

# Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council

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*"Do not curse a person who is deaf and do not place a stumbling block in front of a person who is blind." (Leviticus 19:14)*



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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

Union County citizens are searching for a faith community within which to worship.  
Do you have what they are looking for?

## **Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council**

### **Interfaith Reception**

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Suburban Golf Club

1730 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ

Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council  
c/o Community Access Unlimited  
80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202  
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## AWARDS NIGHT CELEBRATION

**As we recognize CAU members, staff and leaders in  
our community on their extraordinary accomplishments!**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020**

**6:00pm Cocktail Reception**

**7:30pm Awards Ceremony**

**Embassy Suites by Hilton, 250 Connell Drive, Berkeley Heights, NJ**

**Mark Your Calendar!**





# ATTENTION ELIZABETH RESIDENTS!

Would you like to display your artwork  
in an Exhibit at the  
Main Elizabeth Public Library?

Submit your work today for an  
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For questions, contact Phyllis Reich  
at [PREich@elizabethnj.org](mailto:PREich@elizabethnj.org)  
or call 908-820-4037.

**OPENING RECEPTION WILL BE  
APRIL 6, 2020 FROM 6PM-8PM**

**Artists should respond  
before Feb 18th.**

## MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY



**Public charge does not apply to all immigrants.** Every family is different, and the programs that help your family might not be part of new changes to the policy. **There are lots of people and organizations that can help you.** An immigration attorney familiar with this issue can give you advice based on your specific situation. Local non-profits may also be able to provide help and legal advice.

## WHAT IS PUBLIC CHARGE?

Some people who apply for a green card (lawful permanent residence) or a visa to enter the U.S. must pass a “public charge” test – which looks at whether the person is likely to use certain government services in the future. In making this determination, immigration officials review all of a person’s circumstances, including their age, income, health, education or skills (including English language skills), and their sponsor’s affidavit of support or contract. They can also consider whether a person has used certain public programs.

### DHS’ new public charge test considers:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, “EBT” or “Food Stamps”)
- Federal Public Housing and Section 8 assistance
- Medicaid (except for emergency services, children under 21 years, pregnant women, and new mothers)
- Cash assistance programs (like SSI, TANF, General Assistance)

Most people who are subject to the new rule are not eligible for the above listed benefits. Services that are not listed above will not be counted in the public charge test for decisions made inside the U.S.. This includes WIC, CHIP, school lunches, food banks, shelters, state or local health care programs, and many more.



# PUBLIC CHARGE: DOES THIS APPLY TO ME?

UPDATED JANUARY 2020



## Are you and your family members U.S. Citizens?

Public charge does NOT apply to you. You should continue to enroll in programs you are eligible for.



## Do you and your family members already have green cards?

Public charge and any changes under new rules WILL NOT affect you when you renew your green card or apply to become a U.S. Citizen. However, if you plan to leave the country for more than 6 months, it is a good idea to talk with an immigration attorney.



## Are you applying for or have one of the following statuses?

*TPS, U or T Visa, Asylum or Refugee status, or Special Immigrant Juvenile Status?* The public charge test does NOT apply to all immigrants, including the categories listed here. If you already have or are in the process of applying for one of these immigration statuses, you can continue to use any government programs that you qualify for.



**Does your family plan to apply for a green card or visa from inside the United States?** The public charge test may apply to you. For those with adjustment interviews in the U.S., only the use of the public programs listed on first page will be considered in the public charge test. Your income, age, health, education, skills, family situation, and sponsor's affidavit of support will also be considered.



**Does your family plan to apply for a green card or visa from outside the United States?** U.S. consular offices abroad use different rules in making this decision. You should talk with an expert for advice on your case before making any decisions. For free or low-cost options in your area, go to:

<https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/>





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SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2020

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*(Psalmist)*



*Dr. Cindy Trimm*  
*(Guest Speaker)*

Contact us:

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# From the Seventh Day Adventist Church

You have been chosen as Disabilities Ministries leader for your church. You were selected prayerfully and with anticipation of what your special gifts can bring to this position. Thank you for accepting this role in ministry. This position is an important part of your church's outreach efforts.

