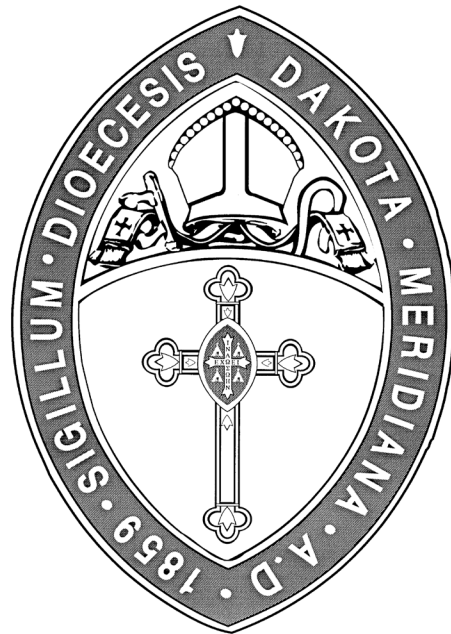


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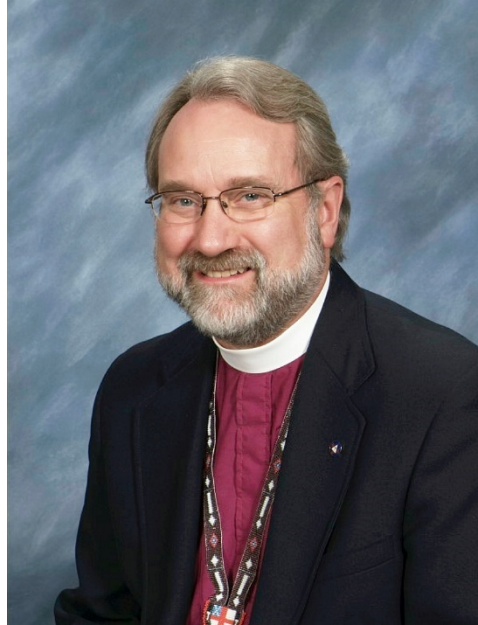
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September 30- October 1, 2016

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The Right Reverend
John T. Tarrant
X Bishop of South Dakota

**MISSION STATEMENT
OF THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

The Mission of the Diocese of South Dakota is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ through the ministry of all.

**VISION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN SOUTH DAKOTA**

The Episcopal Church in South Dakota is a sacred circle gathered around Jesus in prayer, loving and serving God and our neighbor in Jesus' name.

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Diocesan Bishops

The First Bishop

The Right Reverend William Hobart Hare, 1883-1909

The Second Bishop

The Right Reverend Frederick Foote Johnson, 1910-1911

The Third Bishop

The Right Reverend George Biller, Jr., 1912-1915

The Fourth Bishop

The Right Reverend Hugh Latimer Burleson, 1916-1931

The Fifth Bishop

The Right Reverend W. Blair Roberts, 1931-1954

The Sixth Bishop

The Right Reverend Conrad H. Gesner, 1954-1970

The Seventh Bishop

The Right Reverend Walter Heath Jones, 1970-1983

The Eighth Bishop

The Right Reverend Craig Barry Anderson, 1984-1992

The Ninth Bishop

The Right Reverend Creighton Leland Robertson, 1994-2009

The Tenth Bishop

The Right Reverend John Thomas Tarrant, 2010-

Bishops Suffragan

The Right Reverend William P. Remington, 1918-1922

The Right Reverend W. Blair Roberts, 1922-1931

The Right Reverend Harold S. Jones, 1971-1976

Bishops Coadjutor

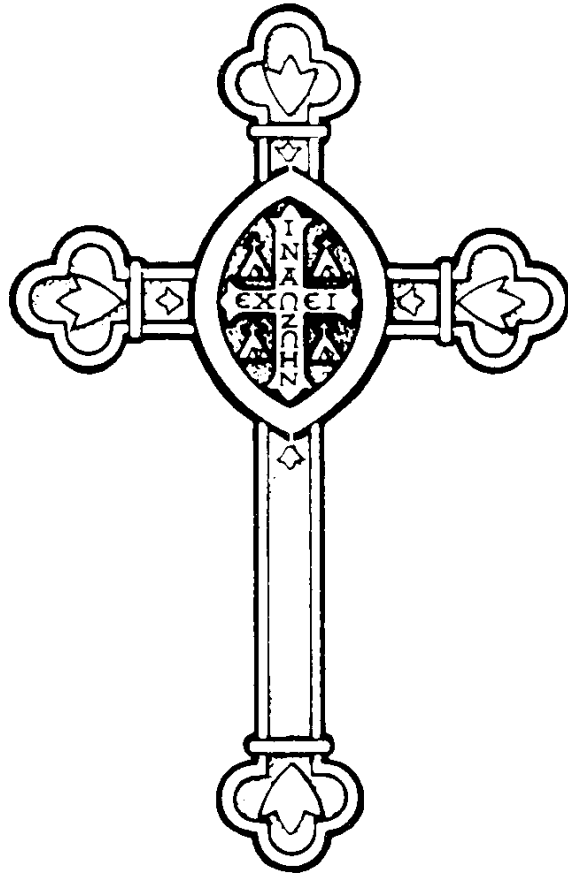
The Right Reverend Conrad H. Gesner, 1945-1954

The Right Reverend Lyman C. Ogilby, 1964-1970

The Right Reverend John T. Tarrant, 2009

Bishops Assistant

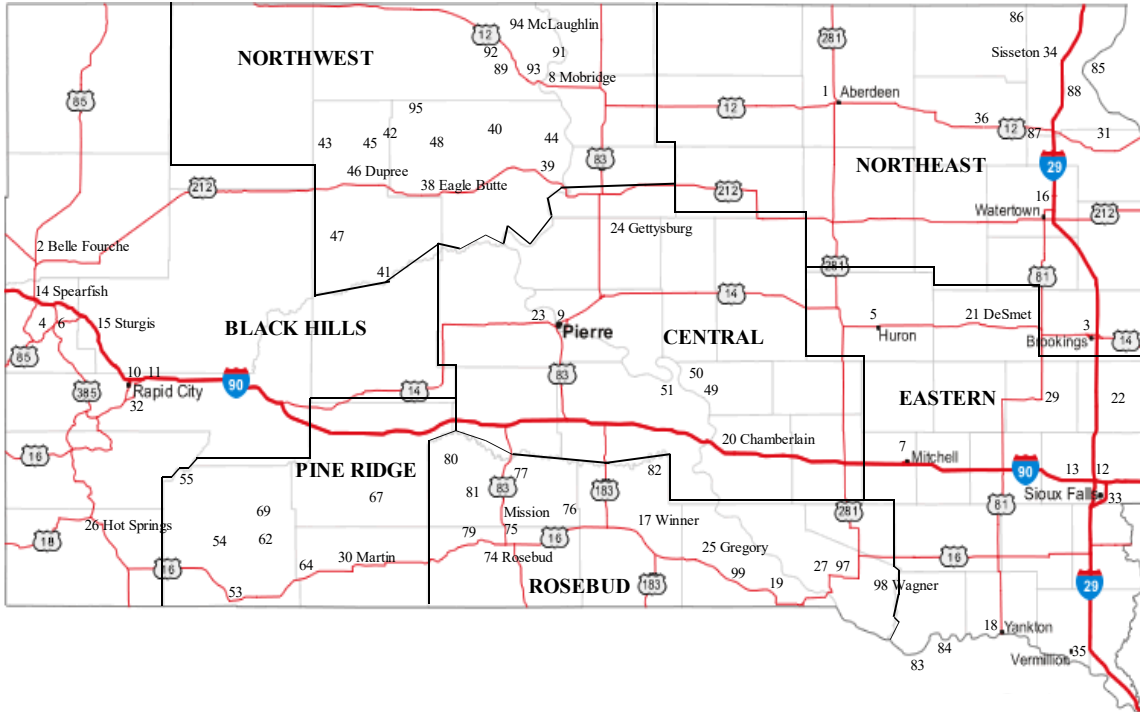
The Right Reverend Frederick Foote Johnson, 1905-1909



DIRECTORY

Deaneries + Churches + Vestries

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Deaneries

Black Hills Deanery

The Reverend Chris Roussell, Convener

Belle Fourche, St. James
Deadwood, St. John's
Hot Springs, St. Luke's
Lead, Christ Church
Red Shirt Table, Christ Church

Rapid City, Emmanuel
Rapid City, St. Andrew's
Rapid city, St. Matthew's
Spearfish, Church of All Angels
Sturgis, St. Thomas

Central Deanery

The Reverend Mercy Hobbs, Convener

Chamberlain, Christ Church
Crow Creek, St. John the Baptist
Ft. Pierre, St. Peter's
Ft. Thompson, Christ Church

Lower Brule, Holy Comforter & St. Albans
Iron Nation, Messiah & Ft. Hale, Holy Name
Pierre, Trinity

Eastern Deanery

The Rev. Christina O'Hara, Convener

Flandreau, St. Mary's & Our Blessed Redeemer
Howe Creek, NE, Blessed Redeemer
Huron, Grace
Madison, Grace
Mitchell, St. Mary's

Santee, NE, Our Most Merciful Savior
Sioux Falls, Calvary Cathedral
Sioux Falls, Good Shepherd
Sioux Falls, Holy Apostles
Vermillion, St. Paul's
Yankton, Christ Church

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Northwest Deanery

The Reverend Margaret Watson, Convener

Bear Creek, St. James	Bullhead, St. John the Baptist
Blackfoot, Ascension	Firesteel, Holy Spirit
Cherry Creek, St. Andrew's	Little Eagle, St. Paul's
Dupree, St. Philip's	Little Oak Creek, Good Shepherd
Eagle Butte, St. John the Evangelist	McLaughlin, St. Peter's
Iron Lightning, St. Luke's	Wakpala, St. Elizabeth
On The Tree, St. Thomas	Mobridge, St. James
Promise, St. Mary's	
Thunder Butte, St. Peter's	
White Horse, Emmanuel	

Northeast Deanery

The Reverend Charley Chan, Convener

Aberdeen, St. Mark's	Old Agency, St. Mary's
Brookings, St. Paul's	Sisseton, Gethsemane
Browns Valley, MN, St. John's	Watertown, Trinity
Enemy Swim Lake, St. James	Webster, St. Mary's
Milbank, Christ Church	

Pine Ridge Deanery

Twilla Two Bulls, Convener

Batesland, St. Michael's	Pine Ridge, Holy Cross
Calico, Church of the Advent	Porcupine, St. Julia's
Kyle, Mediator	Wamblee, Gethsemane
Martin, St. Katharine's	

Rosebud Deanery

The Reverend Annie Henninger

Corn Creek, St. Thomas	Soldier's Creek, Grace
Ideal, Holy Spirit	Gregory, Incarnation
Mission, Trinity	Herrick, All Saints
Norris, St. Paul's	Lake Andes, St. Philip's
Okreek, Calvary	Wagner, Holy Spirit
Parmelee, Holy Innocents	Winner, Trinity
Rosebud, Church of Jesus	

CHURCHES and OFFICERS

PARISHES:

Aberdeen (1) 2016	St. Mark's Church (Zephier)	Senior Warden: Mark Marion Junior Warden: Leona Volk Treasurer: Erin Doering Clerk: Linda Simon	Mobridge (8)	St. James' Church (Fonder)	Senior Warden: Julie Weninger Junior Warden: Rick Jolly Treasurer: Jill Jolly Clerk: Sheila Moser
Belle Fourche (2) 2016	St. James' Church (Weaver/Williams/Weaver/Ministry Team)	Senior Warden: Mary Buchholz Junior Warden: Mike Reade' Treasurer: Pat Deering Clerk: Fay Hersey	Pierre (9) 2016	Trinity Church (Hobbs/Flagstad/Walker)	Senior Warden: Ellen Walker Junior Warden: Ralph Bush Treasurer: Ann Holzhauser Clerk: Kelli Buscher
Brookings (3)	St. Paul's Church (Ort)	Senior Warden: Chuck Berry Junior Warden: Lee Kratochvil Treasurer: Bob Klein Clerk: Lynn Hublou	Rapid City (10) 2016	Emmanuel Church (Roussel/Hedin/Bird)	Senior Warden: Michael Luciano Junior Warden: Bob Ermish Treasurer: Kim Morey Clerk:
Deadwood (4)	St. John the Baptist Church (Johnson)	Senior Warden: Bob Nelson Junior Warden: Jerry Cotton Treasurer: Barbara Allen Clerk: Donna Cotton	Rapid City (11)	St. Andrew's Church (Garwood)	Senior Warden: Linda Simmons Junior Warden: Steve Renner Treasurer: Joan Sutton Clerk: Shelli Vallis
Huron (5) 2016	Grace Church (Mornard)	Senior Warden: Joanne Groves Junior Warden: Doug BJORKE Treasurer: Marie Wheeler Clerk: Doug BJORKE	Sioux Falls (12) 2016	Calvary Cathedral (Simpson/Pearsall/Pitt-Hart)	Senior Warden: Kurt Feaster Junior Warden: Chuck Trefz Treasurer: Ginny Slechta Clerk: Maureen Fitzgibbons
Lead (6) 2016	Christ Church (in transition)	Senior Warden: Robert Thrall Junior Warden: Sandra Newton Treasurer: Diana Mathisrud Clerk: Susan Medley	Sioux Falls (13) 2016	Church of the Good Shepherd (O'Hara after Jan 1)	Senior Warden: Hal Perry Junior Warden: Dennis Fixsel Treasurer: Bill Lenker Clerk: Peg Teslow
Mitchell (7)	St. Mary's Church (Schubert)	Senior Warden: David Brooks Junior Warden: Dan Sudrla Treasurer: Linda Stokes Clerk: Valarie LaBreche	Spearfish (14)	Church of All Angels (Riley)	Senior Warden: Marlin Konstant Junior Warden: Bob Mayer Treasurer: Michael Manning Clerk: Liz Manning

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Sturgis (15) St. Thomas' Church
(Hill)
Senior Warden: John Hughes
Junior Warden: Barbara Oates
Treasurer: Donna Trigg
Clerk: Judy Hughes

Hot Springs (26) St. Luke's Church
2016 (Vershure/Valandra/Ministry Team)
Senior Warden: Bethany Cook
Junior Warden: Jerry Kocer
Treasurer: Mary Gonsor
Clerk: Lynn Lundquist

Watertown (16) Trinity Church
(Corbin)
Senior Warden: Julie Gonsor
Junior Warden: D.J. Longstreet
Treasurer: Laurie Keller
Clerk:

Madison (29) Grace Church
2016 (Hall)
Senior Warden: Michele Keppen
Junior Warden: Janice Johnson
Treasurer: Katherine Kringen
Clerk: Linda Parks

Winner (17) Trinity Church
2016 (Henninger)
Senior Warden: Michael Novak
Junior Warden: Joe Rigney
Treasurer: Patty Novak
Clerk: Marla Leggett

Martin (30) St. Katharine's Church
2016 (intransition)
Senior Warden: Janet Speidel
Junior Warden: Steve Livermont
Treasurer: Marva Hicks
Clerk: Ronda Rosane

Yankton (18) Christ Church
(Pearson/Keyes)
Senior Warden: Carol Smith
Junior Warden: John Keyes
Treasurer: Dick Unruh
Clerk: Chris Luke

Milbank (31) Christ Church
2016 (Paulis)
Senior Warden: Pat Brotzel
Junior Warden: Paul Below
Treasurer: Cliff Dexter
Clerk: Kim Voeltz

MISSIONS:

Chamberlain (20) Christ Church
(West)
Senior Warden: Anne Mayer
Junior Warden: Anne Whipple
Treasurer: Ron Zingler
Clerk: Sondra Zingler

Rapid City (32) St. Matthew's Church
2016 (Flemming/Donovan)
Senior Warden: Gregg Trask
Junior Warden: Conrad Shroyer
Treasurer: JoAnn Barber
Clerk: Marlene Runs Against

Flandreau (22) Church of St. Mary & Our Blessed
(Gehaut) Redeemer
Warden: Margo Zephier
Treasurer: Stuart Zephier
Clerk: Jan Zephier

Sioux Falls (33) Church of the Holy Apostles
(Mayen/Mayom)
Senior Warden: Barb Ebling
Junior Warden: Joseph Dose
Treasurer/Clerk: Laurel Dose

Fort Pierre (23) St. Peter's Church
(Hussey)
Senior Warden: Mary Ashley
Treasurer: Connie Carlisle
Clerk: Connie Carlisle

Sisseton (34) Gethsemane Church
(Chan)
Senior Warden: Basil Murry
Junior Warden: Lynette DuMarce
Treasurer/Clerk: Wilma Robertson

Gregory (25) Church of the Incarnation
2016 (Henninger)
Senior Warden: Francie Johnson
Junior Warden: Doug Pochop
Treasurer: Gerrie Soper

Vermillion (35) St. Paul's Church
2016 (Sneve/Lyman)
Senior Warden: Judith Sebesta
Junior Warden: Jack Neitzke
Treasurer: Mary Berry
Clerk: Maxine Johnson

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Webster (36) St. Mary's Church
2016 Senior Warden: Monte Rougemont
Junior Warden: Jim Kurkowski/
Dominic Dolney
Treasurer: Cheryl Premus
Clerk: Fran Rougemont

CHEYENNE RIVER MISSION:

Eagle Butte (38) St. John the Evangelist
(Watson)
Senior Warden Shirley Dog Eagle
Junior Warden: Carol Traversie
Treasurer: Doris White

Blackfoot (39) Church of the Ascension
(Moreau) (Watson)
Senior Warden: Louella Marshall

White Horse (40) Emmanuel Church
(Watson)
Senior Warden: Don Metcalf
Junior Warden: Virginia Traversie

Cherry Creek (41) St. Andrew's Church
(Watson)
Warden: Ivan Bruguier

Bear Creek (42) St. James' Church
(Lantry) (Watson)

Iron Lightning (43) St. Luke's Church
(Watson)

Promise (44) St. Mary's Church
(Watson)
Senior Warden: Dion Hall
Junior Warden: Carrie Fasthorse

Thunder Butte (45) St. Peter's Church
(Watson)
Senior Warden: Faye High Elk
Junior Warden: Edna Thompson
Treasurer: Sherlyn Mexican

Dupree (46) St. Phillip's Church
(Watson)

Red Scaffold (47) St. Stephen's Station
(Watson)

On The Tree (48) St. Thomas' Station
(Watson)
Senior Warden: Tom Three Legs
Junior Warden: Pierre Traversie

CROW CREEK MISSION:

Ft Thompson (49) Christ Church
(West)
Senior Warden: Leanne Red Water
Junior Warden: Virgil Crowe
Treasurer: Armond Olson
Clerk: Carole Quilt

Crow Creek (50) St. John the Baptist Church
(West)

LOWER BRULE MISSION:

Lower Brule (51) Holy Comforter
(West)
Senior Warden: Joe Abdo
Junior Warden: Jim Langdeau
Treasurer: Heather Collins
Clerk: Tamara Fonder

Fort George (52) Holy Name
(West)
Senior Warden: Richard Thompson, Sr
Junior Warden: Bill Roper
Treasurer: Richard Thompson, Jr
Clerk:

Iron Nation (523) Messiah
(West)
Senior Warden: Sonny Ziegler, Sr
Treasurer: Gayle Ziegler
Clerk: Nikki Ziegler

Fort Hale (524) St. Alban's
(West)
Senior Warden: Jean Bolmon
Junior Warden: Lawrence Thompson
Treasurer: Clarinda Menzie
Clerk: Shonnon Cheney

PINE RIDGE MISSION:

Pine Ridge (53) Church of the Holy Cross
(Eagle Bull)
Senior Warden: Tom Conroy
Junior Warden: Bud Waters
Clerk/Treasurer: Lindy Trueblood

Calico (54) Church of the Advent
(Eagle Bull)
Senior Warden: Stanley Little Hawk
Junior Warden: Carol Lakota
Clerk: Kim Carpio
Treasurer: Angela American Horse

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Red Shirt Table (55) Christ Church
(Two Bulls, Sr.)
Senior Warden: Frank Two Bulls, Sr
Junior Warden: Douglas Two Bulls
Treasurer/Clerk: Twilla Two Bulls
Clerk Mary Belt

Porcupine (62) St. Julia's Church
2006 (Eagle Bull)
Warden: Isaac White Face

Batesland (64) St. Michael's Church
(Red Owl)
Senior Warden: Wilma Standing Bear
Junior Warden: Vincent Two Lance Jr
Clerk/Treasurer: Connie LeBeau

Wanblee (67) Gethsemane Church
2009 (Eagle Bull)
Senior Warden: Jason Wilcox
Junior Warden: Floyd Wilcox
Treasurer: Sylvia Brown
Clerk: Geraldine Wilson

Kyle (69) Church of the Mediator
(Red Owl)
Senior Warden: Wilbur Witt
Junior Warden: Mona Vocu
Treasurer: Lavina Red Owl
Clerk: Darla Red Owl

ROSEBUD MISSION:

Herrick (99) All Saints Church
2016 (Henninger)
Senior Warden: Shirley Cole
Junior Warden: Mike Cole
Treasurer/Clerk: Twila Emme

Rosebud (74) Church of Jesus
2016 (Stanley)
Senior Warden: Rodney Bordeaux
Junior Warden: Judy Compton
Clerk/Treasurer: Karen Eagle

Mission (75) Trinity Church
2016 (Stanley)
Senior Warden: Errol Geboe
Junior Warden: Julie Roubideaux
Clerk/Treasurer: Elizabeth Castro

Okreek (76) Calvary Church
2016 (Henninger)
Senior Warden: Pete Haukaas
Junior Warden: Dennis Roubideaux

Treasurer: Marsha Haukaas
Clerk: Isabelle Wright

White River (77) St. Phillip & St. James Station
2016 (Two Hawk)
Senior Warden: Wilma Janis
Treasurer: Kim Kearns
Clerk: Phyllis Cadu

Soldier Creek (78) Grace Church Station
(Stanley)
Senior Warden: Brian Sharpfish
Treasurer/Jr. Warden: Leandra Sharpfish

Parmelee (79) Church of the Holy Innocents
2016 (Stanley)
Senior Warden: Meredith Kills In Water
Junior Warden: Richard Kills In Water
Treasurer: Lynette Good Voice

Norris (80) St. Paul's Church
2016 (Stanley)
Senior Warden: Darlene Allard
Junior Warden: Kris Wooden Knife
Treasurer Lynette Good Voice

Corn Creek (81) St. Thomas' Church
2016 (Stanley)
Treasurer: Lynette Good Voice

Ideal (82) Church of the Holy Spirit
(Henninger)
Senior Warden: Charles Long Crow
Junior Warden: Vernon Long Crow
Treasurer/Clerk: Billy Jo Longcrow

SANTEE MISSION:

Howe Creek (NE) (83) Blessed Redeemer
(White Horse-Carda)
Officer: Lila James

Santee (NE) (84) Our Most Merciful Savior
(White Horse-Carda)
Senior Warden: Priscilla Brandt
Junior Warden: Tom Bartak
Treasurer/Clerk: Cindy Bartak

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SISSETON MISSION:

Brown's Valley (MN) (85) St. John's Church
(Chan)
Senior Warden: Katie McKay
Treasurer: Vastana/Charles James
Clerk: Donna James

Enemy Swim Lake (87) St. James' Church
(Chan)
Senior Warden: Raymond Rouillard
Junior Warden: Roger Campbell
Treasurer: Valarie Rondell Augustson
Clerk: Sonia Rouillard

Old Agency (88) St. Mary's Church
(Chan)
Senior Warden: Norbit Bellonger
Junior Warden: Clifford LaFontaine
Clerk/Treasurer: Bonnie Bellonger

STANDING ROCK MISSION:

Little Oak Creek (89) Good Shepherd
(Fonder)
Senior Warden: Henry Takes the Gun
Junior Warden: Terrance Red Legs
Treasurer/Clerk: James Porras

Wakpala (91) St. Elizabeth's Church
(Fonder)
Warden: Wayne Jones
Treasurer: Gladys Hawk
Clerk: Margie Hawk

Bullhead (92) Church of St. John the Baptist
(Fonder)

Little Eagle (93) St. Paul's Church
(Fonder)
Senior Warden: Anthony Bobtail Bear
Junior Warden: Yukon Henry
Treasurer: Gale Henry
Clerk: Manuelita Henry

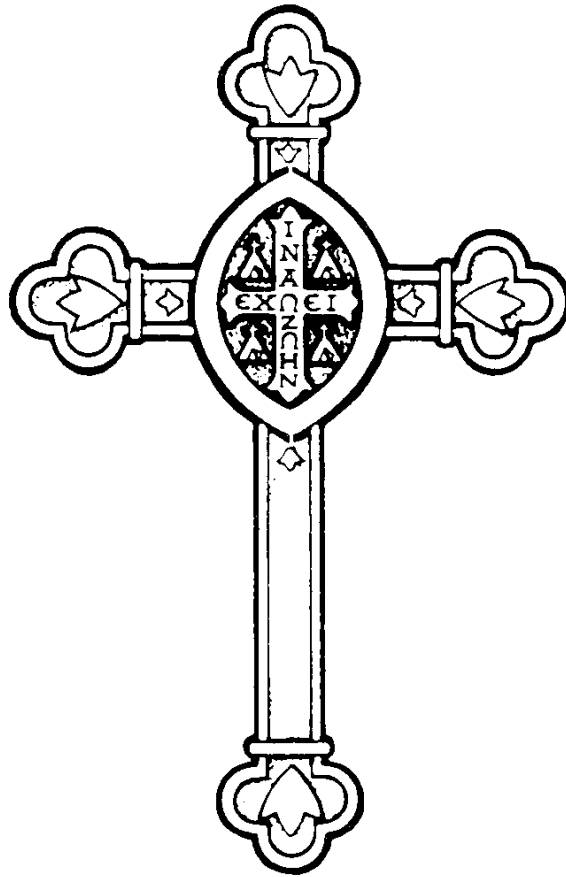
McLaughlin (94) St. Peter's Church
(Fonder)
Senior Warden: Melvin Shoots The
Enemy
Junior Warden: Toby Skinner
Treasurer/Clerk: Beatrice Skinner

Firesteel (95) Church of the Holy Spirit
(Fonder)
Senior Warden: Bill Mutchler
Junior Warden: Leon Brown Otter
Treasurer: John Red Bear

YANKTON MISSION:

Lake Andes (97) Church of St. Philip the Deacon
(White Horse-Carda)
Senior Warden: Sharon Crapeau
Treasurer/Clerk: Maxine Rouse

Wagner (98) Woniya Wakan (Holy Spirit)
(White Horse-Carda)
Senior Warden: Sylvia Moore
Junior Warden: Donald Patterson, Jr.
Treasurer: Ruby White Horse
Clerk: Marilyn Redlightning



THE CONVENTION

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Clergy Roll
Canonically and Physically Resident in South Dakota
2016 Diocesan Convention

BISHOP		BORN	DEACON	PRIEST
John T. Tarrant, Pierre	Cons. 2009	1952	1983	1984
PRIESTS AND DEACONS				
Webster Two Hawk, Pierre	Ord. 1957	1930	1957	1958
George Medicine Eagle, Eagle Butte	Ord. 1980	1948	1980	--
Warren Shoberg, Sioux Falls, Ret. 2007	Ord. 1981	1941	1981	1982
Allen L. Lewis, Sioux Falls, Ret. 2006	Ord. 1983	1941	1983	1984
Mary B. Husby, Sioux Falls, Ret. 1998	Ord. 1984	1927	1984	--
Charles Montileaux, Kyle	Ord. 1985	1960	1985	1987
David A. Cameron, Rapid City Ret. 2006	Rec'd 1987	1947	1974	1975
Barry T. Pitt-Hart, Sioux Falls	Ord 1987	1935	1987	--
Virginia L. Bird, Rapid City	Ord 1987	1950	1987	--
James T. Pearson, Yankton	Ord. 1988	1954	1988	1989
Charles H. Walker	Ord. 1988	1946	1988	--
David G. Potts, Rapid City	Ord. 1988	1946	1988	--
Leslie R. Campbell, Waubay, Ret. 2004	Ord. 1989	1938	1975	1976
R. Julian "Bunker" Hill, Ret. 2005	Ord. 1991	1945	1986	1987
Thomas Regan, Spearfish	Ord. 1991	1950	1991	--
Linda Kramer, Hill City	Rec'd 1992	1946	1988	1988
George Parmeter, Ret. 2010	Rec'd 1993	1946	1973	1974
Conrad Ciesel, Lake City, Ret. 2007	Rec'd 1994	1941	1977	1978
Mercy G. Hobbs	Ord 1995	1959	1995	1996
James Voorhees, Spearfish	Ord. 1994	1934	1994	--
Judith M. Flagstad, Pierre	Ord. 1996	1950	1996	2004
Thomas Campbell, Ret.	Rec'd 1998	1939	1965	1956
Cordelia Red Owl, Pine Ridge Mission	Ord. 1998	1936	1998	2000
Lyle Noisy Hawk, Rapid City, Ret. 2002	Rec'd 1998	1942	1973	1974
Paul M. Sneve, Vermillion	Ord. 1998	1961	1998	1999
David Hussey, Canon to the Ordinary/Transitions	Ord 1998	1945	1998	2000
Barbara "Bitsey" Ciesel, Lake City, Ret. 2007	Ord. 2000	1939	2000	--
Arlene E. Pearsall, Sioux Falls	Ord. 2000	1943	2000	--
Claude E. Vershure, Hot Springs	Ord. 2000	1946	2000	2005
Nancy Donovan, Rapid City	Rec'd 2001	1935	1996	--
Marty Garwood, Rapid City	Ord 2002	1953	2002	--
Jo Hedin, Rapid City	Ord. 2002	1953	2002	--
Rhoda Mesteth, Pine Ridge Mission	Ord. 2002	1953	2002	2004
Judith R. Peterson, Brookings, Ret. 2013	Ord. 2003	1935	2003	--
Timothy L. Fountain, Sioux Falls	Rec'd 2004	1958	1987	1988
Linda Valandra, Hot Springs	Ord. 2005	1953	2005	--
Evelyn Weaver, Belle Fourche	Ord. 2005	1945	2005	2006
Michael Weaver, Belle Fourche	Ord. 2005	1942	2005	--
Sandra Williams, Belle Fourche	Ord. 2005	1956	2005	2006
John Mavior Mayen, Sioux Falls	Ord. 2005	1974	2005	--
Abraham Mavior Mayom, Sioux Falls	Ord. 2005	1977	2005	2006

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PRIESTS AND DEACONS		BORN	DEACON	PRIEST
Judy L. Hollingsworth Graves, Sioux Falls	Ord. 2006	1949	2006	--
Beatrice Skinner, McLaughlin	Ord. 2007	1937	2007	--
Susan Taylor Lyman, Vermillion	Ord 2007	1943	2007	--
Hazel Red Bird, Eagle Butte	Rec'd 2007	1925	2005	--
Craig West, Mni Sose Cluster	Rec'd 2007	1950	1994	1995
Ellen D. Lang, Sioux Falls	Rec'd 2007	1939	1990	1991
Elizabeth A. Powers Ret. 2014	Rec'd 2008	1950	2004	2004
Kim M. Fonder, Standing Rock Mission	Ord 2010	1954	2010	2010
Annie Henninger, Rosebud Mission East	Rec'd 2010	1948	2008	2009
John Keyes, Vermillion	Ord 2010	1948	2010	--
Patricia WhiteHorse- Carda, Yankton/Santee Mission	Ord 2010	1951	2010	2011
Christina O'Hara, Sioux Falls	Ord 2011	1968	2011	2011
Marion Paulis, Milbank	Ord 2011	1948	2011	2011
Margaret Watson, Cheyenne River Mission	Rec'd 2012	1956	2003	2003
Jean Mornard, Huron	Rec'd 2012	1955	2011	2012
Larry Ort, Brookings	Ord 2012	1947	2012	2013
Lauren Stanley, Rosebud Mission West	Rec'd 2013	1960	1997	1998
Michael Johnson, Deadwood	Rec'd 2013	1948	2005	2005
Christopher Roussel, Rapid City	Rec'd 2013	1971		2013
Portia Corbin, Youth & Young Adults	Ord 2013	1987	2013	2013
Richard Zephier	Ord 2014	1938	2014	
Eilizabeth Bryan, Rapid City, Ret. 2011	Rec'd 2006	1945	1990	1991
CANONICALLY RESIDENT-SD				
Jeffry P. Barnes, Oregon, Retired 2006				
Ryan A. Hall, Nebraska				
Tom F. Newman, Oklahoma, Retired 2006				
John Spruhan, Virginia, Retired 2010				
Judy Spruhan, Virginia, Retired 2010				
Vernon J. Raschke, Texas, Retired 2001				
Marion Rectenwald, Tennessee				
Charles M. King, Connecticut				
Richard A. Ressler, Hawaii				
Robert C. Schwarz, Pennsylvania, Retired 2014				

Lay Delegates
2016

St. Mark's, Aberdeen

Judy Sheldon
Leona Volk

St. James, Belle Fourche

Dan Subiate
Marie Subiate

St. Paul's, Brookings

Chuck Berry
Peggy Whalen

St. John's, Deadwood

Donna Nelson
Bob Nelson

Grace Church, Huron

Beth Brenner
Kelly Alford

Christ Church, Lead

Diana Mathisrud
Jo Hartmann

St. Mary's, Mitchell

Jackie Berggren
Tera Morris

St. James, Mobridge

Jill Jolly
Rick Jolly

Trinity, Pierre

Cindy Snow
Sharon McEntaffer

Emmanuel, Rapid City

Mary Olson
JoAnn Edstrom
Lee Hammerbeck
Donna Burnap
Lynn Lafferty
Kathy Romano
Vicki Sweet
Nyle Hedin

St. Andrew's, Rapid City

Sandy Magnavito
Harold Oberlander
Suzy Braun
Vaud Oberlander

Calvary Cathedral

Julie Gehm
Ray Slechta
Virginia Slechta
John Korkow
Ellen Medicine Horn
David Trefz
Nancy VanderLee
Robin Shores Foster
Kate Sigford

Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls

David Carlisle
Larry & Marlene Weires

All Angels, Spearfish

Margaret Seger
Dode Badger
Mistie Caldwell
Lillian Middlesworth

Trinity, Winner

Marla Liggett

Christ Church, Yankton

David Broyles
Carol Smith
Gloria Pearson

Christ Church, Chamberlain

Ann Mayer

St. Mary's & OBR, Flandreau

St. Peter's, Ft. Pierre

Wilma Staples

Incarnation, Gregory

Eldon WhitePipe

St. Luke's, Hot Springs

Nancy Nielsen
Luella Kicks

Church of Jesus, Rosebud

Karen Eagle

Trinity, Watertown

Brenda Uses Arrow
Keirtchmeir

Grace Church, Madison

Janet Bauman
Jan Sanford

St. Katharine's, Martin

Carol Livermont
Vernie Arnold

Christ Church, Milbank

AnnRae Herr
Susan Busk

St. Matthew's, Rapid City

Carol Cloud Eagle
Verbena McMath

Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls

Abraham Nyok

Gethsemane, Sisseton

Sylvana Flute
Rachelle Crawford

St. Paul's, Vermillion

Royce Miller
Kelsey Collier Wise

St. Mary's, Webster

Fran Rougemont
Marcia Lefman

St. John's, Eagle Butte

Shirley Dog Eagle
Valerie Curley
Carol Traversie

Ascension, Blackfoot

Joe LeBeau
Angela LeBeau

Emmanuel, White Horse

Richard Miner
Jennifer Talks

St. Andrew's, Cherry Creek

St. James, Bear Creek

St. Luke's, Iron Lightning

St. Mary's, Promise

St. Peter's, Thunder Butte

St. Philip's, Dupree

St. Stephen's, Red Scaffold

St. Thomas, On The Tree

Christ Church, Ft. Thompson

Terry Quilt
Carol Quilt

St. John the Baptist, Crow Creek

Holy Comforter, Lower Brule

Sheryl Scott
Shirley Crane

Holy Name, Ft. George

Messiah, Iron Nation

St. Alban's, Fort Hale

Jean Bolman
Brandee Bolman

Holy Cross, Pine Ridge

Benita Feather Earring

Christ Church, Red Shirt Table

Mike Two Bulls

St. Julia's, Porcupine

Ben Conquering Bear

St. Michael's, Batesland

Gethsemane, Wanblee

Mediator, Kyle

Kateri Montileaux
Church of Jesus, Rosebud
Karen Eagle

Trinity, Mission

Errol Geboe

Calvary, Okreek

Isabelle Wright

St. Philip & St. James, White River

Wilma Janis

Grace Church, Soldier Creek

Phyllis Provancial

Holy Innocents, Parmelee

Meredith Kills in Water

St. Paul's, Norris

Darlene Allard

St. Thomas, Corn Creek

Linda Marshall

Holy Spirit, Ideal

Charlie Long Crow
Larry Long Crow

Blessed Redeemer, Howe Creek

Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee

Cindy Whipple
Cheryl Kitto
Sam Kitto

St. John's, Browns Valley

Darlyn Kitto
Katie McKay

St. James, Enemy Swim

Valorie Augustson

St. Mary's, Old Agency

Clyde Kampeska
Michael LaFontaine

Good Shepherd, Little Oak Creek

St. John's, Bullhead

St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala

Gladys Hawk
Margie Hawk

St. Paul's, Little Eagle

St. Peter's, McLaughlin

John Red Bear

Holy Spirit, Firesteel

Ayden Alvarado

St. Philip's, Lake Andes

Sharon Drapeau

Judy Kalkowski

Maxine Rouse

Woniya Wakan, Wagner

Deanna Stands

Karen White Horse

All Saints, Herrick

Twila Emme

Official Acts of the Bishop
2015-2016

Report to 2016 Diocesan Convention

Consents:

Election of
Resignation of the

Confirmed/Received: 19 Confirmed and 5 Received parishioners (reported to Diocesan Office)

Ordained to the Priesthood: 1

Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate: 0

Clergy Transferred Out: 2

Clergy Transferred In: 2

Church Opened: 0

Church Deconsecrated: 0

Approval of Re-marriage After Divorce: 3

Licensed Lay Ministers 280

**132nd Annual Convention
Diocese of South Dakota
30 September- 1 October 2016**

The Rev. Canon David Hussey opened Convention with a prayer.

Bishop Tarrant called the 132nd Annual Convention to order at 7:03 p.m.

The Bishop thanked the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Deaneries for hosting this year's convention.

The Bishop reminded all of the UTO boxes on their tables, then introduced the people at the head table: The Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley, Secretary of the Convention; Steve Sanford, Chancellor of the Diocese; The Rev. Canon David Hussey, Dispatch for Business.

The Bishop asked people to direct questions for those at the head table through Canon Hussey. Those wishing to make an announcement should also talk to David. Don Metcalf is our page and he will be soliciting other to assist him. If you need Don to do something, hold up your yellow card.

Credentials report: Marty Garwood, Chair of the Credentials: Out of 140 eligible lay delegates, 92 here; out of 69 eligible clergy delegates, 40 are present, thereby making a quorum. Marty reminded all delegates to pick up credentials and red or green voting cards.

The Bishop introduced the Rev. John Floberg, Mission Priest on the Standing Rock Reservation, North Dakota, as our guest. Fr. John Floberg: "From your neighbors to the north, your brothers and sisters, some of whom are part of the Niobrara Deanery, our six native congregations there, and from the rest of the Diocese of North Dakota, I bring you greetings, and from the Executive Council, which I serve as the Province 6 representative, I bring you greetings as well." Fr. John has been an important partner in ministry in South Dakota, and has been helpful in our receiving grants for youth ministry and adult leadership formation.

The Rev. Robert Two Bulls, Jr. from the Diocese of Minnesota sent his regrets; he had intended to be with us at Convention. He extends his greetings.

We have regrets from several people: The Rev. Portia Corbin and her husband, Chris, and their daughter, Louisa, who is 2 weeks old, cannot be here. Other clergy who also sent their regrets: The Rev. Marion Paulis, Christ Church Milbank, the Rev. Karen Hall, Grace Church Madison, Deacon Jo Hedin, Emmanuel Rapid City, Deacon John Keyes, Christ Church Yankton and the Rev. Webster Two Hawk.

Introduce of new clergy:

- The Rev. Clay Riley, All Angels, Spearfish began his ministry in South Dakota on Ash Wednesday.
- The Rev. Henrique Fleming, St. Matthew's, Rapid City
- The Rev. Mikayla Dunfee, curate on Cheyenne River Mission, ordained to the priesthood at the 144 Niobrara Convocation in Eagle Butte.
- The Rev. Tim Fountain has stepped down as rector at Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls, and is joining our staff part-time, to become Support Missioner.

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- The Rev. Harold Eagle Bull has transferred his canonical residency to South Dakota from Minnesota. He is serving as interim on the Pine Ridge Mission.

Two clergy that have retired and left the Diocese – the Rev. Kay Jennings now serving in the Diocese of Rio Grande, and the Rev. Vern Raschke has moved to Texas.

This past year has seen the death of two clergy and one clergy spouse: the Rev. Agnes Tyon and the Rev. Daniel Makes Good, and Moyra Martin, wife of the Rev. Lyle Martin. “May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

The bishop requested voice and vote be given to the following clergy, who are not canonically resident in this diocese but are serving congregations or missions: the Rev. Robert Two Bulls Sr. serving Christ Church, Red Shirt Table and St. John’s, Oglala; the Rev. Charley Chan, Sisseton Mission; the Rev. Daryl Schubert, St. Mary’s Mitchell, and The Rev. Henrique Fleming, St. Matthews Rapid City. Father Tom Campbell moved and Deacon Marty Garwood seconded to give them voice and vote; passes unanimously.

No additions or corrections were given to the 2015 Diocesan Convention minutes as printed in the September/October Church News. Nyle Hedin moved, Ward Simpson seconded that the minutes be accepted as printed. Approved unanimously.

Tom Campbell moved and Jean Lacher seconded a motion to accept reports by title of commissions and agencies, as printed in the Church News. Approved unanimously.

An overview of the Convention schedule was given. We have three resolutions this year. One will be on the changes in the Diocesan Constitution, which were prepared by Chancellor Steve Sanford. The other two other resolutions were not available for all deanery meetings, so we will have a hearing for them tomorrow at 8 o’clock. Dean Ward Simpson will be facilitating these hearings which will be held in this room. One resolution is on bullying in the Church, and the other is to offer support for the actions of the Standing Rock Reservation tribal council in North Dakota in opposition to the pipeline being built. We will reconvene for our second plenary session following daily devotions at 9:00 am.

The bishop honored the Rev. Charley Chan, serving Sisseton Mission, with a presentation of a Niobrara cross and lanyard. He is the senior serving Mission priest. Fr. Chan received a standing ovation.

Deacon Tom Regan, Disaster Preparedness coordinator for the Diocese, gave a presentation on his ministry.

Announcements: There is a table of free items in the hall. The BCU is having a white elephant sale. Venders are: The Two Bulls’ family selling jewelry and crafts and Augustana Bookstore.

UTO boxes are available; please feel free to take them. The Diocese of South Dakota received its first UTO grant in 1928, St. Paul’s, Little Eagle. We have received over \$1,723,000 in UTO grants since that time. \$1,723,242. In 2016 dollars that would be equivalent to over \$4 million. So when you think of those things in your life for which you are thankful, one should be the UTO and its generosity to our diocese.

Tomorrow’ afternoon workshops are as follows: Gladys Hawk will offer a presentation on Lakota prayers and hymns; Paul Sneve on ABCD, Christine O’Hara adult education program. Carol Smith and Larry Ort will have a workshop on creation care.

The prayer room is Lake Sharp B, sponsored by Black Hills Daughters of the King. We thank them for that ministry.

The Rev. Lauren Stanley has been nominated as a clergy person for Standing Committee. Please add her name on your blue slip.

Chancellor Steve Sanford: Just a reminder that in conducting the convention we will function under the rules we have used from convention to convention, printed in the convention packet. The convention is free to amend those rules.

We will take a brief recess as we prepare for the Eucharist. Following the service, with the dismissal, that will be our formal recess until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock when we reconvene for Daily Devotions.

Saturday, October 1:

Bishop called the convention back to order on Saturday at 9:30 am

Josh Floberg from the Diocese of North Dakota spoke to the convention about the 2017 Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) to be held on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma July 10-14, 2017. Josh is part of the planning team. The theme for this event is "Path to Peace."

Sandy Magnavito spoke on the availability of ECW scholarships for young women throughout the diocese attending college.

St. Mark's, Aberdeen, brought comfort quilts. They are made with prayer and sent with love. If you have anyone in your congregations who could benefit from receiving one please help yourself. Linda Simon would appreciate any history or background on any quilts from congregations hung around this room, so proper appreciation can be given.

The Rev. Christina O'Hara, associate priest and canon at the Cathedral, spoke on behalf of the South Dakota Public Faith and Life and their paper that is a moral response to payday lending and a recommendation that churches and religious organizations study it, particularly in light of Measure 21 on the November ballot to institute a cap at 36 percent on the payday loan industry. She has some suggestions for resources if you want to study this issue more. Please, contact her if you are interested.

Jean Lacher announced that there are also at least two quilts in the hall for silent auction. There are brochures for how to talk to young adults and children about human trafficking. Please help yourself.

