

# Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council



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“STRIVING TO BUILD A BELOVED COMMUNITY”**

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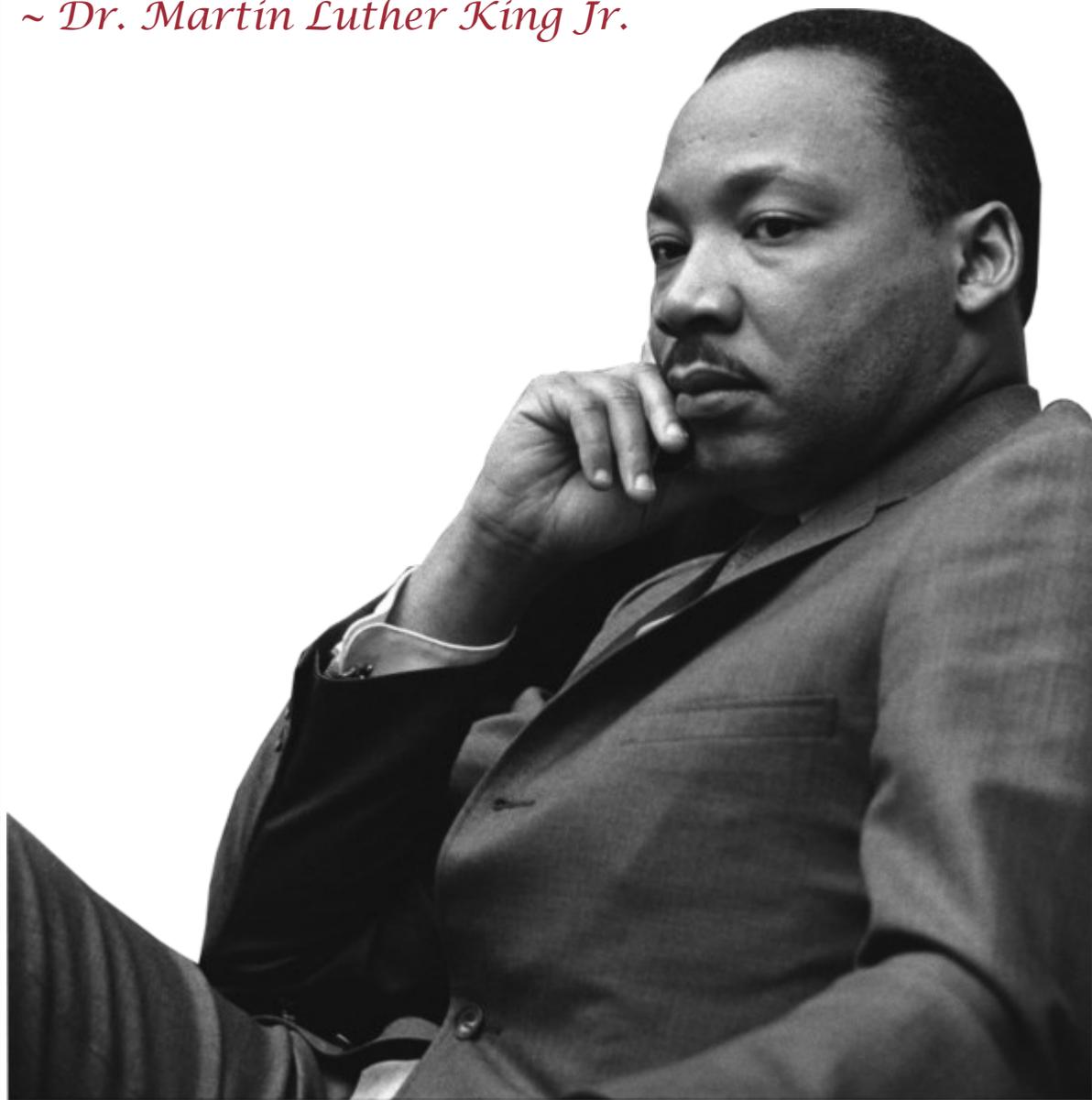
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*Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.  
~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*