Disabilities Ministries is designed to educate and sensitize all church members as they reach out to people with disabilities. The goal is to share the gospel and empower individuals in all areas of church life so they can evangelize others, inviting them to accept the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

People with disabilities within the community and even the congregation are often spiritually neglected. The signs on the front of our churches say "Welcome," but many of these same churches present insurmountable barriers to individuals with disabilities. The steep stairs, narrow doorways and hallways, and restrooms located on another floor or in distant locations are generally unreachable by people with physical disabilities and the elderly. Inaccessible pews prevent people who use wheelchairs from sitting with family members. Strict adherence to worship schedules prevents the participation of people with certain disabilities because of the extra time needed in moving from seat to duty and back. Often these barriers discourage those with disabilities from attending and joining, even when they are looking for a church home.

Governments within North America have taken steps to abolish the barriers that deny equal opportunity of employment, public services, transportation, public accommodations, and telecommunication services to individuals with disabilities.

Church members, too, are expected to encourage equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in their communities and congregations by eliminating physical and attitudinal barriers. They should see the removal of restricting obstacles for individuals with disabilities not only as a present challenge, but a high priority if their church is seeking to fulfill Christ's mission of reaching, nurturing, and enabling all people.





# **ZION RAHWAY'S OPERATION WARM HEART OPENING DAY MONDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

**AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
215 ELM AVENUE  
RAHWAY**



Zion Rahway's Operation Warm Heart is an emergency winter shelter directed by the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless and located at Zion Lutheran Church, 215 Elm Avenue, Rahway.

Zion Rahway's OWH guests are provided with a hot meal, a cot, a pillow and a blanket.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION WARM HEART:**

- Must be literally homeless
- Must be able to manage behavior
- Must be willing to work on case plan
- Must follow all rules and regulations
- Must be ineligible for Emergency Assistance

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OR REFER CLIENTS TO WALK IN HOURS  
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# FAITH IS BELIEVING WHAT YOU CANNOT SEE.

## WORK EXPERIENCE OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN GRANADA, NICARAGUA.



By Patricia Fernández Castro

Corazón Contento Center in Granada seeks to promote respect for people with disabilities in Nicaragua, a country where the social, economic and political situation is very complicated.

I have been working at Corazón Contento for 8 years. One year previously, I had landed in an unknown country, leaving behind in Spain my youth and my family.

The first time I entered the Center I felt an impact on my heart that lasted for days. Suffering, pain, difficulties, needs – those were the only things I could see in the persons attending the Center,

As the days passed, I tried to get accustomed to these individuals. I made constant efforts to communicate with them and find ways to support

them as much as I could. I learned from my colleagues, observing everything that happened around me.

One day, I discovered that I was enjoying my work and all the suffering, pain and need I had seen at the start had disappeared, and been transformed into improvements, challenges and abilities.

From that moment onward, I began to make an effort each day to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities, based on my knowledge and experience of psychology.

Every day, I continue my work with the help of a saying of Saint Agustin that I always keep in mind: "Faith is believing what you cannot see; the reward of faith is seeing what you believe." If we just have faith, we will be able to see that people with disabilities have many unrecognized abilities.





# FREE LEGAL ADVICE



The New Jersey State Bar Association and Union County Bar Association  
in cooperation with Assemblywoman Annette Quijano present...

## Elizabeth Law Night Clinic

**Wednesday, Mar. 18 | 6–8 p.m.**

**Union County College, Kellogg Building, 5th floor  
40 W. Jersey Street, Elizabeth**

Members of the public are invited to attend and receive a FREE  
legal consultation with volunteer attorneys available to discuss:

- Landlord/tenant issues
- Divorce, family and custody matters
- Immigration cases
- Municipal court and criminal matters
- Labor and employment issues

**Pre-Register online at: [bit.ly/2SKsUHd](https://bit.ly/2SKsUHd)**



# CONSULTA LEGAL GRATIS



La Asociación de Abogados de Nueva Jersey, Asociación de Abogados del Condado de Union, y la Asambleísta Annette Quijano presentan...

