

# ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE PROJECT NEWSLETTER



## August Edition

### Pilgrimage to Montgomery, AL October 6-10, 2022

[Registration is now open](#) for our Pilgrimage to Montgomery, Alabama October 6-10, 2022. We hope that you will join us as we travel as a community to deliver the soil representing the lives of Joseph McCoy and Benjamin Thomas to a final resting place at the Equal Justice Initiative's National Memorial for Peace and Justice.



The trip will focus on the history and legacy of racial terror in this country, as well as the struggle for social justice. In addition to experiencing the Memorial for Peace and Justice and EJI's Legacy Museum, participants will tour civil rights sites in both Montgomery and Selma and hear first-hand accounts from civil rights activists from these communities. October 6 and 10 are travel days, with the program taking place October 7, 8, and 9.

The ACRP pilgrimage includes chartered buses to and from Montgomery, Alabama (participants are

encouraged to travel with the community by bus, but there are a limited number of self-travel slots available on a first-come basis), discounted hotel stays, curated social justice tours, most meals and evening programs with guest speakers. [Read the entire itinerary.](#) [Register Now!](#)

If you already registered but have yet to [book your discounted hotel room](#) at the Embassy Suites, please do so now. The room block closes September 6, 2022.

Pilgrimage registration slots are limited, so please sign up soon!

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## Upcoming Events

### Soil Collection Ceremony September 24, 2022

In collaboration with the Equal Justice Initiative, ACRP will hold a formal Soil Collection Ceremony to memorialize Joseph McCoy and Benjamin Thomas on Saturday, September 24, at 4 p.m. on Market Square. By collecting soil that represents their lives, as well as the rich heritage and contributions of Alexandria's African American community, McCoy and Thomas will be honored and remembered. Labeled jars will be taken to EJI as part of the Pilgrimage in October. Additional jars will remain in Alexandria at the Alexandria Black History Museum. Please consider attending this important and meaningful event.

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## In The News

### Remembrance for Benjamin Thomas

On Monday, August 8, 2022, ACRP held a Remembrance Ceremony for Benjamin Thomas that included the recognition of the heroes who stood up for Thomas before and after the lynching. [Read about it](#) on the Thomas In Memoriam Page.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Alexandria Community Remembrance Project and your commitment to racial justice.

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## Upcoming Committee Meetings

**ACRP Public Outreach Committee**, Virtual Meeting, Wednesday, August 24, 7pm-8pm  
Registration Link [here.](#) Meeting ID: 929 2165 1703

**ACRP Soil & Marker Committee**, Virtual Meeting, Thursday, August 25, 7pm-8pm  
Registration Link [here.](#)

**ACRP Pilgrimage Committee**, Virtual Meeting, Monday, August 29, 7pm-8pm  
Registration Link [here.](#)

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[Joseph McCoy](#) [Benjamin Thomas.](#)

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*The Alexandria Community Remembrance Project (ACRP) is a city-wide initiative dedicated to helping Alexandria understand its history of racial terror hate crimes and to work toward creating a welcoming community bound by equity and inclusion.*

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