## UNION COUNTY INTERFAITH COORDINATING COUNCIL Steering Committee Members

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## About the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council

### Our Mission

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

We respect 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

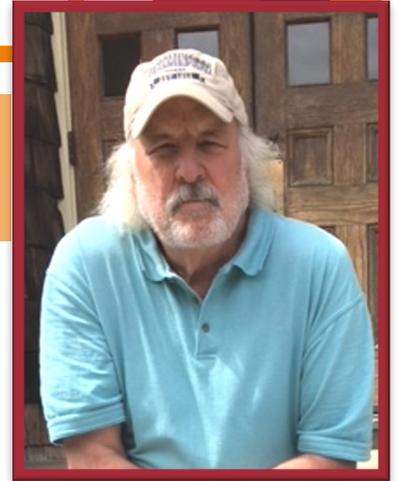
- Sponsor regular engagement opportunities that facilitate the building of bonds within the Union County interfaith community and their congregations.
- Strengthen the Union County religious congregations through involvement, action and education in self-help.
- Build working relationships between Union 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.

# message:

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



On September 24, the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council will be holding the 6th annual Day of Prayer, hosted by the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, with the Rev. Jeremy Jinkins as host pastor. Thank You Rev. Jinkins for your efforts and those of your Congregation.

This will be the 4th year that I have been involved in organizing and recruiting clergy, with the help of the UCICC Steering Committee. One may ask or wonder why I continue to lead this effort and why the UCICC continues make the Day of Prayer one of their major programs of the year. As a member and Ruling Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford and the Presbytery of Elizabeth, in this day and age, promoting and participating in interfaith worship has become more important than ever to me. Our communities and nation continues to be plagued by racism, violence and distrust. These activities continue to divide family, friends and neighbors. As communities of faith, no matter what our individual beliefs are, we need to meet, communicate and work together to “Build A Better Beloved Community.” These times are not ones to stay silent; especially for clergy and people of faith. We need to be called to action. It has not been and will not be an easy task. It is our hope in this brief hour that we spend together, that people of different faith traditions and clergy of different faith traditions, will form bonds that will move them to work together for a better world for us and perhaps more importantly for our children and grandchildren. As a community of faith, we can make a difference.

Please join us on September 24 at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. We pray that it will be a life changing event for you.

Peace.....  
Skip Winter



# Faith in Action

## PICTURED

- CAU Religious Services participated in the Live Free Campaign's Peacemaker Sabbath on August 17th where we talked about gun violence and what we can do as people of faith.



# Faith in Action

## PICTURED

- UCICC held the 1/2 day pilot of the Union County Interfaith Camp was held on August 14, 2019. This was a free camp where those that attended made bracelets, learned guitar, completed team building actives, played games, and learned about faith traditions.



# Faith in Action

## PICTURED

- Take a look back at previous Union County Day of Prayers



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Register Now! Sign up for Day of Prayer and RSVP by September 19th at <https://6th-annual-union-county-day-of-prayer.eventbrite.com>**

# **6th Annual Day of Prayer and Reflection** **Striving to Make a Beloved Community**



**Union County**  
**Day of Prayer**  
**September 24, 2019**  
**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**



**The Presbyterian Church in Westfield**  
**140 Mountain Ave.**  
**Westfield, NJ 07090**



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

Sponsored by: Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council and Community Access Unlimited



REVEREND  
PETER DE FRANCO



ALI  
BHATTI



REV. DR. NORMAN K.  
MILES



MEET SOME OF OUR PARTICIPANTS FOR THE:

