

# Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council



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On the cover we feature women of the past and present: (from top left to right that are an inspiration to others) Reverend Angel Kyodo Williams; Zen Priest \* Helen Keller; Activist\* Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor\* Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez \* Ella Mae Baker; Activist \* Congresswoman Debra Haaland \* Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg \* Mother Teresa \* Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib,



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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 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.
- 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.



# FAITH INTO ACTION

## BUILDING YOUR COMMUNITY

Are you a house of worship wishing to build community?

We have Union County citizens searching for a community where their talents will be welcomed and their interests will be fostered?

Perhaps you have what they are looking for!

This is an opportunity for representatives from a variety of houses of worship within Union County to let others learn about fellowship opportunities, social justice ministries, charity outreach teams, religious education, music ministry, and programs for youth. Some may even find a place of worship to call home!

Please join us as we link faith leaders and congregation members from all different faiths to those eagerly seeking a community to call their own.

The **Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council** invites you to an interfaith reception where you will be given your own table to share information on your house of worship on:

Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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# FAITH INTO ACTION

## BUILDING YOUR COMMUNITY

**Are you a Union County citizen searching for a community where your talents will be welcomed and interests will be fostered? Are you looking for a house of worship, a community to volunteer with, a way to make an impact in the world, or meaningful relationships?**

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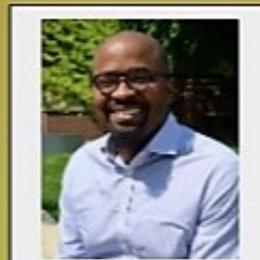
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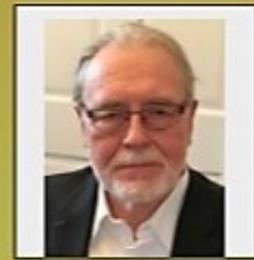
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Drew University



Suzy Ismail  
Author, Speaker



Rev. Andrew Wilkes  
Author, Pastor



Bob Harris  
Speaker, Counselor

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### WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Rev. Charles F. Boyer, Salvation and Social Justice | Rev. Robin Tanner, Poor People's Campaign National Committee | Pastor Sammy Arroyo, Hightstown Methodist Church | Rev. Eric Dobson, NJ Fair Share Housing | Mr. Jorge Torres, Faith in New Jersey | Arla Patch, Quaker Activist | Chief Robert Garofalo, WWPD | Chief Nicholas Sutter, PPD | Pastor Dale Selover, Director of Living in Grace Ministries | Carol Watchler, Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice | Kelsey Marziale, Rider University | Rev. Dr. Cornell A. Edmonds, Esq. | Barbara Edmonds | Jack Tironi, Drew University | Bilal Sultan, co-founder of La Convivencia



### Service Project

Conference attendees will have the opportunities to make hygiene kits to donate to underserved families in the area.

# Faith in Action

## PICTURED

- 2/9/19 CAU Fellowship Concert Featuring
- NJ State Youth Orchestra
- The Institute of Music's - Harmony "Rock" Band
- Next Level Living Word Ministries— Expressions of Worship
- CAU Religious Services Poetry Reading



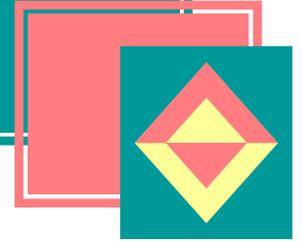
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## PICTURED

- Bias Crimes Investigations in Union County held on 2/26/19 at Union County College—Cranford Campus
- Immigration Laws in Union County held on 2/28/19 at Union County College—Elizabeth Campus



# Who Inspires Me



**By: Varsia C. Russell  
Zion Evangelical Lutheran  
Church, Rahway NJ**

For this women's month issue, I was asked to write about my inspiration, or person I admire. As a Christian woman I believe that Jesus Christ is my first inspiration. Jesus worked and fellowshiped with the people that society avoided, the loose woman, the people with leprosy, and the tax collector. The people that society casted out, and had harsh judgement on. The bible verse that inspires me the most is

***“Love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.” (Luke 10:27).***

My second inspiration is my grandmother. My grandmother embodied this verse. She is a black woman born in Jim Crow Alabama during the 1930s. She had a sister born with Downs Syndrome. At that time in history, you would put the child in an institution or ignore their medical needs. My grandmother took care of her until her death in the 1990s. My grandmother showed me through her actions how to love, even when society said that person was not important. My grandmother was a nurse, and even taught her grandchildren how to care for my aunt, so that she was never abandoned. She gave all that she had, so that her sister, would have the best quality of life, once their parents had passed on. My grandmother also helped her other family members as much as she could. She demonstrated that love was about actions, and not just words.

