

# Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council



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**“THE WHOLE IS GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS.”**

-Aristotle



**Child with severe disabilities denied access to bus after passengers refuse to move prams**



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**EEOC**  
U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

**Georgia Governor to Veto 'Religious Freedom' Law as N.C. Is Sued for LGBT Bias**



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*Tears Flow and Spirits Sag, but Some Immigrants Look to November With Determination*



**STAYING UNITED: LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR**



## 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
- Become active with increased publicity
- Build religious membership
- Build support to fundraising events with paid participants
- Create full and part time employment opportunities for congregation members
- Provide educational opportunities regarding entitlements, housing, and other services, to congregation members
- Assist individuals within the congregation to obtain services; for example, people with disabilities, youth, people with physical disabilities, or senior citizens.

### **UNION COUNTY INTERFAITH COORDINATING COUNCIL Steering Committee Members**

**Pastor E. Crawford—Chair**  
Ebenezer AME  
Rahway

**Deacon Tim Williams-Vice Chair**  
First Baptist Church  
Kenilworth

**Sidney Blanchard**  
Executive Director of CAU

**Rabbi Joel N. Abraham**  
Temple Sholom  
Scotch Plains

**Ayaz Aslam**  
Muslim Community Center of UC  
Elizabeth

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Townley Presbyterian Church  
Union

**Pat Inlarp**  
Dhammakaya Meditations Ctr  
of Fanwood

**Erich Han William Kussman, Jr**  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
Springfield

**Pastor Mertz**  
First United Methodist Church  
Westfield

**Michelle Mobley**  
Director of Youth Service  
Residential

**Pastor Carmine Pernini**  
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Rahway

**Fr Michael Saporito**  
The Parish Community of St. Helen  
Westfield

**Roderick Spearman**  
CAU Consultant

**Elder Arthur “Skip” Winter**  
Cranford Presbyterian Church  
Cranford

# message

## from the chairperson

On April 15, 1965 a popular song written by Hal David and composed by Burt Bacharach was released. This song crossed color lines, community boundaries, social classes, political preferences and religious affiliations. This song was able to bring together people and communities who had nothing in common but the shared desire for their families, communities, nation and the world to be better. In a non-partisan and socially acceptable way, this song addressed the struggle of the Civil Rights movement, the assassinations of JFK, RFK and MLK and the fear embedded in our hearts by the Zodiac and Manson murders, which defined the 1960's.

This song, first recorded by Jackie DeShannon, was later recorded by more than 100 artist including Dionne Warwick, The Supremes, Cilla Black, Carla Thomas, Tom Clay, The Staple Singers, Judy Garland, The Chambers Brothers, McCoy Tyner, Barry Manilow, Johnny Mathis, Zwan, Steve Tyrell, Luther Vandross, Stacey Kent, Mr. Bungle, The Young Americans, Rick Astley and Coldplay. This song discusses the one thing that everybody and anybody could relate to, Love. The song is *What the World Needs Now is Love*. Love, is the greatest emotion of all because love calls us to action. Love, gives us the boldness to stand and say "I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice or hesitate in the presence of the adversary. I will not negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity."



40 years later, we are still challenged by social injustice, racial intolerance, unconscionable acts of violence and class disparity. Love is the only thing that will comfort the families of Sandra Bland, Roosevelt Champion III, Officer Melvin Santiago, Natasha McKenna and countless others mourning families. Love is the only thing that will heal the communities of Charleston, SC, Chattanooga, TN and Lafayette, LA. Love is the only thing that can lift the hearts and heads of those affected by gun violence, church burnings, and bias attacks. Therefore, this month I challenge you, we challenge you, to explore new ways to express love, explore new things to love and explore new people to love. Ways that are simple yet complex, Things that are familiar yet foreign and People like you but different. This month amidst chaos and controversy; violence and vengeance; injustice and inconsideration, what the world NEEDS is love and our willingness as communities and leaders of faith, to teach them how to love. What the world needs now is both the love of God and the love of God's people, "it's the only thing that there's just too little of."