By acclamation we offer greetings to Ann Robertson, widow of Bishop Creighton Robertson; to the Rt. Rev. Craig Anderson and his wife, Liz; and to Marilyn Jones, the widow of the Bishop Walter Jones.

Chancellor Steve Sanford: We're functioning under the same rules we functioned under last year. If you want to speak or intend to make a motion, you should come to the microphone and wait to be recognized by the chair. If you are offering an amendment or calling the question, please say before you speak to the motion. If there are issues of debate, please do not repeat what has already been said. We will offer opportunity for both pro and con opinions on resolutions. Please say your name and the church you represent.

Randy Barnhardt offered his financial presentation.

Barney's final address:

"I began serving you and the people of this place we call The Diocese of South Dakota on March 16, 1987. "I stand before you with a humble and grateful heart, and ask you to bear with me today. At the risk of offending my wife, who is a Minnesota Twins fan, if I may plagiarize and quote a New York Yankee great, Lou Gehrig, "I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth."

"I am lucky that God has given me 30 years to serve you. There have been many times I felt inadequate for the tasks placed before me, and I am sure there have been times I fell short and for my shortcomings, I sincerely apologize. If I have wronged anybody by things I have done or left undone, said or left unsaid, I am truly sorry and humbly ask your forgiveness.

"I am lucky to have been able to drive many thousands of miles across this great state and visited every holy church in this diocese. I have seen eagles fly over me, all sorts of wildlife, sunrises, sunsets, the Black Hills, the prairies, the Badlands, and the lakes. I have said many times there is beauty in this state.

"I am lucky to call you my friends, brothers and sisters. "I am lucky that Bishop Robertson placed his trust in me in 1996 when he appointed me administrator for this Diocese. "I am lucky that Bishop Tarrant allowed me to continue in that position. And so lucky that he is my biggest supporter. For that I will be forever grateful.

"I am lucky to have worked with great treasurers from E.B. Morrison, Jim Black, Chuck Bahnson, Gary Conradi and Chris Clem. "I am lucky to have had great chancellors to support me with Bob Maule and Steve Sanford. "I am lucky to have worked with super staff members, Mary Armin, David Hussey, Rita Winters, Rita Powell, Portia Corbin, Marlys Fratzke, Karen Hall and Paul Sneve.

"I am lucky to have worked with many mission clergy. In my humble opinion, these men and women who serve on the missions are the most dedicated and hard-working people that I have ever had the privilege to know. Father Chan, Father Fonder, Mother Henninger, Mother Red Owl, Mother Stanley, Mother Watson, Father West, and Mother White Horse-Carda, and those who have left us.

"I am lucky that God blessed us with two beautiful, wonderful children. My son Zac and daughter Rachel, with Zac's fiancé, Sarah, and Rachel's significant other, Pat. "I am so lucky that God blessed me with my wife Linda. She keeps me humble, is not afraid to point out when I am wrong, and has been my support and the love of my life for almost 35 years.

"But maybe it wasn't luck. I think that it is perhaps God's Amazing Grace and his unfailing love that has given me this wonderful life, and I will be forever thankful. "So now, I move into retirement and the next stage of my life in the diocese, doing the thing that I really love to do, working with the numbers. "Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart, for making my life so much better than I could have hoped or imagined."

Tom Campbell moved and Ward Simpson seconded the financial reports be accepted as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Don Metcalf, Richard Zephier, and Kim Fonder presented a star quilt to Barney on behalf of Niobrara Council. (Standing ovation of thanksgiving for Barney's ministry.) Don Eagle and Pat LeBeau presented a star quilt to Randy and his wife Linda on behalf of the Brotherhood of Christian Unity (BCU). This quilt is in starburst colors. The bishop also offered gifts to Randy in appreciation for his ministry through the diocese. This is Barney's last convention as administrator. Randy introduces his family.

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Marty Garwood, credentials Committee: Out of 140 eligible lay delegates, 104 are present; out of 69 clergy, 41 are present, thereby making a quorum.

Elections: Standing Committee; two positions are open, one clergy and one lay. Lauren Stanley was nominated for the clergy, and Joan Sutton for the laity. Tom Campbell moved and Bunker Hill seconded that one ballot be cast for election. Unanimous approval.

Election ballots are distributed with instructions for General Convention deputies for the 2018 Convention. You must vote for four candidates in the lay order and four in the clergy order. General Convention 2018 will be held in Austin, Texas. The top four vote getters will be the deputies. The fifth person will be the alternate. There will only be a runoff if there is a tie in the fourth and fifth place. Candidates are introduced.

The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, introduces resolution.

Ward Simpson: The first resolution is in support of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. I move this resolution, seconded by Jean Mornard. The Rev. Lauren Stanley makes introductory comments as the writer of the resolution. Dean Simpson notes that the key resolve is that we stand in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe with their efforts to bring a halt to the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

After a period of debate a vote was taken by show of voting cards. Green means support; red means against. The motion is passed by a clear majority.

A 15-minute break is taken. The Bishop calls the convention back to order at 11:10 a.m.

Announcements: We are printing the diocesan directory once a year, and will send out through email corrections as they come in. Please pick up your directory before you leave.

Dean Ward Simpson presented the resolution on bullying. The committee moves this resolution. There is no second needed. Margaret Watson, please introduce the resolution.

Margaret Watson, priest serving the Cheyenne River Mission, the State and the Federal Government all have policies, proscriptions, and procedures to deal with bullying, and we do not. This proposal emanates from that concern. There was one minor change in the Resolution, in the third resolve, the second bullet, in red, "Through a survey of experiences within our diocese." This is an outline of their work. The intent of this is to find out what bullying looks like in our churches and our committees, if indeed it exists, and to inform and educate our committees, our churches, our congregations, and to propose to the Bishop and to this convention a means to mediate.

Margaret Watson moved and Michael Mornard seconded this amendment.

After some discussion the amendment is adopted by voice vote.
The amended resolution was considered. Through a show of colored cards, the resolution passed.

Ward Simpson: the Convention addresses constitutional changes. The resolution was put on the projector screen. A Resolution Amending the Constitution...

There are a couple of changes in the text in front of you. In Article 1, St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church. Article VI, The Standing Committee, Section 3, officers capitalized. Section 4, we changed "had"

to “held.” Section 4, comma deleted after “members.” The Constitution as proposed is now before you. The changes coming from the Resolutions Committee, so we don’t need a second.

Chancellor Steve Sanford: The purpose of the changes I am proposing, is not to alter substantively any basic principle of either The Episcopal Church of the United States or the Diocese of South Dakota, but simply to better organize them in a simpler, more understandable ways, to jettison duplication and put things in the place where they belong. Nothing is intended to alter anything that we do or the way we do it. The changes simply make clearer and more organized what the Constitution details for us. Example: Our existing constitution says that the date of the next annual convention is fixed by the existing convention or is decided by the budget. We never fix next year’s date by this year’s body. So why say so? So I’ve stricken that sort of thing. I have simply reorganized a number of other things to make things proceed in a more logical fashion. That’s about all there is to it. Changes to the Constitution need to be done at two consecutive Conventions. If we adopt them, we have to adopt the exact same changes next year.

Ward Simpson: Seeing no other discussion, under the Constitution, it must be a vote on by orders both years.

First the lay delegates: All green, no opposed. It has passed in the lay order. Clergy: Green card, no opposed. It has passed the clergy order. The resolution has passed.

Ward Simpson: This doesn’t go into effect this year. It goes into effect after it passes next year’s Convention. That concludes the committee’s report.

Elizabeth Campbell, UTO Coordinator, invites the Rev. Abraham Mayon to stand. Holy Apostles in Sioux Falls were recipients of a UTO Grant this year. They have 65 children in their Sunday school and are a growing congregation. They now have new furnace to help lower utility bills and provide more balanced heating to the facility. Abraham thanked the UTO for their support.

Bishop’s Address given.

Election results:

Clergy Deputies:

C1: The Rev. Kim Fonder
C2: The Very Rev. Ward Simpson
C3: The Rev. Chris Roussell
C4: The Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley
Alt 1: The Rev. Annie Henninger

Lay Deputies:

L1: Donald Metcalf
L2: Twilla Two Bulls
L3: Tamara Fonder
L4: Richard Thompson Jr.
Alt. 1: John Red Bear

Break for lunch.

After lunch the quilt auction was held followed by workshops. The Bishop called the Convention back to order at 3:00 p.m.

Next year's Convention will be in Pierre on September 29-30.

Following final announcements, the Bishop adjourned the 132nd Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota with a blessing at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Dr. Lauren Stanley

Bishop's Address to Convention

2016 Convention Address
The Rev. John T. Tarrant
The Diocese of South Dakota

This Fall I'll begin my eighth year as bishop of the Diocese of South Dakota. There have been several staff changes this year and into next. The Rev. Mikayla Dunfee joined the staff of mission clergy in June, thanks to a grant from the Diocese of Long Island. She is serving as curate on the Cheyenne River Mission with emphasis on children, youth and young adult ministry.

Through a grant from the General Convention budget we have hired Chris Corbin, part-time, to serve as Missioner for Leadership Development. He is helping us re-develop the ordination process and Niobrara School for Ministry as our training program. We have established a "*discernment weekend*" to be the entry point for anyone considering a call to ordination. This is similar to the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Aspirants to the Ministry (BACAM), which many dioceses have used in the past and some are still using. All of those interested in exploring ordination will need to attend a discernment weekend. We will schedule one each year. Chris has also redesigned our website which will be launched shortly after convention.

Fr. Tim Fountain will begin a part-time position as Support Missioner. He will be the diocesan liaison with the Sudanese Congregation and offer hands on support as this congregation continues to develop at Holy Apostles' Church in Sioux Falls. He will also be the Safeguarding God's Children training coordinator, as well as being involved in several other projects, some ongoing, and some short term. Fr. Tim's position will begin October 1, 2016.

Randy Barnhardt will retire at the end of March 2017. His position will be eliminated. We are creating three new part-time positions. I already mentioned Fr. Tim Fountain's position. Pat LeBeau will be hired as the Missioner for Property. He will deal with all questions or issues on property maintenance, repairs or improvements, property damages covered by insurance, and property surveys. He comes with a vast amount of experience in property management and maintenance. His position will begin January 1, 2017.

We will also be creating the part-time position of Financial Officer. Randy Barnhardt will be hired to fill this position. He will come to Pierre two days a week, using the Deloria Center as his "home base" literally, as we will convert the second bedroom into a living space. Barney will have a formal office in the office wing at Trinity Church. This area was set-aside for this purpose when we moved Diocesan offices to Pierre last summer.

We are moving from a full-time position to three part-time positions so we can take advantage of a broader skill set and use the talents of some of our "young" retirees.

Last year the Diocese purchased a Bishop's Residence in Pierre. The purchase was made to make it easier to house the bishop in Pierre in the future, which has a small housing market. We initially received about \$40,000.00 in gifts to offset the purchase. We have since received a few

other gifts. The goal will be to pay off this debt within the next three to five years. The diocese is currently making payments toward it (almost \$27,000 a year), but we are going to solicit gifts, so that we can pay back our endowment and free more funds for ministry. This strategy will not only lower the cost of the Episcopacy, but it will also increase our assets and enable the diocese to have more resources for our ongoing mission and ministry. Opportunities to support this effort will be forthcoming.

Six years ago, we established a goal to provide a youth minister on each of the eight mission areas in the diocese. We raised funds and developed a prototype program for the Standing Rock Mission. We spent the next two-years working the prototype before the program was put on hold. This is what we learned: 1) there is a definite need and strong support for youth ministry on the missions; 2) there needs to be a structure beyond the mission structure to give the necessary programmatical and funding support; 3) there are already existing frameworks that are proven to be successful in the development, continuity and sustainability of effective youth ministry.

As a result of these learnings and with the financial support of a grant through the General Convention budget the Diocese of South Dakota is partnering with the Diocese of North Dakota and Young Life to establish two sights for youth ministry. We will hire a youth worker for Standing Rock Mission, South Dakota and a second mission yet to be determined. We have the funding to establish two full-time positions for a three-year period. This will enable us to fully establish and raise money to maintain this ministry in the future. The Rev. John Floberg of North Dakota deserves much of the credit for our securing this funding.

A Resolution will be presented at the diocesan Convention in North Dakota October 14/15 to appoint a committee to seek areas of co-operation and collaboration with the Diocese of South Dakota and to explore the possibilities of the juncture of the two Dioceses making a report of their findings to the 2017 conventions. I will be attending their October convention in Bismarck. If this resolution passes I will be appointing representatives from South Dakota to join this committee with the approval of the Diocesan Council. This is an exciting opportunity for both dioceses to explore ways we can move deeper in our relationship with each other as we witness to God's love for the world and the people we have been called to serve. This will be a formalization to the work begun about a year and a half ago.

My sabbatical seems like a lifetime ago. Much of the work I did was in relationship building. I also reviewed and made recommendations for changes in our Constitution and Canons for our chancellor's further review. The results of the changes in the Constitution have been brought before this convention. In all honesty, Steve did the hard work, but I would like to think I offered the motivation. Next year we hope to present revision of our canons or at least some of them.

Grace abounds!! Last Sunday the congregation at Grace Church Madison had a drawing for a raffle of a quilt made by a parishioner to raise money for the Madison ministerial fund to help those in need. They raised over \$1,200.00 and turned it into an ecumenical effort reminding the community that we are one in Christ.

Three weeks ago, Emmanuel Church in Rapid City held a 'gumbo' dinner and raised over \$14,000 to help victims of the flooding in Louisiana. These are just two examples of

congregations, small and large, in our diocese witnessing to God's love for those in need through their selfless generosity. Both congregations see themselves as blessed and have found ways to be a blessing to others.

There is much angst in our world. The pointing of fingers and blaming others seems to be our first step to problem solving. In the public sphere we seem to have lost the ability for critical thinking that is not rude and accusatory. We have lost the ability to respectfully disagree. And we justify this lack of civility by saying; we are just being honest and not being enslaved by "*political correctness.*" In fact, much of the public discourse is just plain rude, disrespectful and often dishonest. Much of the public discourse is counter to God's will for those created in God's image.

We need points of light in our world.

I have experienced one of those points of light. A few weeks ago, I issued a letter of support for the pipeline protest going on in North Dakota by the people of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and others. I don't offer these kinds of statements often, but I felt compelled to do so, on this issue. I received some affirmation for my statement. I also received a very critical letter from one of our diocesan church members who strongly disagreed with my statement and he told me why, in no uncertain terms.

At first I was taken back, but as I continued to read this thoughtful and respectful letter I began to hear his concern. His letter was written with such grace that by the end of it I felt honored. He did not agree with me, and I did not agree with him, but I knew that through our exchange I was experiencing something holy.

We don't need to be rude; we don't need to be disrespectful; and we don't always even need to be right. God calls us to be faithful and faith filled. Jesus invited us to follow, to follow his example of humility, of love, and of sacrifice.

Through our baptism we have been invited into a new way of life. The old is dying and a new life is continually being born. The way we treat others is not about being politically correct, but it is about being baptized; about being followers of Jesus.

Our covenant with God through our baptism begins with a statement of belief: "I believe in...." and then it moves to how we will live out that belief.

We say:

We will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. We will support each other through our faith communities; we will experience the real presence, the healing and transforming power of Jesus through the Eucharist; and we will pray; pray for friend and enemy alike.

We promise that we will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord. We are going to resist giving into the cynicism of the world. We are going

to resist the idea that somehow by tearing down other we are building the kingdom of God. And when we do fall, when we fail to live God's dream, we are going to own our failures and turn back to God's desire for us and others.

We commit to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ. Everything we say or do, whether at home, in the store, on Facebook or in some other forum, we are going to do with the understanding that it is to be a proclamation of God's love for this sinful and broken world. There is enough judgment! God, through Jesus, has called us to proclaim forgiveness, mercy and hope. Leave the judgment to God.

We have agreed to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as our self. All persons; means **all persons**. Not just those who agree with us, or look like us, or act like us, but everyone. We **all** have been created in the image of God, not just Episcopalians, or Americans or Christians, but we **all** have been created in the image of God. We agree to treat everyone as if they are Jesus himself.

*And finally, we pledge to strive for justice and peace **among** all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.* 'Among', not 'for' all people. It is only when justice and peace (well-being) is **among** people that there is harmony in a society and genuine care and love can flourish. This striving begins by respecting the dignity of each person, **of everyone**. Do the letters you write, the posts you make, the words you speak respect the dignity of those you communicate to or about? I know they can, I received a communication like that two weeks ago.

You see to follow Jesus is to live into our baptismal covenant. Being faithful to this agreement will not happen through resolutions or legislation, but it happens as we surrender more and more of ourselves to the living God in Christ Jesus. As we empty ourselves and become filled by the very Spirit of God.

We are being called as individuals and as a Diocese to follow Jesus, to break open our hearts.... We are being call to pour out our lives on the altar of God, which is the world; so that we can be restored to newness of life as the Kingdom of God draws near.

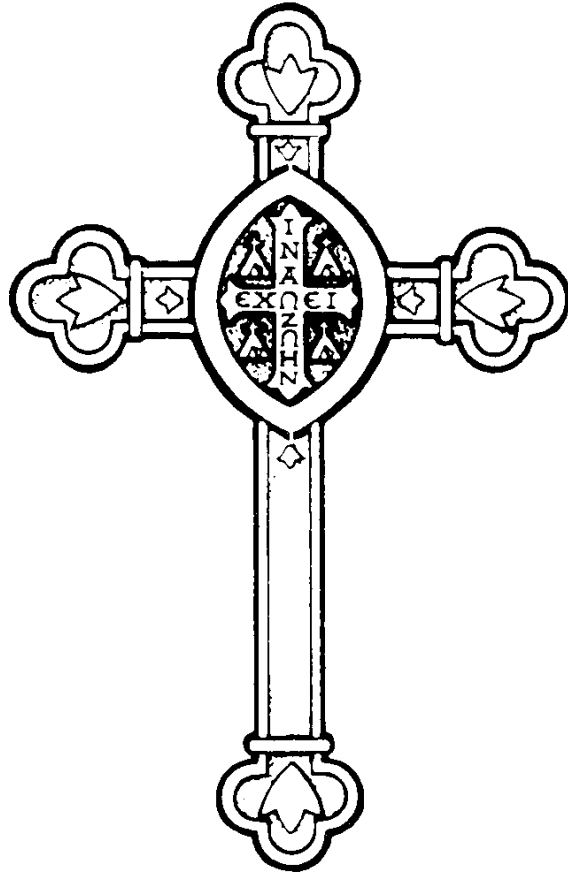
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Missionary District of South Dakota**

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77. 1963 Aberdeen
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81. 1965 Lead & Deadwood
82. 1966 Brookings
83. 1967 Martin
84. 1968 Huron
- 1968 Special, Sioux
 Falls
85. 1969 Belle Fourche
- 1970 Special, Pierre
86. 1970 Sioux Falls

**Annual & Special Conventions
Of the Diocese of South Dakota**

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| 87. | 1971 Primary Convention, Pierre | 110. | 1994 Twenty-fourth Convention, Pierre |
| 88. | 1972 Second Convention, Sioux Falls | 111. | 1995 Twenty-fifth Convention, Rapid City |
| 89. | 1973 Third Convention, Springfield | 112. | 1996 Twenty-sixth Convention, Yankton |
| 90. | 1974 Fourth Convention, Mitchell | 113. | 1997 Twenty-seventh Convention, Mitchell |
| 91. | 1975 Fifth Convention, Rapid City | 114. | 1998 Twenty-eighth Convention, Huron |
| 92. | 1976 Sixth Convention, Watertown | 115. | 1999 Twenty-ninth Convention, Watertown |
| 93. | 1977 Seventh Convention, Pierre | 116. | 2000 Thirtieth Convention, Spearfish |
| 94. | 1978 Eighth Convention, Brookings | 117. | 2001 Thirty-first Convention, Brookings |
| 95. | 1979 Ninth Convention, Vermillion | 118. | 2002 Thirty-second Convention, Pierre |
| 96. | 1980 Tenth Convention, Sioux Falls | 119. | 2003 Thirty-third Convention, Pierre |
| 97. | 1981 Eleventh Convention, Huron | 120. | 2004 Thirty-fourth Convention, Pierre |
| 98. | 1982 Twelfth Convention, Rapid City | 121. | 2005 Thirty-fifth Convention, Pierre |
| | 1983 Special Convention, Chamberlain | 122. | 2006 Thirty-sixth Convention, Pierre |
| 99. | 1983 Thirteenth Convention, Aberdeen | 123. | 2007 Thirty-seventh Convention, Oacoma |
| | 1984 Special Convention, Huron | 124. | 2008 Thirty-eighth Convention, Oacoma |
| 100. | 1984 Fourteenth Convention, Mobridge | | 2009 Special Convention, Pierre |
| 101. | 1985 Fifteenth Convention, Aberdeen | | 2009 Thirty-ninth Convention, Oacoma |
| 102. | 1986 Sixteenth Convention, Yankton | | 2010 Fortieth Convention, Pierre |
| 103. | 1987 Seventeenth Convention, Rapid City | | 2011 Forty-first Convention, Pierre |
| 104. | 1988 Eighteenth Convention, Mitchell | | 2012 Forty-second Convention, Pierre |
| 105. | 1989 Nineteenth Convention, Mitchell | | 2013 Forty-third Convention, Pierre |
| 106. | 1990 Twentieth Convention, Watertown | | 2014 Forty-fourth Convention, Pierre |
| 107. | 1991 Twenty-first Convention, Rapid City | | 2015 Forty-fifth Convention, Pierre |
| 108. | 1992 Twenty-second Convention, Aberdeen | | 2016 Forty-sixth Convention, Pierre |
| 109. | 1993 Twenty-third Convention, Sioux Falls | | |
| | 1994 Special Convention, Ft. Pierre | | |