I have taken this love for others for a different population. I worked for about 9 years with the juvenile justice system. I would declare to anyone who listened that I love bad kids. I didn't actually believe that the teenagers that I worked with were bad, but they made some bad decisions. I have worked with the youth that have legal issues, and are sentenced to a state institution. This is a population that many have thought are hard to love, and deserve to handle their consequences. In my work, I have learned a lot from these talented, hard working, and intelligent young men. A lot of these adolescents have been affected by trauma, grief and poverty. They have motivated me to earn a Masters in Counseling so that I may be of great assistance to them. I have attempted to help them see their own worth and talents, and not just the mistakes they have made.

In conclusion, God has expanded who I think of as my neighbor, and has pushed me to actively love those who society has pushed to the fringe.



# Taking a Step Forward for the Community; A Conversation on Sparking Dialogue as Youth

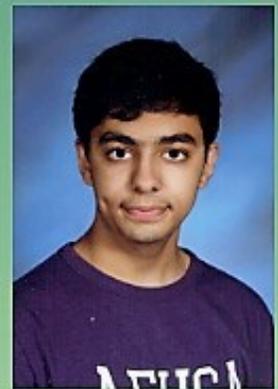
In this session, youth will work on some key skills in order to serve their community. Youth will learn to craft questions and answers and apply it in activities. There will also be a part about facilitating youth discussions and making the right decisions in order to keep the flow. Youth will also participate in a variety of activities that will incentivize them to take risks in order to learn something more about their fellow peers. In addition, we will talk about unspeakable truth, youth for change, and how youth can play a role to bring a positive change in their communities.

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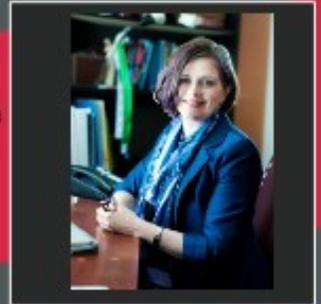
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# CULTIVATING A FAITH THAT SHAPES OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SOCIAL JUSTICE



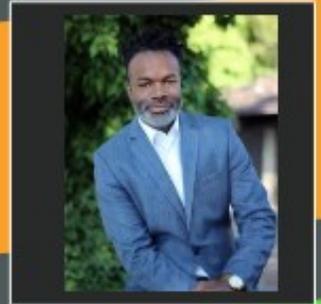
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And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Come and meet some of the leading social justice voices in the New Jersey and in the nation as they share how their faith guides and gives them strength to fight for justice. In this plenary session, we will be discussing the impact that faith groups have in social justice movements such as the Poor People's Campaign, Prison Reform and Immigrant Rights. You will learn ways in which you and your faith tradition can organize for advocacy and how to engage with government officials to enact public policy improvements. This will also be a great opportunity to learn more about The Poor People's Campaign, Salvation and Social Justice, The New Jersey Prophetic Agenda, and Faith in New Jersey.

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# INSPIRED TO BE GREEN

**By: Nancy Griffeth**

**Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Summit**



*“Over years, we may have had many moments when an almost inaudible inner voice struggles to get our attention. It wants to alert us that we are not quite living our real life, the life meant for us, the life that would feel whole and satisfying. In our busyness, we dial down that inner voice. ... So, what kind of world is our busyness making? We are not just accomplices in our own enslavement but complicit in creating the most colossally wasteful and destructive societies in human experience”* — **Helen Kaar**

Many years ago, I attended my first Green Vespers at Beacon Unitarian-Universalist Congregation in Summit. Green Vespers is a monthly service “dedicated to seeking right relationship with Earth,” led by Helen Kaar. In this service, we hear words like the above describing ways in which our relationship with the Earth has gone astray. Helen is not just the creator of extraordinary worship services, she is also an artist whose mediums include both paint and textile. One of her quilts is one of the many fascinating works on display at the Montclair Art Museum exhibition “New Directions in Fiber Art.” If you haven’t seen it, this exhibition will be there until June 16, and is well worth seeing.

Helen began Green Vespers after asking our then minister to present one issue a month from the perspective of the Great Web of all existence, which she declined. So eventually, Helen decided to do it herself. The result has been more than 11 years of brilliant monthly services.

