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Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council

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In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future. Alex Haley

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About the **Union County** **Interfaith Coordinating Council**

Our Mission

The Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council works to facilitate regular interfaith meetings in order to make way for the building of bonds within the interfaith community.

We respect and encourage the inclusion and welcoming of others regardless of faith, race or disability. We strive to be proactive on social issues.

Our Goals

- To grow the network of faith-based organizations in Union County.
- To encourage representatives from all faiths to join the Interfaith Coordinating Council, including those of Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Islamic, and other faiths.
- To be engaged in:
 1. **Community Building** within faith-based organizations and the general Union County population.
 2. The advancement of **Social Justice**.
 3. The intentional **inclusion** of others regardless of gender, faith, race.
- To be active in activities that are inclusive and community building.

Our Objectives

- Sponsor regular engagement opportunities that facilitate the building of bonds within the Union County interfaith community and their congregations.
- Strengthen the Union County religious congregations through involvement, action and education in self-help.
- Build working relationships between Union County religious organizations and Community Access Unlimited that create opportunities for youth and people with disabilities and their support staff.

Potential Advantages to Joining the Interfaith Community

- Develop interfaith solidarity.
- Avail yourself of increased visibility within the interfaith community and build opportunities to share educational and community events with the group.
- Build religious membership.
- Gain exposure for you and fellow congregation members to educational opportunities regarding entitlements, housing, and other services, including but not limited to: programs for seniors, youth, people with physical and developmental disabilities, etc.
- Create full and part time employment opportunities for congregation members with CAU.

UNION COUNTY INTERFAITH COORDINATING COUNCIL Steering Committee Members

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Kenilworth

Pastor E. Crawford—Chair Emeritus
Ebenezer AME
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message

from the Chairperson Emeritus

Family

"Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs. The ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile, and who love you no matter what."

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Over the last five or six months, many have painstakingly watched the ping pong legal match between the Trump administration and the federal courts regarding the "Muslim Travel Ban." In June of 2017, the courts ruled that persons from six predominantly Islamic Nations could enter the United States if they had "bona fide" relationships, such as family with persons in the U.S.

For some, this ruling seemed black and white but for many others it was multifaceted hues of grey. Why? Because in our ever-evolving multigenerational and multi-cultural nation, family is a fluid term. The U.S. Census Bureau defines family as at least two people related by marriage, birth or adoption and living in the same household. However, for the vast majority of people family is more than the people in your house and more than just those with shared DNA.

As we reflect on what family means to us, I challenge us to broaden our perspectives. For you family may be your mother, father and siblings; for me family may be mother, siblings and the male next-door neighbor who was like a father figure; for others family may be foster parents raising several children as siblings; and yet for another a Grandparent raising a child while their parent is in prison. Families, whether Nuclear, Blended, Extended or Nontraditional is family are God's way of manifesting love in a tangible form. Let love be our compass and a Godly conscience be our guide.

Rev. Dr. Erika D. Crawford

Editorial

By Rev. Carmine Pernini

The New Jersey Clergy Coalition for Justice’s meeting with Phil Murphy, NJ Gubernatorial Candidate

The New Jersey Clergy Coalition for Justice (NJCCJ), an interfaith coalition of religious leaders that advocates for economic, racial, and political justice for New Jersey’s disenfranchised residents, met with a New Jersey candidate for governor, Phil Murphy, on Monday, July 17 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rahway. The NJCCJ’s primary area of focus is concerned with criminal justice reform and police reform. This meeting was one of many scheduled meetings with gubernatorial candidates for governor.

The NJCCJ had a productive meeting with Mr. Murphy with approximately 15 clergy in attendance as well as Mr. Murphy’s staff and security detail. They discussed several areas of concern in the areas of racial and economic justice. The purpose of the meeting was to gain a more detailed understanding of Mr. Murphy’s commitments related specifically to criminal justice reform. Candidate Murphy openly acknowledged the documented disproportionate sentencing and incarceration rates of people of color.

After a general conversation about criminal justice reform, Mr. Murphy spoke about the governor’s ability to appoint an Attorney General. That the governor of NJ can appoint, rather than the people elect, an AG grants the NJ governor additional power in crafting his or her administration. At this point, the NJCCJ spoke about the importance of appointing an AG that has a strong reputation for social justice and criminal justice reform. Mr. Murphy agreed that New Jersey needs an AG who will work for the people, especially the most vulnerable. He went on to affirm that he wanted to collectively transform the criminal justice system and that the NJCCJ’s input would be beneficial in this area.

