

Looking Deeply at Thanksgiving

The journey to a new Thanksgiving
built on justice & right relationship

Thursday, Nov. 19, 7 pm



An interactive event on Zoom, where participants will be invited to consider difficult truths about Thanksgiving, reflect with others, and hear messages of hope around what a new Thanksgiving built on justice & right relationship might look like.

Hear why many Native Americans consider this a “National Day of Mourning”

- ❖ **Joan Tavares Avant**, aka “Granny Squannit”, is a Mashpee Wampanoag Deer clan mother, historian, and past Tribal Council President. Joan served as Director of Indian Education in the Mashpee Public Schools. She is author of *People of First Light* (2010) and a founding trustee for the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project.
- ❖ **Gail Melix** is a Manomet Wampanoag and Quaker. She is a board member of the Native Land Conservancy, co-clerk of New England Yearly Meeting (Quakers) Earthcard Ministry, and a member of the Faith Community Environmental Network (Cape Cod).

Breakout groups

Ways to move forward together (Indigenous presenters joined by two allied faith leaders)

- ❖ **Rev. Kelly Gallagher** with S. New England United Church of Christ / Justice & Witness Ministries, seeking to help UCC churches consider their history as descendants of the Pilgrims & Puritans who invaded & colonized this land. Spent summer 2019 traveling among UCC Native American churches.
- ❖ **Leslie Manning**, clerk of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends Permanent Board. As a member of NEYM’s Reparations Working Group, she co-authored the 2020 draft Apology to Native Peoples from New England Quakers.

- Admission via donation to Native Land Conservancy -

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