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SPEAKERS BUREAU

LECTURES,
PRESENTATIONS AND
INTERVIEWS

COCODA

Companion Community
Development Alternatives

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The CoCoDa Speakers Bureau is designed to create one hour Zoom presentations that...

1. Sustain positive connections between Central Americans and our partner universities, churches, and Clubs during the pandemic when face to face interactions in Central America are impractical.
2. Generate revenue for CoCoDA during a period when we cannot sustain the income normally generated by delegations.

DESCRIPTION

These one-hour presentations could include one or more of the following...

1. A CoCoDA staff person presenting on a subject or theme.
2. A staff person - in conjunction with a Central American expert or community member - presenting on a subject or theme.
3. A staff person supplying interpretation for a Central American in speaking on a theme, telling a story or being interviewed.
4. CoCoDA will ask presentation recipients to reimburse CoCoDA \$100-\$200 per presentation. When non-staff Central Americans participate, CoCoDA will reimburse those participants with payments of \$25-\$50
5. These presentations can be customized to meet the interests of a CoCoDA partner or on one of the following themes.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Those wishing to utilize the CoCoDA Speakers Bureau should contact Jim Mulholland at 317.503.5852 or at jim@cocoda.org to discuss scheduling, cost and logistics.

THEMES

- History
- Community Development
- Current Events
- Conversations with Central Americans



NGO WORK IN THE YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CIVIL WAR

A discussion of early challenges in NGO work in El Salvador after the Civil War with many examples of both successes and failures.

THE SANTA MARTA STORY

The history and story of one community in El Salvador during the Civil War and afterwards. Santa Marta is world renowned for its resiliency, creativity and solidarity.

THE SANDINISTA REVOLUTION

The history of revolution and governance in Nicaragua and the impact of US foreign policy upon the life of a Central American Country.

HISTORY OF EL SALVADOR

The story of El Salvador since Spanish arrival to the peace accords.

EL SALVADOR AFTER THE PEACE ACCORDS

A perspective on how the country moved forward after the peace accords.

LIFE IN A REFUGEE CAMP

The testimony of Salvadorans who lived in refugee camps in the 1980's and their journey back to their communities.



ETHICAL INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

An interactive exploration of the ethical issues, challenges and pitfalls in doing any type of international volunteering or engagement.

THE POWER OF WATER

A presentation on how access to clean water alters life for individuals and communities.

ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY

The story of how Central Americans and North Americans worked together to rebuild communities and create capacity when the government still considered them communists undeserving of financial support.

MIDWIVES TESTIMONY

The testimony of midwives about this ancestral practice that has been denied recognition by the government and how they manage to persist to assist those women in the most need.

POPULAR EDUCATION AS A TOOL FOR LIBERATION

A discussion about the role of popular teachers during the Civil War and in the reconstruction of El Salvador.

THE SUSTAINABILITY MODEL

Everyone talks about sustainability, but what does authentic sustainability look like in Central America.



MIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION

A survey of the causes of migration and immigration between Central America and the United States

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN CENTRAL AMERICA

A survey of El Salvador and the role women have played in the resistance, after the Civil War and today.

GANGS IN EL SALVADOR

A perspective on how this problem developed and how it impacts the lives of Salvadorans.

CONVERSATION WITH CENTRAL AMERICANS

GOING TO COLLEGE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

An opportunity to interview Central American college students about their lives and experiences.

THE STORY OF JERRY

The story of Rene Luarca Maiti (Jerry) a man who fought with the guerillas during the El Salvador Civil War and has been involved in rebuilding his nation since the Peace Accords in 1992.

LIBERATION THEOLOGY

Central Americans talk about the process that enlightened and led the communities to organize and demand better live conditions to the government of the time.



MIGRATION

Central American share the perspective of the migration issue and how it impacts and alter life in El Salvador.

AN IMMIGRANT'S STORY

A conversation with a Salvadoran immigrant in the US and their many challenges and experiences.

A CONVERSATION WITH A SANDINISTA

A conversation with someone who went through the Sandinista Revolution and the Contra War.

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