From here the meeting moved into the area of Implicit Bias Recognition Training for law enforcement. Mr. Murphy, as well as members of the NJCCJ, spoke about the benefits of training which seeks to bring to light biases which we all have. This, however, was followed by a conversation about opposition to mandatory Implicit Bias Training. Some members of the NJCCJ have taken a joint Implicit Bias Training along with law enforcement and, while there was initial opposition to it, after having taken it most of those who were given the training saw its benefits. Mr. Murphy commented that there is value in “seeing the world from another’s shoes” with regards to most of the challenges to criminal justice reforms.

Mr. Murphy also affirmed the importance of body cameras for all officers while elaborating on the challenges of the availability of information that might be collected on the body cameras themselves. The NJCCJ advocated for as transparent process as possible regarding the availability of cameras footage from police worn body cameras. Mr. Murphy agreed that the process, in relation to the availability of footage from body and dash cameras, should be transparent.

Finally, the NJCCJ raised issue of having an Independent Prosecutor to investigate the shooting of unarmed civilians by law enforcement. Here, the NJCCJ stressed the need for an unbiased investigation to which Mr. Murphy agreed that the process should be “independent.” Overall, the meeting touched on the key areas of concern of the NJCCJ: an AG for the people, implicit bias recognition training for law enforcement, body cameras for all active officers, and an independent prosecutor for police related shootings of unarmed civilians.

Member Spotlight

Rabbi Cecelia Beyer

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael

Rabbi Cecelia Beyer, or Rabbi Cece as she is more commonly known, currently serves as the associate rabbi, education director, and director of liturgical arts at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael. In addition to pastoral care and more traditional rabbinic duties, her rabbinate is one of music and youth work. She runs the religious school for grades K through 7 and the teen program for grades 8-12. She also serves as the cantorial voice for services at TBAY, and directs the Friday night Shabbat worship band, which is made up of adults and students in grades six and up.



Prior to joining our the TBAY family, Rabbi Cece served as the assistant rabbi of [Temple Beth Sholom](#) in Roslyn Heights, New York. Cece was ordained from the [Jewish Theological Seminary](#) in May 2010, where she pursued a concentration in sacred music as part of her studies. Rabbi Cece was named among *The Forward's* Inspiring Rabbis of 2016.

While in rabbinical school she served first as the youth service director and then as the cantor at [Shomrei Emunah](#) in Montclair, NJ and as both a Cooperberg-Rittmaster Rabbinical Intern and a Social Justice Rabbinical Intern at [Congregation Beit Simchat Torah](#) in New York City.

A Cherry Hill native, she is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the George Washington University Law School. She is a graduate of Young Judaea, has spent significant time living and working in Israel and is a life member of Hadassah.

She attended Camp Tel Yehudah as a teen, and has spent many more summers working at Jewish camps, including Camp Young Judaea Sprout Lake and Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. Most recently, she joined the "founding family" of a [Camp Zeke](#), a new Jewish camp dedicated to fitness and culinary arts, and to the connection of mind, body, and soul in Judaism.

Rabbi Cece is also an accomplished singer, actor, and dancer. She is a classically trained soprano, a musical theater buff, and a competitive Irish step dancer. Rabbi Cece and her husband Gabe have two kitties, Minerva and Albus, and a rescue dog named Sandy. They are all huge Harry Potter fans.

August Spotlight on Faith

A religious perspective by: Mohammad Ali Chaudry Ph.D.

Interfaith Leaders in Solidarity Pledge in Springfield Hate Has No Home Here—Pledge to Stand Up for the Other

In response to Islamophobic comments by a former elected official in Springfield and concerned about the increasingly divisive rhetoric in the country after the terrorist attacks in the United Kingdom, the Springfield Township Committeewoman, Erica Dubois took the initiative to contact local faith leaders to address the situation. As a leader, she felt the needed to raise awareness in the larger community and bring people together. So she reached out to Reverend Carmine Pernini of Zion Lutheran Church, Rahway and a coordinator of the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council (UCICC) who worked with Rabbi Renee Edelman and other members of the New Jersey Interfaith Council (NJIFC) to bring more than 50 faith and civic leaders and members of the local community to Temple Sha'arey Shalom on June 28th.

