

# Making Amends: Steps 8 & 9

## The Promises Realized

### WHERE:

The Episcopal Church of  
St. Thomas the Apostle  
6525 Inwood Road  
Dallas, TX 75209  
(NW corner of Inwood and Mockingbird)

**Suggested Donation  
\$10.00**

This is a workshop for anyone interested in the transformative capacity of amends—those planning amends, needing amends, or guiding others in amends processes. Participants will review and critique amends processes suggested by the Big Book, and learn how those processes compare with other forgiveness and reconciliation models. There will be an opportunity to integrate Steps 4 & 5 with Steps 8 & 9 and learn the common barriers for those planning amends.

- Examine examples of amends gone wrong and learn how to avoid the pitfalls others have experienced in making amends.
- Practice constructing, rehearsing, and offering amends.
- Highlight the role of sponsorship in amends process.
- Connect amends with Step Nine promises.

**DATE: 02/21/10**

**REGISTRATION 1:00 PM  
BEGINS AT 2:00PM-5:00PM**

### Speaker/Facilitator

Lee Taft is a nationally recognized expert on apology and its role in amends processes. He has trained professionals at the Betty Ford Center on how to guide patients in Steps 8 and 9, worked with Betty Ford Center patients on amends processes, and lectured on amends making to the entire Betty Ford Center community as part of their 30th anniversary celebration. His work extends beyond the recovery community. His forgiveness series has been presented at SMU, the Pastoral Counseling and Education Center, and a variety of churches. Last year Lee partnered with Stanford University in designing and launching the procedure for Stanford physicians to follow in making amends in the wake of medical mistake. He has worked with both perpetrators and recipients of domestic violence, and has trained professionals who work with those populations in how to guide processes of accountability. He teaches those who have caused harm how to authentically account for the harm caused, a process that invites healing for both the party who has caused harm and the party harmed. Lee is a lawyer, activist, and graduate of Harvard Divinity School. His essays have been published in diverse venues from the YALE LAW JOURNAL to the HARVARD HEALTH POLICY REVIEW to the CHRISTIAN CENTURY.