

Renewal Conference Workshop #1
The Very Reverend Peet Dickinson
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Charleston, SC

Engaging Changing Cultures

From the moment the Roman Emperor, Constantine, became Christian and Christianity became mainstream, the Church assumed a position of unrivaled cultural power and influence better known as Christendom, and that would last for over a millennium. Beginning with the Renaissance and through the Enlightenment, Christendom began to lose its hold on Western culture. Enter Modernism and the secular age of the 20th century and Christianity's preeminence eroded even more. Now, in what might be called the late or post-modern age, Christendom is all but gone and the Church's position of prominence has changed significantly. So, what are Christians called to do as we face the reality of changing cultures? Where can we find hope in the midst of the rise of secularism?

In this workshop, Peet Dickinson will discuss how we as the Church got to where we are, the narratives and resulting approaches we adopt in the face of our relegation from the position of power, and assuming we're definitely NOT obsolete, what a Biblical model for engaging changing cultures would be. Peet will share insights from Church history as well as his own experiences serving at an urban church on the doorstep of a university in a rapidly changing city.

Peet has been in full time ministry for 22 years both as a youth minister and a priest. That ministry has spanned different kinds of communities including a small town church, a stint in post-Christian England for seminary, a large establishment church, and now a Cathedral set right in the heart of the increasingly secular urban south. Through it all he has come to believe that, although the delivery methods may need to adjust in this post-Christendom age, the Gospel truth is as unchanging and essential as ever. Peet is married to Jenny and they have three children Mae (15), Ellen (12), and Bo (5). Take a look at the range of ages of their children and you'll know that Jenny and Peet remain pretty tired and thus are extremely grateful for some renewal time at the *Renewal Conference* on the tranquil grounds of Kanuga.

Renewal Conference Workshop #2
The Reverend Doctor Charles Clark Hubbard Jr.

Could there, should there be more?

Within our Christian theology and doctrine we often make reference to the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Even so, He is usually kept at a distance in practice, remaining unknown. On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit mightily came upon the disciples, baptizing them, as promised by Jesus. From then on, the disciples were reborn, just as Jesus said they must be. This workshop will look at the Biblical history and role of the Holy Spirit, and offer the opportunity for each participant to have his or her own Pentecost. In being further indwelt and empowered by Him, the gifts and the fruit of the Spirit flourish.

The Rev. Dr. C. Clark Hubbard, D. Min., was formerly the rector of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Richmond Hill, GA for thirteen years. He now resides in Birmingham, AL with his wife Emily. He received his BA in Humanities from Johns Hopkins, his MS in Psychology from Auburn University in Montgomery, his M.Div. from Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA where he also received his Doctorate in Ministry, which focused on "Integrating the Charismatic Experience into Parish Worship and Ministry."

Renewal Conference Workshop #3
Katherine Jeter
York Feitel

Leave a Legacy, Not a Mess

How many of you believe you are immortal, that you will live forever on this side of heaven? Imagine that you were told by a physician today to “go home and get your affairs in order.” How long would it take you? Where would you start? Don’t risk leaving a mess if you should become incapacitated or die. Come spend an hour and learn how to leave a legacy of love for your family by having everything you and they need in perfect order.

Katherine and her husband, Jack, have been faithful Renewal Conference attendees for three decades. Katherine, a retired educator, began bicycling at age 69. She has raised funds for several charities through her long-distance rides, most recently celebrating her 80th birthday with a 444-mile ride along the Natchez Trace Parkway to raise funds for Globalbike (a Spartanburg nonprofit that helps women in Tanzania repair bikes). She is an inspiring and entertaining speaker. No matter the gravity of her topic, there is always fun and humor woven through the most serious discussions.

York and Carol, his wife of 50 years, are also long-time Renewal Conference participants, first attending in the late 90’s. York retired from Milliken after 34 years, and now spends most of his time tending their 30-acre farm and traveling. He has encouraged his children and grandchildren to attend Renewal for many years because he “can’t think of a better way to demonstrate Christianity in action than this conference.”