

Boise Area Organizations

Sept.4 , 2017

International Peacemaker, Herman Kumara, is coming to Boise. Learn more about the mission of International Peacemakers [here](#).

**Mr. Kumara is available to give a presentation to your organization entirely free of charge.** His available dates are Sept. 28, 29, 30 (Thurs/Fri/Sat). Interested parties please contact, Ada Ritchie, [adaritchie@hotmail.com](mailto:adaritchie@hotmail.com), (208)569-0581.

**Herman Kumara is a human rights defender from Sri Lanka** who speaks about human rights regarding marginalized peoples. In Sri Lanka he experienced government oppression and terrorism. The consequences of which have brought poverty and hunger. His passion is to organize food producers and fishing communities.

**Peacemaking** is an act of interrupting injustice. It doesn't mean passivity. It is neither fight nor flight but it is careful, arduous pursuit of reconciliation and justice. Herman Kumara has experienced the narrow escape of his life. He learned that challenging any unjust system comes with hard decisions and unimagined sacrifices.



**4 areas of focus for peacemaker presentations:**

- Address the root causes of poverty, particularly as it impacts women and children
- Work for healing and reconciliation in cultures of violence and brokenness
- Respond to natural and human-caused disasters
- Embody and advocate for God's vision of a just and peaceful world

If you are unable to have him come to your organization, please join us at any of the following events at First Presbyterian Church, 950 W. State St., Boise:

- **DINNER & PRESENTATION: Wed., Sept. 27, Lindsay Hall**, Dinner - 6:00 pm. Presentation - 7:00 pm. *RSVP to the church office, (208)345-3441, to attend the dinner portion.*
- **WORSHIP: Sunday, Oct. 1, 8:45 & 10:45 am services.** Join us as Mr. Kumara leads worship.
- **LUNCH: Sunday, Oct. 1, Noon, Lindsay Hall** *RSVP to the church office, (208)345-3441, to attend this event.*

Blessings,

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