## Noche de Clínica Legal en Elizabeth

**Miércoles, 18 de marzo del 2020 | 6–8 p.m.**  
**Union County College, Kellogg Building, 5th floor**  
**40 W. Jersey Street, Elizabeth**

Miembros del público están invitados a participar y recibir una consulta GRATIS con abogados sobre los siguientes temas:

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- Asuntos de divorcio y custodia
- Asuntos de inmigración
- Asuntos de corte municipal y asuntos criminales
- Asuntos de labor
- Asuntos del consumidor
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# *What do we value and why? Where are the disabled, poor, and aged?*

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

On April 18, 2015, Zion Lutheran Church had its first All God's Children worship service. The service is specifically designed for people with disabilities. All are welcome, but the order of the service, music, and participation are set up in such a way so as to be welcoming and encouraging to people with disabilities. Below is my reflection on why we need a "special" service for people with disabilities at all. That is, why is it that people with disabilities generally feel unwelcome by churches during their "regular" services? Or more broadly, why are people with disabilities generally not part of the ordinary fabric of everyday life?

Jesus said, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous (Luke 14:12-14)." Please meditate on Jesus' statement, "You will be blessed because they cannot repay you." Nearly everything we do, be it work, school, vacation, entertainment, food, birth, and death have been commodified. From working forty-nine hours a week (the 2014 national average) to a week long vacation (\$1,180 is the national average for a week's vacation for a family of four), all have a price tag associated with them. Birth costs money as does death. When we encourage our children to consider the education that they will receive in college the salary for the prospective profession is always part of the equation. Parents often join the refrain, "You don't want to end up waiting on tables your whole life do you?" Education is given a dollar value as well. The thinking goes something like 'the more education you have the more profitable you will be.' Or, when you apply for a job, school, or even go on a date, your credentials, experience, and presentability are taken into account. All of these things are your capabilities. Credentials are measures of your past ability to perform a task. Experience is how you have used your gifts, and presentability is your ability to work within the confines of whatever cultural norms are in play.

Our culture ascribes value to people and organizations based upon their capabilities. And, capabilities have been commodified in terms of profitability. So value is ascribed to people proportionate to their capability and profitability. But, how do we evaluate the value of those people who have no education, no job, no capabilities that correlate to profitability, and/or who lack intelligence? As a society we have professionalized (that is, monetized) the care of the aged, disabled, and poverty stricken in the form of assisted living facilities and governmental agencies whose mandates prescribe care either at the expense of a family member through personal finances or through ordinary tax payers' dollars (which, as many of you know, is a hotly contested political issue!). Some would say that charitable and altruistic acts abound and that care is provided through the giving of time and talent to those who cannot care for themselves. But, though these acts are benevolent, they are just that, "acts." They are single instances of care that benefit those in need but do not address the transactional nature of such acts and the systemic effects of such thinking (that is, solving problems by writing checks which is helpful but a short term commitment to care and community). Others would ascribe the cause for relationship in terms of whether or not such an arrangement would be mutually beneficial. But, even this type of thinking is founded upon a transaction of benefit between two or more parties who enter into a relationship. In either scenario, the transactional model or the mutually beneficial model, relationships are entered into and sustained for the sake of benefits and ultimately self-interest.





Both the transactional model of relationship formation and the mutually beneficial models leave the aged, disabled, and poor out of the equation because such individuals provide little benefit either socially or monetarily. Thus, the question can be raised, “Where are the aged, disabled, and poor in society and who cares for them?” It is no secret that society often tries to relegate the disabled and poor to restricted areas that are out of sight and the aged are often cordoned off within the confines of whatever facility they are occupying.



What is being called into question in all of this is not the benevolent or loving intent of the person paying for, offering, or providing care. But rather, what is being addressed is our inability to think about relationships in a way that is different than a transactional or mutually beneficial form of community building. Care is necessary and good, but in distinction from a transactional approach the question raised is what would a Christian form of relationship be constituted by and how might a Christian calculate the value of an individual? And, can such a question be answered outside the confines of community? Why would a Christian befriend someone who offers little or nothing in return for such a relationship?

Jesus said, “You will be blessed because they cannot repay you.” Jesus implores his followers to invite those who cannot repay them to celebrations, worship, and public events (refer to the quote above). It is difficult to imagine a more radical and counter-cultural sentiment than to evaluate a person’s value based on their apparent valuelessness. Or to think with the “mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5),” those who have little or no value to the world are those whom God values. Put another way, love, invite, and form community with people who have nothing to offer in return. Jesus’ idea of community goes beyond expecting nothing in return for benevolence, it means that the Church builds community with those who have nothing to give in return. There is a difference between expecting nothing in return and entering into a relationship with someone who has nothing to give in return. Too often we are influenced by the way that the world works. Too easily do we accept the cultural assumption that a mutually beneficial foundation for a relationship is a “Christian” value or that a professionalized system of care is enough. The narratives that we tell ourselves that begin with the statements “you get what you deserve” and “I have worked for what I have” obscure Jesus’ call to community which is not based on capability or benefit, but based on God’s proclamation that all people are created and loved by God and that love of the other is not based on capabilities. The objection may be raised that you are wasting time in regarding those with nothing to give as privileged recipients of our time and efforts. But, if people are gifts from God, or more aptly put, if all things, including time itself, are gifts from God, then one does not waste time in spending it with those who cannot give anything in return. According to Jesus, spending time with those who have nothing to return the favor is the most appropriate use of our time!