Rabbi Renee Edelman welcomed everyone with a warm hearted call to come together and stand together. Several Jewish, Christian and Muslim clergy and community leaders joined in songs and prayers and declared that “Hate Has No Home Here.” In expressing solidarity with each other as children of God, sharing the common humanity, all committed to stand up for the other.

In addition to the hosts, faith leaders included Rev. Carmine Pernini, Pr. David Knecht, Rev. Vicky Ney, Rabbi Cecilia Beyer, Rev. Erich Kussman, Dr. Walid Abdelwahed and his sons Yousof and Abdorruhman.

Civic leaders who spoke included Springfield Township Committeewoman Erica Dubois and Committeewoman Geri Bujnowski, Union County Freeholder Bruce Bergen, State Senator Raymond Lesniak, Sheriff Joseph Cryan and N.J Senate candidate Jill Lazar, Dr. Wail Rasheed, Ms. Azra Baig and Dr. Ali Chaudry. Erica Dubois thanked the hosts Rabbi Renee Edelman and Cantor Daniels at Temple Sha'arey Shalom and her

fellow elected officials and all participants who spoke in support of unity in the community. She appreciated the messages of love and acceptance and expects to work with Rabbi Edelman to bring the community youth together to emulate the love and unity that was modeled at the June 28th event.

Rabbi Joel Abraham, Temple Sholom, Scotch Plains called on the participants to speak to each other with love and challenged everyone to recognize that time has come for us to stand up collectively.

Dr. Wail Rasheed, President of the Islamic Center of Union County who had grown up in Jerusalem emphasized that all religions take different paths to get close to God and to become good human beings. And they all teach peace. He said it is sad to hear anti-Muslim remarks from neighbors and urged people not to judge a book by the cover.

Freeholder Bruce Bergen pointed out how little most American know about Islam and how few know a Muslim. He emphasized the need for education about Islam and to get to know more Muslims by visiting mosques as the Union County leadership has done.

Rev. Carmine, Pernini stated that the “event, Interfaith Solidarity Gathering: Hate Has No Home Here, came about in large part because Springfield community members, religious leaders, and elected officials from both the Republican and Democratic parties aspire to live into the best of America's history and traditions. For my

part, I helped organize the event because Islamophobic rhetoric is pervasive in both local and national discourse. We see it in the news, in our schools, at the check-out line at the grocery stores, and in our houses of worship. While I aspire to live in a world where love prevails over hate, I believe that we cannot move forward together until we recognize that hate has had a home in the United States which is evidenced by our long history of slavery, segregation, and racism. Islamophobia is related to racism in that it, like racism, ascribes to the majority of Muslims the atrocious acts of a few and judges the whole based on the part. The Interfaith Solidarity Gathering addressed the misconceptions of Muslims as well as spoke positively of the future that I believe we all want: a beloved community shaped by a love which casts out all fear. This event was an important first step in creating a space for people to live and love together as a community."

Azra Baig, an elected member of the Board of Education in South Brunswick and an activist in the NJ Interfaith Coalition, began with the Islamic greeting of peace, As-Salaam alaikum, Shalom and continued, "I stand here before you as a Proud, American Muslim!! It is so wonderful to see everyone here today- Muslims, Christians, Jewish and people of diverse faith traditions, all standing united against all forms of hate and standing in solidarity for humanity."

Ms. Baig continued, "People of all faiths believe in the principles of love, kindness and humanity. It is each of our responsibility to make sure these principles are upheld, that we take care of one another, and that we treat one another with love, peace and respect. This past year has been particularly challenging due to the significant uptick in the number of hate crimes against Muslims and Jews and other minority groups."

Having been subjected to anti-Muslim animus and vandalism of her campaign signs during her recent BOE reelection in South Brunswick and other bias incidents at stores and in public elevators, Ms. Baig encouraged the participants to "continue to Stand up to Hate, Together, the Power of Love will prevail."

