

INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER PRESENTATION NEEDS SURVEY

Peacemaker's name: **Lamiel Phiri**

Please answer the following questions about your plans for your presentations. This information will be shared with your hosts so that they can better prepare for your visit.

1. Are there specific ages or specific groups of people to whom you especially like to speak? (Most International Peacemakers will speak to a wide range of ages and groups, but it is helpful to know your preferences.)

I can speak to any group my current responsibility as Synod Consultant entails that I communicate the same message to the young and old alike and being a qualified high school teacher and an NGO consultant for many years I have honed my communication skills to cover all ages and groups.

2. What are some topics about which you would like to speak?

The role of the youths in shaping the mindset of fellow youths in developing countries
Africa in the eyes of the West and the West in the eyes of Africa
Water shortage and the girl child factor – gender equality

3. Which of the following are you **most interested** in doing? (Please keep in mind that hosts may ask you to do things that you have not selected. If you are uncomfortable with any particular request, please communicate that to your hosts as soon as possible.) Choose all that apply.

- ✓ Speak to young children ✓ Speak to teenagers/youth ✓ Speak to older/retired adults
- ✓ Speak to women's groups ✓ Speak to men's groups ✓ Speak to ecumenical/interfaith groups
- ✓ Speak to minister's groups ✓ Speak to college students ✓ Meet with community and government leaders
- ✓ Lead Sunday School class ✓ Lead a workshop ✓ Give a newspaper, radio or TV interview
- ✓ Lead a Bible study ✓ Preach a Sunday sermon ✓ Guest lecture at a college or university
- Lead Communion service ✓ Lead chapel worship ✓ Participate in music
- Other (Please list): _____

4. What types of presentations do you feel you are especially gifted at, or most enjoy doing?

I am comfortable in any type of presentations really and I naturally enjoy sharing with any audience especially when we all make contributions in the "discussions". There is always an opportunity for learning and growth for me in any environment so I always look forward to that even when I am facilitating.

5. What scripture references will you be using when you are speaking to groups?

I will provide these later

6. What is your sermon title, or the name of your presentation?

I will provide titles with the scriptures when they are ready

7. Please let us know what audio/visual and technical needs you have and how you plan to give your presentations. Please remember that the video system and electrical outlets here are different than in many parts of the world. (Please select all that apply.)

Laptop computer I will need one to be provided

Slideshow presentation

DVD presentation

PowerPoint presentation

8. Many Americans love to have a written copy of the sermon or presentation to take home and read again later, or to post on the Internet or print in a church newsletter.

I will be able to furnish a printed or electronic copy of my sermon or presentation

I will be speaking without notes and/or will have no copy for distribution

9. Will you have paper handouts that you would like to distribute to the people that come to hear your presentations? Yes No

If yes:

I would appreciate assistance making photocopies of my written material

10. Do you give permission to the Peacemaking Program, host presbyteries, churches, colleges, schools, and other hosts to photograph, videotape, and/or record your likeness and your presentation for promotional purposes? Yes No

11. Is there anything in addition to the information in this form or other forms you have filled out for the Peacemaking Program that you would like your hosts to know about you? (Some things to include would be information about your family, education, work experience, travel experience, interests, pastimes, etc.)

I have one daughter called Kimberly she is currently living with her mom in the United Kingdom and is nine years old. Have not seen her for five years now due to VISA problems recently and in the past, differences with her mom. I am a qualified high school teacher with over ten years teaching experience. My passion is to assist children and elderly and I've done this ever since I was a young man. Currently working with ten children's homes on gender mainstreaming, HIV and Aids and Child Rights. Provision of clean and safe drinking water has been my passion and held a fundraiser in 1995 with the New Zealand Embassy for a borehole in Matebeleland South, and in 1998 participated in an Embassies Dinner in Ottawa, Canada to raise funds for water projects in developing countries. I am a traveler and have been to more than ten countries within and without Africa. I love gardening, cooking, baking and taking, editing and producing still and moving pictures. I write songs and I sing too - was a choir master for our church for several years. I would love to play a keyboard but I have no one to teach me. I consider myself a servant leader as I believe in leading by example, my motto "**be the change you want the world to be**" – Mahatma Gandhi and "**With God Nothing is Impossible**" Luke 1V37

I have founded various initiatives the most popular being a Youth Against Drug Abuse program involving more than 30 High Schools in Zimbabwe which held four annual "Train the Trainer Workshop" where we trained peer leaders in prevention of substance abuse. I have mobilized resources in person and in groups to support disadvantaged members of our community i.e. the

Old Aged, The Disabled and the Orphans and Vulnerable Children. During my last trip to the USA I managed to mobilize funds to help ship library books to our church school which serves children of the farm workers who have been displaced by the land redistribution program and are mainly aliens from Malawi and Mozambique. I even donated personal funds and time to the school and was involved in teaching the teachers to repaint their school when they were waiting for funds to pay a painter. I love volunteering my services and had a rare opportunity during my last visit to the USA to go and help in the rebuild process in Mc Comb repairing houses damaged by Hurricane Katrina under the Church of Brethren Disaster Relief Program for New Orleans and Louisiana. I do lots of volunteer work for two schools, my church and community here in Zimbabwe.