# 6th Annual Union County Day of Prayer



Striving to Make a Beloved Community

*Coming September 24, 2019*



DEACON  
DAVE FARRELL



REVEREND DR. LL  
DUBREUIL



NAVDEEP  
TUCKER

*Reverend Dr. Norman K. Miles Sr. is the Senior Pastor at Senior Pastor, Trinity Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newark, NJ. He has a wide experience as a Pastor, Church Administrator, Seminary Professor, Author, Administrator, and Adviser. Academically his experience includes teaching in public and private colleges and universities teaching undergraduate and graduate classes and advising D.Min., Ph.D. and Ed.D students. He has taught at over 15 colleges in the United States as an adjunct or visiting professor. Reverend Dr. Miles has also taught as a visiting professor at universities in The United Kingdom, Canada, Bermuda, Jamaica, Trinidad, Nigeria, and South Africa. Married to the former Doris Goree for 51 years with five adult children and three grandchildren. In his free time Rev. Dr. Miles enjoys walking, writing, painting and drawing and traveling.*

**REVEREND NORMAN  
K. MILES SR., PHD**

*Ali Bhatti is an American Muslim that grew up in California and recently moved to Central New Jersey. He works as a Product Manager at Verizon's headquarters managing their digital customer experience online. He graduated from California State University in 2007 with a B.S. in Business Administration and is currently pursuing his MBA. He has had 20 years of experience working with youth in colleges and high schools, and currently teaches a youth class at New Brunswick Islamic Center. He is also a volunteer Imam giving Friday sermons in the New Jersey area. He lives with his wife and 3 children in Princeton and is a certified, volunteer speaker for NJ-ING*

**ALI BHATTI**

*Rev. Dr. LL DuBreuil is participating in her 6th UCICC interfaith service having been a speaker at the first services in 2014 and an active member of the UCICC from its formation. She is currently serving as an interim pastor and is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ.*

*After careers in musical theater, teaching and business, Dr. DuBreuil has pastored UCC and PCUSA churches in Middlesex and Union Counties.*

*A life-long activist, she has served as the Associate Director for the Coalition for Peace Action in Princeton NJ and as the founding Coordinator for the Social Justice Task Force of the New Jersey Association of the UCC. She is currently the President of the NJA Council working out of Glenridge NJ.*

**REVEREND DR.  
LL DUBREUIL**

*Navdeep Tucker is a New Jersey based attorney who was brought up in the Sikh faith. She has been involved in the local Sikh community and in efforts to build inter-faith coalitions from a young age. She hopes to continue these efforts and help create a world where we each are able to practice our respective faiths while supporting and accepting each other.*

**NAVDEEP  
TUCKER**

*Deacon David Farrell is currently the Director of Religious Education and a Deacon serving the Roman Catholic Church of the Assumption in Roselle Park, NJ. Active in a number of Parish roles over the past 25 years, Deacon Dave has enjoyed a 45 year long career in the Supermarket Industry responding to his "call to serve" his Parish Community near the end of his business career. Deacon Dave completed his Masters of Theology at Seton Hall's Immaculate Conception Seminary and was ordained as a Permanent Deacon in 2016. He and his wife Linda have been married for 46 years and have their home in Roselle Park.*

**DEACON  
DAVE FARRELL**

*The Rev. Peter De Franco serves as Priest in Charge at the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist in Linden, New Jersey. He also works as a chaplain with the Linden Police Department. Fr. De Franco came to Linden from Clifton, New Jersey where he served for 13 years as Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and as interim Executive Director of St. Peter's Haven, a Social Service agency which provides transitional housing for homeless families and served over 1,000 people from its Food Pantry. He also worked as Grace Episcopal Church in Nutley, New Jersey and Grace Episcopal Church in Madison, New Jersey. A graduate of Drew Theological School, he earned a Master of Divinity Degree with a specialization in Liturgy. He also took classes at the General Theological Seminary in New York, City.*

**REVEREND PETER  
DE FRANCO**

# LOOKING BACK TO SEE OUR WAY FORWARD

Rev. Dr. LL BLL DuBreuil  
United Church of Christ



In 2013, I received an email: Would I like to be a part of a group of interfaith clergy gathered together by Community Access Unlimited and shepherded by Sidney Blanchard? I certainly would!

