

# Rt. Rev. Mary Francis Drake, MA, MSW, D-Min Candidate

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## Education/Licensure/Ordination

- Current Student in Doctor of Ministry Program, Ubiquity University  
estimated graduation March 2024
- Ordained Independent Bishop, Mystical Christian Tradition Dec. 2020
- Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, Massachusetts Nov. 2011-2018
- Advanced Hospice and Palliative Care Social Worker Certification Jan. 2011-2018
- Master in Social Work (MSW), Boston University &  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker May, 2008
- Ordained Priest, Order of Christ-Sophia April, 2005
- Master in Community Social Psychology, UMASS Lowell Dec., 1989
- Bachelor of Arts in International Business,  
Plymouth State College, NH June, 1985

## Author

- *Dancing in the Doorway: A Life's Journey Between Worlds*, \ purposeful memoir Lulu Publishing 2022
- *beauty, grit & grace*, poetry collection, Lulu Publishing 2016
- *This Much I Know is True*, essay collection, Lulu Publishing 2015

## Experience

Ubiquity University, Adjunct Faculty November 2022-present

Sacred Balance Community, Founder and Co-Director January 2020-present  
Online offerings in the Christian Mystical Tradition including meditation, Sacraments, Sunday Services, Minister Training & Ordination, Retreat Development/Presentation, Earthworks/Telluric Practices & Training

New England College, Adjunct Faculty, Psychology/Social Work Depts. August 2020-May 2021

UMASS Online, Senior Adjunct Faculty, Psychology/Sociology Depts. Jan. 2001-present  
Development, teaching, evaluation and upgrading online classes pursuant with University requirements. PSYC335 Psychology and Women, SOCI220 Self-Assessment and Career Development

Independent Consultant for Hospice & Palliative Care December 2018-December 2019  
Offering VNA and Hospice organizations expert assessment and guidance related to hospice and palliative care program development, compliance, and organizational strategies.

Pemi-Baker Community Health Hospice:

- Director of Hospice & Palliative Care August 2015-December 2018  
Responsible for all workings of this medicare accredited hospice program including: Medicare compliance, staff and volunteer recruitment, training, retention and supervision; volunteer coordination, coordination of bereavement services; social work case assessment, counseling and resource mgmt; community education; VP of NHHPCO Board of Directors
- Hospice Chaplain, Bereavement Counselor, Social Worker & Volunteer Coordinator November 2013-August 2015  
Providing spiritual care and bereavement counseling to terminally ill Hospice patients and their families. Coordination of bereavement support services including bereavement support groups, memorial services, and community outreach. Coordination and training of Hospice and Bereavement Volunteers. Staff training and Hospice Steering Committee member.

Plymouth State University, Adjunct Faculty Winter 2014  
Facilitated student group for the graduate counseling program's Group Counseling class.

Grace Chapel, Founder, Pastor & Director October 2013-2019  
Grace Chapel is a non-denominational chapel offering devotional services and classes in spiritual development. Pastoral Counseling is also offered.

Hallmark Health VNA & Hospice, Social Worker Sept. 2007-May 2012  
LICSW Social Worker carrying a caseload of 20-30 patients offering resources, support and counseling to Hospice patients and families, as well as bereavement support groups and educational presentations to the internal and greater community.

Lead Priest, Center of Light May 2005-August 2013  
Senior minister and director of the Boston Center of Light in charge of pastoral counseling, liturgy, plant management, fund raising, budget/finance, outreach, classes, services and other offerings. Active organizing role in Framingham Interfaith Clergy Association since 2010 as well as annual UN International Day of Peace Festival.

UMASS Lowell, Psychology Adjunct Faculty Jan. 1987-Dec. 2001  
On-campus teaching responsibilities as a part-time adjunct faculty in the Psychology Department. Psychology of Personality, General Psychology, Human Development, Psychology and Women, Social Psychology

UMASS Lowell, Program Consultant Sept. 1998-Dec. 2001

Research and program development support for UMASS Online

Manager, Sunflower Station Health Food Store Sept. 1994-Jan. 1997  
& Holistic Health Education Center

Manager of a privately owned health food, book and gift store focused on holistic health practices. Responsibilities included purchasing, inventory control, customer service, advertising, staff oversight, and offering classes to support customer health and well-being, including yoga and meditation. Certified Kundalini Yoga Instructor, Level I.

UMASS Lowell, Center for Academic Support Services May 1990-May 1994

Coordinator of Academic Support Services for 600+ undeclared students, developing curriculum requirement plans. Supervisory and training responsibilities for 20+ student workers. Management of program budget.

UMASS Lowell, Center for Academic Support Services Sept. 1988-May 1990

Coordinator of Project Restart, a program for University freshmen who were on academic suspension after their first semester. Supervisory and training responsibilities for 20 faculty and staff. Admission, counseling, and career guidance for 100+ students annually. Research and reporting for funding sources.

### **Public Speaking/Lectures**

Over 35 years of experience teaching, public speaking, conference presentations, providing education and lectures to large and small groups, staff training, and group counseling in the areas of education, psychology, spirituality, yoga, meditation, health and fitness, interdisciplinary teamwork, end of life care, advance directives, communication, personal motivation, time management, study skills, career development, marriage and family, gender studies, and women's development.

### **Professional Organizations & Affiliations**

- International Association of Death Doulas, 2020
- Homecare, Hospice & Palliative Care Alliance of NH, Board of Directors, 2018-2019
- NHHPCO, VP Board of Directors 2015-2018
- NHHPCO, Chaplains Subcommittee Member, 2013-2015
- NHHPCO, Volunteer & Bereavement Coordinator Subcommittee Member, 2013-2015
- NHHPCO, Community Education Subcommittee Member, 2013-2016
- Plymouth Clergy Association, 2013-2018
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW) 2008-present
- All-campus Ministries Board Member, Plymouth State University, 2013-2016
- Member Health Care Chaplaincy Network
- Framingham, MA, Clergy Association, 2008-2013
- Jamaica Plain, MA, Clergy Association, 2005-2008

### **Speaking Engagements & Honors**

- Retreat leader for Sacred Balance Community, bi-annual since 2018
- Nominee for NHHPCO Annual Ira Byock & Yvonne Corbeil Award, 2018
- NHHPCO Volunteer Education Day, 2016 & 2018
- St. Anselm's College, Nursing Education Day, 2016 & 2018
- NHPCO Hospice Conference, 2016
- Poetry Readings, Ecumenical Services and topical speaking events in the community:  
Jamaica Plain, MA; Framingham, MA; Plymouth, NH.