Rev. Erich H. W. Kussman Sr. noted that "the Interfaith Solidarity event in Springfield brought together many people from various backgrounds- Islam, Judaism, Christianity, politicians, and town people- to come together for the common good of our society. It was beautiful to hear the call to turn toward a practice of nonviolence, social justice, and solidarity with those who have been marginalized by hateful speech and actions. This to me is the truth of my faith that I find at the core of the life of Jesus and the message of the New Testament. And I think events like this that shoe our common humanity is what our world is desperately in need of - lovers, people who are building deep, genuine relationships with fellow strugglers along the way, and who actually know the faces of the people behind the issues they are concerned about. When we truly discover how to love our neighbor as our self, Islamaphobia will not be possible and Racism will not have power in our country anymore. We may not be able to change the hateful ideology of the world overnight, but it starts with us - here and now. Mother Thersa said: "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

State Senator Raymond Lesniak spoke about his role in leading the entire NJ State Senate in taking the **Pledge to Stand Up for the Other** and urged participants to learn more about other faiths. He said that he lives between two mosques in Elizabeth and considers his Muslim neighbors as his brothers and sisters. He said that he had developed a better understanding of Islam by attending many prayer services during the Ramadan and is helping his Christian and Jewish friends by gifting copies of the English translations of the Qur'an.

Dr. Ali Chaudry, co-founder of the NJ Interfaith Coalition, President of the Islamic Society of Basking Ridge and former Mayor of Bernards Township introduced the **Pledge to Stand Up for the Other** and everyone joined in this call to action:

While interacting with members of my own faith, or ethnic, or gender community, or with others, if I hear hateful comments from anyone about members of any other community, I pledge to stand up for the other and speak up to challenge bigotry in any form.

Dr. Chaudry asked the participants to sign the pledge and requested all elected officials to consider introducing the Pledge to their respective constituents and encourage schools to use it as a tool against bullying as the Franklin Township School District has done. Township Committeewoman Dubois again showed leadership in taking up this challenge.

FAITH



IN ACTION



A Time of Interfaith



Worship



and Fellowship



Email your photos and a summary caption to UCInterfaith@caunj.org by the 11th of each month.

NJ Interfaith Coalition Holds Potluck Picnic In Colonial Park



[franklinreporter.com /nj-interfaith-coalition-holds-potluck-picnic-colonial-park/](http://franklinreporter.com/nj-interfaith-coalition-holds-potluck-picnic-colonial-park/)

7/17/2017

Members of faith-based groups from around the state gathered at Colonial Park July 16 for a get-together sponsored by the New Jersey Interfaith Coalition.

Among those attending the potluck picnic were members of the Franklin Township Interfaith Council, led by Alex Kharazi of the Masjid-e-Ali mosque.

Township Councilman Rajiv Prasad (D-At Large) also stopped by.

The NJ Interfaith Coalition is a “non-partisan network of houses of worship, organizations, and individuals with the following mission: Promote houses of worship, non-political organizations and individuals to work together to honor and enrich diverse faiths and ethical practices; oppose intolerance and hate, and foster a climate of positive mutual acceptance and appreciation for all, regardless of their faith, race, or sexual orientation,” according to its website.

The idea for the picnic came from a meeting of the NJIFC’s steering committee, Kharazi said.

“We were looking for ways we could bring the community from across New Jersey together in one location,” he said. “So after some discussion, we said why don’t we just have it in Colonial Park? Everybody agreed.”

Arthur “Skip” Winter, of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, was the event’s main organizer. He said the event was held to help “connect the dots” of the state’s various faith groups.

“There are a lot of interfaith organizations throughout the state, but nobody can make the contact yet, so it’s still in its infancy”, he said. “This is an event where we said, let’s try to get a lot of folks together, talk, exchange thoughts, find out where everybody’s from and just have it as kind of like an introductory picnic.”

Winter said he was “extremely surprised” by the number of people who showed up, some as far as Essex County. “We really didn’t know how many people were going to show up, “ he said.

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Kharazi said the NJIFC has more than 150 members. More events are planned for the rest of the year, he said.

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Music with a Mission!