They have moved me to work in my own way to make this a greener world. A continuing theme in her services is the destruction of the Earth by our consumption-driven society. We purchase, consume, and discard one product after another. Manufacturing these products releases poisons into our air and water. Transporting products to market releases greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. After what is frequently brief use, we discard the products to litter our streets, waterways, and oceans.

Thinking of this when I retired from my job as a professor of computer science about 4 years ago, I decided that I should spend some time working on environmental issues. At first, I attended occasional meetings and signed some petitions. This has morphed into an all-consuming effort to make New Jersey a greener state. I have begun to study environmental issues in the Rutgers Environmental Stewards program. Also, as chair of the Environmental Justice Task Force of Unitarian Universality FaithAction NJ (a group that lobbies for environmental legislation in New Jersey), I spend time testifying at hearings, collaborating with other environmentalists to educate New Jerseyans about environmental issues, and working to make New Jersey’s most polluted communities — usually communities of color and low-income communities — cleaner and safer places to live.

Thanks to Helen’s inspiration, I have met many remarkable environmentalists and have been privileged to work with them on fascinating and important projects. New Jersey is a beautiful state with remarkable resources, from the Highlands to the Shore to the Pine Barrens. I hope we can all work to clean up those parts that have been destroyed by our continual, excessive consumption and to keep the still beautiful parts intact.

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## Reverend Aleyah Lacey

CAU Religious Services

Ordained Local Elder at Mount Teman AME Church; Elizabeth NJ



Community Access Unlimited (CAU) has embraced helping the members, people with different abilities and at risk youth, of CAU find their spiritual path for what will be 40 years this May. Reverend Aleyah Lacey has been instrumental at assisting in this journey for over 30 years. Reverend Lacey has served CAU in many capacities throughout the years. Aleyah served as CAU's Information and Referral Coordinator where she was able to use her passion to help others. In that role she was able to assist homeless persons, those that have been abused and/or neglected, and those whom are often marginalized navigate through the systems of community supports. Reverend Lacey also served as the Coordinator of Community Bridge Building organizing programs such as "Understand Religious Differences" to educate about different religions.

In her many roles at CAU she noticed that many members felt rejected by the faith community due to their abilities or life circumstances. So she aimed to be a bridge to faith as everyone should have access to the faith of their choosing. Over the years she met with faith leaders to express concerns and show their communities how to embrace the members of CAU so they can enrich their faith traditions. Thanks to her members have found a way to use their talents within houses of worship. There are some that are ushers or greeters. Some have been able to use their talents in the arts by designing artwork, becoming members of the choir, playing instruments in music ministries, and even as dancers. Some have found their niche as active members of outreach teams that provide help to those in need working in the soup kitchen, passing out items to those in need of shelter, or being a friend to those that are ill and/or aging.

Through Rev. Lacey's dedication some houses of worship have worked on making sure they are providing supports throughout services that help members be included. Sign Language interpreters are available for services and events. Activities are provided for those that need to keep their hands busy during worship so they can be at ease and focused. The youth are asked to be active members of youth groups or youth activities. Some houses of worship have even made an effort to assist in helping the member of CAU gain employment opportunities through providing job sampling.

We at CAU, are grateful that in Rev. Lacey's retirement she has decided to rejoin us in a part-time capacity as part of the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council that she helped to launch, by leading CAU's religious services. In this new role Rev. Lacey continues to be the bridge to faith our CAU members need. Every Saturday from 11am to 2pm she leads 2 services designed with the members. They focus on exploring faith traditions, talk about how they can use faith to face their challenges, and welcome speakers that testify to their own life's journey. Rev. Lacey is continually looking for Houses of Worship to lead services, activities, or to extend an invitation to a Saturday activity. If your House of Worship or organization would like to participate please contact Reverend Aleyah Lacey at [alacey@caunj.org](mailto:alacey@caunj.org) or call Charlene Walker at (908) 354-3040 ext 4371.