Then in the summer of 2017, I was asked to speak at an interfaith service to be held in the fall at the Westfield United Methodist Church on September 18. I sure would! Four of us spoke on the subject of “The Ethics of Reciprocity: Your Faith and the Golden Rule.”

Thus began my wonderful association with the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Community Council, not known as the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council. Over the years we have worked together for social justice and interfaith community building. Working with Community Access Unlimited, we have

advocated for inclusion and understanding. By holding informational panel discussions and events drawing attention to community issues, we enrich the work we can do together. By organizing vigils and demonstrations around human rights issues, we have become a force for justice. Our yearly worship service, which includes people from many faith traditions, brings us together to explore in song and readings such issues as our environment and creating a culture of peace.

Over the years I have served several congregations and lived in several towns. In each town I have joined clergy groups who work toward common goals. But the one constant in my life has been the UCICC and our fall worship service. A few of us, such as my colleagues Elder Roderick Spearman, Rev. Howard Bryant, and Imam Ali Jaaber, have been active since the beginning. Each year brings new people to the gathering. Each year brings new energy as new friendships bloom.

I am grateful that again this year as we will be singing and praying and speaking as we celebrate our diversity and as we find unity in faith. May we continue into our future living up to our goal of “building of bonds within the interfaith community while promoting the respect, inclusion, and welcoming of others.”

Rev. Dr. LL DuBreuil is a United Church of Christ clergy woman. She has spent her life preaching and praying and working for social justice and peace.



# BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY AT MOUNT TEMAN AME CHURCH

**Rev. Aleyah Lacey, Local Elder**  
**Mount Teman AME Church**

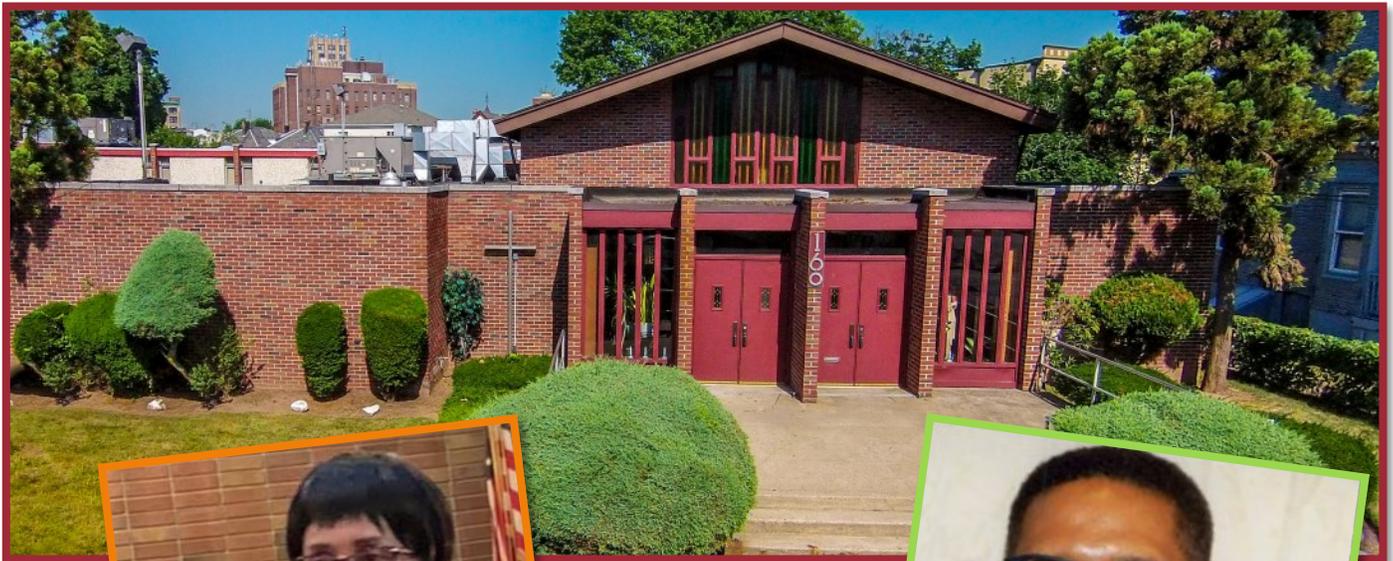
On behalf of my Pastor Rev. George Eric Britt, the officers and members of Mount Teman A.M.E. church our mission is to make disciples who can transform the world by spreading the liberating love of Jesus Christ in word and deed. Our vision is to transform our community and the world into a beloved community by making disciples and meeting needs.