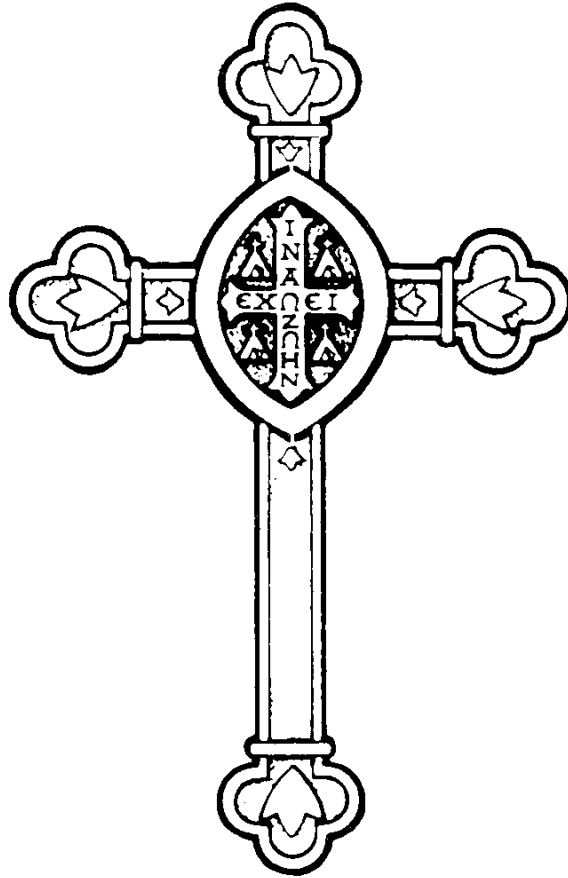
THE NIOBRARA CONVOCATION

Niobrara Deanery Convocations

1. 1870 Santee Agency, NE
2. 1871 Santee Agency, NE
3. 1872 Santee Agency, NE
4. 1873 Santee Agency, NE
5. 1874 Yankton Agency, Dakota Territory
6. 1875 Yankton Agency, D.T.
7. 1877 Yankton Agency, D.T.
8. 1878 Yankton Agency, D.T.
9. 1879 Yankton Agency, D.T.
10. 1880 Yankton Agency, D.T.
11. 1881 Yankton Agency, D.T.
12. 1882 Yankton Agency, D.T.
13. 1883 Lower Brule Agency, D.T.
14. 1884 Yankton Agency, D.T.
15. 1885 Crow Creek Agency, D.T.
16. 1886 Yankton Agency, D.T.
17. 1887 Ft. Bennett, Cheyenne River Reserve, D.T.
18. 1888 Pine Ridge Agency, D.T.
19. 1889 Crow Creek Agency, D.T.
20. 1890 St. Elizabeth's Church, Standing Rock Reserve
21. 1891 Near St. Mary's School, Rosebud Reserve
22. 1892 Cheyenne Agency
23. 1893 Santee Agency, NE
24. 1894 Pine Ridge Agency
25. 1895 Lower Brule Agency
26. 1896 St. Elizabeth's Church, Standing Rock Reserve
27. 1897 Near St. Mary's School Rosebud Agency
28. 1898 Sisseton Agency
29. 1899 Yankton Agency
30. 1900 Ascension Chapel, Cheyenne River Reserve
1901 No Convocation
31. 1902 Black Pipe Creek, Rosebud Reserve
32. 1903 St. John Baptist Chapel, Crow Creek Reserve
33. 1904 Bear Creek Cheyenne River Reserve
34. 1905 St. Philips, White Swan, Yankton Reserve
35. 1906 Santee Agency, NE
36. 1907 Trinity Chapel, Rosebud Reserve
37. 1908 St. Mary's Chapel, Pine Ridge Reserve
38. 1909 Messiah, Lower Brule
39. 1910 Yankton Agency
40. 1911 St. Elizabeth's Church
41. 1912 Christ Church, Ft. Thompson
42. 1913 St. Mary's Church, Sisseton Agency
43. 1914 Emmanuel Church, White Horse
44. 1915 Trinity Chapel, Rosebud
45. 1916 Holy Comforter, Lower Brule
46. 1917 Inestimable Gift Church, Allen
47. 1918 Holy Fellowship Church, Greenwood
48. 1919 St. Elizabeth's Church, Wakpala
49. 1920 Our Most Merciful Savior Church, Santee, NE
50. 1921 Calvary Church, Okreek
51. 1922 St. James Church, Waubay
52. 1923 Emmanuel Church, White Horse
53. 1924 Holy Cross Church, Pine Ridge
54. 1925 Holy Fellowship Church, Greenwood
55. 1926 Christ Church, Ft. Thompson
56. 1927 Holy Cross Church, Pine Ridge Agency
57. 1928 Good Shepherd Church, Glencross
58. 1929 Trinity Church, Mission
59. 1930 Holy Comforter Church, Lower Brule
60. 1931 St. Mary's Church, Sisseton
61. 1932 Ascension Church, Promise
62. 1933 1934 Inestimable Gift Church, Allen
63. Holy Fellowship Church, Greenwood
64. 1935 St. Elizabeth's Church, Wakpala
65. 1936 Holy Innocents Church, Parmelee
66. 1937 Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee, NE
67. 1938 Holy Cross Church, Pine Ridge Agency
68. 1939 St. John's Chapel, Pukwana, Crow Creek
69. 1940 St. John the Baptist, Sisseton Mission
70. 1941 Emmanuel Church, Cheyenne River Mission
71. 1942 Inestimable Gift Church, Allen, Pine Ridge Mission
72. 1943 St. James Church, Rosebud Mission
73. 1944 Holy Fellowship Church, Greenwood
74. 1946 Good Shepherd Chapel, Standing Rock Mission
75. 1947 Messiah Chapel, Pine Ridge Mission
76. 1948 Holy Comforter, Lower Brule
77. 1949 Holy Innocents Church, Parmelee
78. 1950 St. Barnabas, Kyle
79. 1951 St. Elizabeth's School, Wakpala
80. 1952 Our Most Merciful Savior Church, Santee, NE
81. 1953 Christ Church, Ft. Thompson
82. 1954 St. Peter's, Pine Ridge Mission
83. 1955 St. John's, Cheyenne River Mission
84. 1956 Calvary Church, Rosebud Mission
85. 1957 St. Mary's, Sisseton Mission
86. 1958 Holy Comforter, Lower Brule
87. 1959 St. Paul's, Little Eagle, Standing Rock Mission
88. 1960 Holy Fellowship, Greenwood, Yankton Mission
89. 1961 Messiah, Wounded Knee, Pine Ridge Mission

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90. 1962 St. John's, Browns Valley, Sisseton Mission
91. 1963 St. Mary's, Promise, Cheyenne River Mission
92. 1964 St. Peter's Crow Creek
93. 1965 Holy Innocents, Parmelee, Rosebud Mission
94. 1966 Our Most Merciful Savior Church, Santee Mission, NE
95. 1967 Inestimable Gift, Allen, Corn Creek District, PR Mission
96. 1968 St. James, Waubay, Sisseton Mission
97. 1969 Holy Comforter, Lower Brule Mission
98. 1970 Holy Cross Church, Pine Ridge Mission
99. 1971 Holy Innocents, Parmelee, Rosebud Mission
100. 1972 St. Thomas on the Tree, Cheyenne River Mission
101. 1973 St. John the Baptist, Sisseton Mission
102. 1974 St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala, Standing Rock Mission
103. 1975 Mediator, Kyle, Corn Creek District, Pine Ridge Mission
104. 1976 Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee, NE
105. 1977 Christ Church, Ft. Thompson
106. 1978 St. Luke's, Porcupine
107. 1979 St. Barnabas, Kyle
108. 1980 Holy Innocents, Parmelee
109. 1981 St. Mary's Old Agency, Sisseton Mission
110. 1982 St. James', Cheyenne River Mission
111. 1983 St. Julia's, Porcupine, Pine Ridge Mission
112. 1984 St. Julia's, Porcupine, Pine Ridge Mission
113. 1985 St. James', Enemy Swim, Sisseton Mission
114. 1986 Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee Mission, NE
115. 1987 Bishop Hare Home, Rosebud Mission
116. 1988 Gethsemane, Wanblee, Corn Creek District, Pine Ridge Mission
117. 1989 St. Mary's Promise, Cheyenne River Mission
118. 1990 St. John's, Browns Valley, Sisseton Mission
119. 1991 Holy Spirit, Firesteel, Standing Rock Mission
120. 1992 St. Mary's, Peever, Sisseton Mission
121. 1993 Bishop Hare School, Mission, Rosebud Mission
122. 1994 Lake Andes PowWow Grounds, Yankton Mission
123. 1995 St. Andrew's Wakpamni Lake
124. 1996 St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala, Standing Rock Mission
125. 1997 St. Mary's, Old Agency, Sisseton Mission
126. 1998 Holy Comforter Church, Lower Brule, Lower Brule Mission
127. 1999 St. John the Evangelist, Eagle Butte, Cheyenne River Mission
128. 2000 Trinity Church, Mission, Rosebud Mission
129. 2001 Tiospaye Wakan, Sioux Falls, Flandreau
130. 2002 Pine Ridge Mission, St. Michael's, Batesland
131. 2003 Thunderhead Episcopal Center
132. 2004 Yankton Mission, Pickstown/Lake Andes
133. 2005 Standing Rock Mission, Mobridge
134. 2006 Sisseton Mission, St. James, Waubay
135. 2007 Crow Creek Mission, Christ Church, Ft. Thompson
136. 2008 Cheyenne River Mission, St. John's, Eagle Butte
137. 2009 Rosebud Mission, Bishop Hare Center
138. 2010 Sisseton Mission, St. Mary's, Old Agency
139. 2011 St. Matthew, Rapid City @ TEC
140. 2012 Standing Rock Mission, North Dakota
141. 2013 Holy Comforter, Lower Brule
142. 2014 Santee Mission, Santee, Nebraska
143. 2015 Standing Rock Mission-South Dakota
144. 2016 Cheyenne River Mission-South Dakota



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES
MEMBERSHIP & REPORTS**

The Diocese of South Dakota

(A Corporation)

President—The Right Reverend John T. Tarrant
Vice-President—Mr. Steven W. Sanford, Chancellor
Treasurer—Mr. Chris Clem
Secretary—Mr. Randy Barnhardt

The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral

(The holding corporation for the Diocese of South Dakota)

President—The Right Reverend John T. Tarrant
Vice-President—Mr. Steven W. Sanford, Chancellor
Secretary—Mr. Randy Barnhardt
Treasurer—Mr. Chris Clem

The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral is the corporation for holding the funds and real estate of the jurisdiction.

The members of the Diocesan Council constitute the Board of Directors of the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral.

Diocesan Council

Chairman—The Right Reverend John T. Tarrant
Vice-Chairman—Mr. Steven W. Sanford, Chancellor
Treasurer—Mr. Chris Clem

Members:

The Rev. Kim Fonder	2017
The Rev. Chris Roussel	2018
Richard Thompson Jr.	2019
Carol Smith	2017
The Rev. Harold Eagle Bull	2019
The Rev. Richard Zephier	2018
Don Metcalf	2017
Pete Haukaas	2017

Standing Committee

The Rev. Pat WhiteHorse-Carda	2019
The Rev. Dr. Lauren Stanley	2020
The Very Rev. Ward Simpson	2017
The Rev. Annie Henninger	2018
Pat LeBeau	2019
Joan Sutton	2020
Tamara Fonder	2017
Deanna Stands	2018

**Summary of Diocesan Council Actions
Since 2015 Convention**

Bishop Tarrant was on Sabbatical during the months of October, November and December 2015, no diocesan Council meetings were held during his absence.

February, 2016
Pierre, SD

Action Taken

1. Approved changes to the 2015 budgets.
2. Approved to hire a realtor to help rent old Diocesan office space to a nonprofit.

Reports Received

1. Yearend financial reports
2. Updates of Bishop's Sabbatical
3. Updates from Transitional Officer, Niobrara School, and Camp Director
4. Human Trafficking
5. Review of Convention 2015
6. Camp Remington

May 9, 2016
Pierre, SD Postponed due to scheduling conflicts.

August 6, 2016
Pierre, SD

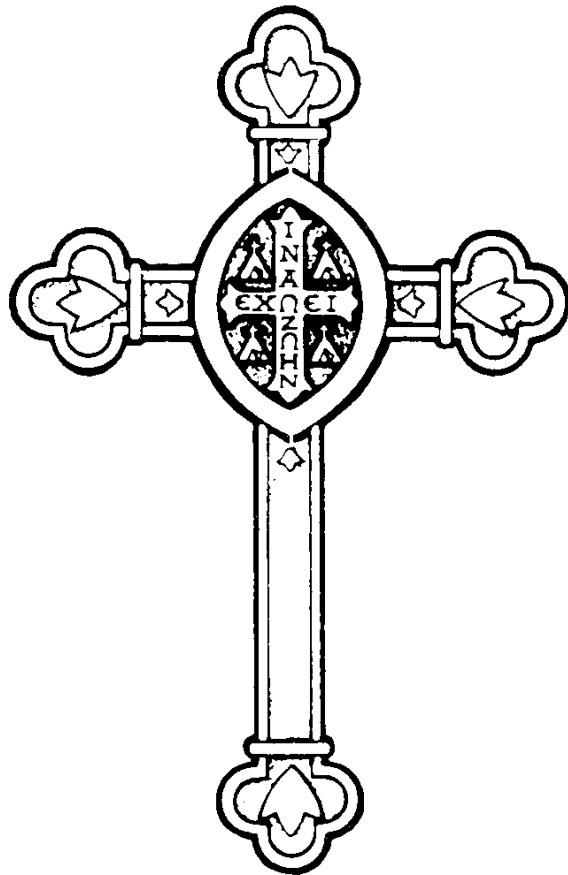
Action Taken

1. Approved proposed 2017 budgets for Chapter of Calvary Cathedral and Diocese of South Dakota
2. Set dates for 2017 meetings
 - A. January 21
 - B. April 28 & 29 Mega meeting
 - C. July 29
 - D. November 4
3. Convention fees, location of picnic, signage for workshop, workshop suggestions, committee assignments.

Reports Received

1. Audit report of Chapter, Diocese, Foundation, Centennial Challenge Accounts
2. Reorganization of Diocesan Office staff.
2. General Convention 2018 Austin, Texas
3. Grant to work with Young Life on the Standing Rock Mission.
4. Report on Summer Camp and Young Adult Retreat and Jesus Sing Harmony Reunion.

Respectfully submitted by
Marlys Fratzke



**COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES
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2018 General Convention Delegates

Lay Deputies

Tamara Fonder
Don Metcalf
Richard Thompson
Twill Two Bulls

Clergy Deputies

Rev. Chris Roussell
Rev. Kim Fonder
Rev. Ward Simpson
Rev. Dr. Lauren Stanley

Thunderhead Episcopal Camp Board

David Wheeler, Chair	Jan Sanford
Tamara Fonder	Chris Soukup
Julie Gehm	Doris White
Gladys Hawk	Bob Mayer
The Rev. Mercy Hobbs	The Rev. Portia Corbin
Pat LeBeau	Don Metcalf
Robb Campbell	

Episcopal Church Women Officers

Diana Regan, President
Vicki Sweet, VicePres
Cora Koss, Treasurer
Elizabeth Campbell, Secretary
Sandy Magnavito, Scholarships
Vicki Sweet, Altar Guild
Brenda Uses Arrow, CPC
Jennifer Hamilton, UTO

St. Mary's Leadership Development Board

Dottie LeBeau, Chair
Louella Marshall Burnette
The Ven Paul Sneve
Wilma Standing Bear
Carol Traversie
The Rev. Pat White Horse-Carda
Carol Cloud Eagle

Commission on Ministry

The Rev. Portia Corbin	Dottie LeBeau, Co-Chair
Carol Cloud Eagle	The Rev. Jean Mornard
Shirley Crane	Linda Simon
The Rev. Judy Flagstad, Co-Chair	Barb Simpson
Barbee Hovelson	The Ven. Paul Sneve
The Rev. Michael Johnson	Marlys Fratzke, Secretary

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Board of Examining Chaplains

The Rev. Portia Corbin
The Rev. Canon David Hussey
Dottie LeBeau
The Very Rev. Ward Simpson
The Rev. Robert Two Bulls, Jr.

The Examining Chaplains are appointed by and serve at the will of the Bishop. As a body we provide a review of the academic progress of people in the ordination process. Our findings are reported to the Bishop and the Commission on Ministry. Because of the small number of candidates being examined at any one time, the Examining Chaplains work from a standard set of questions, but tailor each examination to the circumstances of the individual being examined. For example, while the examinations are typically in written essay format, we have also performed oral examinations and taken examples of work already completed as evidence of a particular person's level of expertise. The standards to which people are examined are dictated by the canons of the church. The standards of examination and the areas of academic study set by the canons are listed below.

When a person is examined the Examining, Chaplains will either certify that this person has met the standard set by the canons or that there is a deficiency in some area. If a deficiency is found, the Examining Chaplains then work with the individual, the Commission on Ministry, the Bishop and others to determine an appropriate means of correcting the deficiency and then follow up on this until such time as the person is able to meet the required standard. It is worth noting that much of the preparation for ordination is non-academic in nature and is therefore beyond the scope of the Examining Chaplains.

The disclosure of individual exam results in this setting would be inappropriate. The members of the diocese may rest assured that all persons being ordained in the Diocese of South Dakota meet the standards set by the canons prior to ordination.

Areas of academic study and standards of examination as set by the canons

For those being ordained as a deacon under Canon III.6:

Canon III.6.5(f) Before ordination each Candidate shall be prepared in and demonstrate basic competence in five general areas:

- (1) Academic studies including, The Holy Scriptures, theology, and the tradition of the Church.
- (2) Diakonia and the diaconate.
- (3) Human awareness and understanding.
- (4) Spiritual development and discipline.
- (5) Practical training and experience.

For those being ordained as a priest under Canon III.8 the Commission on Ministry must certify that the person has demonstrated proficiency in the areas of academic study set forth in Canon III.8.5(g). The Commission on Ministry relies on the report of the Examining Chaplains in making this determination. The seven areas of study set forth in Canon III.8.5(g) are:

- (1) The Holy Scriptures.
- (2) Church History, including the Ecumenical Movement.
- (3) Christian Theology, including Missionary Theology and Missiology.
- (4) Christian Ethics and Moral Theology.
- (5) Studies in contemporary society, including the historical and contemporary experience of racial and minority groups, and cross-cultural ministry skills. Cross-cultural ministry skills may include the ability to communicate in a contemporary language other than one's first language.
- (6) Liturgics and Church Music; Christian Worship and Music according to the contents and use of the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal, and authorized supplemental texts.

(7) Theory and practice of ministry, including leadership, and the ministries of evangelism and stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Chair

Niobrara School for Ministry Report to 2016 Diocesan Convention

The Niobrara School for Ministry continued this last year to provide educational opportunities for those being locally educated for ordained ministry as well as for those lay and ordained people interested in furthering their theological and ministerial educations. These opportunities included ministry weekends on the *Book of Common Prayer* and the polity of the Episcopal Church, as well as two Dakota Experiences. Furthermore, Niobrara School for Ministry was pleased to offer a week-long Summer Seminary introducing the study of theology. This Summer Seminary was held at Thunderhead Episcopal Center from May 30-June 4, 2016 and was graciously taught by Fr. Larry Ort of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Brookings. In addition to studying the theological tradition generally, students participated each night in conversations facilitated by Fr. Paul Sneve regarding a distinctively L/Dakota approach to theology.

This coming year will see Niobrara School continuing to offer these types of educational opportunities. Some of the ministry weekends will deal with biblical exegesis (that is, ways to critically analyze biblical texts), different vocal tools for leading worship, and the ways in which self-care and community-care are intimately linked with each other. Additionally, Summer Seminary this upcoming year will deal with the practice of liturgy. It will provide those in attendance with the opportunity to practice the various liturgies, or worship services, that commonly occur in the Episcopal Church. As with all Niobrara School events, Summer Seminary is open to anyone in the Diocese of South Dakota. We especially encourage broad participation in the 2017 Summer Seminary because it deals with topics and practices that directly impact not only ordained clergy, but also all the lay people who have roles in church worship, be they at funerals and wakes, baptisms, Holy Eucharist, or morning and evening prayer.

This last year has also seen some important and hopefully positive changes begin to take place in the structures and functioning of Niobrara School for Ministry. These changes were needed for two reasons. First, while Fr. Sneve has put in a great amount of work and dedicated himself to directing the Niobrara School, the needs of the Diocese in terms of equipping locally trained and educated leaders have outpaced the capacity for any one person, especially one person also providing spiritual care for a local congregation, to provide. Second, as is the case with any organization, periodic self-evaluation and transformation according to the needs of the community are a necessary part of Niobrara School for Ministry's ongoing efficacy and success. These changes have been in part made possible because of a grant from the larger Episcopal Church that allowed for the creation of a new position, the Missioner for Leadership Development. This position is meant to help coordinate the work of Niobrara School for Ministry, the discernment process, and those who are away at residential seminaries so that the Diocese can bring greater clarity and cohesiveness to the entire ministerial formation process. Chris Corbin, who is completing his PhD in theology from Vanderbilt University and is deeply passionate about local ministerial formation and education, has been hired by the Diocese to serve in this role.

The changes that have come about for Niobrara School have resulted from feedback from current students, input from clergy inside and outside of the Diocese of South Dakota, and from self-reflection undertaken by those responsible for directing the Niobrara School for Ministry course of study. To begin with, there have been changes to the way in which ministerial formation is done. While there has always been a strong emphasis on self-directed study, this has become the primary means through which students are equipped with the knowledge they need for the practice of ministry. Rather than receiving the bulk of their core ministerial education at ministry weekends and Summer Seminaries, students will now focus on materials, such as books and recorded lectures, that can be studied in-depth on students' own schedules.

Each student is assigned a mentor who helps to guide that student in his or her self-learning, and the specific resources recommended for each student will be selected according to the learning style and needs of that student.

Another important change in the curriculum of Niobrara School is the introduction of a course of study meant to prepare students for the particular demands of theological education. The particular shape of this course of study will depend upon the gifts, knowledge, and needs of each particular student, but this is a program that is expected of all those purposing ordained ministry in the Diocese – including those who will attend residential seminaries. It is our hope that this will not only equip all students in the Diocese for success, but will also give a greater sense of comradery between those going through the local course of study and those at residential seminaries. This program is one of the more exciting and innovative changes happening through Niobrara School and will hopefully be something that South Dakota can offer as a model to the larger Episcopal Church.

While ministry weekends and Summer Seminary are not the primary locations for acquiring information related to the practice of ministry, they remain a vital part of ministerial formation. One of the most important parts of ministerial education is learning how to live in community and how to develop a network of support. While this often happens quite naturally in a residential seminary environment, it can sometimes be more difficult to cultivate in a program where students may live up to nine hours away from each other. Thus, having regular times in which students can gather for education and fellowship helps to cultivate this vital element in ministerial formation.

These structural and curricular changes have made it necessary to put out a new edition of the Ministry Handbook. In the past, the Ministry Handbook was almost exclusively about Niobrara School for Ministry and for its students. Now, however, while a large portion of the new Handbook will deal with the technical aspects of the NSM Course of Study, it is meant to be used as a reference for local discernment committees as well as those going to residential seminaries. An early form of this new Handbook is already in circulation and a finished version will soon be made available both through the diocesan website and in hardcopy.

At a time where local ordination programs are rarer and rarer in the larger Episcopal Church and when local ministerial formation often relies on generic programming, the Diocese of South Dakota is excited to see a strengthening, locally oriented and personalized program of ministerial education and formation. While there will certainly be some difficulties as we go through these changes, it is our hope that they prove to be growing pains as we better position ourselves to continue providing locally trained leaders of the highest quality.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Corbin and
Archdeacon Paul Sneve

**Annual Report Standing Committee
The Diocese of South Dakota
For the year ending June 30, 2016**

The Standing Committee is elected by the Diocesan Convention. Each year the Diocesan Convention elects one lay person and one clergy person to serve a four-year term. The canons allow up to two of the clergy seats to be occupied by deacons.

