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## Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council

*Sponsored by Community Access Unlimited*

A little bit of mercy  
makes the world less  
cold and more just.



There is a higher court than courts of  
justice and that is the court of conscience.  
It supercedes all other courts.



Darkness cannot drive out dark-  
ness; only light can do that. Hate  
cannot drive out hate; only love  
can do that.

# Working for PEACE

## &

# JUSTICE



If we have no peace, it is  
because we have  
forgotten that we  
belong to each other.



In order to carry a positive  
action we must develop  
here a positive vision.

You can't separate peace  
from freedom because no  
one can be at peace unless  
he has his freedom.



# in 2016



**Union County Interfaith  
Coordinating Council  
Steering Committee Members**

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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 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
- Encourage representatives from all faiths to join the Interfaith Coordinated 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.
- 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
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- Build religious membership
- Build support to fundraising events with paid participants
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## *Message from the Chair Person*



*The Holidays and Holy Days are almost over. Soon the Christmas lights will be put away; soon the Menorah will go back into storage; and soon the Kinara will go back in the box. It seems as if we have perfected the art of transitioning from one Holiday or Holy Day to the next, but we have yet to perfect the work of peace. Perhaps, because it is just that –work!*

*Peace does not happen because we sang songs, it will not happen because we hung decorations, will not happen as the result of festive parties and celebrations, will not be sold in a store and cannot be ordered online. Peace is not the result of slanderous, ignorant or injurious allegations or accusations against one and another. Peace, is not the work of one culture, one gender, one generation or one religion. Peace is and must become the work of humanity –black, white and brown, young and old, rich and poor, the Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist and Hindu. In the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., "If we are to have*

*peace on earth, our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation; and this means we must develop a world perspective."*

*Peace must become more than ONE of our New Year's resolutions, it must intentionally become our priority. In essence, peace must be THE New Year's resolution! We must pray for peace but more than just praying, we must work for peace and be the peace that our homes, our communities, our schools, our country and our world needs.*

*Let these words be more than a prayer, let them be the beginning of our good works:  
O, Divine Master, let me be an instrument of Your peace.*

*Make me uncomfortable with silence, convicted by injustice, moved with compassion and compelled to seek and live your truth.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is  
darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.*

*Let the work of my hands be a reflection of your heart; let the words on  
my lips be soothing to broken souls; and let your spirit saturate my life,  
so that I may leave your love, hope and joy every place my feet shall  
trode.*

*O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as  
to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are par-  
doned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.*

*Let me not be so consumed by my life that I no longer care for others.  
Let me not look for others to do what you have called me to do and let  
me not put off another day, that which you have commissioned me to  
do before I depart from this world.*

*A-Men.*

*\*\*inspired by St. Francis' "Instrument of Peace"*

*Rev. Dr. Erika D. Crawford*

## *Editorial*

# Prison Re-Entry

### **Re-entry: A Response to God's Call to Community**

By: Reverend Ronald C. Thomas

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Summit, NJ

December 28, 2015

“Re-entry” is a term commonly used to describe efforts to reduce the recidivism rates of former prisoners. Each year nearly 16,000 adult and juvenile offenders are released from state correctional facilities and return to cities and towns throughout New Jersey. Public safety considerations require that every effort be made to ensure that these returning offenders do not commit new crimes. However, without the involvement and engagement of the public, the majority of those released from New Jersey’s prisons will not go on to lead law-abiding, productive lives. In fact, nearly two-thirds (65%) of adult offenders will be rearrested within five years after being released from prison. Over one-third (37%) of the juveniles committed to the Juvenile Justice Commission are re-incarcerated in a juvenile or adult facility within two years of release.

Inmates released from state prisons primarily return to New Jersey’s large cities. In fact, nearly one out of every five (19.9%) persons released from a state prison returned to either Newark (10.5%) or Camden (9.4%). Over four out of every ten (41.1%) inmates released from state prison in 2006 returned to either Newark, Camden, Jersey City (6.3%), Patterson (6.0%), Elizabeth (3.2%), Atlantic City (3.0%), or Trenton (3.3%). Plainfield receives on average one returning citizen every day of the week.

