



A Confusion of the Spirit— Holy or Distilled?

Saturday, March 21, 2015, 10am – Noon

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke, a priest in North Carolina and one of my former professors at General Seminary, is coming to Corbin to raise our community's awareness about addiction and recovery. As a recovering individual himself, Stuart is very much involved in helping churches, congregations and individuals deal with the disease of alcoholism and addictive illness.

Ten years ago, Stuart pioneered a course at the General Seminary in New York City to help seminarians understand the disease of addiction, acquire skill in ministering to it, and know the resources that can help individuals and families afflicted by it. Now that the World Health Organization has deemed it the #1 most pressing health concern in the world, we have invited Stuart to Corbin to share his insights on addiction, alcoholism, and spiritual recovery—and to help equip us with the skills and knowledge necessary for ministry in this crucial area of spiritual care.

The Rev. Dr. Hoke will also be preaching on Sunday, March 22, at 11am at St. John's.

About The Rev. Dr. Hoke:

Born in Memphis, Tennessee, and raised across the river in northeast Arkansas, the Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke is a priest of the Diocese of New York who retired in 2008 as Executive Assistant to the Rector of Trinity Wall Street and Missioner to St. Paul's Chapel at Ground Zero.



After graduating from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Dr. Hoke attended the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he received the Master of Divinity degree. Ordained in 1972, Hoke spent the greater part of his ministry serving congregations in Arkansas and Texas. In 1996, Dr. Hoke completed the Master of Sacred Theology degree at New York's General Theological Seminary, and was awarded the Doctor of Theology degree in the spring of 2000.

Hoke is a frequent conference and retreat conductor throughout the Episcopal Church. He also continues to serve as an Adjunct Professor at General Seminary where he has pioneered a course on the Church's role in the treatment of alcoholism and addictive illness.

On 9/11, Stuart was standing underneath the South Tower of the World Trade Center when it was attacked by terrorists. He immediately participated in the evacuation efforts in lower Manhattan, and later served in the recovery and renewal ministries at Trinity Church and St. Paul's Chapel.

Stuart is currently president of the Alumni Executive Committee at EDS, and is a board member of the Episcopal Church's Recovery Ministries. Since moving to North Carolina in 2008, he has worked as a supply priest throughout this diocese, and since November has been interim assisting priest at St. Paul's, Winston-Salem. Hoke is the father of two sons, Ramsay (Raleigh NC), and Bennett (Greenwich CT), and he resides in Fearrington Village, North Carolina.