*Rev. Dr. Erika D. Crawford*

# Editorial

## ALL LIVES ARE SACRED & ALL LIVES MATTER IN ISLAM

Dr. Shahid Farooqui

Muslim Community Center of Union County, Elizabeth

Islam is a universal message of love and peace from God (God), in which all lives and all creation is sacred. It is based upon the belief of eternal success and salvation for all mankind through submission to the will and commands of God, following the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), the final messenger of God, and trying one's best to live by the instructions given in the Quran.

The Sunnah is the teaching and practical examples of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) under the divine guidance of God. The Quran is the word of God conveyed to Prophet Muhammad through Arch Angel Gabriel, over 23 years. In the Quran, God mentions love, mercy and kindness are amongst His sign. He commands us to care and share with all creation.

Imam Ali, the fourth Khalifa, once eloquently said "When you meet a fellow human you meet with him in one of the two relations, either he is your brother in faith Islam or he is your brother in humanity."

The following are verses of Quran and Hadith (recorded sayings from the Prophet Muhammad that complement the Qur'anic teachings about neighbors and the importance of loving others.

*Serve God, and join not any partners with Him; and do good- to parents, kinsfolk, orphans, those in need, neighbors who are near, neighbors who are strangers, the companion by your side, the wayfarer (ye meet), and what your right hands possess: For God love not the arrogant, the vainglorious; (4:36)*

*On that account: We ordained for the Children of Israel that if any one slew a person - unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief in the land - it would be as if he slew the whole people (Entire Mankind): and if anyone saved a life, it would be as if he saved the life of the whole people (Entire Mankind). Then although there came to them Our apostles with clear signs, yet, even after that, many of them continued to commit excesses in the land. - (5:32) (Y. Ali And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the variations in your languages and your colors: verily in that are Signs for those who know. (30:22)*

The Prophet (may peace and blessings be upon him) said, "one amongst you does not believe (truly) till one loves for his brother or for his neighbor that which he loves for himself." He also said, "Whoever believes in the Last Day, let him treat his neighbor well, let him honor his guest." The Prophet reminded his companions that "Gabriel kept on commending the neighbor to me so that I thought he would make him an heir."

In Islam, all the Prophets from Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, to Muhammad – peace be upon all of them -- and all Prophets in between submitted to the will of God and lived by and taught God's commands to love and respect each other. They all loved, respected, and showed reverence towards all. They never spoke of any hate, animosity, or aggression, making them the best role models for us to follow. We must learn and accept one reality as an ultimate truth: we are all creations of God. We have to learn to love and live with each other with respect and dignity. We are obliged to love each other for the love of God.

## *Member Spotlight*

**Tim Williams**  
**First Baptist Church**  
**Kenilworth, NJ**

Tim is a community leader with a heart for the people he lives and works and worships with. Tim enjoyed a 30-year career at Elizabethtown Gas as the Manager of Community Outreach. Tim organized the company's volunteer efforts and philanthropy for New Jersey. Most importantly Tim was responsible for all community relations and outreach efforts.

Tim first joined Elizabethtown Gas in 1984. He was in the Information Technology department for 20 years holding positions like the (LAN) Local Area Network manager, where he installed the company's hardware and software for its computer network. Later, Tim was promoted to Consolidated Services Manager, overseeing the company help desk.

In 2005, Tim moved from computer operations and joined the Community Affairs department. Tim was a natural fit for community work. It felt just like ministry to him. Helping people and making a difference in their lives felt similar to his other true calling: ministry. Tim is also the Chairman of the Deacon and Trustee boards at his church, First Baptist Church in Kenilworth.

Now a private consultant, Tim specializes in helping organizations with their community outreach programs and board development. Over his career, Tim has sat on 17 non-profit boards. He currently sits on The Boys and Girls Club of Union County and is Vice-chair for UCICC, Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council.

As a fellow of Lead NJ, (formerly Leadership New Jersey class 2008), Tim developed a mentoring program which was selected as the class project and has been serving students in Union County for over 10 years. Tim will begin an on-site 10 week mentoring program for Hillside High School in Hillside NJ for the 2016/2017 School year.

Tim's proudest accomplishment is being a single dad of two kids, Justin 19, and Kelsey 21. Tim is a lifelong resident of Union County, born in Roselle Park and now residing in Rahway NJ.



