

# *12th (2008) Bi-Annual Irish Summer Institute Itinerary*

## *August 18 – August 31, 2008*

**August 18 (Monday)** - Institute participants depart Newark (NJ) Airport for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner will be served on plane, shortly after departure.

**August 19 (Tuesday)** - Arrive Dublin early morning. After collecting luggage and passing through Irish customs, you will be met by our Institute bus driver in the Arrivals Hall, who will escort you in his coach to the **Camden Court Hotel**. At 4:00 PM the Institute will have a group welcome-orientation meeting and an opening worship service, featuring the documentary film: “**The Road to Reconciliation**” in the hotel, followed by dinner at 7:15 PM. Evening free to explore cultural events in Dublin. Overnight in the Camden Court Hotel, Dublin.

**August 20 (Wednesday)**. – Breakfast in the hotel dining room at 7:30 AM. Departure at 8:30 AM to the **Glencree Reconciliation Centre** in CO. Wicklow for a briefing by Irish scholars. Mid-morning coffee/tea break and discussion time. Lunch at Glencree. Afternoon visit to **Glendalough**, then back to Dublin, for a late afternoon visit at the **Residence of Mary McAleese, President of the Republic of Ireland**. Supper on own. Evening free for Dublin cultural events. Overnight in Camden Court Hotel.

**August 21 (Thursday)**. - Breakfast in the hotel dining room at 7:30 AM. Briefings at **U.S. Embassy** and at the **Irish Department of Foreign Affairs**. Afternoon time for Dublin shopping & sightseeing. Dinner on your own. We may gather for evening group discussion. Participants need to pack luggage for early morning departure for Belfast. Overnight Camden court Hotel.

**August 22 (Friday)**. –Breakfast in the hotel at 7:30 AM. Departure at 9:00 AM for Belfast. We will stop along the way to see the great, tall standing-crosses at **Monasterboice**, and to visit the 5,000 year old burial chamber, the **Great Mound of Knowth**. Lunch along the way, arriving at **Holiday Inn Belfast** in time for a 4:30 PM meeting with guest speakers, PCUSA WMD Regional Liaison, **Reverend Doug Baker**, and **Mr. Duncan Morrow**, Director of the Community Relations Council in Belfast. After a short break there will be time for questions and group discussion. Dinner at 6:30 PM with the speakers at the Holiday Inn. Evening free.

**August 23 (Saturday)**. - Breakfast at 7:00 AM in our hotel. At 8:30 AM we depart for the Antrim Coast to visit the internationally renown **Corrymeela Peace Centre** in Ballycastle, for lunch and dialogue with **Leader David Stevens** and the Corrymeela staff, followed by worship in “The Croi.” Then off to the **Bushmill’s Distillery**, the **Giant’s Causeway**. Then we will drive by the spectacular **Dun Luce Castle Ruins** with an opportunity to take photographs. 6:30 PM dinner at the lovely, **Hotel Royal Court in Portrush** overlooking the sea. Return to Belfast for overnight at the Holiday Inn.

**August 24 (Sunday)** – Breakfast in the hotel before leaving at 9:15 AM for a near by village where we will worship in local Presbyterian, Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic parishes and have lunch with host families (a small gift from home for your hosts would be appropriate). Catholic services will be at 12 noon; Church of Ireland, and Presbyterian at 11:30 AM. Participants are encouraged to attend denominational services other than their own. After lunch with host families we will return by bus to Belfast. Representatives of the Institute will meet with **Cardinal Cahal Daly** at 5:30. Dinner on your own. Evening free.

**August 25 (Monday)**. - Breakfast in the hotel before leaving at 9:00 AM for visit to **Church House**, headquarters of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI), for talks with a panel of Catholic and Presbyterian leaders. We will have lunch at **The Spires Restaurant** at Church House before a 1:30 PM visit at **the Stormont Castle offices of the Northern Ireland Civil Service**. Afternoon meetings with N.I. political leaders at their Stormont offices. We will have dinner at 6:30 PM at **The Edge**

**Restaurant**, including time for group discussion of the day's events. Return to Holiday Inn Belfast for overnight

**August 26 (Tuesday).**—Breakfast in our hotel, then mid-morning meeting with **Rev. Norman Hamilton** and former paramilitary leaders. Lunch and depart for **The 174 Trust** “cross community center” with director **Rev. Bill Shaw**. Then we will meet with the Chief Constable at the **Northern Ireland Policing Service Headquarters**, followed by a meeting at the **U.S. Consulate** with the **Consul General**. Dinner at the Holiday Inn at 6:30. Evening is free to explore Belfast after dark. Overnight Holiday Inn Belfast.