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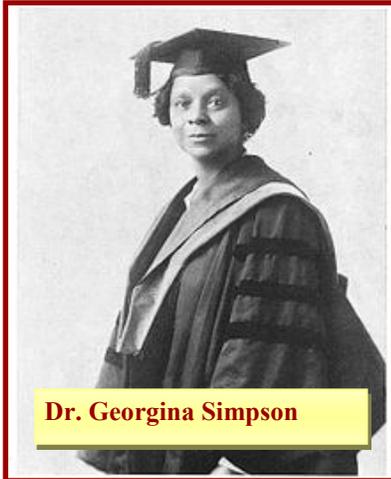


# Herstory: 3 Black Women Doctors to Remember



**By: Norman K. Miles Sr., PhD**  
**Senior Pastor**  
**Trinity Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
**Newark, NJ**

PASTOR'S PAGE  
February 9, 2019



1921 was a difficult year in American life for African-Americans, foreigners, and women. For many white men these groups were a potential danger to the social, political, and economic order, and there were active efforts to keep them in their place. Strong anti-immigration feelings against people from southern and eastern Europe, (mainly Jews fleeing oppression in the aftermath of World War I), caused many to feel that something had to be done to stem the tide of people from those countries flooding the nation. This was touted as a national emergency, and congress passed the Emergency Quota Act set severe limits on the number of immigrants from southern and eastern European countries. The law became effective on May 19, 1921.

On the morning of June 1, 1921, a white mob numbering in the thousands, crossed the railroad tracks and attacked a black section of Tulsa, Oklahoma. After three days of rioting by white mobs the Greenwood section of the city was almost completely destroyed. Greenwood was a prosperous all black section of the city whose business area was dubbed, "The Black Wall Street". Many were killed in the riot and the Greenwood section never recovered. Eventually some effort would be made to compensate business owners for their losses, and provide scholarships for children whose parents were killed. Mostly it was too little too late.

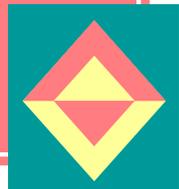
As for women, after years of struggle, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Constitution, allowing citizens to vote regardless of gender, was passed on August 26, 1920. While achieving the vote was a tremendous achievement for women life was still unfair to women. Many institutions of higher learning did not admit women, and those that did admit women often had a quota system which regulated how women could be admitted. Many professions would not employ women in professional capacities regardless of their qualifications. This would be the first year women could vote but there were few female candidates running for office.

In this terrible period of sexism and racism three black women became the first African-American women to receive PhD degrees in the United States. These three pioneers all received the PhD degree in May, 1921.

Dr. Georgiana R. Simpson was the first to receive her degree from the University of Chicago. Her specialty was German literature. The daughter of former slaves, she was the oldest of the three and received her degree at the age of 56. During her time at Chicago she was under constant racial harassment, and was forced out of the dormitory by university president Dr. Henry Pratt Judson. She wrote many scholarly articles, and translated editions of classical scholars from German and French and was an outstanding professor at Howard University. She died in 1944 at the age of 79. In 2017 a bust in her honor was placed in the Reynolds Club on the campus of the University of Chicago. Ironically it is directly across from a plaque honoring President Judson, the man who forced her out of university housing.

Dr. Sadie T. Mossell Alexander was a first, in many areas. She was the first black woman to receive a PhD in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania. Because of discrimination she could only find

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**Dr. Sadie T. Mossell Alexander**

work for a black owned insurance company, North Carolina Mutual, where she worked for a few years as an actuary. In 1923 she returned to the University of Pennsylvania and became the first black woman to be admitted to and graduate from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She also became the first black woman to be admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar, and became the first African-American woman to practice law in Pennsylvania. She would also help found, and become the first woman to become secretary of the National Bar Association. She served as a member of President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights. She was the first African-American woman to become assistant solicitor for the city of Philadelphia. She and her husband were both civil rights activists and in 1952 she was appointed to the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations where she served until 1968. She died in 1989 at the age of 91.

Dr. Eva B. Dykes was the first black woman to complete the requirements for the PhD degree. Her degree was in English from Radcliff, now part of Harvard University. Raised a Methodist, she and her mother joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church and she contributed to its mission for many years. For several years she taught at Howard University, winning many awards for outstanding teaching and scholarship. She began writing a column for Message Magazine, the oldest black religious periodical, from 1936-1986. In 1944 she accepted an invitation to head the humanities department at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. At the time the college was not yet accredited, and as the only faculty member with a doctorate she became essential to the college becoming accredited. A talented musician she founded the "Aeolians", a student choir, in 1946, and established them as the traveling ambassadors for Oakwood College. Over the years the Aeolians developed into a world-famous choir, and in 2018 won a gold medal at the World Choir Games in South Africa. She also played classical piano arrangements, and establish the Lyceum concert series.