# FAITH IN ACTION!



**THE CRANFORD CLERGY COUNCIL HOSTS A PRAYER VIGIL JUNE 28TH.**



**UCICC HOSTS A SPECIAL PROGRAM, "LOVING GOD, LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR: A CHRISTIAN-JEWISH-MUSLIM PERSPECTIVE," ON JULY 19 AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN WESTFIELD.**



**UCICC HOSTS AN INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL ON JULY 19TH AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN WESTFIELD.**

***Is your House of Faith:***

- ***Advocating for Peace, Acceptance, Communication?***
- ***Sharing your Faith?***
- ***Supporting Social Initiatives?***

***Share it with the Interfaith Community!***



Email your photos and a summary caption to [UCInterfaith@caunj.org](mailto:UCInterfaith@caunj.org) by the 11th of each month.



## **Pledge to Stand Up for the Other**

### **Background:**

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 that we interact with. Silence is seen as consent. It takes courage to stand up for the other. It is important to prevent bigoted speech coming from public officials, but it is even more critical to focus on our own individual responsibility to prevent bigotry we may see around us. By taking this pledge, each one of us can make a profound difference in the world.

### **Take The Pledge!**

**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.**

You may sign the pledge online on at [www.standupfortheother.org](http://www.standupfortheother.org) and email your comments to: [dralichaudry@gmail.com](mailto:dralichaudry@gmail.com).

Please Sign this Pledge and Mail to:  
Dr. M. Ali Chaudry P.O. Box 124 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

## Pledge to Stand Up for the Other

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Optional:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### KEEP THIS FOR FOLLOW UP – SHARE WITH YOUR FAITH OR ETHNIC GROUP

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## The Pledge to Challenge Bigotry

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**Comments:** Please share your thoughts on this initiative and any other ideas for fighting bigotry and hatred. You may email me your comments at [machaudry@gmail.com](mailto:machaudry@gmail.com). Please sign the pledge online on at [www.standupfortheother.org](http://www.standupfortheother.org). Follow us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/standupfortheother> and upload a video of your pledge with comments.



***Save the Date!***  
***August 18, 2016***

**Join the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council for:**

**a forum on the topic of:**

**Building Bridges:  
The Criminal Justice System**

**7:00P—9:00P**

**Saint Isabel Lutheran Church  
908 East Jersey Street • Elizabeth, NJ 07201**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LIVELY AND INFORMATIVE DISCUSSION ON SOME OF THESE VERY IMPORTANT SOCIAL ISSUES:**

- **Combating social injustices in the criminal justice system.**
  - **Society's responsibility in addressing social injustice.**
    - **Ministering to the needs of the incarcerated.**
- **Building bridges between law enforcement and community.**
  - **Dispelling the 'us' vs. 'them' mentality.**

**Featuring Guest Speakers:**

**Pastor Pamela Jones**  
CIC, Inc., Linden

**Derrick Gregory**  
Simple Way, Philadelphia

**Springfield Deputy Mayor Ziad Shehady**  
Integrity House, Jersey City

**Erich H.W. Kussman Sr.**  
Ransom Writers & Speakers, Springfield

**Richard Hogans**  
Chaplain, Union County Corrections, Elizabeth

**Reverend Emmanuel Bourjolly**  
Head Chaplain, AC Wagner Correctional, Bordentown



80 West Grand Street  
Elizabeth, NJ 07202  
(908) 354-3040

***Reserve Now!***

E-mail or phone your RSVP to:  
UCInterfaith@caunj.org  
(908) 354-3040 x324

# **Union County Peace Council's 14th Annual Peace Arts & World Friendship Fair "Sharing This Earth"**



**Sunday, August 7, 2016 from 1 - 7 pm**  
**at Eastman Plaza (the Clock Park)**  
**Intersection North Ave. & Eastman St.**  
**Cranford, NJ USA**  
**Music, Art, and Solidarity**  
**Solar and Bicycle powered!**  
**Vendors Tables \$10**



**Contact Monica Shimkus (908 )884-1262**  
**unioncountypeacecouncil@gmail.com**  
**Rain date August 14. visit: ucpeace.org**  
**<http://unioncountypeacecouncil.tumblr.com/>**