There are visible and invisible walls of separation all around us that impede our abilities to live our lives without experiencing injustice. We are interdependent, we need each other to survive.

*“So faith, hope, love abide, these three but the greatest of these is love”*

- (1Corinthians 13:13 KJV).

Every individual desires to feel loved and accepted. What color, shape or form is love? Understanding our differences helps us to appreciate and recognize our similarities.



**Rev. Aleyah Lacey, Local Elder**



**Reverend George Eric Britt, Pastor  
of Mount Teman AME Church**

# Union County Fatherhood Initiative Coalition, Inc.



## *Annual Fundraiser* Honoring Our Sponsors

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019**  
**6:00 PM**

**The Westwood**  
**438 North Avenue**  
**Garwood, NJ**

Tickets Log onto [WWW.UCNJFATHERHOOD.ORG](http://WWW.UCNJFATHERHOOD.ORG)  
Email Journal Ads to Lisa Marie Richardson  
[LisaMarieR22@gmail.com](mailto:LisaMarieR22@gmail.com)

**Save The Date**

# SIKHISM

Navdeep Tucker  
Dashmesh Darbar Gurudwara , Carteret

Sikhism is a monotheistic faith that originated in the Punjab region of the Indian subcontinent about the end of the 15th century. The word “Sikh” means “disciple” or “student”. Sikhism is one of the youngest of the major world religions, and the fifth largest. The fundamental beliefs of Sikhism, articulated in the sacred scripture, Sri Guru Granth Sahib, include faith and meditation on the name of the one creator, divine unity and equality of all humankind, engaging in selfless service, personal sovereignty, striving for justice for the benefit and prosperity of all, and honest conduct and livelihood.

Sikhism is based on the spiritual teachings of Guru Nanak Dev, the first Guru (1469–1539), and the nine Sikh Gurus that succeeded him. The Sikh Gurus served as prophets/teachers. Their poetic writings, along with the writings of other enlightened individuals, were compiled into what ultimately became the Sikh scripture. The Tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh, named the Sikh scripture, Sri Guru Granth Sahib as his successor, terminating the line of human Gurus and making the scripture the eternal, religious spiritual guide for Sikhs. The Sikh scripture opens with a description of the attributes of God:

*One God/Supreme Source, Whose Name is Truth, Creator of All, Without Fear, Without Enmity, Beyond Time and Space, Beyond the Cycle of Birth and Death, Self-Existing, Achieved Through Grace*

Though translations of scripture will often gender God as “He”, Sikhs do not believe in a gendered God, and the script of the original language does not have a gendered description of *Waheguru* (a name for God). Practice of the Sikh faith involves prayer, fellowship, and service. Simran (meditation on the words of the Guru Granth Sahib), can be expressed musically through *keertan* or internally through repetition of God’s name as a means to feel God's presence. Sikhs are taught to control and/or transform the "Five Thieves" (lust, rage, greed, attachment, and ego). Hand in hand, secular life is considered to be intertwined with the spiritual life. Sikhs are to live in the world, be of service, and continue to learn and grow in their spirituality.

The Sikh Gurus preached against asceticism, idol worship, blind ritualism, and discrimination. They taught that irrespective of faith, gender, class, etc., we are all creations of God. Sikhs can be identified through various outer articles of faith which include uncut hair, often tied up in a top-knot and covered by a turban, the *kara* (steel/iron bracelet), the *kachera* (long under-shorts), the *kanga* (wooden comb), the *kirpan* (sword/dagger to be used in defense against injustice).