Currently all four clergy persons are priests. The current membership of the Standing Committee (terms expire with the election of a successor at the Diocesan Convention in the year indicated):

2016: The Rev. Margaret Watson, Jan Sanford
2017: The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Tamara Fonder
2018: The Rev. Annie Henninger, Deanna Stands
2019: The Rev. Pat White Horse-Carda, Pat LeBeau

Annually at the first meeting following the election of new members, the Standing Committee elects a president and secretary who serve until the next Diocesan Convention.

During the year ending June 30, 2016 the Standing Committee took the following actions:

Elected the Very Rev. Ward Simpson as President of the Standing Committee.

Elected the Rev. Margaret Watson as Secretary of the Standing Committee.

Consented to the following elections of bishops:

The Rev. James Russell Kendrick as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
The Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of the Central Pennsylvania
The Rev. Moises Quezada-Mota as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Dominican Republic
The Rev. Canon George R. Sumner, Ph.D as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Dallas
The Reverend Canon Daniel G. P. Gutierrez as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Pennsylvania
The Reverend Dr. Douglas E. Sparks as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Northern Indiana

Consent was also given for the holding of an election of a Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of West Texas

Actions relating to the ordination process:

Approved of the application of Mikayla Dunfee as a Candidate for Holy Orders under Canon III.8
Consented to the Ordination of Mikayla Dunfee as a deacon under Canon III.8
Consented to the Ordination of Mikayla Dunfee as a priest under Canon III.8

During the time covered by this report the Rt. Rev. John Tarrant took a sabbatical leave. The Canons specify certain situations where the Standing Committee, in the absence of the Bishop, is required to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority for the Diocese. The Standing Committee is pleased (and thankful) to report that during the Bishop's sabbatical no such circumstances arose and we were not called upon to serve in that role.

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Pres.

The State of Youth and Young Adult Ministry in South Dakota Report to 2016 Diocesan Convention

2016 continued to see growth in youth and young adult ministry at Thunderhead Episcopal Center. What used to be a three-session camp season became a six-session season spanning over two months. In that time, TEC served a total of 138 campers.

Expanding the camp season, and splitting up the camps by age groups proved to be necessary. 7th and 8th grade camp alone welcomed 37 campers! As these numbers continue to grow, it's more important than ever that campers are registered before coming to camp. The same is true for cancellations. For example, there were a total of 74 people registered for Family Camp, which would have stretched us beyond physical capacity. 10 of those individuals actually attended camp. In order to prepare for our expanding needs, it's essential that we know what those needs are—making registration and cancellation necessary.

With the exception of Family Camp, every other camp saw an increase in numbers. This is also true of our friends and partners in the Diocese of Wyoming. The number of Wyoming campers doubled in 2016, and we were thrilled to have two young adult counselors from Wyoming. The Rev. Kay Flores—Wyoming's Youth and Young Adult Minister—also spent the entire season with us. Her presence and help with the everyday operations of camp was invaluable. A number of other adult volunteers and clergy from the Diocese of Wyoming took the time to visit camp. This includes Bishop John Smylie of Wyoming who spent a few days with us during 7th and 8th grade camp, at the same time as our own Bishop John Tarrant.

The 2016 camp program focused on creation. Campers of every age explored the biblical creation narratives, alongside traditional Lakota creation stories. We also considered our own roles in creating our own lives and world as co-creators with God. Jenifer Gamber, an author and retreat leader from Washington D.C. taught the program for 9th and 10th grade camp. The Rev. Kay Flores of Wyoming led the younger campers, and our very own counselors worked together to execute the program for the remaining camps. These young adult counselors are truly what makes camp the beautiful place that it is. Similarly, TEC is as much a ministry to the young adults who work and live there as it is to the youth that attend. A very special thank you to Taylor Andrade, Miranda Marks, Cassie Boettcher, Alycia Kirchmeier, Jackie Henry, Makaela Moser, Joe Skinner, Kennen Block, Will Longworth, Ben Galagan, Ramsey Allen, and Justin Pederson. These young adults gave of themselves, shared their talents, and taught youth and one another what it means to be beautifully created in God's image.

Thank you also, to each of you, for your commitment to TEC and our young people. Many of you participated in a number of different ways through work weekends, clean-up, donating goods, providing scholarships and other funding, driving kids to and from camp, and talking to young people about camp opportunities. Thank you for supporting this growing ministry.

As we look ahead to the next year, we hope to provide a few more ministry opportunities for our young people. First, we hope to organize a trip to the Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) in Oklahoma next July. EYE is a larger church event that takes place every three years for High School Youth. With your help, we hope to organize enough adult chaperones to offer this experience to the youth of our diocese. If you are interested in this ministry, please let us know! Second, we plan on offering a Young Adult trip to St. Louis to attend another Pilgrimage of Trust meeting with the Taize Brothers over Memorial Day Weekend. This will be a wonderful opportunity to continue our relationship with the Brothers of Taize, as well as nurture Young Adult Ministry in the diocese.

Finally, this coming year will bring us the opportunity to continue to explore and discern the life of the Young Adult Community on Rosebud, also known as Wopila House. After over four years of this program, we decided to take a sabbatical year to re-imagine and dream up possibilities for the future life of the community. We will not have a young adult community living in the house this year, and we'll spend the year praying, conversing, and discerning what the future might hold.

As usual, I am thrilled to recall where we've been in the past year. The continued growth of youth and young adult ministry is a source of joy for many as our young people continue to seek safe spaces in our diocese. With that, we also look forward to the new possibilities to come.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Portia Corbin
Missioner for Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Thunderhead Episcopal Center Board Report to 2016 Convention

TEC Board August 29, 2015 - Annual Meeting - Trinity Church, Pierre

Present: Tamara Fonder, Doris White, David Wheeler, Mercy Hobbs, Pat LeBeau, Julie Gehm, Portia Corbin, Gladys Hawk.

Absent: Don Metcalf, Jan Sanford, and Christopher Soukup.

This is considered our annual meeting, which means officers need to be elected. Three board member positions David, Gladys, and Tamara's are open. Pat moved and Doris seconded that each member be re-elected to new three-year terms. All three were re-elected. Doris moved to re-elect officers, Portia seconded. All voted to approve motion. Re-elected for one-year terms: David, president; Pat VP; Mercy, Secretary with Randy Barnhardt who is the corporate treasurer. (TEC endowment value on 9/3/15: \$256,397.60)

Report on camping season: 2015

Last year TEC had 90 campers; this year's goal was 100. 147 total campers participated, which was wonderful, but really stretched the resources of the staff. We used every single cabin and every single room in Super Tent. A majority of these campers did pre-register. 51 at the high school camp; 30 at the middle school; 66 for family camp. Next year we will expand to six camps; running all of June and July. This means we need to hire more staff, which will require more money to pay them. 15 of the campers were from the Diocese of Wyoming. 58% were first-time campers. 64% Native Campers. 67% of campers needed a full scholarship. The Diocese subsidizes all campers. We only charge \$150 per camper, but it costs about \$500 for a person to attend camp.

Portia noted that it's not about the numbers, however, and told a couple of stories:

A high school camper wouldn't talk to anyone when he arrived--he sat in the corner with this hood up. Portia was sure he'd try to run away. By the end of camp, he was leading Morning Prayer.

A 7th grader was sobbing as he was getting ready to leave. He said he didn't want to go home. Portia commiserated with him. He said, you don't understand, "Nobody ever told me they loved me before."

The Young Adult Retreat had 15 attendees, from SD, IA, WY, and MN. (The camp was a joint effort with the Diocese of IA.) She expected to hear them say that there is no real place for young adults in the church, but what she heard was that they feel there is no real place for them in the world.

The camp program will no longer visit Roughlock Falls due to liability issues. This year they didn't take campers to the cliffs with any of the camps because of staffing issues and rain. Instead, Eucharist was held outside at the labyrinth. (Young Adults did go to the Cliffs.)

Camps will be June 5 - Young Adult Retreat, week of July 18. Break in camps: After convocation will probably break from 6/27-7/7. Staff can remain at camp. Camps offered in 2016 will be the Work camp; 5th/6th; 7th/8th; 9th/10th; 11th/12th and Family Camp which includes many grandparents that bring kids.

Portia+ is meeting next week with representatives from Diocese of Wyoming to review success of the camps. We would like to have 12 counselors. We have exactly enough cabins to do that.

Young Adult Retreat-Final dates to be determined by Convention Time

Wish List

Portia+ created a TEC Wish List on Amazon. You can find it by searching Wish Lists on Amazon – Thunderhead Episcopal Center

FACILITIES

Two cabins are completely done. Insulated and painted inside and out. We would like to pull out the carpet and put in congoleum in the living room area. And we need to renovate the kitchen. Only one cabin is left to do, Dan Barnhardt is painting the insides.

July 17-18, 2015 Brotherhood of Christian Unity put a roof on Supertent. We received from the Insurance Co. \$27,000 with the job costing a little over \$10,000. The balance will go in a building fund. After finishing the new roof, another storm came through, and did in the roofs on some of the cabins. Pat got rid of the tanks below Supertent and pumps by the road. Pat may go up last weekend in June to work on roofs. He will take off the six roofs w/metal and will put back eight. We want to let all the deaneries know that \$250-\$500 is needed for each cabin for stain, wood, and vents for cabins. And we believe the cost is approximately \$2500 for the congoleum.

A new motor was needed for the walk-in cooler. Dave Brenneisen did move some burn piles after camp season ended. Portia will check when visiting camp to see if junk has been hauled away. We are looking at a tractor to purchase. The Bishop was checkin into getting some Episcopal flags; mounted on our signs along the highway. Pat said he is encouraging the Black Hills Deanery to come out and do some work to open the camp before work weekend.

Basketball Court: We need someone to come in and put in a concrete full court. Do we have funding for it? Convention offering from last year was for this. Julie will ask Bob Mayer to find someone to do this. Barney says \$795.86 was given last year at convention for this project. We will need to add another basketball standard (hoop).

We received Sam Kitto's letter: Family camp will be on a weekend this year. Were we okay with transportation?

B&B: Some bikers came in and talked to Don Metcalf about staying at TEC. They only want a place to sleep, they don't need to be fed. We need to ask Don if he has contact info from the biker group that pulled in. (He gave them Barney's number, but they have not contacted him.) We can't charge rates, "Suggested donation" should be the language we use. Rates have been removed from the website. August 8-14, 2016 are this year's rally dates. Don said he could be there. We would like it to be open the week before and after.

An alumni group might be there the last weekend in July. They would be willing to do some maintenance.

**2016 Canon's Report to
Diocesan Convention
Congregations and Clergy in Transition**

Church of the Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls - The Parish Leadership of Good Shepherd has put together their Parish Profile and Search Team, led by Mr. Steve Albrecht, which has been evaluating potential candidates for their next Rector.

The Pine Ridge Episcopal Mission - The PRM is being ably served by Fr. Harold Eagle Bull, Mo. Cordelia Red Owl and Mo. Rhoda Mesteth, while we search for their next Superintending Presbyter.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Rapid City - The Search Committee has assembled their Parish Profile and is now receiving names and is in process of scheduling parish visits of candidates.

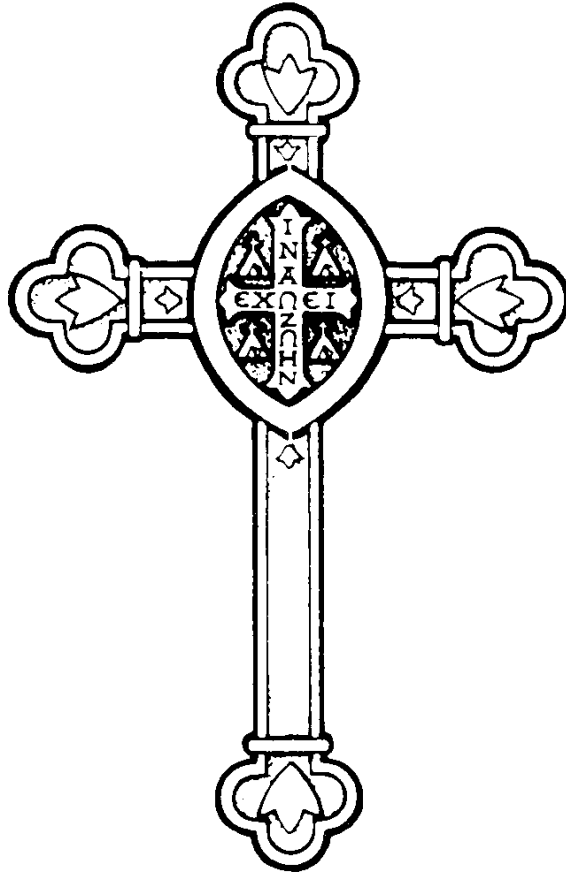
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Rapid City - Welcomed The Rev. Henrique Fleming as their new Priest in Charge in December 2015 and bid a fond farewell to Fr. Cliff Moore, who had been serving as their Interim. Rev. Fleming, an ELCA Pastor, is also serving Woyatan Lutheran Church in Rapid City.

Church of All Angels, Spearfish - All Angel's welcomed Fr. Clay Riley and his family from the Diocese of Southern Virginia as their new Rector, earlier this year.

Clergy in Transition

Fr. Tim Fountain resigned as Rector of Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls in late 2015 and is helping the Diocese by filling in as supply priest at several congregations in the Eastern Deanery and will be providing coverage for The Rev. Portia Corbin at Trinity, Watertown, during her maternity leave.

Fr. Vern Raschke resigned as Priest in Charge of Christ Church, Lead and has retired to Texas to be closer to family.



FINANCIAL REPORTS

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THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA						
Program Actual/Budget - 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016						
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Page 1						
	12/31/2014	12/31/2015	2015	2016	2016	2016
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	PROGRAM	PROGRAM	Proposed	PROGRAM
			BUDGET	Approved	Changes	BUDGET
				Budget		
EXPENDITURES						
MISSION CLERGY AND SUPPORT:						
Salary and Housing - Note 1	382,992	377,713	470,578	479,872	15,318	495,190
Medical Insurance - Note 2	137,970	115,623	171,060	178,763	(26,987)	151,776
Less Employee Share	(20,349)	(16,707)	(25,197)	(26,362)	4,047	(22,315)
Travel	82,312	90,085	96,250	97,500	(7,500)	90,000
Housing & Utilities	62,681	71,942	72,350	74,400	(5,100)	69,300
Pension	94,500	86,198	118,022	120,394	(8,502)	111,892
Moving and Interview	12,494	10,233	12,000	12,000	(4,000)	8,000
Payroll Taxes	0	566	1,568	1,568	1,377	2,945
TOTAL MISSION CLERGY AND SUPPORT	752,600	735,653	916,631	938,135	(31,347)	906,788
THE LARGER CHURCH SUPPORT:						
Episcopal Church Center Support	77,981	78,670	78,670	83,624	(5,400)	78,224
General Convention Deputies - Note 3	7,350	5,513	7,350	8,100		8,100
Provincial Support	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000
Provincial Synod Deputies	0	467	750	750		750
Lambeth Conference Reserve	0	0	0	0		0
TOTAL LARGER CHURCH SUPPORT	86,331	85,650	87,770	93,474	(5,400)	88,074
DIOCESAN PROGRAM SUPPORT						
Commissions and Committees:						
Aging	0	0	250	250		250
Commission on Ministry	2,160	897	2,500	2,500		2,500
Episcopal Women's Council	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000		2,000
Liturgy and Music	0	0	500	500		500
Niobrara Council	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600		3,600
Standing Committee	938	578	1,250	1,250		1,250
Total Commissions and Committees	8,698	7,075	10,100	10,100		10,100
Ecumenical Relations:						
Association of Christian Churches	2,000	500	500	500	(500)	0
Flandreau Chaplaincy Program	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000
Total Ecumenical Affiliations	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	(500)	1,000
Communications:						
Communications/Website	335	748	900	600		600
South Dakota Churchnews	5,557	4,694	6,500	6,500		6,500
Ministry Development:						
Clergy Conferences	11,740	9,918	9,000	10,817	11	10,828
Niobrara School for Ministry - Note 4	7,105	10,407	8,000	8,000		8,000
Ministry Development	5,716	1,959	10,000	10,000		10,000

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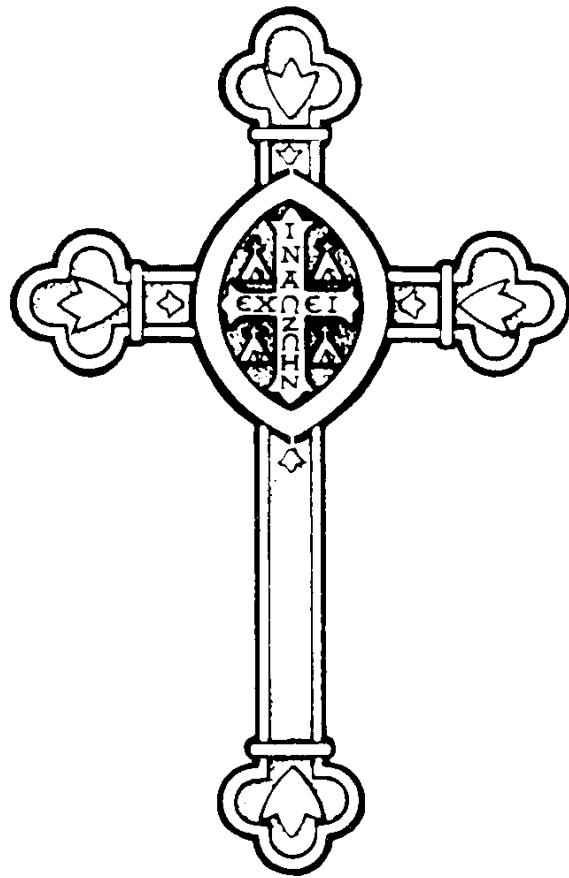
THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA Page 2	2016					2016 BUDGET EXPENDITURES
	12/31/2014	12/31/2015	2015	2016	Proposed	
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	Changes	
	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES		
Youth and Young Adult Ministry:						
Rosebud Young Adult Community	29,931	28,665	30,000	30,000		30,000
Taize	21,721	0	30,000	0		0
Thunderhead Episcopal Camp	81,208	74,486	82,250	85,000	75,527	160,527
Youth Ministry	135	650	3,000	1,500		1,500
Ministry Support:						
Ministry Support-Sudanese Program	2,092	7,171	5,000	5,000		5,000
Ministry Support Other	3,149	2,498	5,000	5,000		5,000
Education:						
Theological Education/Board of Chaplains	0	0	500	500		500
Continuing Education	1,900	1,025	2,000	2,000		2,000
Education for Ministry	3,041	3,056	3,500	3,500		3,500
Seminarian Assistance	2,984	3,750	3,000	3,000		3,000
Seminarian Expenses	1,640	154	2,000	2,000		2,000
Education Other	0	20	1,250	1,250		1,250
St. Mary's School/Leadership Development	23,487	25,292	25,000	28,000		28,000
Community Engagement:						
Jubilee/Anti-Racism	95	0	1,000	1,000		1,000
Stewardship:						
Stewardship	1,000	500	5,000	5,000		5,000
Total Partners in Ministry	202,836	174,993	232,900	208,667	75,538	284,205
Miscellaneous Program:						
Remington Retreat Center	5,063	4,464	4,500	5,000		5,000
Other Conferences	512	915	750	750	250	1,000
Diocesan Companion Relationships	539	0	600	600		600
Outreach	4,750	4,627	5,000	5,000		5,000
Total Miscellaneous Program Support	10,864	10,006	10,850	11,350	250	11,600
TOTAL DIOCESAN PROGRAM SUPPORT	225,398	193,574	255,350	231,617	75,288	306,905
EPISCOPATE SALARY AND HOUSING						
Salary	49,740	50,362	50,362	50,992		50,992
Housing/Utilities	20,250	19,628	19,628	5,100		5,100
Bishop's Residence Support to Chapter	0	0	0	12,000		12,000
Total Episcopate Salary and Housing	69,990	69,990	69,990	68,092		68,092
EPISCOPATE BENEFITS						
Medical Insurance	15,504	15,504	15,504	15,969	(153)	15,816
Less Employee Share	(2,326)	(2,326)	(2,326)	(2,395)	23	(2,372)
Pension	12,598	12,598	12,598	13,126		13,126
TOTAL EPISCOPATE BENEFITS	25,776	25,776	25,776	26,700	(130)	26,570
TOTAL EPISCOPATE	95,766	95,766	95,766	94,792	(130)	94,662

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CANON TO THE ORDINARY, ADMINISTRATOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	138,217	140,953	139,236	138,031	2,400	140,431
Payroll Taxes	6,706	6,821	6,826	6,686	184	6,870
Pension	24,879	23,830	25,063	24,845	(2,484)	22,361
Medical Insurance - Note 2	26,192	29,154	25,880	34,446	5,354	39,800
Less Employee Share	(1,162)	(1,783)	(1,163)	(2,395)	(1,164)	(3,559)
Total Canon, Admin. & Admin. Asst. Benefits and Expenditures	56,615	58,022	56,606	63,582	1,890	65,472
					2016	
THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA	12/31/2014	12/31/2015	2015	2016	Proposed	2016
Page 3	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	Changes	BUDGET
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES						
Hospitality	2,957	2,604	3,000	3,000		3,000
Audit & Professional Fees	6,286	6,483	6,500	6,700		6,700
Travel	34,184	35,182	38,000	38,000		38,000
Convention	10,154	9,261	10,000	11,000		11,000
Telephone	9,689	9,381	9,000	9,500		9,500
Office Space	4,200	6,916	4,800	4,000	2,500	6,500
Supplies	12,704	7,889	9,500	10,000		10,000
Postage	3,597	3,453	4,000	3,500		3,500
Equipment Maintenance	1,034	943	1,250	1,250		1,250
Equipment	659	170	1,000	1,000		1,000
Archives	750	750	750	750		750
Dues & Subscriptions	675	721	1,500	1,500	(500)	1,000
Production & Printing	685	848	1,000	1,000		1,000
Insurance	7,948	8,441	11,000	10,000		10,000
Diocesan Council	2,359	1,165	2,750	2,500		2,500
Diocesan Office Move	0	27,409	0	0		0
New Bishop Election Fund Escrow	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000		5,000
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	102,881	126,616	109,050	108,700	2,000	110,700
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,457,808	1,436,234	1,660,409	1,668,331	44,701	1,713,032
REVENUE						
CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT:						
Parish and Missions - Note 5	321,864	310,387	311,147	319,653	3,847	323,500
Late Payments	2,554	509	509	500	5,788	6,288
Total Congregational Support	324,418	310,896	311,656	320,153	9,635	329,788
CHAPTER ENDOWMENT SUPPORT - Note 6	184,000	174,500	283,966	309,995	(39,706)	270,289
GEN. CONVENTION BLOCK GRANT - Note 7	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000		700,000
YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:						
Rosebud Young Adult Community	22,223	20,313	30,000	30,000		30,000
Taize	19,029	126	30,000	0		0
Thunderhead Episcopal Camp	46,375	58,690	45,000	50,000	47,722	97,722
Youth Ministry	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000
Total Youth and Young Adult Ministry	87,627	79,129	106,000	81,000	47,722	128,722
EDUCATION:						
Niobrara School for Ministry Registrations-Note 8	4,816	9,935	6,000	6,000		6,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE:						
Gifts	18,998	24,067	20,000	20,000	650	20,650
Remington Retreat Center	4,436	3,305	4,000	4,000		4,000
Convention Fees & Registrations	10,899	11,394	11,000	11,000		11,000
South Dakota Churchnews	5,325	5,807	6,000	6,000		6,000
Clergy Conference/Retreat Registrations	2,175	1,725	3,000	2,000		2,000
Undesignated Income	30,616	35,645	30,000	31,000	2,500	33,500
Designated Income - Note 9	85,605	79,924	178,777	177,173	23,900	201,073
Other Interest	8	9	10	10		10
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	158,062	161,876	252,787	251,183	27,050	278,233
TOTAL REVENUE	1,458,923	1,436,336	1,660,409	1,668,331	44,701	1,713,032
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	1,115	102	0	0	0	0