The growth in incarceration over the past two decades has significant implications for children and families. An estimated 1.7 million youth younger than 18 years old in the United States have at least one parent in prison, and millions more have a parent currently in jail. An estimated 30 percent of incarcerated teen males are fathers. Incarcerated young fathers have needs that, if not addressed while in custody, during the re-entry process, and after release, will negatively impact their ability to live productive, pro-social, crime-free lives in the community. Incarcerated parents and their children are a heterogeneous group but, research has shown that having an incarcerated parent can present individual and environmental risks for the child and increase the likelihood of negative outcomes.

We also must recognize the crisis that a family endures. Imprisonment creates a double crisis, not only is the individual arrested but so is the family, resulting in it being split apart resulting in hardships accompanied by the stigma of incarceration. To address the hardships and the stigma, the church must recognize that a previously incarcerated individual is someone that may be trapped in a cycle of sin, crime, addiction and self-centeredness, unless there is intervention. Successful re-entry fosters improved family relationships and helps stabilize communities. Research has demonstrated that carefully structured, well-run mentoring programs can positively affect social, behavioral and academic outcomes for at-risk young people.

*"The challenge of turning a previously incarcerated individual away from crime is often considerable. Many of them have poor skills and little experience of employment, few positive social networks, severe housing problems, and all of this is often severely complicated by drug, alcohol and mental health problems."*

## *Editorial (cont'd)*

People newly released from prison have many needs—including housing, healthcare and employment—that must be addressed very quickly so that they don't become insurmountable barriers to successful re-entry. Restorative justice calls on the community, including agencies directly involved in the criminal justice process, to accept those who have served their punishment and assist them in fully reintegrating into society. The Union County Re-entry Task Force was formed to provide a coordinated response to the issues facing returning citizens through the participation of county and city agencies, non-profit and faith-based organizations.

Reconnections is a Union County program funded by various sources, including the New Jersey State Parole Board and the Urban League of Union County. Participants in Reconnections receive case management and employment services, including soft-skills training and job placement assistance; some participants took advantage of other wraparound services, such as GED classes or alcohol and drug counseling. The process begins when a parole officer refers a parolee to Reconnections for assistance with basic needs, job readiness training and employment assistance. The Reconnections case manager completes an intake assessment and prepares a goal sheet for each client that is specific to their needs.

The challenges facing returning citizens provide an opportunity to put Christian values in action. As people of faith, we are called to care for our communities and the previously incarcerated population. The five ministry mandates of the church are to Feed the Hungry, Shelter the Homeless, Clothe those in Need, Look after the Sick, Visit those in Prison. (Matthew 25:35, 36.) That means that our response must be one of compassion, forgiveness, redemption and reconciliation requiring us to see hospitalization ministry and prison ministry through the same lens.

Reconnections clients are offered a mentoring option that results in a referral to the faith-based mentoring team. Mentoring is a main key to breaking the destructive cycle, providing: (1) support during a critical time of change with relationship building; (2) guidance through practical matters the mentee finds difficult; (3) encouragement to rebuild life, to recognize and avoid pitfalls that may lead to re-offending and to make changes; (4) building of self-confidence and self esteem, trust in others, motivation and a sense of direction; (5) a challenge to widen horizons and to achieve goals, and; (6) support while facing life issues. Spiritual mentoring is a relationship with a teacher of life who is able to convey what was learned from the teacher's own faithful mentor, the Great Mentor. Spiritual mentoring is a life shared. A life that is shared that has the courage to say, Imitate me as I seek to imitate Jesus; follow me as I seek to faithfully follow Him.

Advocacy is the complementary response to mass incarceration that seeks to increase public awareness and to make structural changes to limit use of incarceration, address racial disparity, expand alternatives to incarceration for juveniles, address collateral consequences, and promote policies that restore the rights of returning citizens. In 2015, the New Jersey Opportunity to Compete Act (Ban the Box) required employers to remove the self-disclosure of prior felony convictions from employment applications. Financial penalties continue to be an area that needs to be restructured in a manner so there is a real and accessible opportunity for returning citizens to repay their victims, provide for their families, and become self-sufficient members of society.

Re-entry is a response to God's Call To Community that presents an opportunity to join the churches, mosques and synagogues that are currently participating throughout the county. As sentences are reduced there will be increasing numbers of men and women who will need the support, guidance and encouragement provided by the commitment of the faith-based community.