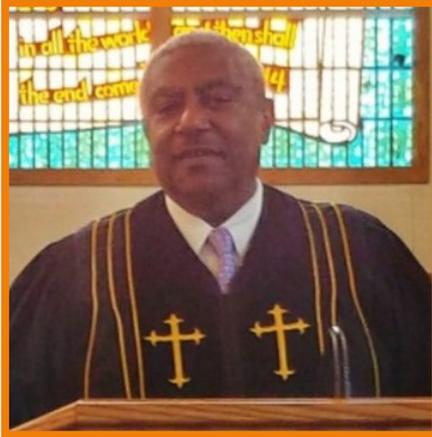
Sikh services take place at a *Gurdwara*. Gurdwaras are open to all and services include a meal shared together, which is called *langar*. Langar is prepared by members of the congregation and is to be shared while all who are able are seated on the floor together, regardless of any distinction. Service is concluded by *Ardaas*, a collective prayer that is led by a member of the congregation. My faith motivates me to strive to make a beloved community. This is embodied in the lines that conclude the *Ardaas*. “Nanak Naam chardi kala, Tere bhaanay sarbat da bhalaa.”

*Nanak says, “Oh Lord, your name keeps the spirit ever-rising. With your blessing, may the whole world prosper.”*

# CONNECTIVE TISSUE

Norman K. Miles Sr., PhD

Senior Pastor, Trinity Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church



When I was a sophomore in high school I was assigned to an advanced biology class which focused on hands on lab work and dissection. Our teacher began by teaching us about cells which were the elementary building blocks of life, and tissues, the organized groups of cells which made living things work. We were taught the four major types of tissues: Epithelial which cover the body and line the organs, the Muscles which give form and shape to the body, the Nervous which transmits signals and essential fluids throughout the body, and the Connective which hold the other tissues together. Although connective tissues do many things their chief function is to protect the organs and hold the various other types of tissues together so that the body can function.

In a real sense faith is the connective tissue for humanity. We may differ in our concepts of divinity, forms of worship, dietary regulations, religious customs and doctrines, but we all have faith in a power greater than ourselves, and our common faith connects us in ways that are unique. I am not speaking of faith as a particular belief system, but faith as the bedrock of all believing people. People of faith believe in a divine force that cannot be measured or analyzed in a laboratory, described in a research article, or portrayed in a picture. Faith connects us, regardless of the particularities of our religion because all religious faith has common factors.

Faith emphasizes the common origin and common destiny of the human family. Although adherents of religions have often seen the world in terms of "them and us", almost all religions believe in the common unity of humanity. Faith teaches us that in a real sense we are all brothers and sisters and have responsibility for each other's well-being.

Faith also calls us to look to a power higher than ourselves for guidance throughout life. Faith teaches that we are not the captains of our destiny or the masters of our own fate. Faithful people recognize that they cannot depend on their own ideas in all things, but must look to a greater source for direction in the most challenging situations.

Above all, Faith is optimistic. It enables us to believe in a brighter and better future no matter how dismal the present may seem. Faith enables us to work with others who may be very different from ourselves to build the future our faith assures us will come to pass. May our faith keep us protected and connected with each other in a way that enables us to bless all humanity.



informed by the Work That Reconnects

# Climate Spirit

a regular gathering to process climate sorrow in community

Sunday Sept 15  
5:30 -8:15pm  
The Unitarian Society  
176 Tices Lane  
East Brunswick, NJ

space for grief to  
face climate crisis  
& do what is yours to do

VEGGIE/VEGAN  
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**IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY PLEASE CONTACT: FIRST FRIENDS**

53 HACKENSACK AVENUE, 2nd FLOOR, KEARNY, NEW JERSEY

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# A DEMAND FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF RACIAL IMPACT STATEMENT LAW

## The Sentencing Project's Letter

On August 8, 2019 the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council signed on support for the letter listed below by the Sentencing Project asking Assemblyman Coughlin and Senator Sweeny for the full implementation of the Racial Impact Statement Law.