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2016 PLEDGE TO THE DIOCESE								
September 30, 2016								
		Payable	Paid			Payable	Paid	
	Pledge	To Date	To Date	Balance	Churchnews	To Date	To Date	Balance
PARISHES:								
Aberdeen - St. Mark's	13,000.00	9,750.00	13,000.00	0.00	50.00	37.50	50.00	0.00
Belle Fourche - St. James'	3,600.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	900.00	120.00	90.00	120.00	0.00
Brookings - St. Paul's	12,240.00	9,180.00	9,180.00	3,060.00	240.00	180.00	240.00	0.00
Deadwood - St. John's	2,533.00	1,899.75	1,899.82	633.18	95.00	71.25	70.62	24.38
Huron - Grace	16,000.00	12,000.00	13,330.00	2,670.00	185.00	138.75	185.00	0.00
Lead - Christ Church	6,316.00	4,737.00	4,240.00	2,076.00	105.00	78.75	105.00	0.00
Mitchell - St. Mary's	2,500.00	1,875.00	1,890.00	610.00	75.00	56.25	75.00	0.00
Mobridge - St. James'	2,000.00	1,500.00	850.00	1,150.00	30.00	22.50	0.00	30.00
Pierre - Trinity	10,000.00	7,500.00	7,499.97	2,500.03	120.00	90.00	120.00	0.00
Rapid City - Emmanuel	51,292.00	38,469.00	38,468.97	12,823.03	325.00	243.75	0.00	325.00
Rapid City - St. Andrew's	25,128.00	18,846.00	18,846.00	6,282.00	180.00	135.00	0.00	180.00
Sioux Falls - Calvary	62,889.00	47,166.75	47,166.75	15,722.25	1,000.00	750.00	824.94	175.06
Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd	14,000.00	10,500.00	10,503.00	3,497.00	20.00	15.00	0.00	20.00
Spearfish - All Angels	22,576.00	16,932.00	22,886.00	(310.00)	310.00	232.50	0.00	310.00
Sturgis - St. Thomas'	3,607.00	2,705.25	2,705.25	901.75	105.00	78.75	105.00	0.00
Watertown - Trinity	1,200.00	900.00	800.00	400.00	90.00	67.50	60.00	30.00
Winner - Trinity	2,400.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	600.00	95.00	71.25	95.00	0.00
Yankton - Christ Church	20,040.00	15,030.00	15,030.00	5,010.00	320.00	240.00	320.00	0.00
TOTAL PARISHES	271,321.00	203,490.75	212,795.76	58,525.24	3,465.00	2,598.75	2,370.56	1,094.44
Chamberlain - Christ Church	2,529.00	1,896.75	1,896.75	632.25	105.00	78.75	78.75	26.25
Cheyenne River Mission	2,520.00	1,890.00	1,950.00	570.00	315.00	236.25	165.00	150.00
Crow Creek Mission	2,396.00	1,797.00	2,246.00	150.00	210.00	157.50	210.00	0.00
Fiandreau - St. Mary's	200.00	150.00	200.00	0.00	60.00	45.00	60.00	0.00
Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's	1,307.00	980.25	1,307.00	0.00	50.00	37.50	50.00	0.00
Gregory - Incarnation	300.00	225.00	300.00	0.00	60.00	45.00	60.00	0.00
Herrick - All Saints	325.00	243.75	274.00	51.00	55.00	41.25	55.00	0.00
Hot Springs - St. Luke's	4,221.00	3,165.75	3,168.00	1,053.00	150.00	112.50	150.00	0.00
Lower Brule Mission	1,598.00	1,198.50	1,598.00	0.00	40.00	30.00	40.00	0.00
Madison - Grace	2,057.00	1,542.75	2,062.00	(5.00)	30.00	22.50	30.00	0.00
Martin - St. Katharine's	3,887.00	2,915.25	2,916.00	971.00	205.00	153.75	153.90	51.10
Milbank - Christ Church	3,600.00	2,700.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	105.00	78.75	0.00	105.00
Pine Ridge Mission	2,940.00	2,205.00	1,945.00	995.00	325.00	243.75	300.00	25.00
Rapid City - St. Matthew's	2,300.00	1,725.00	1,728.00	572.00	120.00	90.00	90.00	30.00
Rosebud Mission	4,884.00	3,663.00	2,881.00	2,003.00	120.00	90.00	0.00	120.00
Santee Mission	2,724.00	2,043.00	1,394.00	1,330.00	140.00	105.00	140.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	75.00	100.00	0.00
Sisseton - Gethsemane	500.00	375.00	200.00	300.00	60.00	45.00	0.00	60.00
Sisseton Mission	3,381.00	2,535.75	2,460.33	920.67	60.00	45.00	40.00	20.00
Standing Rock Mission	1,983.00	1,487.25	1,883.00	100.00	150.00	112.50	70.00	80.00
Vermillion - St. Paul's	7,906.00	5,929.50	9,906.00	(2,000.00)	140.00	105.00	140.00	0.00
Webster - St. Mary's	1,882.00	1,411.50	1,882.00	0.00	40.00	30.00	40.00	0.00
Yankton Mission	671.00	503.25	533.00	138.00	200.00	150.00	172.50	27.50
TOTAL MISSIONS	54,111.00	40,583.25	44,530.08	9,580.92	2,840.00	2,130.00	2,145.15	694.85
TOTAL PARISH AND MISSIONS	325,432.00	244,074.00	257,325.84	68,106.16	6,305.00	4,728.75	4,515.71	1,789.29



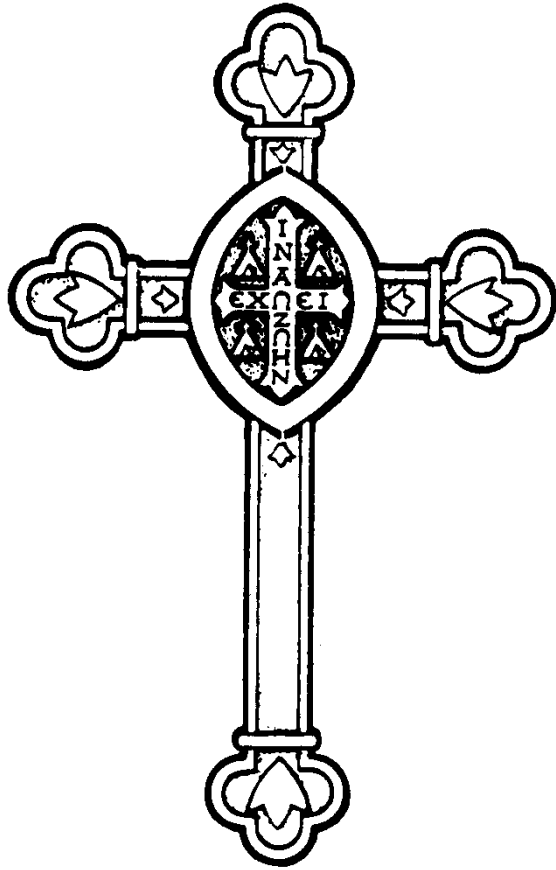
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Name	City	Established	Plate/Pledge Income	Operating Revenues	Total Revenues	To the Diocese	Outreach	Operating Expenses	Total Expenses
St John's	Browns Valley								
Our Most Merciful Savior	Niobrara	1866							
Blessed Redeemer	Niobrara	1866							
St Mark's	Aberdeen	1883	\$60,543.00	\$89,218.00	\$90,023.00	\$12,000.00	\$432.00	\$114,409.00	\$114,841.00
St Michael's	Batesland		\$1,035.00	\$1,035.00	\$1,035.00	\$208.00	\$0.00	\$1,782.00	\$1,782.00
St James	Belle Fourche	1901	\$21,071.00	\$22,889.00	\$28,764.00	\$3,456.00	\$5,400.00	\$21,300.00	\$26,300.00
St Paul's	Brookings	1893	\$75,818.00	\$80,095.00	\$145,252.00	\$12,000.00	\$9,480.00	\$80,095.00	\$93,277.00
St John's	Bullhead								
Advent	Calico								
Christ Church	Chamberlain	1883	\$8,921.00	\$24,606.00	\$24,606.00	\$4,307.00	\$32,437.00	\$10,397.00	\$41,468.00
St Thomas	Corn Creek	1892							
St Stephen's	De Smet	1901							
St John's	Deadwood	1876	\$38,267.00	\$38,267.00	\$39,973.00	\$5,523.00	\$0.00	\$77,715.00	\$77,715.00
Cheyenne River Mission			\$3,125.00	\$3,125.00	\$3,125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Holy Spirit	Firesteel			\$2,140.00	\$2,140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St Marys & OBR	Flandreau	1870	\$3,176.00	\$10,785.00	\$10,785.00	\$600.00	\$6,997.00	\$5,048.00	\$12,025.00
Holy Name	Fort George	2010	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
St Peter's	Fort Pierre	1895	\$6,286.00	\$14,185.00	\$14,185.00	\$2,152.00	\$78.00	\$11,858.00	\$11,858.00
Christ Church	Ft Thompson	1895	\$7,269.00	\$8,349.00	\$183,459.00	\$1,080.00	\$6,480.00	\$6,193.00	\$12,873.00
Incarnation	Gregory								
All Saints	Herrick								
St Luke's	Hot Springs	1892							
Grace	Huron								

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Holy Spirit	Ideal	1929	\$593.00	\$593.00	\$593.00	\$342.00	\$0.00	\$1,210.00	\$1,210.00
Mediator	Kyle		\$2,197.00	\$2,197.00	\$2,197.00	\$460.00	\$2,449.00	\$0.00	\$2,449.00
St Philip	Lake Andes		\$487.00	\$787.00	\$787.00	\$88.00	\$0.00	\$460.00	\$460.00
St James	Landry		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Church	Lead	1886	\$24,014.00	\$27,664.00	\$24,664.00	\$6,616.00	\$0.00	\$37,396.00	\$37,396.00
St Paul's	Little Eagle		\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Good Shepherd	Little Oak Creek								
Holy Comforter	Lower Brule	1897	\$2,720.00	\$2,720.00	\$2,720.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,913.00	\$4,913.00
Messiah	Lower Brule		\$2,360.00	\$2,480.00	\$2,480.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,870.00	\$1,870.00
Grace	Madison	1885	\$14,590.00	\$1,558.00	\$1,558.00	\$2,150.00	\$0.00	\$1,287.00	\$13,577.00
St Katharine's	Martin	1916	\$11,999.00	\$21,181.00	\$21,608.00	\$5,986.00	\$1,262.00	\$18,056.00	\$19,237.00
St Peter's	McLaughlin	1971	\$2,369.00	\$2,369.00	\$2,369.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Christ Church	Milbank	1883	\$27,000.00	\$28,100.00	\$28,100.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,151.00	\$25,354.00	\$28,100.00
Trinity	Mission	1899	\$3,618.00	\$11,800.00	\$11,800.00	\$1,375.00	\$3,400.00	\$9,952.00	\$13,352.00
St Mary's	Mitchell	1875	\$60,178.00	\$69,026.00	\$71,273.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,397.00	\$51,736.00	\$54,912.00
St James	Mobridge		\$10,715.00	\$13,043.00	\$12,043.00	\$1,964.00	\$0.00	\$10,948.00	\$10,948.00
St Paul's	Norris	1933	\$1,159.00	\$1,159.00	\$1,159.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$1,854.00	\$18,545.00
Calvary	Okreek	1910							
Holy Innocents	Parmelee	1893	\$1,778.00	\$1,938.00	\$1,938.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,183.00	\$1,183.00
St Mary's	Peever		\$3,770.00	\$15,948.00	\$17,948.00	\$3,692.00	\$5,471.00	\$9,552.00	\$9,552.00
Trinity	Pierre	1884	\$93,205.00	\$103,903.00	\$112,266.00	\$9,000.00	\$6,730.00	\$103,312.00	\$111,006.00
Holy Cross	Pine Ridge		\$1,362.00	\$5,222.00	\$5,222.00	\$257.00	\$0.00	\$4,574.00	\$4,574.00
St Julia's	Porcupine		\$393.00	\$893.00	\$893.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$876.00	\$876.00



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PREAMBLE

WE, THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
AS CHRISTIANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC,
AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH, WISHING TO PROPAGATE THE FAITH
AND DESIRING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORSHIP OF GOD
AND THE CORPORATE LIFE OF OUR BRANCH OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION,
DO HEREBY ESTABLISH AND ORDAIN THIS CONSTITUTION AND THESE CANONS
AS AND FOR THOSE OF THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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CONSTITUTION OF THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

ARTICLE I TITLE AND BOUNDS OF THE DIOCESE

This Diocese shall be known as The Diocese of South Dakota and shall comprise all of the State of South Dakota and the Santee Mission in the State of Nebraska.

ARTICLE II ACCEDING TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

The Church in this Diocese hereby accedes to the constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and acknowledges its authority as duly represented in the General Convention.

ARTICLE III DIOCESAN CONVENTIONS

Section 1. Annual

There shall be an Annual Convention of the Diocese at such time and place as may be designated by the preceding Annual Convention. If no designation shall have been made, then the Ecclesiastical Authority, in consultation with the Diocesan Council, shall designate the time and place of such Convention.

Section 2. Change of Time and Place

The Ecclesiastical Authority with the consent of the Diocesan Council, shall have power to change either the time or the place of the Annual Convention, or both, provided that notice is given to the delegates at least thirty days before said Convention.

Section 3. Special

A Special Convention may be called by the Ecclesiastical Authority with the consent of the Diocesan Council. Notice shall be given to the delegates at least thirty days before the said Convention. In the event that said Special Convention is held within the first seventy-five days of the calendar year and the names and addresses of the lay delegates are not yet known it shall be sufficient notice if the notice is mailed to those individuals in charge of congregations where the names and addresses are not yet known, with direction to distribute the notice to the lay delegates. However no lay delegates may be certified as such unless the completed certification form shall have been filed with the diocesan office at least ten days prior to said convention or in the alternative filed with the Committee on Credentials at the time of the Convention.

Section 4. Quorum

A majority of lay delegates who are certified as provided by Canon and a majority of the Clergy entitled to vote as defined by Canon, when duly assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP IN CONVENTION

Section 1. Clerical Delegates

The Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, Suffragan Bishops, Assistant Bishops, Presbyters and Deacons, canonically and physically resident in the diocese shall have seat and vote.

Section 2. Lay Delegates

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The Convention, by Canon, shall provide the method of election, qualification and number of lay delegates. It may further provide, by Canon, for the suspension of lay delegates for good cause.

ARTICLE V
OFFICERS OF CONVENTION

Section 1. President

The Bishop shall be the President of the Convention and may either preside at the meetings or designate a delegate to preside at any part thereof. If there be no Diocesan or Coadjutor present, then the Standing Committee, with the consent of the Diocesan Council, shall appoint a President of the convention.

Section 2. Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar

At an Annual Convention, a Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar shall be elected. The term of office and duties of these officers shall be set by Canon.

Section 3. Chancellor

At an Annual Convention the Bishop shall nominate for confirmation by the Convention as Chancellor, a lay communicant in good standing who is learned in both ecclesiastical and secular law and whose duties shall be set by Canon.

Section 4. Other Officers

The Convention by Canon or Resolution may provide for such other officers, deputies and assistants as it may from time to time determine necessary for the administration of the Diocese.

ARTICLE VI
ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITY

Section 1. Vested in the Bishop

Ecclesiastical Authority of the diocese is vested in the Bishop in accordance with the General Convention Constitution and Canons. When the Diocese is without a Bishop or the Bishop is unable to act as such, or without a Bishop Coadjutor, then the Standing Committee of the diocese shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority as provided by the General Convention Constitution and Canons.

Section 2. Powers of Bishop

As Ordinary, the Bishop shall have original jurisdiction in all ecclesiastical causes, except such as are reserved to other authority.

The Bishop is vested with specific authority to determine all controversies between clergy, clergy and their congregations, and persons adversely claiming to be a Warden or Vestryperson of a Parish and shall have total authority on all matters concerning Organized Missions, Aided Parishes, and Stations.

The Bishop is vested with appellate jurisdiction over the proceedings of all religious and benevolent organizations of the Church within the diocese and all such other authority as is granted by the General Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons.

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ARTICLE VII
STANDING COMMITTEE

Section 1. Membership

The Standing Committee shall consist of eight members made up of four confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing and four canonically resident members of the clergy, of which no more than two shall be deacons.

Section 2. Tenure

Election shall be made by the diocesan Convention for a term of four years. Members shall be entitled to election for two terms. Thereafter no person shall be entitled to re-election until one year has elapsed after the expiration of the second term.

Section 3. Officers

The Standing Committee shall select from its membership a President and Secretary within ninety days after the annual Convention.

Section 4. Meetings

Meetings may be had upon the call of the president, the Bishop or two members. A quorum shall consist of a majority of qualified members, or as otherwise prescribed by the General Convention Constitution and Canons.

Section 5. Vacancies

Vacancies occurring in the membership shall be filled by the Diocesan Council between meetings of the Annual Convention. At the succeeding Annual Convention such vacancy shall be filled by election for the unexpired term. Service in the filling of an unexpired term shall not restrict such person from serving two regular terms.

Absence from two successive meetings of the Standing Committee shall be deemed to create a vacancy and shall be filled as herein provided.

Section 6. Duties

Duties of the Standing Committee shall be as prescribed by the General Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons.

ARTICLE VIII
ELECTION OF BISHOP

Section 1. Manner of Election

The election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, Suffragan Bishop or Assistant Bishop of this Diocese shall be made at an Annual Convention or by a Special Convention called for that purpose.

Section 2. Method of Voting

The selection shall be made by a concurrent vote of the clergy and laity, with the two orders voting separately by ballot. A concurrence of a majority of both orders is required for an election.

Section 3. Special Provisions

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Prior to the balloting, the Convention, either Annual or Special, may by resolution provide for additional requirements not in conflict with the General Convention Constitution and Canons. The Convention may increase the percentage of each order required to elect a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, Suffragan Bishop or Assistant Bishop.

ARTICLE IX
ADMISSION OF PARISHES AND ORGANIZED MISSIONS

Section 1. Admission

Parishes and Organized Missions may be admitted, after organizing as provided by Canon, into union with the Convention.

Section 2. Procedure

The Convention, by Canon, shall establish the procedure by which Parishes and Organized Missions shall submit their request for admission and the requisites to be met before the consideration of the application for admission.

Section 3. Change in Status and Penalties

The Convention may set conditions and procedures for a change in designation for failure by a congregation to comply with the constitution and Canons of this Diocese and may prescribe, by Canon, such other penalty as it deems necessary for the enforcement of the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese.

ARTICLE X
FINANCES

Section 1. Raising of Money

The Convention shall have power to raise money as prescribed by Canon or Resolution of the Convention.

Section 2. Penalties

The Convention by Canon, may provide penalties for neglecting to pay moneys promised or prescribed by Canon.

ARTICLE XI
DIOCESAN CANONS

The Convention may, from time to time, enact Canons which shall stand as law of the Diocese provided that they are not in conflict with this Constitution and the General Convention Constitution and Canons.

ARTICLE XII
THE CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL

Section 1. Purpose

The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral, a South Dakota Corporation, is hereby designated as the holding corporation for the property of the Diocese. It shall have such powers as are granted by law and Diocesan Canons which are not in conflict with the General Convention Constitution and Canons.

Section 2. Governance

The Convention by Canon shall establish the governing body of the Corporation.

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ARTICLE XIII through XIX
[Reserved for future Articles]

ARTICLE XX
AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS

Amendments and alterations to this Constitution, except as hereinafter provided, must be approved by two successive meetings of the Annual Diocesan Convention by a majority vote of each order present. Notice of the same shall be given by mailing a copy of the proposed amendments or alterations to the delegates, if known, at least 15 days prior to the opening date of the Convention to which the amendment is presented for its first consideration. Such notice shall be considered sufficient when a copy for each delegate is mailed to the person in charge of the congregation or organization entitled to representation at the Diocesan Convention, who must distribute the same.

All amendments and alterations must be considered by the Committee on Canons of the Convention to determine whether such are consistent with the General Convention Constitution and Canons and report to the Convention accordingly.

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CANON I DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION AND PROVINCIAL SYNOD

Section 1. Deputies to General Convention

At the Annual Convention in the calendar year preceding the General Convention by at least twelve months there shall be elected as many clerical and lay deputies as is prescribed by the General Convention Constitution and Canons. Such Convention shall also elect a like number of clerical and lay alternates.

Section 2. Deputies to Provincial Synod

The three elected clerical and three elected lay deputies to General Convention who received the most votes shall also serve as deputies to Provincial Synod for the same term and the fourth deputy to General Convention in each order and the alternates to General Convention shall serve as alternates to Provincial Synod.

Section 3. Resignation or Disability of a Deputy

In the event of a resignation or disability of a deputy the Bishop shall designate the successor from the alternate deputies either clerical or lay, depending where the vacancy occurred, in the order of their election. In the event that there not be sufficient alternates to fill a vacancy in the office of deputy, then, if the vacancy occurs in the clerical order the remainder of the clerical deputies shall select a qualified person in that order to so serve. In the event that the vacancy occurs in the lay order then the remainder of the lay deputies shall select a qualified person in that order to so serve. During the course of a General Convention the chairperson of the deputation is authorized to certify the transfer of credentials of a deputy to an alternate as the same may be authorized by General Convention Canons and Rules of Order of the House of Deputies.

