



US Delegation joins with campesinos in protesting hydro-electric dam project in Rio Blanco, November 2013.

TASK FORCE ON THE AMERICAS & ALLIANCE FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE DELEGATION

# Honduras *Community-led Development vs Top-down Development* November 8-16, 2014

*As the current Honduran government imposes neoliberal economic measures supported by the U.S. Government, including large-scale mining and other natural resource extraction projects, grassroots organizations struggle to preserve and protect their own spaces in direct resistance to these policies.*

Join the Marin Interfaith Task Force on the Americas and the Alliance for Global Justice and their seasoned guides who have deep relationships with local activists in Honduras.

The delegation will travel from the Garifuna communities on the Caribbean coast to the coffee producing highlands of Honduras. We'll meet with Garifuna communities who have resisted large tourist projects sponsored by international financial institutions and foreign investors. Visit the mountainous and breathtakingly beautiful department of Santa Barbara, a LIBRE party stronghold, where hundreds of mining concessions have been granted to foreign and Honduran companies. Meet local leaders who recently declared their municipality free of mining and others struggling to stop on-going natural resource extraction.



Caribbean Garifuna Community welcome international visitors.



Our friend Rigoberto uses his machete to cut down coffee rust infected plants on his farm.

Our delegation will then visit a community in Lempira, Honduras to learn about the efforts of a group of small coffee producers to form a coffee cooperative to counter local exploitation, to combat the coffee rust disease, and to possibly "go organic." Traveling to Marcala, the heart of Honduran coffee country, the group will visit a teaching coffee finca that has been influential in training small producers to convert to organic coffee production for export. Finally, the group will travel to Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital city, to meet with leading human rights experts and organizations.

Throughout the delegation, participants will learn about the direct social, economic, and political impacts of U.S. foreign policy on Honduran communities. We will be hearing from inspiring individuals, who are documenting the human rights situation and accompanying communities in resistance to a development model imposed by outsiders that has failed Honduras for decades.

**COST:** The \$950 delegation fee includes lodging, 2 meals/day, in-country transportation, interpretation. Flights to and from country of origin are not included.

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