## *Member Spotlight*

***Rabbi Renee Edelman***  
Temple Sha'arey Shalom



I am the newest member of the Union County Interfaith Council and overjoyed to join with you in understanding that our commonalities, far outweigh our differences and that we are all part of the same race- the human one. I was raised in a Jewish home in a white, Catholic town. There was one African American family, one Muslim family and several Jewish families. When I was in fourth grade, Massachusetts tried an educational experiment. They took our small town, and bussed in African American children from inner city Boston. Neither of us was prepared and so at first, there was major culture shock on both sides. Even the teachers were not prepared for what would happen next. After a week of adjustment's and getting everyone to the correct classrooms, we were fully integrated. As kids, we did not see color. We did not know what inner city Boston meant, and they did not know what school was without fights. We learned from each other and surprised the state by how easy the "integration" was.

My family was always open about learning other religions and cultures by inviting people to our home for dinner. When I was a teenager, my mother and her friend, the local pastor, created a program called STOP: Students Together Against Prejudice. The program, which has just celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary brought high school students together from different churches, mosques and synagogues, where they did activities to learn and discuss issues of faith, difficult moments in history to assure that they could fully support each other in the present. President Clinton honored the program, and my mother, for educational innovation. This was my pabulum and why I believe in the work of the Union County Interfaith Council.

I am a Rabbi and have been a Rabbi since 1997. My work has mostly been about helping Jews find a way to love being Jewish as I do. Every soul takes a different spiritual path, whether it be through nature, community, helping others, and prayer to find a deeper connection to something beyond our explanation. For me that is God. I took the long route to become a Rabbi. After Brandeis University, I studied journalism at Harvard and worked for a high end retail chain. With study and work, I always found a way to teach Judaism and become involved with interfaith work.

As a Rabbi, I have always served and been an active participant in local interfaith ministeriums or clergy boards. I have brought high school students from all the local mosques, temples, churches, religious centers and synagogues to learn about each religion, tradition and culture. I would love to do the same in Union County. With this article, I ask my fellow educators and clergy to join with me to educate both our adult and youth communities. We have the opportunity to learn from each other so that together we can move forward supporting each other in this crazy world. Education is a way to prevent ignorance and stereotyping. I pray that in the coming secular year, we come together for knowledge, peace and support. We can only go from strength to strength if we journey through life together.

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## **Join & Be Active Today!**

How can I join this viable group of supporters?

- Attend quarterly meetings.
- Invite other community leaders to attend our quarterly meetings.
- Support or host fundraising programs to support the Record Expungement Grant Program.
- Add your contact information to our mailing list.
- Share useful information about your organization.

Contact Rod Spearman at 908-354-3040 x 324 for more information on becoming a member

Advertise in the UCICC Newsletter!

Got an exciting event or program happening?

Reach out to members of the interfaith community in  
Union County by advertising in this newsletter!

Please send all ready ads to Rod Spearman at [rspearman@caunj.org](mailto:rspearman@caunj.org)  
by the 15th of every month to save a space!



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# *We Stand Together: A Gathering for Religious Tolerance*

*by Carmine Pernini - UCICC Coordinator*

On Tuesday, December 22 at 5:30pm, members of the Scotch Plains/Fanwood Ministerium and the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council, community leaders from Union County, and people from diverse religious traditions came together at Town Hall in Scotch Plains, NJ in support of religious tolerance, acceptance of one another, and radical welcome. The gathering was a response to billionaire and presidential candidate Donald Trump's call "for a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States ([www.donaldtrump.com](http://www.donaldtrump.com))." Oren Segal, director of the Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism, reported to USA Today, "We're definitely seeing anti-Muslim bigotry escalating around the country [since Donald Trump's remarks on banning Muslims from entering the U.S.]." The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR - [www.cair.com](http://www.cair.com)) decried what it called an "unprecedented backlash and discrimination targeting the nation's Muslim community" since the Paris attacks ([www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)).

Former president of the Scotch Plains/Fanwood Ministerium, Rabbi Joel N. Abraham of Temple Shalom, said of the purpose of the "We Stand Together" gathering, "We want to raise our voices in support of mutual tolerance and respect, and to firmly state to our Muslim brothers and sisters that we will not be silent in the face of political rhetoric that seeks to incite hatred and cause division. We believe strongly that the country that we all love was founded on the concept of religious liberty for all ([www.nj.com](http://www.nj.com))."