Section 4. Term of Office

All clerical and lay deputies and their alternates to General Convention shall assume their office at the time of the commencement of the General convention to which they were elected and continue in office until the commencement of the next General Convention.

Section 5. Duties of General Convention Deputies

- 1) It shall be the duty of each seated Deputy to General Convention from the Diocese, to communicate the actions and the positions established by the General Convention and to see that the appropriate bodies, commissions, committees and officers carry out those actions and positions directed by General Convention. All bodies, commissions, committees and officers shall report their actions in such manner as requested by the Deputation so that the Deputation can determine if the actions and positions established by the General Convention are being enabled.
- 2) The Diocese shall provide a forum at the Annual Convention, Region Deanery Assemblies and in such other places and manner as the Deputies shall determine necessary to carry out their duties.
- 3) The General Convention Deputies shall from time to time develop procedures and guidelines, in writing, which will better enable them to carry out their responsibilities under General Convention and Diocesan Canons and Resolutions.

CANON 2
THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Section 1. Membership

1) Clerical:

Within one week prior to the convening of any Convention the Bishop shall prepare a list of all clergy canonically and physically resident in the Diocese. Such list shall be presumptive evidence of those whose names appear thereon to membership in the Convention. The Convention may correct and revise the list at any time.

All resigned Bishops of this Diocese who continue to reside in this Diocese shall have the right to vote in all Diocesan Conventions.

2) Lay:

i) Parishes, Organized Missions, Parochial Missions and Mission Stations shall be entitled to representation by lay delegates at the rate of one lay delegate for each twenty-five, or fraction thereof, attendees as shown in the average attendance figure for the First Sunday in Lent; Easter Day; Pentecost Sunday; First Sunday in Advent or such other Sundays that would be used by the clergy in charge

ii) Parishes, Organized Missions, Parochial Missions and mission Stations shall be entitled to representation by lay delegates at the rate of one lay delegate for each 25 attendees, or fraction thereof, based on the average Sunday attendance for the year.

iii) In any case, using either Canon 2-1-2-I or 2-1-2-ii as a method of determining membership, the greater number of membership count will constitute the basis for lay delegate representation, though each congregation (regardless of size) shall be entitled to send up to two delegates.

3) Other:

Lay members, including ex-officio, of the Diocesan Council and Standing Committee; active Church Army Officers and principals of active Church Schools operating under diocesan authority after being so designated as such by the diocesan Council; the President and Second Vice-President, who is the Niobrara Episcopal Church Women President, of the South Dakota Episcopal Women's Council or, if unable to so serve, then such persons as may be appointed by the governing board of the South Dakota Episcopal Women's Council; two youth selected at the annual youth convention and one youth elected by each Region Deanery and the Niobrara Deanery all of whom shall be of the age of 14 years or more and who are baptized members of this Church in good standing; and the Niobrara Convocation Officers as set out in Canon 12-2-5.

Section 2. Selection of Lay Delegates

1) Lay delegates and alternates must be elected at a meeting of the congregation of each parish, organized mission, and parochial mission.

2) In the event that there are not sufficient alternate delegates then the Vestry or Bishop's Committee shall appoint such alternate delegates.

3) Certification of lay delegates and alternates must be mailed to the Diocesan Office not less than thirty days prior to the Convention by the priest in charge or in his absence by a warden. In the event that an Annual or Special Convention shall be held within the first seventy-five days of the calendar year such completed certification form shall have been filed with the Diocesan Office at least ten days prior to said convention or in the alternative filed with the Convention Committee on Credentials at the time of the said Convention before any lay delegate can be certified to participate in the said Convention.

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- 4) Emergency appointment of lay delegates may be made in the event there are insufficient delegates or alternates, by the remaining delegates, clerical or lay, of the congregation involved.
- 5) Certification of the election or appointment of lay delegates shall be in the form prescribed by the Diocesan Council.
- 6) All lay delegates must be confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing, unless otherwise specifically provided in this Canon.
- 7) In the event that the certification of lay delegates and alternates is not mailed or filed as required by Canon 2-2-3, the lay delegates from that congregation will not be admitted to the convention floor as such, until approved by majority vote in each order of all remaining certified and registered delegates present and voting.
- 8) In the event that any congregation has failed to file a current parochial report as required by General Convention canons, the lay delegates from that congregation will not be admitted to the convention floor as such until approved by a three-fourths majority vote in each order of all remaining certified and registered delegates present and voting.

Section 3. Voting

1) Denial of Right to Vote:

Failure of any Parish, Organized Mission, Parochial Mission or Mission Station to pay its pledge or assessment for the previous year, may result in the denial of the right to vote to delegates from such Parish, Organized Mission, Parochial Mission, or Mission Station. Such matter may be brought before the convention by the Diocesan Council in the form of a resolution which may be voted upon by all delegates including those from the affected Parish, Organized Mission, Parochial Mission or Mission Station.

2) Vote by Orders:

Upon the request of at least two members of the lay order from two or more congregations and at least two members of the clerical order, any question before the convention shall be submitted for a vote by orders which shall then require a majority of each order present and voting for approval.

Section 4. Rules of Order

Rules of Order shall be adopted by the Convention for its governance. They shall be proposed by the Chancellor for both annual and special conventions as the circumstances require and prior to adoption may be amended by the convention adopting. Any subsequent convention may amend the Rules of Order.

Section 5. Decorum of Delegates

The Rules of Order adopted by the convention may set forth rules of decorum for the conduct of delegates.

Section 6. Expenses of Delegates

Each parish, organized mission, parochial mission, mission station, and body which is authorized under this canon to send delegates to any diocesan convention is directed to pay the expenses of those delegates attending. The Diocesan Council shall establish guidelines to be followed in the making of such payments together with the minimum amount of expense reimbursement allowable.

Section 7. Assistance to Pay Registration Fees

The Diocesan Council is directed to establish a restricted fund from which it may authorize payments to assist those parishes and organized missions to meet the minimum delegate expenses reimbursement

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required under Section 6 of this Canon. The Council shall utilize as a source of income for this restricted fund, any surplus left in all annual and special convention accounts together with any other funds available to it for such purpose.

Section 8. Setting Amount of Registration Fee

The Diocesan Council shall set the registration fee for all conventions in such amount as is necessary to meet the costs and needs of conducting that convention.

CANON 3
THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Section 1. Membership

- 1) The Diocesan Council shall consist of the Bishop, one person, either lay or cleric, elected from each Region Deanery, the Diocesan Convention, the Niobrara Convocation, the Chancellor and the Treasurer.
- 2) The following shall be designated as ex-officio members with seat and voice, but not vote: other Bishops of the Diocese, Archdeacon of the Diocese, Canon to the Ordinary and Administrator.
- 3) All voting members must be confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing, eighteen years of age or over.
- 4) No voting member of the Diocesan Council shall be a member of any other committee, board, commission and the like, which receive funding either directly or indirectly from the diocesan budget or are responsible directly or indirectly to the diocesan Council, with the exception of convention committees established by the Diocesan Convention Rules of Order or as shall be otherwise provided by General Convention or Diocesan Constitutions and Canons.

Section 2. Duties

The Diocesan Council shall implement actions assigned to it by the Diocesan Convention; review diocesan, regional and local programs and goals; administer legal functions of the Diocese; control the property of the Diocese when acting as the Board of Directors of The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral; determine budget policies of the Diocese; recommend programs to the Diocesan Convention; determine priorities and conceive, implement, fund and execute programs for the Diocese; and perform all such other programs and matters as in the judgment of the diocesan Council would be of benefit to the Diocese which would not be in conflict with the General Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons.

Section 3. Term of Office for Elected Members

- 1) The term of office shall be for a period of four years. They shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed.
- 2) Members shall be eligible for election to two consecutive terms. Appointment to fill an unexpired term shall not restrict election for two consecutive terms.
- 3) Newly elected members of the Diocesan Council shall take office at the first regular meeting of the Council held after the annual Convention, the date of which shall be set by the by-laws of the Diocesan Council.

Section 4. Officers

The officers of The Diocese of South Dakota, a corporation, shall be the Bishop, Chancellor, Treasurer and Administrator who shall also serve as the officers of the Diocesan Council. The Bishop shall be the

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presiding officer. In his absence the Chancellor shall preside. The officers shall be responsible to conduct the affairs of the Corporation and the Council in accordance with the directives of the Diocesan Council.

Section 5. Committees

The Diocesan Council is empowered to establish such committees and commissions as it deems necessary to carry out the work of the Diocese. The duties, responsibilities and powers of such committees and commissions shall be as set forth in the by-laws or a statement adopted by the Council. No such committee or commission shall be funded unless the said by-laws or statement have been adopted by the Council.

The Diocesan Council shall be authorized to establish such committees from its membership as may be needed to carry out its functions.

Section 6. Vacancies

1) Vacancies occurring in the membership shall be filled within forty-five days. Such appointment shall be done by the Region Deanery Council for the Region Deanery until the next meeting of the Region Deanery Assembly, by the Standing Committee for the Diocesan Convention until the next meeting of the Diocesan Convention, or by the Niobrara Council for the Niobrara Convocation until the next meeting of the Niobrara Convocation. An election shall then be held in the Assembly, Convention, or Convocation where the vacancy has occurred for the balance of the unexpired term. If appropriate body shall not fill a vacancy within six months after the occurrence of the vacancy then the Standing Committee shall appoint a person from the area concerned to serve the balance of the term.

2) A vacancy shall be created if the representative moves out of the Region Deanery or Diocese.

3) Absence from two successive meetings, either regular or special, of the Council shall be deemed a vacancy and that vacancy shall be filled as provided herein. Absence from three successive meetings of a committee of the council to which the member has been assigned shall be likewise deemed a vacancy on the Diocesan Council which shall be filled as herein provided. The Diocesan Council shall provide in its by-laws how much of the meetings, either Council or committee, must be attended in order to qualify the Diocesan Council member as attending and permitting him to receive remuneration for expenses for that meeting.

Section 7. Annual Reports

The Diocesan Council shall submit to the Diocesan Convention annual reports on budget and finance, its activities for the past year and proposed programs and planning.

Section 8. Meetings

The Diocesan Council shall meet not less than three times annually. Special meetings may be called by the bishop, Vice-Chair or upon the request of three voting members upon twenty day written notice. A majority of voting members shall constitute a quorum.

All meetings of the diocesan Council shall be open to members of the Diocese. They may be given voice at the discretion of the Council.

Section 9. By Laws

The Diocesan Council shall adopt By-Laws for its own governance and in said By-Laws shall establish the powers, duties and responsibilities of all committees, commissions, boards and organizations acting within the diocese providing such is not in conflict with the General Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons.

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CANON 4
DIOCESAN OFFICERS

Section 1. Whom Constitutes

The Diocesan Officers shall be the bishops, Treasurer, Registrar, and Secretary.

Section 2. Terms of Elected Officers

At an Annual Convention the Registrar, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a three-year term. The Secretary elected may also, at the option of the Bishop, serve as Secretary of Annual and Special Conventions.

Section 3. Limitation on Membership

No clerical or lay person shall be a member of more than one of the following: Diocesan Council and Standing Committee.

CANON 5
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Registrar

The Registrar shall gather and preserve journals, pamphlets, reports and all other documents belonging to the Diocese and shall act as the diocesan historiographer.

Section 2. Secretary

The Secretary shall record and publish the proceedings of Diocesan Conventions, attend public acts of the Diocese, issue required notices, prepare the Diocesan Journal, preserve records, and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Bishop, Diocesan Convention and Council. The Secretary may appoint such assistants as necessary to carry out the prescribed duties.

Section 3. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the Diocese and the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral. The deposit, investment and disbursement of such funds shall be as directed by the Diocesan Council or The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral. The Treasurer may appoint such Assistant Treasurers as necessary to carry out the prescribed duties.

Section 4. Suffragan and Assistant Bishops

The Suffragan or Assistant Bishop, if any, shall act as assistant to the Bishop and shall have such duties and responsibilities as may be prescribed by the Bishop.

Section 5. Chancellor

The Chancellor shall be the legal authority of the Diocese. He shall be the advisor to the Bishop, Convention, Council and all other diocesan organizations and staff and shall have such other responsibilities as may be prescribed by the Bishop, Convention and Diocesan Council. Whenever any matter affecting ecclesiastical or secular is being considered the Chancellor must be advised and shall, if necessary, give opinions on the same.

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CANON 8
CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE FUND BOARD

Section 1. Membership

There shall be a Centennial Challenge Fund Board consisting of the Bishop, Archdeacon and four members appointed by the bishop, subject to confirmation by the Diocesan Council.

Section 2. Term

The term for appointed members shall be four years. The appointed members shall take office after confirmation by the diocesan Council.

Section 3. Vacancy

- 1) A vacancy occurring in the appointed membership shall be filled by the Bishop for the unexpired term, subject to confirmation by the Diocesan Council.
- 2) Absence from two successive meetings of the Board shall be deemed a vacancy and filled as herein provided.

Section 4. Duties

- 1) The Board shall have general supervisory power over the assets of the Centennial Challenge Fund; to make loans therefrom to qualified parishes, organized missions, institutions and other diocesan groups, boards, committees and commissions as may be appropriate.
- 2) The specific powers of and limitations upon the Board in the carrying out of its duties shall be set forth by the Diocesan council in its council by-laws.
- 3) The Board shall report to the Diocesan Council in such form and at such times as the Diocesan Council may direct.
- 4) The Chancellor shall be an ex-officio member of the Board and shall be its advisor on all legal matters coming before the Board.

CANON 9
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Section 1. Membership

There shall be an Investment Committee which shall consist of the Bishop, Administrator or Archdeacon of the Diocese, as the case may be, Treasurer and Chancellor. In addition there shall be four members appointed by the Bishop subject to confirmation by the Diocesan Council.

Section 2. Term

The term for appointed members shall be four years. The appointed members shall take office after confirmation by the Diocesan Council.

Section 3. Vacancy

- 1) A vacancy occurring in the appointed membership shall be filled by the Bishop for the unexpired term, subject to confirmation by the Diocesan Council.

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2) Absence from two consecutive meetings of the Investment Committee shall be deemed a vacancy and filled as herein provided.

Section 4. Advisors

The Bishop, with the concurrence of the diocesan Council, may appoint other persons as advisors to the Investment Committee who shall serve at the pleasure of the bishop.

Section 5. Duties

1) The Investment committee shall have general supervisory investment powers over the cash assets of the diocese, except for those which by canon are to be otherwise handled.

2) The specific powers of and limitations upon the investment Committee in the carrying out of its duties shall be set forth by the Diocesan Council in the council by-laws.

3) The Investment Committee shall report to the Diocesan Council in such form and at such times as the Diocesan Council may direct.

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CANON 10
BUSINESS METHODS

Section 1. Of Business Methods in Church Affairs

The Diocese, and every Parish, Organized Mission, Parochial Mission, Mission Station, Mission Council, Institution, Committee and Commission of the Diocese must observe the standard business methods as set forth in General Convention Canon I.7.

Section 2. Finance Committee

- 1) A Finance Committee shall be appointed by the diocesan Council. Its membership and governance shall be as specified by the by-laws of the diocesan Council. It is vested with the authority prescribed by General Convention canons, Section 1. of this Canon and the Diocesan Council.
- 2) The Finance committee shall set forth the audit procedure to be followed by all Parishes, Missions and other institutions. All audits shall be performed by an independent Certified Public Accountant or an independent Public Accountant or a person authorized by the Finance committee. As with accountants, members of the audit committee must be independent, that is to say, they can not be members of the congregation that they are auditing.
- 3) Audits shall be done annually on report forms prescribed by the finance committee. These audits shall include a general examination of the financial condition of the Church and shall include, but not be limited to: examination of financial reports of all funds; the sufficiency of all related financial records; and the adequacy of insurance of all types. The audit reports must be submitted to the diocesan office on or before September first of each year.
- 4) The failure of a parish to comply with the audit requirement shall constitute grounds upon which the Bishop and Diocesan Council may invoke appropriate procedures to enforce compliance including, as a last resort, the procedures set forth under Sections 13 and 14 of Canon 18 of these canons. The failure of an institution to so comply will subject that institution to Section 10 of Canon 17 of these canons.

Section 3. Insurance

The Finance Committee of the Diocese shall see that all vestries and bishop's committees keep their properties adequately insured.

Section 4. Report to Diocesan Council

Annually the Finance Committee shall report to the Diocesan Council on all matters covered by this canon. In the event that the report shall set forth any areas of non-compliance with this canon, then the Diocesan Council shall take such steps as are necessary to correct the non-compliance.

Section 5. Alienation of Property

- 1) No vestry, bishop's committee, trustee or other body shall encumber or alienate any real property without the prior written consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee. This section shall not apply to property owned by The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral unless it is a consecrated and dedicated church or chapel used solely for Divine Services.
- 2) The Standing Committee, in conjunction with the Diocesan Council, shall establish guidelines and procedures to be followed when applications for encumbrance or alienation of property are being considered in order to assure that the proposed encumbrance or alienation is in the best interest of the congregation and Diocese.

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3) The provisions of this Canon shall not apply to the re-financing of existing loans which do not increase the amount of principal indebtedness.

4) The Diocesan Council may establish a Commission to study and investigate any proposed construction of buildings or additions to existing buildings for the use of a congregation. The reports of said Commission shall be made available to the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council and congregations involved.

Section 6. Lay Pensions

The Diocese, and all parishes, organized missions, and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of the Diocese, shall provide all lay employees who work a minimum of 1,000 hours annually, retirement benefits through participation in the Episcopal Church Lay Employees Retirement Plan or an equivalent plan as approved by the Finance Committee of the Diocese congruent with the guidelines established by the General Convention and Church Pension Fund.

CANON 11
THE CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL

Section 1. Purpose

The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral, a South Dakota corporation, is the holding corporation of the property of the Diocese. Its powers are as delineated by the Articles of Incorporation and the statutes of the State of South Dakota.

Section 2. Governance

1) The officers of the corporation shall be the Bishop, Chancellor and Treasurer. They shall be the Executive Committee of the corporation and, as such, are specifically empowered to transact the legal affairs of the corporation and shall have such other duties as may be specified in the by-laws adopted by the Board of Directors. The executive committee, as such, is authorized to appoint such agents as may be necessary to assist them in the performance of their duties.

2) The officers of the corporation and the Diocesan Council shall constitute the Board of Directors of the corporation which is authorized to adopt such by-laws as necessary for its governance.

Section 3. Annual Report

The officers of the Corporation shall submit to each Annual Convention, a report of the financial condition of the Corporation and any transactions outside the usual course of Corporation business.

CANON 12
THE NIOBRARA DEANERY

Section 1. Niobrara Deanery

The Niobrara Deanery shall include all congregations which are a part of the following Missions: Cheyenne River Mission, Crow Creek Mission, Lower Brule Mission, Pine Ridge Mission, Corn Creek Mission, Rosebud Mission, Santee Mission, Sisseton Mission, Standing Rock Mission, Yankton Mission, plus the following congregations: St. Matthew's, Rapid City; Yankton City, Yankton; St. Mary's and Our Blessed Redeemer, Flandreau; Trinity, Winner; St. James', Mobridge; St. Peter's, Fort Pierre; St. Paul's, Sioux City, Iowa; St. Barnabas, Denver, Colorado; and Prairie Island, Minnesota. In addition, any congregation may petition the Niobrara Deanery for admission thereto or withdrawal therefrom, and if approved by a majority vote of the Niobrara Deanery in convocation, the same shall be submitted to the next succeeding Annual Convention of the Diocese for approval, at which time such congregation shall be added to or deleted from the roll of mission fields or congregations of the Niobrara Deanery.

Section 2. Annual Niobrara Convocation

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- 1) There shall be an annual Convocation of all congregations of the Niobrara Deanery, at such place as may be designated by the preceding Niobrara Convocation based upon rotation to each Mission. The Niobrara Convocation Officers shall set the time with the consent of the Bishop and the host church. In the event that the Convocation cannot, for any reason, be held at either the time or the place previously set, then the Convocation Officers change the time or the place or both with the consent of the Bishop.
- 2) The Niobrara Convocation shall meet for worship, fellowship, consideration of resolutions, development of policies, planning, training, ordinations, discussion and decision-making, and of other matters pertinent to the people of the Niobrara Deanery and shall act on any major policy or program affecting the people of the Niobrara Deanery.
- 3) Delegates to the Niobrara Convocation from each congregation of the Niobrara Deanery shall be elected by those congregations. Those delegates shall be the official delegates to the Niobrara Convocation. Whenever a Mission or Congregation is admitted to membership in the Niobrara it may be represented by delegates to the three Men, Women and Youth meetings.
- 4) All resolutions which are to be considered official actions of the Niobrara Convocation shall first be presented to the Resolutions Committee, which shall prepare the same for presentation to the Convocation in such form that is not in conflict with any canon or resolution of the General Convention or Diocese.
- 5) Any Canon or resolution to be submitted by the Convocation to the Diocesan Convention shall be submitted in the manner provided by canon.
- 6) The Convocation shall elect one representative to the Diocesan Council for a four year term.

Section 3. Officers

The Niobrara Convocation Officers shall be the Itancan, Vice-Itancan, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms. The terms of the officers shall be set out in the by-laws of the Niobrara Convocation. If any office shall become vacant, the Niobrara Council shall appoint a successor to serve until the next Niobrara Convocation, whereupon a successor shall be elected for the balance of the vacant term.

Section 4. Duties of Niobrara Convocation Officers

- 1) The Itancan shall preside at joint sessions of the Niobrara Convocation, all meetings of the Niobrara Council, and all meetings of the Niobrara Convocation Officers. The Itancan shall appoint the membership of all committees and groups created by the resolutions of the Niobrara Convocation and Council, subject to confirmation by the Niobrara Council, provided, that between meetings of the Niobrara Council, such confirmation shall be by the Niobrara Convocation Officers.
- 2) The Vice-Itancan shall assume the duties of the Itancan during the absence or disability of the Itancan.
- 3) The secretary shall keep the minutes of all joint sessions of the Niobrara Convocation, the meetings of the Niobrara Council and the Niobrara Convocation Officers and shall keep records of all correspondence and other items of business.
- 4) The Treasurer shall keep all moneys and make all disbursements of the funds of the Niobrara Convocation, Niobrara Council and Niobrara Convocation Officers and shall keep records of the same and prepare financial reports as requested by the Niobrara Convocation, Niobrara Council or Diocesan Council. The local treasurer appointed by the local convocation committee shall be responsible to the Treasurer and shall make such financial reports as the Treasurer, Niobrara Council or Diocesan Council may request. Such local treasurer shall be responsible to follow such accounting procedures as may be required by the Treasurer in accordance with General Convention and Diocesan Canons.

