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Public lecture

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**To become 'the People
of the Cross' - Climate
Change, Violence and
some Meanings of
Creation in Our Times**

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**Dromantine Conference and Retreat Centre,
Newry, Co Down**

There are many forms of underlying violence in our culture with which we are to some degree complicit. Has this caused us to lose sight of the deeper meanings of the Cross in the Christian tradition? Science tells us of the physical and biological side of the Creation – but what of the Creation's deeper revelation? What can present-day suffering teach us about the Creation's purpose and our lives' meaning? Does Christian mysticism, including the Quaker tradition, hold the keys to a deeper vision of reality? Is Christianity still a very young religion, and could the Cross become a supreme symbol of non-violence that helps redeem the world? If so, can this help inspire us to tackle the challenges of climate change and wars that never seem to end?

Everyone welcome