

I hope each of you is doing well. We had a busy week in the CAJE organization. I began to work on the agenda for our virtual Rally: **From Isolation to Action**. We have created a Facebook event for Monday May 11, 6:30 pm. We will also post the video to YouTube on Tuesday May 12.

The **Dual Diagnosis** committee conducted a Zoom call with Sandee Strader-McMillen and Kent Leslie of ECHO Community Health on Tuesday April 14. We were very encouraged by that call.

On Thursday April 23 the committee will meet, via Zoom, with Deaconess Cross Pointe's Chief Administrative Officer, Scott Branam. Scott chairs the Dual Diagnosis Task Force that CAJE created in 2018. This task force has been mostly inactive since November. We plan to do something about that!

Details will be divulged during our Rally, Monday May 11, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke has agreed to submit a video statement for our Rally! We hope to gain commitments from Mayor Winnecke concerning both the **Affordable Housing** and **Unsafe Neighborhoods** issue campaigns. Pray for our teams this week, as we prepare our strategy

Our **2020 Investment Drive** is officially underway! It is called an Investment Drive because there is a "return" on the monetary contribution: a transformed community! Nearly a dozen CAJE leaders took part in online webinars on April 16 & 17. I am excited that we have seven newly-trained Corporate Spokespeople who are now equipped to meet with local CEOs, share the CAJE mission, and ask for a financial investment.

We will conduct a local Investment Drive training (most likely on Zoom) on Monday May 26, 6:00-8:00 pm. Many of you will be contacted and asked to participate.

Last year, we received nearly \$17,000 from local corporations. We plan to more than double that for 2020.

Please prayerfully consider what amount you can personally invest in this justice work. The Investment Drive is important. We want to sustain this work for the long haul - and we do not receive (or solicit) government funds.

In 2019, *nearly 300 individuals from 20 congregations* **invested nearly \$68,000!** Because you invest your time, talent, **and treasure**, we can offer valuable training to clergy and leaders at NO COST.

If you would like to invest in this system-changing work, please mail your check (with your congregation's name in the memo) to:

CAJE
PO Box 18172
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We will soon have the option to invest through PayPal!

CAJE staff will hit the ground running this week as we work with our clergy and Team Captains to create a pre-recorded Rally that will premiere on Facebook May 11 and then on Youtube May 12.

In this, the age of the coronavirus, there are many "firsts" in our justice ministries: virtual meetings, conference call negotiations and a Facebook Rally!

In a work that relies heavily on personal interactions, creative communication is key. I am grateful for those who have been so helpful as we navigate these strange and sometimes tumultuous waters!

I am excited to see what the next few months will bring. All your hard work **will** pay off and we will see corrupt systems reformed.

**** We have a NEW date for our 2020 Celebration!****

Please mark your calendars. Our 2020 Celebration will take place at the conclusion of our Investment Drive.

St. Wendel Catholic Church has graciously offered to host the Justice Ministry Celebration on **Tuesday August 4, 6:30 p.m.** Details are forthcoming.

As always, feel free to call, text, or email me with questions, concerns or comments.

Stay safe, Justice Warriors!

Peace,

~ Amy

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