Dear Speaker Coughlin and Senator Sweeney:

We write in support of full implementation of, S-677 An Act Requiring Racial Impact Statements, adopted by the New Jersey Assembly in 2017.<sup>1</sup> Similar to fiscal or environmental impact statements, racial impact statements provide legislators with a statistical analysis of the projected impact of criminal justice policy changes prior to enactment. Data analysis provides policymakers with the evidence necessary to make informed decisions about public safety issues without aggravating existing racial disparities. Four other states — Connecticut, Iowa, Minnesota, and Oregon — have similar policies.

During 2017, a robust coalition of state and national groups representing the faith community, youth advocates, and civil and criminal justice reform organizations worked together in support of New Jersey's racial impact statement law.

By some measures, New Jersey has led the nation in criminal justice reform by expanding drug courts and revamping the bail system which led to a prison population decline of 35% since 1999,<sup>2</sup> with no adverse effect on public safety. Yet, New Jersey also has the nation's highest rate of black/white disparity in incarceration.<sup>3</sup>

Evidence suggests that some individuals are incarcerated not solely because of their crime, but because of racially disparate policies, beliefs, and practices, rendering high levels of incarceration and their collateral consequences even more troubling. Incarceration practices that worsen racial disparities are problematic not only for the impacted group, but for society as a whole, weakening the justice system's potential and undermining fairness.

Incarceration creates a host of collateral consequences that include restricted employment prospects, housing instability, family disruption, stigma, and disenfranchisement. These consequences set individuals back by imposing new punishments after prison. Collateral consequences are felt disproportionately by residents of color, and because of concentrations of poverty and

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<sup>1</sup> S.677 An Act to Enact Racial Impact Statements (2016-2017, session). Available at: [https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2016/Bills/S1000/677\\_R3.PDF](https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2016/Bills/S1000/677_R3.PDF) (Accessed July 24, 2019)

<sup>2</sup> Source: Prisoners Series (1999-2015), Bureau of Justice Statistics

<sup>3</sup> Nellis, A. (2016). *The Color of Justice: Racial and Ethnic Disparity in State Prisons*. Washington, DC: The Sentencing Project

# A DEMAND FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF RACIAL IMPACT STATEMENT LAW

## The Sentencing Project's Letter continued...

imprisonment in certain jurisdictions, it is now the case that entire communities experience these negative effects.<sup>4</sup>

Intentional efforts to scale back New Jersey's prison population have proven effective and should serve as a model to other states motivated to address high rates of imprisonment and associated collateral consequences. Like most states, New Jersey experienced a steady rise in incarceration from the 1970s through the 1990s. Since 1999, however, the state ranks first among states experiencing prison population reductions.<sup>5</sup> Since 2010, New Jersey lawmakers enacted several reforms to address drug laws with demonstrated disparate racial effects. The legislature modified sentencing laws associated with drug-free school zone laws, reinstated judicial discretion while the parole board addressed a backlog of parole hearings leading to an increase of parole grant rates. While reforms impacted justice involved residents of color, New Jersey still maintains a high rank of racial disparity among sentenced prisoners.<sup>6</sup>

Despite the positive developments in justice reform efforts described above, more must be done to address the racial disparities that dominate criminal justice practices in New Jersey. Specifically, if New Jersey policymaking is not informed of potential racial impacts, law changes may reduce overall incarceration rates while exacerbating the impact on racial and ethnic minorities.

We encourage New Jersey lawmakers to lead this conversation and work to fully implement the state's racial impact statement law. We specifically call on its leaders to ensure that the Legislative Services Commission develops clear, transparent, and timely policies outlining the process for the Office of Legislative Services to complete and publish racial impact statements.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter.