SALEM Roadhouse CAFE

2017 SHOW LINEUP



- FEBRUARY 11 - MICHAELA McCLAIN BAND** Original rock/pop tunes with a jazzy overtone, her music is hot, intelligent and extremely well crafted. Amazing musicianship on the part of each member of the band.
- MARCH 11 - PIKTORS METAMORPHOSIS** Fusion jazz/rock ala Weather Report & others, technically brilliant with a HUGE sound, these guys define fusion. To see it performed right in front of you is a treat!
- APRIL 8 - RICH KUBICZ, DAMN THE TORPEDOES & FRIENDS** Various rock performers in an energetic show that is always fun and exciting. Tom Petty tributes plus Rich's originals and covers of other classic rock tunes.
- MAY 13 - JAMES DEAN'S WHISKEY CAFÉ JAZZ QUARTET** Pure jazz quartet with big band sound, these are some very seasoned jazz musicians who come together to bring out some of the finest big jazz band sounds.
- JUNE 10 - JOE LISA & QUARTET** High quality modern jazz with some fusion overtones—more details coming!
- JULY 8 - GEOFF GALLANTE & TRIO** Geoff's fourth return to the Roadhouse, this young star mesmerizes audiences with his naturally talented trumpet playing accompanied by an all-star backup band.
- AUGUST 12 - RIVA JEAN TRIO**, the thinking mans trio, with opening by vocal sensation **SAM BRADY**. Riva Jean brings a big Broadway sound to the small stage with amazing composition and performance.
- SEPTEMBER 9- RAY POWERS AND FRIENDS** Original and covers, rock, pop and other styles, Ray and friends always deliver a fun, exciting and energetic show. This years show will have talented players from all around to liven up the stage,
- OCTOBER 14 - MELANIE MITRANO** Brazilian/Portuguese jazz that's cool, sassy and sexy. Melanie has captured the essence of the Brazilian Bossa Nova style, with a salsa overtone. Melanie says that she will have musicians from Brazil on hand to accompany her and the band.
- NOVEMBER 11 - TBA** We're working on something really big here, keep watching.

Shh! The Roadhouse may be the best-kept secret in Northern New Jersey — the area's best jazz, rock, and even the occasional folkie in an intimate coffeehouse venue. The Roadhouse only opens to the public on the second Saturday evening of the month. It's where the area's musicians go to hear other musicians, and you might find yourself sitting next to a famous jazz drummer or a vocalist from Australia. You never know.

Musicians love the audience that takes the time to find the Roadhouse, and when musicians love their audience, they play their hearts out. Why does it take time to find the Roadhouse? We've cleverly hidden it in a church basement, where audience and musicians are within touching distance of each other. The acoustics are great.

The Roadhouse serves real coffee and tea — it's a *coffeehouse*, not a bar, after all. Hot and cold snacks and desserts are included in the admission. There's art, too, because art and music go together. You can sip your coffee while perusing original works available for purchase at the Roadhouse Fine Arts Gallery. Works change with each opening. Show proceeds always benefit local charities. Union TV34 records the shows for broadcast — so check out past shows on cable. Ask around. You might be surprised to find who knows about the Roadhouse.



UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL SHOWS BEGIN AT 8:00 PM, DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM

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15 TH ANNUAL PEACE FAIR IN CRANFORD!

"Life is not what you alone make it.
Life is the input of everyone who touched
your life and every experience that entered it. We are all part of one another."
— Yuri Kochiyama



RAIN DATE AUGUST 13

1:PM START/7:PM WIND DOWN
OPEN DOORS / OPEN HEARTS
WIDENING OUR CIRCLE



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August 23, 2017

9am- 3pm

80 West Grand Street Elizabeth NJ 07202

All youth from ages 13 & up are invited to help us celebrate a day where life and skills brought together can shape the youth of tomorrow!!!

Registration & Breakfast is 9:00am -10:00am and the conference 10:00am – 3:00pm

- * Music
- * Festivities
- * Food
- * Youth Panels
- * Guest Speaker
- * Workshops & More

The event cost is \$5 Per Person
Please RSVP in advance by contacting
Latanya Palmer at (908) 354-3040 x 4394





Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council Presents:

Faith and Politics



Featuring:

Shane Claiborne

Speaker, activist, and best-selling author. Founder of the Simple Way in Philadelphia & Red Letter Christians. Shane's books include *Jesus for President*, *Red Letter Revolution: The Inevitable Revolution and Executing Grace*.

Sara Lilja

Lutheran Episcopal Advocacy Ministry of New Jersey (LEAMNJ).

Sid Blanchard

Executive Director of Community Action Unlimited (CAU).



September 21st
6PM - 7:30PM

Check in Begins
At 5:30PM!

Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation
4 Waldron Ave., Summit, NJ 07901



“THERE IS NO
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family praying

together.”



THOMAS S. MONSON

ANNUAL IRA GELLER WALK-a-THON



Community Access Unlimited

September 16th, 2017

Oak Ridge Park
Clark, NJ

REGISTRATION 11AM - WALK BEGINS 12 NOON



**GAMES, ACTIVITIES
& LIVE MUSIC**



WALK



FOOD & COMMUNITY

Ira Geller was a CAU member who tirelessly worked to raise funds for the annual walk-a-thon, always facing the adversity of fundraising with a positive approach. His devotion to fundraising and his commitment to people with special needs lives on through the Annual Ira Geller Walk-a-thon.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES!

