



# ISAAC — DOING JUSTICE

*An interfaith organizing network of congregations and strategic partners  
working together to build a more just community*

Feb 2010

## Be part of the Solution!

If you want to be part of the *solution* for our community, be at the ISAAC Banquet! Encourage your congregation or organization to be there, so they can:

**Learn lessons for Kalamazoo!** Hear keynote speaker Che Madyun, who led the transformation of her Boston neighborhood from streets of despair—with house fires, demolitions, and garbage dumping—to streets of hope with new homes and community spirit. Come learn from the inspiring story of her community's vision, struggle & success.

**Build the Beloved Community!** Connect with other congregations and organizations who are turning Dr. King's vision into reality—a vision of *agape* love infused into our policies and practices so that every man, woman and child is held as beloved. *See page 3*

**Celebrate partnerships & victories!** Join in giving these new ISAAC Banquet Awards:

- ◆ **Public Ally of the Year Award**  
Dr. Michael Rice, Superintendent,  
Kalamazoo Public Schools
- ◆ **Elected Ally of the Year Award**  
State Senator Tom George &  
State Representative Robert Jones
- ◆ **Founders Award**  
People's Church Unitarian-Universalist

**Support the work of transforming our community!** Your Banquet tickets, Reception reservations, and donations to ISAAC all make it possible for ISAAC to build a more just community.

**You can make even more of a difference** by becoming a Banquet sponsor—341-4213, [www.isaackalamazoo.org](http://www.isaackalamazoo.org)



## ISAAC 2010 Banquet

# Streets of Hope

Saturday, March 20

6:00 pm Seating • 6:30 pm Program

WMU Bernhard Center Ballroom

Free parking in ramp and lots off W. Michigan Ave.

Keynote  
Che Madyun



Led the transformation of her Boston neighborhood's streets of despair—with garbage dumps and frequent house fires—to a neighborhood with new homes and streets of hope.

Kalamazoo College  
Gospel Choir  
and



Truth Tone Records  
& Meagan McNeal

Using music, spoken word and dance to strengthen our community and the world.

Get your tickets by March 14! \$35 for Banquet  
\$70 for 5 pm Reception with Che Madyun plus Banquet  
Reception FREE for GEMs! (ISAAC donors who Give Every Month)

See an ISAAC leader or call ISAAC at 341-4213  
Or go to [www.isaackalamazoo.org](http://www.isaackalamazoo.org) to buy tickets on line.

Place your message in the Banquet Book by March 3!  
Contact Amy Peterson, 345-4483, [isaacbanquet@gmail.com](mailto:isaacbanquet@gmail.com)

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Bronson Park sculpture by Kirk Newman

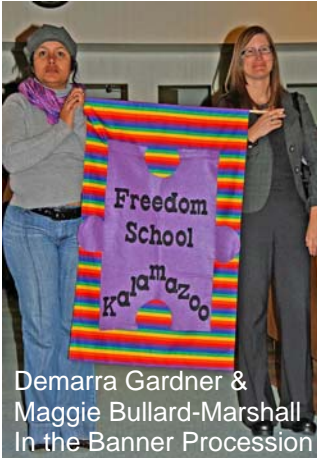
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# ISAAC Covenant Celebration—October 2009 at Tabernacle COGIC

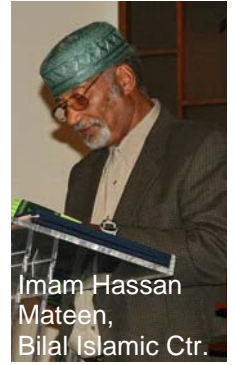
We enter into a deep promise. As congregations and organizations, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of a just community. We are seeking to build a world where hope triumphs over fear, where God's abundance meets the needs of all, where we live in sacred and beloved community.



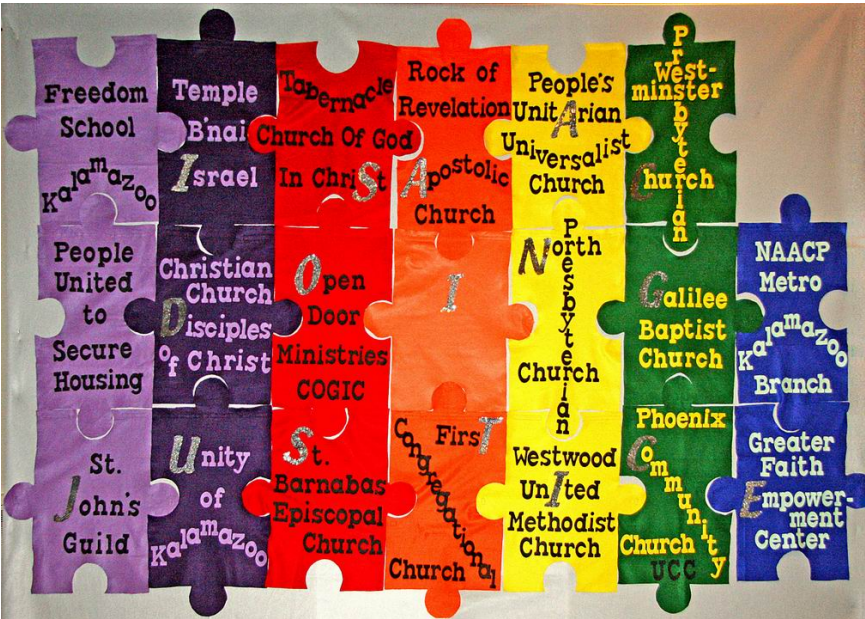
Demarra Gardner & Maggie Bullard-Marshall In the Banner Procession



Minister William Roland, Galilee Baptist



Imam Hassan Mateen, Bilal Islamic Ctr.