<sup>4</sup> Clear, T., Rose, D., & Ryder, J. (2001). Incarceration and the community: The problem of removing and returning offenders. *Crime and Delinquency* 47(3): 335-351; Lynch, J. & Sabol, W. (2001). Prisoner reentry in perspective (Vol. 3, Crime Policy Report). Washington, DC: Urban Institute; National Research Council (2014). *The growth of incarceration in the United States: exploring causes and consequences*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.

<sup>5</sup> Source: Prisoners Series (1999-2015), Bureau of Justice Statistics

<sup>6</sup> *Supra note* Nellis, A. (2016).



**The Sentencing Project is a leader in changing the way Americans think about crime and punishment.**

Founded in 1986, The Sentencing Project works for a fair and effective U.S. criminal justice system by promoting reforms in sentencing policy, addressing unjust racial disparities and practices, and advocating for alternatives to incarceration.

Check out The Sentencing Project at: <https://www.sentencingproject.org>



# 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)



# Community Home Care Solutions

*From home repairs to personal care and more, our expert staff provide home-based assistance throughout New Jersey that can meet your individual need and lifestyle.*

*Services can be purchased via Medicaid or through private insurance.*

*This program trains and employs Certified Home Health Aids who deliver quality services that help you maintain independence.*



**COMMUNITY ACCESS**  
U N L I M I T E D

We provide help for your health and home that include the following services:

- Personal Care Assistance
- Errands & Transportation
- Meal Preparation & Dietary Information
- Light Housekeeping
- 24-hour on-call services with registered nurses
- Advisement from Certified Dementia Practitioners
- Home transition from hospital or nursing home
- Home & Property Maintenance
- Home Repairs, Chores & Improvements
- Snow & Leaf Removal
- Cleaning Clutter Removal
- Moving & Relocation Assistance

*Interested in becoming a Certified Home Health Aide?  
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The Cranford World Trade Center Memorial Committee  
along with the Cranford Clergy Council

Invites you to attend the

## Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, September 11

At the September 11 Memorial Park

6:30 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, the service will be moved to  
First Presbyterian Church of Cranford.

For more information, contact

Dottie Baniewicz 908-578-5085



# 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 Opportunity Employer.

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

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 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.

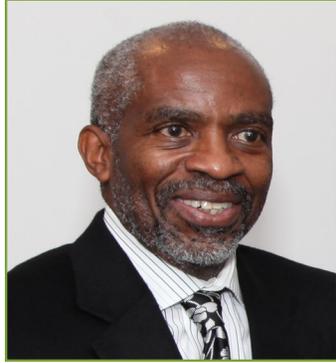
\* Documents and interview are required to qualify.

**Contact Gene Tavera X 4272.**

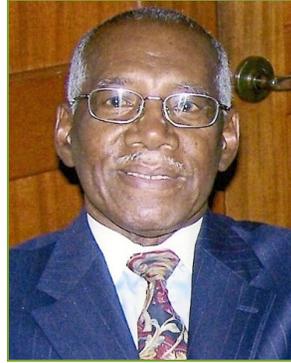
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## Join & Be Active Today!

- 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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## UCICC & STEERING COMMITTEE UP-COMING EVENTS

### UCICC Steering Committee

September 5, 2019 at 10am  
80 W. Grand Street  
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### Union County Day of Prayer

Date: September 24, 2019  
Time: 7:00PM-8:00PM  
Location: The Presbyterian Church in Westfield  
140 Mountain Ave.—Westfield, NJ 07090

### UCICC Steering Committee

October 3, 2019 at 10:00am  
80 W Grand St  
Elizabeth NJ 07202

### Woman of Faith Conference

Date: October 29, 2019  
Time: 6:00 pm –9pm  
Location: Community Access Unlimited  
80 W. Grand St.—Elizabeth, NJ 07202

### UCICC Steering Committee

November 7, 2019 at 10:00am  
80 W Grand St  
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UCICC encourages you to support your local community gatherings during the month of November.



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