**August 27 (Wednesday)** - Early breakfast at the hotel before departing for **Derry**. We will stop in **Coleraine** for a 1:00 PM meeting and lunch with the Borough Council and a visit to see the remarkable **Coleraine Phoenix Peace Fountain**. After arriving and unloading luggage at our Hotel, we have a 3:00 PM **reception with the Mayor at Derry's historic Guildhall**. Rest of the afternoon free for you to shop and to explore Derry. Dinner is at 6:30 PM in the **Beech Hill Country Manor Hotel**. 7:30 PM meeting with **Brigid Sheils Makowski** (subject of book “**Daughter of Derry**”) in hotel meeting room. Overnight: **Beech Hill Manor Hotel**.

**August 28 (Thursday)** - Breakfast in our hotel. At 9:30 AM we will visit **St. Eugene's Catholic Cathedral** to meet with Derry Roman Catholic **Bishop Seamus Hegarty**. Lunch will be on our own with free time until 2:00 PM when **Bishop Edward Daly**, an observer and survivor of Derry's infamous, violent 1972 “Bloody Sunday,” will board our bus to lead us on a tour of the **Bogside**. At 3:00 PM we will visit with **Dean William Morton** at St. Columb's (Church of Ireland) Cathedral. Dinner on our own. At 7:30 PM we will have an evening discussion with local clergy. Participants need to pack for early morning departure for **Armagh**.

**August 29 (Friday)** – Breakfast at our Derry hotel. At 9:00 AM we leave Derry for a 10:00 AM meeting with members of the **Interchurch Forum in Omagh**. Then, on to Armagh, stopping along the way to visit the **Ulster American Folk Park** at 11:30 AM. Dinner, evening discussion of day's events, and overnight at Armagh City Hotel.

**August 30 (Saturday)** – Breakfast at our hotel followed by a 9:00 AM visit with local **Armagh “cross community” leaders**. Then we will meet with **R.C. Archbishop Sean Brady** at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 11:30 A. Archbishop Brady will invite **Church of Ireland Archbishop Alan Harper** to join us. We will depart for Belfast with lunch on the way. Dinner at the Holiday Inn Hotel, followed by group discussion, Institute evaluation, and closing worship service. Participants need to pack luggage for early Sunday departure to the airport and flight home to the U.S.

**August 31 (Sunday)** – Early breakfast at our Hotel before bus departure to Belfast Airport for flight home to USA.

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**Our Hotels**

	August 19 - 21	Camden Court Hotel	August 29
Armagh City Hotel	Lower Camden St. Dublin 2, Ireland 353 1 475 9666 (phone) 353 1 475 9677 (Fax)	2 Friary Road Armagh BT60 4 FR Northern Ireland 011 44 28 3751 8888 (Phone) 011 44 28 3751 2777 (Fax)	
August 22 - 27	Holiday Inn Hotel 22 Ormeau Avenue Belfast GB BT2 8HS Northern Ireland 44 870 400 9005 (Phone) 44 28 906 26546 (Fax)	August 26-27 Holiday Inn Belfast 22 Ormeau Avenue Belfast GB BT2 8HS Northern Ireland 44 870 400 9005 (Phone) 44 28 906 26546 (Fax)	
August 23 - 24	Beech Hill Country Manor 32 Ardmore Road Derry BT473QP Northern Ireland 011 44 28 7134 92791 (Phone) 011 44 28 7134 5366 (Fax)		<b><u>CANCELLATION POLICY</u></b> 1 Feb. – June 18, '08: \$300 per person 19 June – July 18, '08: \$941 per person 29 July – Aug. 2, '08: \$1,583 per person

3 Aug. – Aug. 15, '08: \$2,224 per person  
Aug. 16 – departure: No Refund