In Jesus’ day one of the primary forms of community building and sign of social acceptance was table fellowship. In essence, you dine among equals and the slaves and socially unacceptable serve the food or are excluded. Those who are socially unacceptable, like the woman who anoints Jesus at Bethany – called sinful by a Pharisee (Matthew 26:6-13), tax collectors and sinners – Jesus is accused of spending too much time with them (Matthew 9:10-13), gluttons and drunkards – as opposed to John the Baptist, Jesus often wined and dined with the likes of these (Luke 7:33-35), the “sinful woman” (Luke 9:36-43), the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, and imprisoned (Matthew 25), and the uninvited (Luke 14:24) are those who Jesus dines with and is criticized by those who have power and authority for doing so. When Jesus asks his followers to invite “the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind” he is asking for more than simply having a “potluck,” he is asking his followers to build community with those who most people would rather not be in relationship with. It is also important to note that “spiritualizing” this text is prohibited (i.e., not “spiritually poor,” but actually poor.). Jesus is talking about people who are genuinely poor and without material possessions, people who are stricken with diseases, and people with disabilities like blindness.

As I said above, on Saturday, April 18, 2015 Zion Lutheran Church had its first “All God’s Children” worship service. This service was crafted with the needs of people with disabilities in mind. After the service I spoke with a woman who brought a van full of people with disabilities to the service. She said that it is a genuine blessing to have a place to bring people with disabilities. She mentioned that the disabled that she cares for rarely go out of their care facility. She said, “No one really wants them to come to their events.” Presumably that is because most of society values relationships that are mutually beneficial, that is those who have money or time to give back to an organization in return for hosting them, values silence during an event (when a speaker is talking or a movie is playing), values order when it comes to schedules, values uniformity when it comes to communal actions and responses (appropriate times to applaud, laugh, or speak at all) etc... All of these values are both transactional and mutually beneficial in that they require a level of behavioral conformity in order to participate in an activity – conformity to norms is a transaction and perceived as mutually beneficial from the perspective of the “abled (as opposed to the disabled).” Thus, since many disabled folks do not conform to either behavioral nor aesthetic norms they are generally excluded from public events. In an attempt to answer my first question at the beginning of this essay, I believe we need a “special” service in church for the disabled because people generally value those things that are at odds with the capabilities of the disabled. As for the second question, the same is true for society at large. The disabled have the same rights as anyone else, but they have been excluded from most of society’s activities because they have limited capabilities which are routinely devalued in relation to what is culturally considered “normal” or the status quo. So, if I am right, it all comes down to capabilities and how they are valued. Succinctly asked, “is the relationship mutually beneficial?”

But, given the community that Jesus is calling his disciples to create and participate in, would the above “values” be consonant with Jesus’ vision for the kingdom? Who is God calling us to be in community with? How is God asking us to be in community with those who society does not value? Jesus said, “But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:10-11).” The last will be first and the first will be last. It would seem that Jesus is calling his disciples to put other people’s needs before their own. Jesus is not calling for equality, he is calling for his disciples to humble themselves for the sake of others, for all.

We have been called not to offer up righteous or even self-righteous works for the sake of God, the supreme other, nor our neighbors, but rather, we have been called to host a holy meal, Communion, and sit at the lowest seat, in terms of prestige and honor, at the table for the sake of our neighbors. We have been called into a community that is the Church. Altruistic acts and charity are good things, but they are not community, they are single acts incapable of sustaining the needs of those whom our society has deemed valueless. The Church, at its best and perhaps rarest, embodies those things that Jesus calls his disciples to do and to be, a community that is willing to forsake its values for the sake of others. A community that lives for the sake of others will never have enough seats at its banquet for all those who would want to be part of the feast!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Pernini







