

# AMI Refresher Course 2017

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## Montessori Training Centre of British Columbia

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### Practical Life!

Presented by: Joen Bettmann, AMI Primary Trainer

**Joen Bettmann** is a Primary (ages 3-6) Trainer, Examiner, and Consultant with the Association Montessori Internationale, and has forty years of Montessori experience in both public and private school settings. She has had training responsibilities at the Midwest Montessori Institute in Milwaukee, WI, the Montessori Institute Northwest in Portland, OR, and the Maria Montessori Training Organisation in London, England. She was the Director of Training of the Ohio Montessori Training Institute (Cleveland, Ohio) for 17 years, which included giving satellite courses in Sydney, Australia and at Computer Associates in NY.

Before founding the International Montessori Training Institute in Atlanta in 2010, Ms. Bettmann also was Director of Training at the Montessori Institute of Atlanta. Her workshops have taken place in many countries, including Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, South Africa, and most recently, Israel. She is currently in her 2<sup>nd</sup> term of 4 years on the Training Group of AMI, supporting the training of new trainers.

*Joen Bettmann's depiction of Practical Life exercises as character-building reveals how caring, careful, and independent work leads to higher self-esteem, more concern for others, preparations for later academics along with the development of strong work habits, and a self-nurturing, respectful classroom community. This workshop considers the work cycle of the three-to-six year old child, looking first to the concept of normalization, manifest as increasing depth of concentration. Moving from a sound base of theory on normalization, Ms. Bettmann gives the basics for a "protected lesson," designed consciously to foster independence, and the effective presentation that results in the child's engagement. Other practical aspects such as interest and purpose as the basis for work, control of error, presentation dynamics, and design of the prepared environment are brought into the perspective of the role of the Guide in linking the child to true work. Particular aspects of movement and silence exercises bring out what Ms. Bettmann calls the child's "quiet soul," the contemplative and reflective side of life that brings peacefulness and a state of grace.*

#### Open to AMI Graduates: **AMI Primary Diploma Holders**

An AMI Certificate of Attendance is given for full attendance.

<b>Friday, January 27, 2017</b>	8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration & Mingle
<b>Light lunch included</b>	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Program
<b>Saturday, January 28, 2017</b>	8:00 am – 8:30 am	Check-in & Mingle
<b>Light lunch included</b>	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Program

**Cost:** **\$360 if you register by December 9, 2016** or **\$380 after December 9, 2016**

**Location:** Marine Drive Golf Club – Ballroom  
7425 Yew Street, Vancouver, BC V6P 6H1 (Phone: 604-267-2534)

### Registration Procedures

- 1) This is now a very simple phone-in registration process which will take less than 10 minutes to complete!  
**Please call 604-261-0864 between 8:30 am – 5:00 pm to register!**
- 2) Tuition for this course may be paid by way of cheque, money order, cash, *Interac* e-Transfer or Wire Transfer. If you are set up for online banking, we recommend using *Interac* e-Transfer. If sending tuition via *Interac* e-Transfer, please follow the steps found on the attached instructions page or contact the Training Centre directly.
- 3) Registration is complete upon receipt of the registration fee. To take advantage of the Early Bird fee, please ensure registration fees are received at the MTCBC by no later than December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.