Approximately 150 people gathered at Town Hall in Scotch Plains in support of "A Statement For Religious Tolerance" which everyone at the gathering was asked to sign. The statement reads:

*The members of the Scotch Plains/Fanwood Ministerium (representing not only the communities of faith but the service organizations, schools, and towns as well) and the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council come together to build relationships of mutual respect and support.*

*We believe that our communities are better because of their diverse members.*

*We share in our various traditions that we should treat others as we wish to be treated, and not do to others what is hateful to ourselves.*

*Therefore, we utterly reject and condemn the current trend in political rhetoric which foments division and hatred.*

***TO OUR MUSLIM BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WE UNEQUIVOCALLY STATE THAT THEY SHOULD FEEL AS EQUAL IN CITIZENSHIP, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AS ANY OF US.***

*We commit to drown out the rasp of hate with the clarion call of acceptance and welcome.*

*No citizen of the United States - no one - should feel that they need to hide who they are, lest they endanger their lives.*

*We will not let fear deflect our moral compass.*

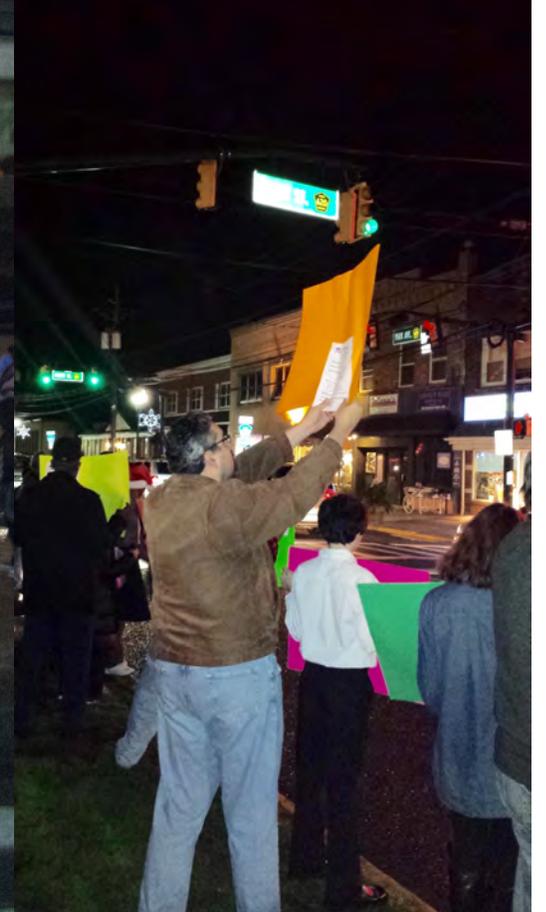
*We will proclaim liberty and justice for all.*

**If you wish to sign the statement, please contact Carmine Pernini at: [cpernini@caunj.org](mailto:cpernini@caunj.org).**

Those at the gathering pledged together, "Racial bigotry, religious persecution, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia or any other form of hatred cannot be wiped out unless each and every one of us confronts it within ourselves, our own circles of family, friends, and others we interact with. Silence is seen as consent. It takes courage to stand up for the other! By taking this pledge, each one of us can make a profound difference in the world. While interacting with members of my own faith or ethnic 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 challenge bigotry in any form." Rabbi Joel Abraham, Temple Shalom in Scotch Plains, Imam Ali Jaabar, Darul Islam in Elizabeth, Rev. Michael Morgan, All Saints Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains, Sidney Blanchard, Executive Director of the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council and Community Access Unlimited, Cantor Darcie Sharlein, Temple Shalom in Scotch Plains, Dr. Mohammad Ali Chaudry, Islamic Society in Basking Ridge, Bishop Kelvin Brooks, Kingdom Life Cathedral in Scotch Plains, and Rev. Carletta Aston, First United Methodist Church in Scotch Plains spoke at the event. The event was covered by the Star Ledger and [NJ.com](http://NJ.com).



*A Gathering for Religious Tolerance  
December 22, 2015  
Scotch Plains NJ*





## 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.

*Part time* positions are available on the weekends and overnights! Minimum requirements are:

Valid driver's license

Access to vehicle daily to use for work purposes

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.



## Open House

**Mondays from 4 PM -6 PM**

**80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202**

Don't forget your resume and

Be 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](mailto:rwright@caunj.org).

