

CCPJ Community Gathering 2025

The Charlottesville Center for Peace and Justice will hold its annual Community Gathering on Tuesday, September 16th, one day after the International Day of Democracy (9/15) and one day before the U.S. Constitution Day (9/17). Given the turmoil created by the current administration in Washington and the date for the Gathering, our theme this year will be: "What can we do to protect our democracy, our constitution, and people now and in the future who are threatened by this administration?" This gathering of civic oriented, non-profit, activist organizations will bring together people working on some issues with their counterparts working on other issues to plan actions. The Community Gathering will be in person. Here are the details:

Date: Tuesday, September 16th, from 5:30 PM to about 8:00 PM

Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Rugby Road.

The gathering and potluck will begin at 5:30 and the program will begin at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

For our program this year, we will again have breakout tables, where people in small groups explore the theme in depth together. After the breakout discussions, the groups will come together and report by table to the whole group before a further exchange of questions and ideas.

CCPJ will provide tabling space for any brochures or statements about your organization that you choose to bring. If your group has a website or other Internet contact information, please be sure to include that information. We want everyone attending the Community Gathering to be able to follow up on their interests in your organization.

Over the years, this gathering has given people in organizations working for peace, non-violence, social justice, environmental protection, human rights, and more a chance to network with people working with other organizations that have similar commitments. This is an outreach opportunity which CCPJ hopes you and others from your organization will attend.