When I arrived on the campus of Oakwood College, now university, in 1964 Dr. Dykes was my first English teacher. She was prim and proper, always dressed in a stylish suit and high heels, though she was in her seventies. Each student could expect to be called upon to answer a question she posed as a part of her lecture, and if a student was not ready to respond immediately that student received an F for the day. An F could be erased with a good response next time, and she was always ready to spend extra time with students who were struggling. For her, academic excellence was essential, and she gave lots of homework and was very exacting. She was so unassuming and caring it was hard to think of her as a legend and a pioneer, but she was, and we got to see her every day. She called every student Mr. or Miss and emphasized the dignity of all her students. She died in 1986 at the age of 93.



**Dr. Eva B. Dykes**

These three women were firsts, but they inspired many who would come after them. They were the examples to other young women who would emulate them and achieve academic success. Despite terrible odds, lack of opportunity, the hostility of racism and sexism, they prevailed and we are all better off because of their contributions. They were the first of many black women who would beat the odds stacked against them and prevail. These heroines demonstrated the spirit of unselfish service and discipline which enabled them to become leaders in their fields, and stepping stones for other women to follow.



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# Religious Services at CAU

Did you know that the CAU community is exploring religion and having worship in a unique and innovative way?



UCICC member, Reverend Aleyah Lacey of Mount Teman A.M. E. Church on Saturdays gathers members of CAU's (Community Access Unlimited) DD Community and TOP youth to explore faith and worship. You are invited to share your faith and talents at these interfaith services. Services are held on Saturdays at 11am and 1pm and are for an hour long. If you have a positive inspirational message, would like to provide worship, and have a willing heart to serve please consider being a blessing at these interfaith services.

*Rev. Aleyah Lacey pictured left*

## Our objectives are:

1. To provide a safe space for our members to worship God
2. To foster spiritual growth through the diverse understandings of God
3. To build up the community in faith, hope, and love

If you would like to volunteer in this amazing ministerial opportunity or find out more, please contact Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council at [UCInterfaith@caunj.org](mailto:UCInterfaith@caunj.org)





# JOIN OUR TEAM!

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

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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 4203. 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).

## UCICC –CAU COMMUNITY HELP LINE

**DO YOU NEED HELP WITH FOOD? HOME HEALTH OR PERSONAL CARE  
HOME AND PROPERTY CARE  
DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?**

Call CAU's Information and Referral Office at **908-354-3040 [X 4272]** for answers and resources.

CAU's community service mission includes providing direct services to people in need as well as information on how to locate services provided by other agencies.

This month we highlight **one of CAU services available to qualified recipients** in our Union County communities.

1] **Free home delivered meals** [6 week program; one meal per person per day] for Union County residents who are US citizens and their families who need food and who are:

\*Age 59 or younger [head of household]; \*Living in low income households;

\* Unable to access adequate food for themselves and their families.

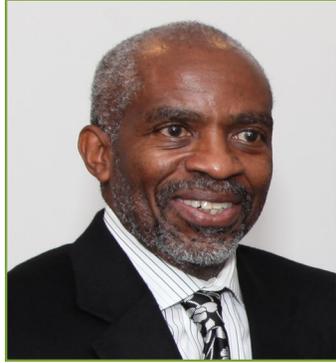
\* Documents and interview are required to qualify.

**Contact Gene Tavera X 4272.**

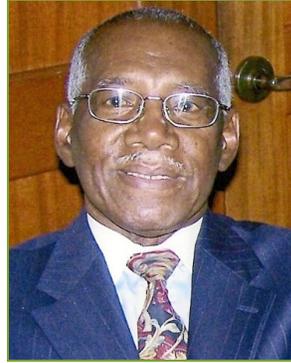
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## Join & Be Active Today!

- 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.

Contact Rod Spearman at  
908-354-3040 x 4324  
for more information on becoming  
a member

### 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](mailto: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 UP-COMING EVENTS

### UCICC Steering Committee

March 7, 2019 at 10am  
80 W. Grand Street  
Elizabeth, NJ 07202  
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No Events Scheduled

### UCICC Steering Committee

April 4, 2019 at 10:00am  
80 W Grand St  
Elizabeth NJ 07202

Faith in Action  
April 3, 2019  
Time: 5pm-8pm  
Location: Suburban Golf Club  
1730 Morris Av. Union, NJ 07083

### UCICC Steering Committee

May 2, 2019 at 10:00am  
80 W Grand St  
Elizabeth NJ 07202  
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Know Your Neighbor  
May 1, 2019  
Time: 6pm-8pm  
Location: To Be Determined



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