The City of Elizabeth 2020 Census Complete Count Committee, UC Interfaith Council, Community Access Unlimited and The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless presents

## "COUNT THY NEIGHBOR" FAITH LEADERS AND CLERGY 2020 CENSUS BREAKFAST EVENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

8:30AM-10:30AM

Mt. Teman AME Church

160 Madison Ave, Elizabeth, NJ

Come learn the truth about the Census and your key role in ensuring an accurate count in the City of Elizabeth. Census data determines Congressional representation, redistricting and funding towards social programs, schools, roads and much more. For more information contact Rod Spearman at (908) 543-3040 x4324 or (908) 377-0143 (cell). To register send an email to [rspearman@caunj.org](mailto:rspearman@caunj.org).





United States  
**Census**  
**2020**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Economics and Statistics Administration  
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

**This is the official questionnaire for this address.**  
**It is quick and easy to respond, and your answers are protected by law.**

FOR  
OFFICIAL  
USE ONLY

**Start here** OR go online at [url removed] to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire.

Use a blue or black pen.

Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines.

- Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time.
- If no one lives and sleeps at this address most of the time, go online at [url removed] or call the number on page 8.

The census must also include people without a permanent place to live, so:

- If someone who does not have a permanent place to live is staying here on April 1, 2020, count that person.

The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so:

- Do not count anyone living away from here, either at college or in the Armed Forces.
- Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2020.
- Leave these people off your questionnaire, even if they will return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the military, jail, etc. Otherwise, they may be counted twice.

**1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?**

Number of people =

**2. Were there any additional people staying here on April 1, 2020 that you did not include in Question 1?**

Mark ☒ all that apply:

- ☐ Children, related or unrelated, such as newborn babies, grandchildren, or foster children
- ☐ Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws
- ☐ Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in babysitters
- ☐ People staying here temporarily
- ☐ No additional people

**3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home — Mark ☒ ONE box.**

- ☐ Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? Include home equity loans.
- ☐ Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
- ☐ Rented?
- ☐ Occupied without payment of rent?

**4. What is your telephone number?**

We will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business.

Telephone Number

-    -

[Form number removed]

### Person 1

5. Please provide information for each person living here. If there is someone living here who pays the rent or owns this residence, start by listing him or her as Person 1. If the owner or the person who pays the rent does not live here, start by listing any adult living here as Person 1.

What is Person 1's name? *Print name below*

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Last Name(s)

[illegible]

6. What is Person 1's sex? Mark ☒ ONE box.

☐ Male ☐ Female

- 7. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth?** For babies less than 1 year old, do not write the age in months. Write 0 as the age.

Print numbers in boxes.

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Year of birth

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→ **NOTE:** Please answer **BOTH** Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.

- 8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?**

☐ No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

☐ Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano

☐ Yes, Puerto Rican☐ Yes, Cuban

☐ Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin – *Print, for example, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc.*

[illegible]

9. What is Person 1's race?

Mark ☒ one or more boxes **AND** print origins.

Write – Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc. 

[illegible]

Black or African Am. – *Print*, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc. *z*

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☐ American Indian or Alaska Native – Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc. *27*

[illegible]

Vietnamese


Native Hawaiian

Korean

 **Samoa**

Japanese

Chamorro

Other Asian –  
Print, for example,  
Pakistani, Cambodian,  
Hmong, etc. 

Other Pacific Islander –  
Print, for example,  
Tongan, Fijian,  
Marshallese, etc. <sup>2</sup>

[illegible]

☐ Some other race – *Print race or origin.* [x](#)

[illegible]

→ If more people were counted in Question 1 on the front page, continue with Person 2 on the next page.

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# Count Me In!



Community Access Unlimited is hosting several FREE educational and “Complete the Count” events at 80 West Grand Street in Elizabeth, NJ:

- Saturday March 14, 2020 from 10 am to 4 pm
- Saturday April 4, 2020 from 10 am to 4 pm
- Wednesday May 13, 2020 from 2 pm to 6 pm

Come learn what the census is, how to complete it & have your questions answered. It’s SAFE – EASY – & IMPORTANT! For the first time, most people can complete the census online as well as by phone or on paper. Safe secure connections will be available for people to complete the census onsite.

Refreshments included – sign up today!

[Sign up here!](#)



# Religious Services at CAU

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



*Rev. Aleyah Lacey pictured left*

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 Wednesdays at 5 pm 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.