Joined together, the large silver letters on the banner spell: **ISAAC Doing Justice**

Since the ISAAC Covenant Celebration, several more congregations and organizations have joined ISAAC!

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1st Lady Charles Tabernacle, symbolizing our Covenant



Tabernacle Praise Team

Stephen Washington, NAACP, remembering those who have worked for justice before us



Frank & Addie Maston, St. John's Guild



Dr. Charles Warfield, NAACP, Superintendent C.G. Charles, Tabernacle, & Minister Roland signing our Covenant



ISAAC Clergy & Organizational Leaders



# Be a G.E.M.!! President's Message



**For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also**  
**Matt. 6:21**

If you treasure social justice,  
Give Every Month to invest  
in ISAAC as we work together  
with congregations and strategic  
partners to build a more just  
community!

Monthly Amount	GEM Investment Level
\$5-24	Emerald
\$25-49	Ruby
\$50-100+	Diamond

Contact ISAAC to invest  
by Visa or MasterCard, electronic  
funds transfer, check or cash

269-341-4213  
isaac@gmail.com

or donate on line

www.isaackalamazoo.org

If you are already a G.E.M., can  
you increase your investment?

## ISAAC

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**ISAAC 2010  
BANQUET! It's  
not just a Banquet –**  
it's a time for  
inspiration, enter-  
tainment, awards,  
and much more.

This year our Keynote speaker will  
be Che Madyun, who led the  
transformation of her Boston  
neighborhood's streets of despair  
into streets of hope.

Just as Che Madyun transformed  
her community, ISAAC is also  
leading the way to the Beloved  
Community by pairing up congre-  
gations and organizations in Port-  
age and Kalamazoo. ISAAC will  
canvass the Greater Kalamazoo  
area in order to exhibit the Beloved  
Community expressed by Dr.  
Martin Luther King.

It is time for our community to  
listen and initiate positive change  
that will transform our neighbor-  
hoods into the Beloved Commu-  
nity.

Support ISAAC's work for a more  
just community. Go to  
www.isaackalamazoo.org to be a  
banquet sponsor and buy tickets. In  
addition, become an active partici-  
pant in our campaign to identify  
individuals willing to be G.E.M.s in  
our community. This is someone  
who Gives Every Month to invest  
in ISAAC.

Again, I want to say thank you for  
all who are supporting the work that  
ISAAC is doing in our community.

**Overseer Daniel Cunningham**  
*President of ISAAC*

## Being the Beloved Community

### What is the Beloved Community?

Early in his ministry Rev. Dr. Martin  
Luther King, Jr. preached about the  
Beloved Community. It is a place in  
which our deepest values of abun-  
dance, equality, community, hope,  
and most of all love are infused into  
our policies and practices so that  
every man, woman and child is held  
as beloved.

**This year, ISAAC invites you to Be  
the Beloved Community.** By  
participating in this yearlong pro-  
gram, you, your congregation, your  
organization, can be part of the  
revolution in values required to  
establish the Beloved Community.

With the power of *agape* love at the  
center, Kalamazoo County can  
become the Beloved Community.

**Help Kalamazoo County become  
the Beloved Community—**get your  
congregation or organization in-  
volved! Pairs are being formed for a  
yearlong series of activities to build  
relationships between us, connect  
congregations and organizations with  
the community, and organize for  
positive social change. Pairs formed  
to date are:

Galilee Baptist / First Congregational  
Greater Faith / St. Barnabas Episcopal  
NAACP / People's Unitarian  
Tabernacle COGIC/ North Presbyterian  
Open Door COGIC / Westminster  
Presbyterian  
Allen Chapel AME / Westwood UMC  
Rock of Revelation Apostolic /  
Christian Church Disciples  
Fresh Fire AME / Portage UCC  
Temple B'nai Israel / Kalamazoo  
Islamic Ctr / Bilal Islamic Ctr

**Your congregation or organization  
does not have to be an ISAAC  
member to participate!** Call the  
ISAAC office today, 269-341-4213,  
or e-mail ISAAC Organizer Jomil  
Wells, jomilwells@gmail.com

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for investing in ISAAC!

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**Saturday, March 20**  
**Help build the Beloved Community!**  
**Be there!**

## Welcome to the newest members of ISAAC!

### **Wesley Foundation of Kalamazoo**

The United Methodist presence at WMU

### **Michigan 6th District Department of Peace**

Part of the national Campaign to Establish a US Department of Peace

### **St. Martin of Tours Episcopal Church**

A spiritual home that encourages questions and celebrates diversity

### **Freedom School Kalamazoo**

A Children's Defense Fund summer and after-school enrichment program

### **Metropolitan Kalamazoo Branch of the NAACP**

In the pursuit of justice for all — for 100 years!

### **People United to Secure Housing (PUSH)**

Homeless, formerly homeless & other concerned citizens working to eradicate homelessness

*If your congregation or organization is not already an ISAAC member, talk to ISAAC Organizers Rachael Tanner or Jomil Wells about joining! 341-4213*

**Help build a more just community!**

*Check out the  
ISAAC Website!*

[www.isaackalamazoo.org](http://www.isaackalamazoo.org)

**Buy Banquet tickets online!**

*Print Banquet posters and  
flyers*

**See Banquet Book ad  
choices & sponsorships**

*See the latest issues work*

**Check upcoming events**

*Read the latest newsletter*

**Link to member congrega-  
tions and organizations**

*Make a donation with PayPal  
or your credit card*

**Become a G.E.M.!**