

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

A Course for Those who Minister and Serve Others

*A three-day course that will challenge and empower your ministry*

*Our capacity to make a difference in the world is an essential element of our humanity, giving meaning and direction to our lives. Every day we are presented with fresh opportunities to live and minister in ways that make a real and lasting difference...*

‘**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**’ is an interfaith workshop that is designed to bring about a transformation in your ministry and enable you to be more effective in making the difference you want to make through your life and ministry.

The workshop is limited to a maximum of 30 participants and will be conducted by a team of trained, experienced leaders. The presentation and content are *designed to* challenge any assumptions that may be limiting you in your current ministry and empower you to make clear choices, relate effectively to others, act on what matters to you and create new possibilities that will enable you to make a significant difference.

The programme will include presentations, personal & group exercises and reflection, and periods of ‘*Centering Prayer*’. Although theology will not be an overt part of the content or presentation, participants will be encouraged to relate the ideas and experiences of the workshop to their own theology and faith.

**This ‘MAKING A DIFFERENCE’ workshop will offer you an opportunity to:**

- Deepen and renew your faith and your prayer life.
- Be silent and still and become more centered.
- Gain a new appreciation and respect for the faith and worship traditions of others.
- Challenge unexamined assumptions and conventional perspectives that may limit your thinking and your actions.
- Become aware of the transformative power of ‘listening’ in your ministry.
- Benefit from your engagement with other workshop participants who share many of the same challenges and concerns about how their ministries can make a difference.
- Recognize your freedom, power and responsibility to create new possibilities and a future based on something other than what is predictable from the past.
- Be aware and responsible for the unique gifts that you bring to the world and have confidence in your capacity to make a difference in the lives of others and the community you serve.

## COURSE DETAILS

VENUE : Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre 47 Glenarm Road,  
Larne, Co Antrim, Northern Ireland BT40 1DT  
Tel.no: (44) 028 28277999/ ROI 048 28277999  
Email: drumalis@btconnect.com

DATES : 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009

TIMES: Day 1, April 27<sup>th</sup> - 12.30 pm until 9.00 pm  
Day 2, April 28<sup>th</sup> - 9.00 am until 9.00 pm  
Day 3, April 29<sup>th</sup> - 9.00 am until 4.00 pm

FEE: **Residential** (Full Board & course fee): **£165**

FURTHER INFORMATION: The workshop begins with lunch at 12.30 on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April and ends at 4.00pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Facilitators include:**

*Jim Bradley is Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Waterbury, Connecticut USA.*

*Brigide Vallely, a Dominican Sister, is director of CORI (NI)*

*Patricia Mc Bride is pastor of Loughbrickland Presbyterian Church, Scarva, Co Down.*

*All our facilitators, whether from Northern Ireland or the U.S., have several years training and experience leading the workshop.*

**The Mastery Foundation** is a non-profit, volunteer, interfaith organization established in 1983. The work of the Mastery Foundation is to empower individuals and communities: in their ministries; in the reconciliation and healing of divisions; and in creating new conversations and possibilities

Website: [www.masteryfoundation.org](http://www.masteryfoundation.org)

**Centering Prayer** is often referred to as ‘the Prayer of the Heart’ It is a prayer of presence and interior silence beyond thoughts, words and emotions. Guided by the convictions of our own faith and religious traditions Centering Prayer is the opening of mind and heart to the ‘Source’ from whom all life emerges.

## BOOKING FORM

Name .....

Address .....

Postcode .....

Telephone Numbers.....

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Email .....

Special dietary requirements .....

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A non-refundable deposit of £50 is required with each booking. This will be counted as part of the total cost.

Please return completed Booking Form and deposit to:

Brighde Vallely, Making a Difference, 511 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3GS

Cheques should be made payable to **The Mastery Foundation**

For further information you can contact

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## Getting to Drumalis

### By Car

Travelling by car from Belfast take the M2 and leave it at the A8 exit. Just outside Larne leave the A8 by turning left on to Pound Street, at the high rise flats. Continue straight on, through three sets of traffic lights to the end of Victoria Road. Drumalis gates are directly opposite across the Glenarm Road.

### By Rail and Bus

There is a regular bus and rail service to Larne from Belfast. An express bus service operates from **Belfast Laganside Centre** and a regular train service operates from **Belfast Central Station**. There are connecting services to these stations from other parts of Ireland, for example Dublin and Derry.

Further information about rail and bus timetables to Larne can be found on the [Translink website](#).

### By Sea

Travelling to Drumalis by sea from the rest of the United Kingdom could not be simpler given its position in the port of Larne. There are regular sailings to Larne from Scotland by P&O Irish Ferries.

### By Air

Northern Ireland is served by two main airports - **Belfast International Airport** which is actually located outside Belfast near the town of Templepatrick in County Antrim and **Belfast City Airport** which is in east Belfast. They are both marked on the map of Northern Ireland above.

The typical cost of a taxi from either of these airports to Drumalis is £25. Alternatively both airports operate bus services to Belfast from where you can get a train or bus to Larne.

Easyjet, British Midland and British European are amongst airlines operating regular flights to Northern Ireland.