## 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 Rev. Aleyah Lacey at [Alacey@caunj.org](mailto:Alacey@caunj.org)





# Why Your Faith Community Should Become a 2020 Census Official Partner

The 2020 Census is fast approaching, and faith leaders play a key role in this important effort. The U.S. Constitution requires a complete count of the nation's population every 10 years. Census data impact decisions at the national, state, tribal, and local levels—from congressional representation to the annual allocation of more than \$675 billion. These resources are essential to the well-being of all of our neighbors, supporting schools, hospitals, fire departments, and more.

The U.S. Census Bureau partners with the faith community to get the word out about the importance of the count. Faith leaders are trusted voices in their communities. You know how to reach your congregation and members; hard-to-count families, individuals and children; other national and local leaders; and key stakeholders. By being a 2020 Census partner, you can inspire your community to support a complete and accurate count.



## What is a 2020 Census partner?

Your community of faith or faith-based organization would join a network of nonprofit, corporate, public sector, and community organizations working to educate the public about the 2020 Census and encourage households to fill out their census form. Together, we can develop solutions to reach everyone. Faith community partners—including religious denominations, faith communities, and national and regional faith-based organizations and institutions, governing bodies and councils, and local congregations and members—are important 2020 Census voices.

## What does a partner do?

You can make a difference in the places we live, work, and worship. We ask you to join us in ensuring we count everyone living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place, including helping us reach hard-to-count members of the community. The Census Bureau will provide resources that make it easy to help, including social media posts; handouts and posters; and e-mail, bulletin, and newsletter content.

**CONTACT US TODAY!**  
CENSUS.PARTNERS@CENSUS.GOV  
2020CENSUS.GOV/PARTNERS

## Here are some of the ways you can help:

**Communicate to your members:** Highlight the 2020 Census in e-mails, bulletins, newsletters, and mailings to increase awareness of why the census is important. Hang posters in common areas, like the cafeteria. Link to <2020Census.gov> on your Web site and include 2020 Census messages on social media and in faith-based media.

**Add your voice:** Write a blog, op-ed, or letter to the editor on why participating in the 2020 Census is important to those you serve. Mention the 2020 Census in speeches. Tape a public service announcement or testimonial and post it to your Web site or share it with faith-based media. Serve on or support a Complete Count Committee, or start one of your own. (Visit <2020census.gov/partners> and click on Complete Count Committees to learn more.)

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

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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  
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).

## 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 listings.  
openings. Community Access Unlimited is an Equal  
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## 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.

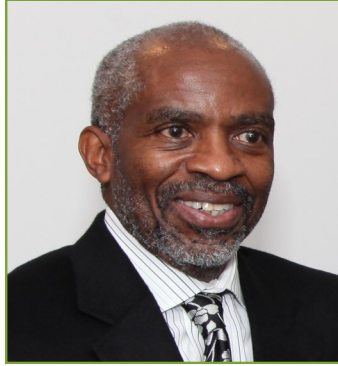
CAU's community service mission includes providing direct services to people in  
need as well as information on how to locate services provided by other agencies.



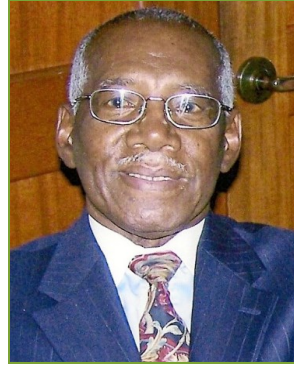
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## Join & Be Active Today!

- 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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## UCICC & STEERING COMMITTEE UP- COMING EVENTS

### **UCICC Steering Committee**

March 5, 2020  
80 W. Grand Street  
Elizabeth, NJ 07202

### **CAU Voter Registration Night**

March 10, 2020 at 5:30 pm  
80 W. Grand St  
Elizabeth NJ 07202

### **Complete the Count Census Event**

April 1, 2020 at 5:30 pm  
80 W Grand St  
Elizabeth NJ 07202

### **UCICC Steering Committee**

April 2, 2020 at 10 am  
80 W. Grand St  
Elizabeth NJ 07202

### **Faith Into action**

April 22, 2020 at 5:00 pm  
Suburban Golf Club  
1730 Morris Ave  
Union NJ 07083

### **UCICC Steering Committee**

May 7, 2020 at 10 am  
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