



**2025 Wake County Community Remembrance Coalition (WCCRC)
Pilgrimage to Montgomery, AL
December 5 - 6, 2025**

Our mission...

- ...to educate ourselves (in turn our communities) on our shared history of racial violence
- ...to establish collaborations between change agents in our community
- ...to return home with the inspiration, information, and connections to effect positive change

We will visit the following EJI sites:

...The Legacy Museum

The museum examines the full 400-year scope of American systems of racist oppression, from chattel slavery through Jim Crow segregation to mass incarceration today.

...The National Memorial for Peace and Justice

On a hill overlooking downtown Montgomery, a series of steel columns symbolically hang in rows around a green square, honoring more than 4,000 lynching victims. Each column represents a county where at least one confirmed lynching occurred. It is a solemn tribute and place of quiet reflection.

...Freedom Monument Sculpture Park

This 17-acre park situated on the banks of the Alabama River has over 50 works of art by internationally famous artists. The art depicts the humanity, dignity, resilience, and resistance of those facing brutality and oppression.

Tentative Itinerary

Friday, December 5th

- 6:15 Meet at RDU/boarding gate
- 9AM Arrive Atlanta, secure vehicle(s)
- 10AM Drive to Montgomery (time change)
- 11:30 Packed lunch on the bus
- 12PM Freedom Rides Museum
- 1:15 Dexter Ave Parsonage & Church
- 4 PM Civil Rights Memorial
- 5PM Hotel Check-In/Gathering
- 6PM Dinner on your own.
- 8:30 Debrief at hotel.

Saturday, December 6th

- 6:15 Sunrise Civil Rights Walk (optional)
- 7:30 Morning Meeting / Breakfast
- 9:00 Freedom Monument Sculpture Park
- 10:30 Legacy Museum
- 1:00 Lunch - Pannie George's
- 2:30 National Peace & Justice Memorial
- 3:30 Depart Montgomery
- 6:30 Arrive Atlanta Airport/Dinner

Sign Up:

Shannon Hardy - srhardy70@gmail.com

\$150 Donation Covers:

Ground transportation; tickets to EJI sites, Dexter Ave, honorariums to offset travel cost for student leaders and educator trip organizers.
Venmo: Susan Sanford @susandotoo
Last 4 digits of phone number #6441.

Hotel and flight are arranged by the participants to allow use of points.

Flight Info:

Delta #2478 - Depart RDU 7:15am (nonstop)
Delta #2052-Depart Atlanta 8:56pm (nonstop)
Currently about \$200.

Hotel Info: Block is under WCCRC

Home2 by Hilton - Downtown (\$173 pre tax)



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What should one expect on the Pilgrimage?

You will visit two sites developed by the Equal Justice Initiative, the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. The museum examines the full 400-year scope of American systems of racist oppression, from the colonial era’s chattel slavery through Jim Crow segregation and today’s problem of mass incarceration.

The memorial draws attention to thousands of lynching victims during the post-Civil War period. The memorial is intended to honor more than 4,000 lynching victims in the country, some named and some whose identity is unknown. On a hill overlooking downtown Montgomery, a series of steel columns hang in rows around a green square. Each column represents a county where the Equal Justice Initiative has confirmed at least one lynching occurred. The victims are listed on the columns. It is a solemn tribute and place of quiet reflection.

The Equal Justice Initiative also created duplicate columns for each of more than 800 counties and laid them on the grounds of the memorial, inviting each county to claim and display its column as an act of confronting, acknowledging, and remembering its history. You can’t have reconciliation until you have truth. In Wake County we are working to bring a column to our county to be placed in a future Rolesville community library to bring truth, healing, and reconciliation to our community.

What should members bring home with them from their experience learning about the country’s past?

Our hope is that attendees will bring back the memories of not only what happened but the present-day effect it continues to have on black, brown, and poor white people.

First, you will likely need to take some time to reflect on your experience – what you are seeing and what you are feeling. It is an incredibly poignant and evocative experience, and we hope you will take the time to sit with it for a while. Don’t mess it up with too many words. Just allow the experience to soak in.

Meeting and Debriefing

- Our Coalition meets once monthly, which is currently held virtually.
- Attend our monthly meetings to stay informed of the committee’s work and progress.

When ready, how you can help further the Coalition’s work

Join a subcommittee working on a specific task. Current committees are: Blogs, Pilgrimage, Fundraising, Research, Outreach - waketruth.org

Other local organizations in and around Wake County to support:

- Center for Death Penalty Litigation - <https://www.cdpl.org/>
- Emancipate NC - <https://emancipatenc.org/>
- Human Kindness Foundation - <https://www.humankindness.org/>
- NC Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty - <https://nccadp.org/>
- NC Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparities - <https://nccred.org/>
- North Carolina Justice Center - <https://www.ncjustice.org/>
- Repairers of the Breach - <https://www.breachrepairers.org>

