting district. Go to [SCVotes.gov](#), confirm your registration, and identify your school board district number.
2. Research the candidates. Look for leaders committed to transparency, community engagement, shared leadership, and high-quality public education for all children.
3. If you are in District 4, vote in the special election TOMORROW June 9th — or if you already voted in the primary through early voting, go back and request the special election ballot! **The Statewide Primary and the CCSD Special Election in District 4 are separate ballots and you must request each one!** Do not miss this opportunity tomorrow!
4. Talk to your neighbors. Find out if they know their district. Help them get registered. Share this newsletter. If you know someone who lives in District 4: Make sure they have voted in the special election. Call them. Text them. Show up for them.
5. Mark your calendar for November 3rd. Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 are up for election — and our people power can absolutely shift the outcome when we organize and show up.

[Look up your voting location here!](#)

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

Faith Under Pressure — A Research Survey Invitation

Calling all volunteers, ministry leaders, program coordinators, outreach teams, staff members, facilitators, and individuals involved in community support or social service efforts within CAJM-affiliated faith-based organizations.

Jessica Cohen, Doctoral Candidate at California Baptist University, is conducting a research study exploring how faith-based organizations navigate outside influences while maintaining trust, credibility, and community impact through social service delivery.

If you serve within a CAJM-affiliated faith-based organization and contribute to programs, initiatives, coordination, facilitation, outreach, or organizational support efforts, you are invited to participate in a brief, anonymous survey. Your voice and experience matters to this research and to the broader field of understanding how organizations like ours sustain their mission under pressure.

Participation is completely voluntary, and no personally identifying information will be collected. Please watch the brief video introduction and use the survey link to participate.

This is meaningful work that helps lift up the story of what faith-based organizations like ours do every day in our communities. We encourage anyone who is eligible to take a few minutes to participate.

[Watch introductory video](#)

Survey Link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FaithUnderPressure>

Take Action to Protect Gadsden Creek



Write to Mayor Cogswell about why you don't want to see development on Gadsden Creek!

Please write a postcard, if you live and vote in City of Charleston, and ESPECIALLY if you live on the peninsula.

[Print the postcard!](#)

[Here are talking points for your message.](#)

Postcards have their greatest impact when personally handwritten and addressed.

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 652
Charleston, SC 29402

We are in Investment Season!

Our Celebration kicked off our annual investment drive! Please let your Team Leader know what your 2026 pledge is, [or fulfill your commitment today!](#)

For our corporate drive, we are in need of volunteers to help make calls, schedule appointments, and meet with local businesses. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer over the summer.

If you are a business owner, or know a business owner that should be in partnership with CAJM, please let us know!

Upcoming Events



Annual Assessment

DATE CHANGE
Saturday, July 11
10am to 1pm
Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church

Team Leaders, BOD, and Clergy Only

We will be assessing our entire cycle, from the House Meetings in the Fall to the Celebration the other week!

[Register here!](#)

GOAL: \$200,000



We've received a total of \$67,287 so far in 2026 toward our \$200,000 individual investment drive goal! We look forward to your continued support this year.

[Click Here Invest in CAJM Today!](#)

In the Community

NO COST EYE EXAMS AND PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASSES (IF NEEDED)



John L. Dart Library
• June 1, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3 & August 10

Keith Summy North Charleston Library
• June 2, June 3, July 31, August 4 & August 5

Ontranto Road Library
• June 4, June 5 & August 7

St. Paul's Hollywood Library
• July 8 & July 21

Dorchester Road Library
• July 9, July 10 & August 11

Wando Mount Pleasant Library
• July 14, July 15, July 16 & July 17

Baxter-Patrick James Island Library
• July 22 & 23

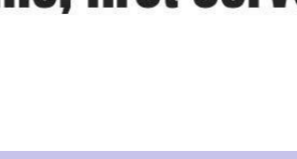
Hurd/St. Andrews Library
• July 28, 29 & 30



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Spots available first come, first served.

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