

TWO VOICES: Healing Our Shared History

Do we know the full history of our Montgomery Township?

An Online Discussion with Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Leader,
Dr. John Norwood and Indigenous Rights Activist, Arla Patch
Jointly hosted by Montgomery Township and Princeton University students.

November 10, 2020
7 - 8pm

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THE REV. J. R. NORWOOD, PHD

The Rev. Dr. J.R. Norwood is the Principal Justice of the Tribal Supreme Court of the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation, for which he has also served as a Councilman for over fifteen years. He is the Co-Chair of the Task Force on Federal Acknowledgement of the National Congress of American Indians and the General Secretary of the Alliance of Colonial Era Tribes. Dr. Norwood is the senior minister to the Nanticoke-Lenape Tribal Christian Prayer Circle Ministry and has served for over twenty-eight years as the pastor of the Ujima Village Christian Church of Ewing, NJ, a non-tribal urban congregation. He has represented his tribe at the national and international level and has written about and lectured on tribal history, culture, religion, and current concerns.



ARLA PATCH

Arla Patch is an artist, writer and certified PA teacher. Raised in Bucks Co. PA, she lived in Maine for 30 years and became involved in the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission as Community Engagement Coordinator. This truth commission investigated what happened to Native children in the child welfare system. Arla is the recipient, partnering with the Kidsbridge Tolerance Center, of two grants from the NJ Council for the Humanities. They developed educational programming on Indigenous concerns where she collaborated with Pastor Norwood and other New Jersey tribal leaders. Arla is a founding member of the Coalition of Natives and Allies, is a member of Doylestown Friends Meeting (Quaker) and is also a grandmother.