

## **Ireland: Sights and Stories of a More Peaceable Kingdom**

**September 22 to October 8, 2008**

### **Focus for the Trip**

*The tour will include both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. As the poster indicates, with the assistance of resource people in Ireland, we will hear stories of conflict, the struggles toward peace and reconciliation and the hopes and struggles of the current situation. There will be opportunities to reflect theologically on what we have heard, and to consider these issues on a broader basis. There will be some visits to historic places, including those associated with the earliest inhabitants, Celtic, Viking and British history, Civil War and the birth of the Republic. One cannot visit Ireland without taking in some of the breathtaking scenery, and this will certainly be part of our tour. We anticipate a reasonable pace for the program, and the ability to take advantage of cultural opportunities that may be offered along the way.*

### **Getting there and back home**

*Tour participants will find their own way to and from Dublin. The tour program actually starts September 23<sup>rd</sup> but you will need to begin your trip to Dublin no later than September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The program ends October 8<sup>th</sup>, but if you are going straight home, you could be home the same day (because of the time difference).*

*You may decide to arrive in Ireland prior to the beginning of the tour, or stay afterwards. Although the trip begins and ends in Dublin, you could fly into either Belfast or Dublin – as long as you are in Dublin by the 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

### **Accommodation, Transportation, and Meals**

*Accommodation is shared, two to a room, with an occasional triple room for some. It is possible to arrange for a single room, at additional cost. We will be staying at retreat centres, hotels and (ensuite) hostels.*

*For transportation, we will hire a bus, and make use of taxis and local systems.*

*Many breakfasts are included in the costs of accommodation. Some other meals will also be covered. Until we know more specifics about transportation costs we cannot say for certain how many meals will be covered.*

### **Leadership** Garth Mundle, Caryn Douglas, Dorothy Naylor

*Dorothy and Garth are making the arrangements for the trip and will handle that aspect of the tour. Caryn will enhance our experience as we take time to reflect on what we have seen and heard – toward our learnings about Ireland, conflict and peace in other places, and in our own experience.*