**Join Us**

**NOTHING** CAN STOP US  
WE'RE ALL **THE WAY UP!!!**

the 2016 CAU Youth Conference

**August 17, 2016**

**9:30 AM—3:00 PM**

**Kean University, STEM Building**  
**1075 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ**  
**07083**

TO RSVP CALL  
Latanya Palmer  
at 908-354-  
3040

Day to Include:

**Workshops, Prizes, Entertainment, & Food!**



# 2016 CAU Youth Conference Registration Form

**Program Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Phone:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **ext:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Staff attending:\* *\*(1 Staff per 5 Youth attending conference is required).*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Group Leader)

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Youth Attending: *(First Name, Last Name)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

11. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

13. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

14. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

15. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Latanya Palmer**  
**Community Access Unlimited**  
**80 West Grand Street**  
**Elizabeth, NJ 07202**  
**Phone: (908)-354-3040 ext.394**  
**Fax: (908)-354-2665**



# SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFE

at TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 829 SALEM ROAD, UNION, NJ

PROUDLY PRESENTS

## THE ROYAL SCAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 8:00 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM ADMISSION: \$20.00

*Admission includes snacks, beverages, tea, coffee & desserts*



The Royal Scam is the world's premier Steely Dan tribute band. Playing more than 40 of Steely Dan's masterpieces, The Royal Scam has helped to keep the compositions of Donald Fagen and Walter Becker, the spirit of rock/jazz, and the enthusiasm of fine musicianship alive in small clubs and venues in the NY metropolitan area.

Original photographic work by **LOIS TANGOWSKI**, telling of her recent journey on the Appalachian Trail, will be on display at the **ROADHOUSE GALLERY OF FINE ARTS**

*Show proceeds benefit the Institute of Music for Children*

Shows are featured on UNION TV34's "UNION AFTER DARK" nightly music series

Plenty of free parking in our two lots and on the street

**SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ 829 SALEM ROAD UNION NJ 07083**

PHONE: 908-686-1028 (leave message) E-MAIL: salemroadhouse@gmail.com

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

2016 - 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

**Starting September 4, 2016**

Teach your children:

- Tajweed (recitation)
- Surah memorization
- Islamic studies and values



**SHAPING  
THE  
FUTURE**  
Pre K - Grade 9

**MCCUC SUNDAY SCHOOL**

[www.mccuc.org](http://www.mccuc.org)

964-984 Magie Avenue

Elizabeth, NJ 07208

**(908) 965 - 1001**

Sunday School will be in session  
from September 2016 – May 2017  
Every Sunday 10:00 am – 1:15 pm

## An Invitation...



### *A Day of Help, Healing and Hope*

Dear Community Partner:

Morning Star Community Christian Center would like to invite you to join us and other community leaders from law enforcement, inter-faith groups, legal representatives and the community at large for “*A Day of Help, Healing and Hope.*”

This event will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Morning Star Community Center, 1238 St. Georges Avenue, Linden, New Jersey.

Morning Star will provide a “**safe haven for justice and need**” where individuals have a chance to:

- *Expunge* their records for **FREE**
- Have a second chance at *employment opportunities*
- Participate in open *dialogue* with Acting Union County Prosecutor Grace H. Park
- Discuss ways to *improve relationships* between law enforcement and the community

The objective of this *county-wide* event is to meet the needs of the people, build trust and strengthen relationships between all entities.

Morning Star Community Christian Center welcomes you and we look forward to your help as we work together to make this a good day in the neighborhood.

**Please RSVP your participation and direct any questions to:  
Jacqueline Jenkins, MSCCC Community Relations, (732) 619-3658  
or e-mail [communityrelations@morningstarccc.org](mailto:communityrelations@morningstarccc.org).**

Sincerely,  
Therman E. Evans, MD, PhD  
Senior Pastor

SAVE THE DATE!

*A day of*  
**HELP  
HEALING  
& HOPE**

*A Safe Haven for;  
Record Expungement  
Employment Opportunities  
Prayer & Healing  
Open dialogue with law  
enforcement*

SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

**MORNING STAR COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CENTER  
SENATOR RAYMOND J. LESNIAK  
ASSEMBLYMAN JAMEL HOLLEY  
UNION COUNTY SHERIFF JOSEPH CRYAN  
UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR GRACE PARK**

# ANNUAL IRA GELLER WALK-a-THON

Community Access Unlimited

# SAVE THE DATE

September 17th, 2016

Oak Ridge Park  
Clark, NJ

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 OPPROTUNITIES!

