Witness for Peace

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Honduras Under Threat: Learning from Indigenous Groups, Campesinos, and Human Rights Defenders in Resistance

On June 28, 2009, Hondurans woke to a military coup. In the four years since, human rights abuses, especially politically targeted assassinations, have increased at an alarming rate. Those killed and targeted by violence include campesino and indigenous leaders, members and leaders of the LGBTQ community, human rights lawyers, journalists, and unionists. A widespread culture of impunity means that the vast majority of these crimes go uninvestigated and unpunished. **Witness for Peace has been standing in solidarity with these human rights defenders since 2009.**

The U.S. has denounced these acts but simultaneously has continued financially supporting the Honduran police and military, even though members of both the police and military have been involved in numerous human rights abuses. The U.S. has also maintained the presence of U.S. military troops and Drug Enforcement Agency officials in Honduras. The delegation will:

- Learn from indigenous and campesino leaders about their struggles to maintain sovereignty over their land
- Hear from members of the LGBTQ community about the violence faced by members of their community, and the culture of impunity
- Meet with human rights lawyers and academics who provide analysis of the historical roots and current context of the human rights crisis
- Hear from journalists about the risks they take by reporting on the human rights crisis
- Better understand the role of US-funded police and military forces in committing human rights abuses
- Learn how to stand in solidarity with these Hondurans struggling for justice

Cost: $1000 plus airfare from U.S. (Deposit $150 due by November 1st, 2014). The delegation fee covers all preparation, meals, lodging, interpreters, and transportation within Honduras, along with extensive reading and activist tools. Fundraising support and scholarships may be available.

Application Deadline: November 1st, 2014.

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