Start fundraising now by joining an existing team or individually on our CrowdRise Event Page! Go to www.crowdrise.com/2017-ira-geller-memorial-walk-a-thon to get started!

Sponsorships Are Available!

For more information contact Cara Pavia, Director of Marketing, 908.354.3040 x4376 or at cpavia@caunj.org

SAVE THE DATE!

Day of Prayer and Reflection: Unifying Our Community Through Prayer

Union County Day of Prayer

October 24, 2017

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The Parish Community of St. Helen
1600 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, NJ
07090



*Working to facilitate the building of bonds within the interfaith community,
promoting the respect, inclusion and welcoming of others.*

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JOIN OUR TEAM!

Community Access Unlimited welcomes those with a big heart! Due to our continuing expansion, there are a number of **full time** and **part time** openings for those interested in guiding people with disabilities and youth at risk who are on the road to independence.

For those looking for part-time positions, CAU offers available house on the weekends and overnights! Minimum requirements are:

- Valid driver's license
- Access to vehicle daily to use for work purpose
- Original High School Diploma/GED/College Degree

Experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities and/or youth at risk are a plus! Of course compassion for the work and a flexible schedule is also required when providing support to our members.

Working at CAU is not just a job but a career! We offer promotional opportunities for employees, competitive salaries and a comprehensive benefits package to full time employees!

Please take the time to visit our agency website www.caunj.org for more information and current openings. Community Access Unlimited is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CAU Hosts a weekly Open House Mondays from 4 PM -6 PM

The Cafeteria at 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202

Don't forget your resume and
come prepared to fill out an application

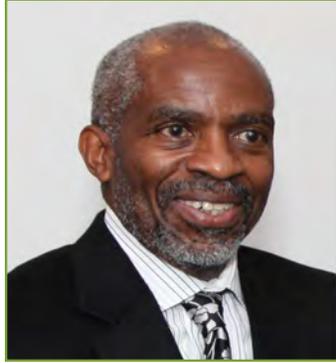
To make an appointment, please call an HR representative at (908) 354-3040 ext 203. If you are unable to attend the open house, please fax resume to (908) 354-0283 or email to rwright@caunj.org.



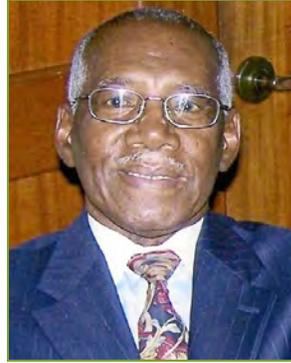
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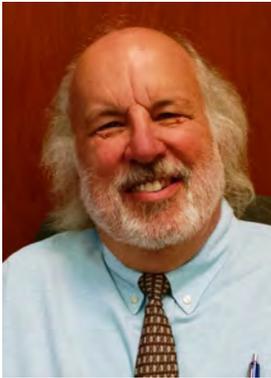
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- Attend monthly meetings.
- Invite other community leaders to attend our meetings and events.
- Support or host fundraising programs to support the Record Expungement Grant Program.
- Sign up for our mailing list.
- Share useful information about your organization.

Advertise in the UCICC Newsletter!

Have an exciting event or program happening?

Reach out and build bonds with members of the interfaith community in Union County by advertising in this newsletter!

Please send all print-ready ads to Rod Spearman at rspearman@caunj.org by the **13th** of every month to save a space!



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Community Access Unlimited's Mission: *To provide community access through effective and comprehensive support services for people with disabilities and at-risk youth, giving them the opportunity to live independently and to lead normal and productive lives in the community.*

UCICC & STEERING COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS

UCICC Steering Committee
September 7, 2017 at 10:00am
80 W Grand St
Elizabeth NJ 07202

Full UCICC Event
September 21, 2017 6pm-7pm
"Faith and Politic"
Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation
4 Waldon Ave Summit NJ 07901

UCICC Steering Committee
October 5, 2017 at 10:00am
80 W Grand St
Elizabeth NJ 07202

Full UCICC Event
October 24, 2017 7pm-8pm
"Day of Prayer"
The Parish Community of St Helen
1600 Rahway Ave, Westfield NJ 07090

UCICC Steering Committee
November 3, 2017 at 10:00am
80 W Grand St
Elizabeth NJ 07202

Full UCICC Event
Stay Tuned for More Details!



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