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](http://www.caunj.org) for more information and current openings. Community Access Unlimited is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



**AMFHR**  
AMERICAN MUSLIMS FOR HUNGER RELIEF

Union County **Soup Kitchen**

AMFHR is 501C(3) Non Profit Organization

# Last Saturday of Every Month

Join us last Saturday of every month to distribute food to 150+ homeless men and women in the Elizabeth area (Union County). We need two teams; one for picking up the food from the Islamic Center of East Orange and one team for setting up the venue at Darul Islam. Below is our schedule:

•9:30 am - Pick up food

Islamic Center of East Orange (215 N Oraton Pkwy, East Orange, NJ 07017)

•10:30 am - Setup table, supplies, and food at Darul Islam

Dar-ul Islam, 606-612 Salem Ave, Elizabeth, NJ 07207

•11:00 am - Serve food to the homeless/needly

•2:00 pm - Clean up

This is a great opportunity to get reward from Allah for feeding the hungry and establishing your place in Jannah inshAllah!

To volunteer or to donate or for additional information visit [www.amfhr.com](http://www.amfhr.com) or call Ghani Khan at 732-685-4605.

**ICUC**



**Dar ul Islam**

UC Coordinators: Ayaz Aslam (908) 875-9199 & Imran Ali (908) 477-5681



Please join us in remembering the life and work of

# **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*An ecumenical service hosted by:*

The Cranford Clergy Council, representing our 10 houses of worship

~ and ~

The Interfaith Human Relations Committee

**Cranford Alliance Church**

**7 Cherry St.**

**Thursday, January 14, 7:00p.m.**

A special offering will be collected to go towards the Cranford Clergy Council Scholarship, awarded to a graduating Senior for exceptional volunteer service to our community.

*For more information, contact Cindy at [cindy@patwin.com](mailto:cindy@patwin.com) or 908-272-9133*



*“I Have A Dream”*

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE OF ELIZABETH



**31<sup>st</sup>** *Annual Ecumenical Service*

Celebrating the *life & legacy* of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

***Monday, January 18, 2016***

**10:00 AM**

**New Hope  
Baptist Church  
91 Division St.  
Elizabeth, NJ**

Rev. Steffie Bartley

**Reception  
Mount Teman AME  
Church  
160 Madison Ave,  
Elizabeth, NJ**

*“Our lives begin to end the  
day we become silent about  
the things that matter.”  
~Rev. Dr. MLK Jr.*

**Keynote Speaker  
Presiding Elder  
Wallace K. Thomas  
Pastor & Founder  
Greater Faith Temple Church  
of God In Christ  
128-130 Broadway, Elizabeth, NJ**

# The 2016 Global Crisis

THE MOST TRAGIC IN HISTORY

**60 MILLION** human beings

Women, Children,  
the elderly, sick, disabled

**Forcibly** made **HOMELESS**:  
displaced or seeking asylum



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to Europe and  
North Africa

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MAY THE PEACE AND BLESSING OF GOD BE UPON YOU  
AND MAY HE REWARD YOUR GENEROSITY



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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
READ-IN**

**CAN YOU  
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EVEN IF YOU JUST WANT TO CELEBRATE WITH  
US.  
PLEASE JOIN US!!!!**

**When: February 20, 2016  
Where: Community Access Unlimited  
80 West Grand Street  
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Time: 10am-1pm**

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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 Meeting**

January 7, 2016 at 10:00 AM  
Community Access Unlimited  
80 W Grand St, Elizabeth NJ 07202

### **UCICC Steering Committee Meeting**

February 4, 2016 at 10:00 AM  
Community Access Unlimited  
80 W Grand St, Elizabeth NJ 07202

### **UCICC Steering Committee Meeting**

March 3, 2016 at 10:00 AM  
Community Access Unlimited  
80 W Grand St, Elizabeth NJ 07202

### **Full UCICC Meeting**

January 21, 2016 at 6:00 PM  
United Presbyterian Church  
525 E. Front Street  
Plainfield, NJ 07060

### **Full UCICC Meeting**

February 18, 2016 at 6:00 PM  
First Baptist Church of Kenilworth  
225 North 8th Street  
Kenilworth, NJ 07033

### **Full UCICC Meeting**

March 17, 2016 at 6:00 PM  
Masjid Darul Islam Mosque  
602 Salem Ave  
Elizabeth, NJ 07208



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