



People of faith
Walk humbly, Show mercy,
Do Justice!

Join us for the Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation and Empowerment's

Nehemiah Assembly 2024

WHEN: April 15, 6:45–8:45 p.m.

WHERE: Abyssinia Missionary Baptist Church, 10325 Interstate Center Dr.

OR take the BUS! Come to BBUUC at 5:30 p.m.

Asking Mayor Donna Deegan and Sheriff T.K. Waters for

- **Compassionate treatment for people suffering from mental illness**
Today our largest holding facility for people suffering a mental health crisis is the Duval County jail. More than half of people in the criminal justice system nationwide are believed to be mentally ill. A program in Miami trains officers in de-escalation tactics, diverts people into treatment, and provides peer support. As a result, Miami was able to close one of its three jails. We can do that here!
- **Safe neighborhoods, free from crime and violence**
In 2022, Jacksonville had the highest homicide rate in Florida. In 2023, there were only two weeks where no one was killed. Back in 2016 T.K. Waters, then an assistant chief, launched a gang violence intervention program, where police, social services and community leaders collaborate to move people out of a life of crime. In other cities, GVI has brought violence down by as much as 60%. But not here. Let's get our program assessed by a national GVI consultant and make ours succeed too!
- **Protect our homes, businesses, and neighborhoods from sea level rise**
Six years ago, Tropical Storm Irma produced the worst flooding in Jacksonville's 250-year history. By 2070, three times as many people will be exposed to flooding if we do nothing. A flood vulnerability assessment tells us how land, people and infrastructure will be affected by flooding, today and 50 years from now. Communities that do assessments may compete for \$100 million in state funds each year for resilience projects, like higher bulkheads or better drainage.

ICARE is a coalition of 38 Duval County congregations that come together to address citywide concerns of justice and fairness. We identify community problems and research solutions. Once a year we turn out over 1,000 people to a great assembly where we ask elected officials to make commitments to take action. This is our Nehemiah Assembly.