Start fundraising now by joining an existing team or individually on our CrowdRise Event Page!  
Go to [www.crowdrise.com/2016IraGellerWalkathon](http://www.crowdrise.com/2016IraGellerWalkathon) to get started!

## Sponsorships Are Available!

For more information contact Alyssa Mistretta, Fundraising Coordinator 908.354.3040 x205  
or at [amistretta@caunj.org](mailto:amistretta@caunj.org)



# SAVE THE DATE!



## 4th Annual Union County Youth Networking Conference October 26, 2016

Stay tuned for more details!

## Election 2016

### Important Election Dates

**October 18, 2016**  
Voter Registration Deadline, *last opportunity to register to vote in the General Election.*

**November 1, 2016**  
Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for General Election

**November 4, 2016**  
Deadline for Application to Receive General Election Mail-In Ballots by Electronic Means for Qualified Overseas Civilian and Military Voters

**November 7, 2016**  
Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for General Election

**November 8, 2016**  
General Election, *Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.*

Exercise your:

Right,  
Duty,  
Privilege.

Make Your  
Voice Heard!



### NJ Division of Elections

**Mailing Address:**  
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P.O. Box 304  
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225 West State Street, 5th  
Floor  
Trenton, NJ 08608

Tel: (609) 292-3760  
Fax: (609) 777-1280  
Email: [Feedback@sos.nj.gov](mailto:Feedback@sos.nj.gov)

Website: [www.njelections.org](http://www.njelections.org)



# 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](http://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](mailto:rwright@caunj.org).



**Save the Date !**

**Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council**

## Upcoming Events

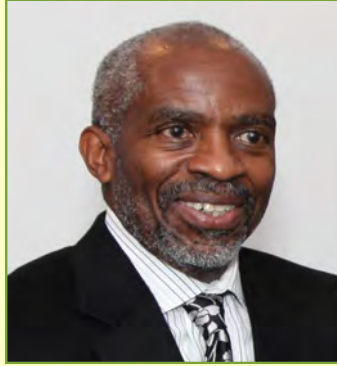
18-Aug-16	6P - 9P	Criminal Justice / Mass Incarceration/ Police-Community Issues	Santa Isabel Lutheran church 908 E. Jersey Street Elizabeth, NJ
17-Sep-16	11A - 3P	Walk-a-thon - Community Participation Event	Oak Ridge Park Clark, NJ
5-Oct-16	6:30P - 8P	Day of Prayer	Parish Community of St. Helen 1600 Rahway Avenue Westfield, NJ
17-Nov-16	6P - 9P	Hospitality Dinner - Giving Thanks for Diversity	Holy Cross Lutheran Church 639 Mountain Avenue Springfield, NJ

**Come Visit Our Table at the Union County Peace Arts and World  
Friendship Fair on August 7th! *(see page 13)***

# UCICC Outreach Coordinating Team



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*AH 'Skip' Winter  
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*Cynthia Manno  
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## Join & Be Active Today!

- 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 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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Fax: 908-354-2665 www.caunj.org

**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**

August 4, 2016 at 10:00am  
80 W Grand St  
Elizabeth NJ 07202

### **UCICC Steering Committee**

September 1, 2016 at 10:00am  
80 W Grand St  
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### **UCICC Steering Committee**

October 6, 2016 at 10:00am  
80 W Grand St  
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### **Full UCICC Meeting**

**Topic: Criminal Justice/Mass Incarceration/Police Issues**  
August 18, 2016 at 6:00 PM  
Santa Isabel Lutheran Church  
908 E Jersey Street, Elizabeth NJ 07202

### **Full UCICC Meeting**

**Event: Ira Geller Walk-a-thon Teambuilding Event**  
September 17, 2016 at 11:00 AM  
Oak Ridge Park  
136 Oak Ridge Road, Clark NJ 07066

### **Full UCICC Invitation**

**Event: Day of Prayer & Reflection**  
October 5, 2016 at 6:30 PM  
Parish Community of St. Helen  
1500 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090



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