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5) The Sergeant-at-Arms shall assist the Itancan in keeping order at all joint sessions of the Convocation and at all meetings of the Niobrara Council and shall see that all business is accomplished in accordance with the rules of order approved by the Convocation or the Council, act as interpreter at all meetings and shall be responsible for the counting of all votes taken at all meetings. The Sergeant-at-Arms can appoint additional persons to assist in the performance of the duties of the office.

6) The Niobrara Convocation Officers shall transact the business of the Convocation and the Niobrara Council between all meetings thereof, and shall have such other responsibilities and duties as may be imposed by the Niobrara Convocation and Niobrara Council. They shall set the agenda for the Convocation and Council as may be necessary.

Section 5. Meetings of Men, Women and Youth

Separate meetings of the Men, Women, and Youth may be held at the Convocation. Officers of those separate meetings shall be elected by those meetings. The presiding officer may be designated as Itancan of that particular meeting. The same shall be true of the other officers of that meeting. However, when the term Itancan is used by itself, it shall refer only to the Convocation Itancan. The same distinction shall be true of the other Niobrara Convocation Officers.

Section 6. The Niobrara Council

1) The Niobrara Council shall be established and will act on behalf of the Niobrara Convocation and the congregations and Missions within the Niobrara Deanery between Convocations.

2) The Niobrara Council shall be comprised of the Niobrara Convocation Officers, the Diocesan Council representative from the Convocation, all clergy serving the Niobrara field, and two lay persons and one alternate lay person elected by those Missions and congregations listed in Section 1 of this canon, and the Men's Itancan, Women's Itancan, and Youth Itancan.

3) The Niobrara Convocation Officers shall be the officers of the Niobrara Council.

4) The Niobrara Council shall meet not less than twice each year. Special meetings may be called by the Itancan, Niobrara Convocation Officers or the Bishop. The time and place for meetings of the Niobrara Council shall be set by the Niobrara Convocation Officers. Notice of the time and place of all meetings must be given to the members not less than fifteen days prior to the date of the meeting.

5) The Niobrara Council shall be responsible to the Niobrara Convocation and shall represent the Niobrara Convocation in such actions, determinations of policy and other decisions as may be appropriate between sessions of Niobrara Convocation and shall be its representative, as needed, to the Diocesan Council and Convention. The Niobrara Council can initiate and execute new programs it deems necessary and its income shall warrant. Such interim programs may be modified by the Convocation.

6) The Niobrara Council shall serve as the planning Committee in consultation with the host mission, for the annual Niobrara Convocation.

Section 7. By-Laws

The Niobrara Convocation Offices may propose by-laws and amendments thereto for the governance of the Niobrara Convocation, the Niobrara Council, and the Niobrara Convocation Officers, which before becoming effective shall be considered by the respective bodies who may amend, alter, reject or adopt the same. Such by-laws shall be submitted to the Chancellor for examination as to their canonical form and acceptability.

Section 8. Mission Council

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- 1) Each Mission Field with the Niobrara Deanery may establish a Mission Council or other comparable structure on each mission to enable the separate congregations to work together.
- 2) The Mission Council, or other comparable structure, shall be composed of lay representatives from the congregations and the clergy and staff serving that particular Mission.
- 3) The Mission Council, or comparable structure, shall be concerned with the planning and programs of the Mission, along with the financial resources, staff arrangements, land and properties, priorities and other powers and duties as determined by the Niobrara Convocation or Diocesan Council.

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CANON 13
REGIONAL DEANERY

Section 1. Number and Composition

The Diocese shall be divided into geographical regional deaneries. The Diocesan Council, in consultation with the Regional Councils affected, shall determine from time to time, the number of Regional Deaneries, together with their boundaries and names.

Section 2: Membership and Leadership

Each Deanery will have a Regional Council.

- 1) The Bishop shall appoint a Convener every two years for each Regional Deanery.
- 2) Lay delegates to Diocesan Convention (or Alternate should a delegate be unable to attend), elected each year, will also be delegates to the Regional Council in the deanery of which their congregation is a member.
- 3) All clergy in the Deanery shall be delegates to the Regional Council of that Deanery.
- 4) The deanery-elected representative to Diocesan Council shall be a member of the Regional Council.
- 5) In the event that a Regional Deanery shall encompass no more than one mission council as defined in Canon 12-5 and no more than two other congregations, that Regional Deanery may combine Regional Council and Mission Council into one body providing that the Mission Council and vestries or Bishop's committees of the other congregations concur.

Section 3: Duties

- 1) The Regional Council shall elect a representative to Diocesan Council for a term of four years.
- 2) The Regional Council shall be responsible to see that the programs of the Church and Diocese are being carried out in the Regional Deanery.
- 3) The Regional Council may develop a strategy of church work, church extension and activities, ministry development and related endeavors in the Regional Deanery and administer the programs and directives to attain it. After the development of such plans the same shall be presented annually to the Diocesan Council. The Regional Council may generate funding within its own Regional Deanery for the support of such previously approved plans.
- 4) Rules or activities of the Regional Council shall not be in conflict with the General Convention or Diocesan Constitution and Canons.

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CANON 14
COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Section 1. Membership

There shall be a Commission on Ministry consisting of at least nine members, of which of the total, at least half shall be canonically resident clergy. The members shall be nominated by the Bishop and confirmed by the Diocesan Council.

Section 2. Term

The term of a member shall be for a period of four years and that member shall take office at the first meeting of the Commission after election.

Section 3. Duties

The Commission on Ministry shall have such duties as are designated by General Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons and the Diocesan Council. After approved by the Bishop the Commission shall adopt such rules as necessary to carry out their duties. The Commission shall have authority to establish a Board of Examining Chaplains and such other committees as necessary to carry out its duties subject to the prior approval of the Bishop.

Annually the Commission shall submit to the Diocesan Council its plans for ministry development for approval. As the same are approved, the Diocesan Council may implement such plans as far as is feasible.

The Commission shall be responsible for the correlation and supervision of all training programs, involving ordination and canonically authorized lay ministries and may, from time to time, establish standards for such training programs.

The Commission shall develop a program for the development, training, utilization and affirmation of lay ministries including the identification of gifts, skills training, theological education and spiritual information. Annually the commission shall report to the diocesan Council on the program.

Section 4. Officers and Quorum

The Commission shall have a Chair or Co-Chairs from its membership selected by the Bishop or if the Bishop so desires, by the membership itself. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the total membership.

Section 5. Vacancies

- 1) A vacancy occurring in the membership shall be filled by the Bishop for the unexpired term subject to confirmation by the Diocesan Council.
- 2) Absence from two successive meetings of the commission on Ministry shall be deemed a vacancy and be filled as herein provided.

CANON 15
ECCLESIASTICAL DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Title IV of General Canons. Those provisions of Title IV of the General Canons which are applicable to the Diocese are hereby incorporated as part of this Canon. The provisions of Title IV and those of this Canon shall be interpreted harmoniously to give effect to all such provisions, wherever possible. In any instance where Title IV prohibits modification or variance, to the extent, if any, that any of the provisions of this Canon are in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of Title IV, the provisions of Title IV shall govern.

Section 2. Discipline Structure.

1) Disciplinary Board. The Board shall consist of fifteen persons eight of whom shall be priests or deacons and seven of whom shall be laypersons.

(a) The Bishop shall select the members of the Disciplinary Board in the following manner. From among the voting members of the Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee members, the Bishop shall eliminate from consideration any person who is prohibited from serving on the Disciplinary Board. From the persons remaining the Bishop shall select by lot eight (8) persons who are priests or deacons and seven (7) persons who are lay people. If there are not a sufficient number of eligible people to fill out the Disciplinary Board, then the Bishop shall appoint the required number of additional persons of the appropriate order to fill out the Disciplinary Board. These additional appointees must not be prohibited under Title IV from serving on the Disciplinary Board and must be either lay persons who are adult communicants in good standing in a congregation of this Diocese or priests or deacons who are canonically resident in this diocese. This selection shall be made annually within ten (10) business days of the close of the Diocesan Convention.

(b) Once selected, members of the Discipline Board shall continue in office until the next annual selection except as noted below.

(c) Once a case has been referred to the Reference Panel, the members of the Reference Panel shall continue to serve as the Reference Panel for that case and members of the Disciplinary Board for that case until such time as that case reaches final resolution or they are disqualified as required by this Canon or Title IV.

(d) Once Impaneled for a case the members of the Conference Panel and Hearing Panel assigned to that case shall continue to be members of the Disciplinary Board for that case and members of their respective Panels for that case until such time as the case reaches final resolution or they are disqualified as required by this Canon or Title IV.

(e) If at any time a clergy member of the Disciplinary Board shall cease to be canonically resident in the diocese or a lay member of the Disciplinary Board shall cease to be a communicant in good standing of a congregation in this diocese, that member shall be automatically disqualified from any current case and shall cease to be a member of the Disciplinary Board and the President of the Disciplinary Board shall proceed to fill the vacancy as directed by this canon.

2) Vacancies. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled as follows:

(a) Upon the determination that a vacancy exists, the President of the Board shall notify the Bishop of the vacancy and request the appointment of a replacement member of the same order as the member to be replaced.

(b) If any members of the Diocesan Council or Standing Committee who were randomly removed from consideration as members of the Disciplinary Board are of the same order as the member to be replaced, then the Bishop shall randomly select one of these persons to serve on the Disciplinary Board.

(c) If no person of the required order remains to be selected from the Diocesan Council or the Standing Committee, then the Bishop shall select a person of the required order who must be eligible for election to the Diocesan Council who, upon confirmation by the Reference Panel, shall serve on the Disciplinary Board.

(d) With respect to a vacancy created for any reason other than pursuant to a disqualification or a challenge as provided below, the term of any person selected as a replacement Disciplinary Board member shall be until the next annual selection. With respect to a vacancy resulting from a disqualification or a challenge, the replacement Disciplinary Board member shall serve only for the proceedings for which the Disciplinary Board member is not serving as a result of the disqualification or challenge.

3) President. The Bishop shall appoint a President, a first Vice President, and a second Vice President of the Disciplinary Board from among the membership thereof. If the President is disqualified from serving on any case, the first Vice President shall immediately assume the duties of the President for that case. If the first Vice President shall be disqualified from the same case, then the second Vice President shall assume the duties of the President for that case. If one of the two Vice Presidents is selected to serve on either the

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Conference Panel or the Hearing Panel, the other Vice President may not serve on either of those panels for that case.

4) Intake Officer. The Intake Officer shall be appointed from time to time by the Bishop. The Bishop may appoint one or more Intake Officers according to the needs of the Diocese. The Bishop shall publish the name(s) and contact information of the Intake Officer(s) throughout the Diocese.

5) Investigator. The Bishop shall appoint an Investigator in consultation with the President of the Board. The Investigator may, but need not, be a Member of the Church.

6) Church Attorney. Within sixty (60) days following each annual Convention, the Bishop in consultation with the Standing Committee shall appoint an attorney to serve as Church Attorney to serve for the following calendar year. The person so selected must be a Member of the Church and a duly licensed attorney, but need not reside within the Diocese.

7) Pastoral Response Coordinator. The Bishop may appoint a Pastoral Response Coordinator to serve at the will of the Bishop in coordinating the delivery of appropriate pastoral responses provided for in Title IV.8 of the General Canons and this Canon. The Pastoral Response Coordinator may be the Intake Officer, but shall not be a person serving in any other appointed or elected capacity under this Canon.

8) Advisors. In each proceeding under Title IV, the Bishop shall appoint an Advisor for the Complainant and an Advisor for the Respondent. Persons serving as Advisors shall hold no other appointed or elected position provided for under this Canon, and shall not include chancellors or vice chancellors of this Diocese or any person likely to be called as a witness in the proceeding.

9) Clerk. If one has not been previously appointed, the President of the Disciplinary Board shall appoint a Board Clerk to assist the Board with records management and administrative support within two business days of the delivery of an intake report to the Reference Panel. The Clerk may be a member of the Board. The Clerk serves at the will of the President of the Disciplinary Board.

10) Impanelment When directed to do so by Canon IV.6.7, the President of the Disciplinary Board shall randomly select three members of the Disciplinary Board, at least one of whom shall be a lay person and at least one of whom shall be a priest or deacon, to serve on the Hearing Panel for that case. The President shall then randomly select three members of the Disciplinary Board to serve as the Conference Panel for this case. The President of the Disciplinary Board shall then select a president for each Panel from the membership of that Panel. The selection of presidents for the Panels is left to the discretion of the President of the Disciplinary Board. All these selections shall be made in the presence of the Clerk of the Disciplinary Board who shall assure that they are properly recorded and the impaneled members notified.

11) Preserving Impartiality. In any proceeding under this Canon or Title IV, if any member of a Conference Panel or Hearing Panel of the Disciplinary Board shall become aware of a personal conflict of interest or undue bias, that member shall immediately disqualify himself or herself, notify the President of the Disciplinary Board, and request a replacement member of the Panel. The Respondent and the Church Attorney shall have the right to challenge any member of a Panel for conflict of interest or undue bias by motion to the Panel for disqualification of the challenged member. The members of the Panel not the subjects of the challenge shall promptly consider the motion and determine whether the challenged Panel member shall be disqualified from participating in that proceeding. These provisions are in addition to those found in Canon IV.19.14. If there are not a sufficient number of members of the Disciplinary Board remaining to fill vacancies in any Panel, then the President shall request that the Bishop appoint additional members to the Disciplinary Board who shall serve for this case only under the provisions for filling vacancies found in this canon.

Section 3. Costs and Expenses.

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The reasonable costs and expenses of the Board, the Intake Officer, the Investigator, the Church Attorney, the Board Clerk, the Advisors and the Pastoral Response Coordinator shall be the obligation of the Diocese, subject to budgetary constraints as may be established by Diocesan Convention and Diocesan Council.

Section 4. Records.

1) Records of Proceedings. Records of active proceedings before the Disciplinary Board, including the period of any pending appeal, shall be preserved and maintained in the custody of the Clerk, if there be one, otherwise by the Diocesan offices.

2) Permanent Records. The Bishop shall make provision for the permanent storage of records of all proceedings under this Canon at the Diocese and the Archives of the Episcopal Church, as prescribed in Title IV of the General Canons.

Section 5. Transitional Provisions

The effective date of this canon shall be July 1, 2011. Any matter which is pending under the predecessor to this canon on that date shall proceed as directed in the transitional provisions of Title IV. Except as required for the purpose of addressing matters pending upon that date, the predecessor to this canon shall stand repealed on the effective date of this canon. The Bishop shall make such initial appointments as are necessary to implement this canon on or before June 30, 2011 using the methods provided in this canon.

CANON 17
OF DIOCESAN INSTITUTIONS

Section 1. Diocesan Institutions Must Qualify as Such

No Institution shall represent itself to be an institution of the Church within the boundaries of this Diocese for any purpose whatsoever unless it shall qualify and shall continue thereafter to qualify as a Diocesan Institution as provided herein.

Section 2. Method of Qualification

To qualify as a Diocesan Institution, any institution of the Church within this Diocese shall secure the written consent to such qualification from the Bishop and Diocesan Council, shall be incorporated as a charitable nonprofit corporation of the State of South Dakota, shall duly maintain such corporate status, shall adopt Articles of Incorporation and by-laws which are in accord with and expressly accede to the Constitutions and Canons of the General Convention and the Diocese of South Dakota, shall secure the written approval of the Chancellor with respect to the form of its Articles of Incorporation and by-laws, and shall be accepted as a Diocesan Institution by a majority vote of the Convention.

Section 3. Amendment to Articles and By-laws

No Diocesan Institution shall amend or restate its Articles of Incorporation, seek Articles of Dissolution, or amend, alter or repeal its by-laws without the written consent of the Bishop and Diocesan Council, nor unless the form of the amendment, restatement, alteration or repeal of either the Articles or by-laws shall have been approved in writing by the Chancellor.

Section 4. Required Provisions in Articles

The Articles of Incorporation of Diocesan Institutions and the Charters of their auxiliaries shall contain the following provisions:

1) The Bishop shall be a member ex-officio of the Board of Directors of the Diocesan Institution.

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2) No less than a three-fourths majority of the Board of Directors of the Diocesan Institution and its auxiliaries must be confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing eighteen years of age or over and canonically or physically resident in this Diocese.

3) The Diocesan Institution shall not alienate or encumber nor incur any indebtedness nor enter into any undertaking or contract which might tend to alienate or encumber any real property belonging to it without first obtaining the written consent of the Bishop and the Diocesan Council and if the property involves a consecrated and dedicated church or chapel used solely for Divine Services, the consent of the standing committee must in addition, be obtained.

4) Unless specially exempted therefrom, the Diocesan Institution shall submit to the Diocesan Council semi-annual statements of financial condition in such form as the Diocesan Council shall specify.

Section 5. Bishop is Visitor of Diocesan Institutions

The Bishop shall be the Visitor of all Diocesan Institutions with Ordinary jurisdiction over the Chapels and Houses of Worship belonging thereto, provided, however, that severally and by rescript, the Bishop may delegate the faculty to bishops and priests canonically resident in the diocese.

Section 6. Use of Clergymen Not Canonically Resident

No Diocesan Institution shall employ the services of an extra diocesan bishop or priest nor invite the same to officiate in this Diocese without first obtaining the consent of the Bishop.

Section 7. Annual Reports

Each Diocesan Institution shall make a written report to the Annual Convention setting forth its financial status and activities during the preceding year. No institution shall receive funding or support, directly or indirectly, from the Diocese unless it shall be in compliance with this Canon.

Section 8. Recognition of Status of Diocesan Institutions

Upon the qualification of a Diocesan Institution pursuant to this Canon, the Bishop shall formally recognize its status and declare its affiliation with the Church as a Diocesan Institution.

Section 9. Diocese Not Responsible for Institutional Obligations

The fact that an organization is, is recognized as, or is declared to be a Diocesan Institution shall not be taken to mean, nor shall it in any manner imply, that the institution is financed or supported by the Diocese, or that the Diocese, the Bishop, or the Diocesan Council is in any manner liable or responsible for its debts or obligations.

Section 10. Dissolution of Diocesan Institutions and Conveyance of Property

1) The Bishop, with the advice of the Convention, and the consent of a two-thirds majority of those members and delegates present and voting at any meeting thereof, may dissolve the organization of any Diocesan Institution, provided that written notice of the intention so to do shall have been given to the members of the Convention as provided for notice in the amendment of canons.

2) At the time of such dissolution, the appropriate offices of the Diocesan Institution shall forthwith execute any and all documents necessary to convey and transfer all of its property, both real and personal, to The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral, a corporation, and shall commence and carry to conclusion all steps necessary to dissolve the corporate structure of the institution under the laws of the State of South Dakota.

CANON 18
PARISHES

Section 1. Formation

The formation of a parish is vested in the Diocesan Convention upon recommendation of the Diocesan Council.

Section 2. Requirements for Establishing a Parish

An Organized Mission which has been in existence for five years or more and has demonstrated to the diocesan Council its ability to support itself adequately for the two years last past, including the payment of full stipend to its Vicar in an amount not less than that paid to mission clergy, who have served a comparable length of time, or the ability to pay the same, the payment of all pension and medical insurance payments, satisfactory provision for the housing of the Vicar, and for all other normal benefits, the payment to the Diocese of an amount for diocesan and general church support satisfactory to the Diocesan Council, the provision of a suitable place of worship, the defrayment of its other operating expenses together with a suitable place of worship, the defrayment of its other operating expenses together with a suitable contribution to the missionary program of the Diocese and the General Church from its own local resources without assistance from diocesan funds may be organized into a Parish in the manner provided by the provisions of this Canon.

Section 3. Application to Bishop

A petition, in such form as is prescribed by the diocesan Council, shall be submitted to the Bishop signed by not less than thirty persons who shall be adult members of the Church in good standing. If the Diocesan Council is satisfied that such congregation meets all of the requisites for establishing a parish it shall submit the same to the next annual Convention for approval.

Section 4. Combining Two or More Congregations

A petition, in such form as is prescribed by the Bishop, and confirmed by the Chancellor, for two or more congregations to form into one parish, shall be submitted to the Bishop signed by not less than ten persons from each congregation of the age of majority of whom at least five shall be members of the Church in good standing.

If the Diocesan Council is satisfied that there has been full accord between the congregations as to governance and any matter affecting the relationship between the congregations and that it otherwise meets the requisites for establishing a parish, it shall submit the same to the next annual Convention for approval.

Section 5. Failure to Remain Self-Supporting

1) When a parish ceases to be self-supporting the vestry must consult with the Diocesan Council, and if it is necessary, in the decision of the Diocesan Council, shall have its designation changed by the Diocesan Council to an Organized Mission. At such time as such congregation becomes again self-supporting the Diocesan Council may change its designation to a parish. The Diocesan Council shall establish such guidelines as it deems necessary for the change of designation to an Organized Mission or the return to a parish designation.

2) If the parish shall fail to pay the rector the salary as required in Section 2 of this canon for three consecutive years, the Convention may, if recommended by the diocesan Council, change the parish designation to an Organized Mission. For the purposes of this section dual parishes shall be considered as a single parish and non-stipendiary clerical income from all sources shall be included in calculating the salary paid by the parish.

Section 6. Title to Property

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Title to property shall be vested in the parish subject to such restrictions as may be placed thereon by General Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons.

Section 7. Governance

The governance of a parish shall be in the vestry, consisting of the rector, wardens and vestrypersons.

Section 8. Selection of Rectors and Assistant Clergy

1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of Rector of a parish it shall be the responsibility of the Wardens to promptly notify the Bishop and seek his counsel. If the authorities of the Parish shall, for thirty days, fail to make provision for services of public worship, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to take such measures as may be deemed expedient for the temporary conduct of public worship.

2) No election of a Rector shall be made by a vestry until the name of the Priest proposed to be elected has been submitted to the Bishop. The Bishop shall, within thirty days, communicate with the Vestry thereon. No election shall be held until that communication has been considered by the Parish or Vestry at a meeting duly called and held for that purpose.

3) Written notice of the election, signed by the Wardens, shall be forwarded to the Ecclesiastical Authority, and if satisfied that the person chosen is a duly qualified Priest and has accepted the office, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall forward the notice of election to the Secretary of the Convention who shall record it, which record shall be sufficient evidence of the relation between the Priest and the Parish.

4) Assistant clergy shall be selected by the rector subject to the approval of the vestry. The name of the proposed assistant shall be submitted to the Bishop who shall within thirty days communicate with the rector and vestry thereon as to Bishop's position on the same.

5) No Deacon, except one in training for the Priesthood, and no Suffragan Bishop, while acting as such, shall be in charge of a Parish or Congregation.

Section 9. Incorporation of Parishes

Any parish may incorporate pursuant to the laws of the State of South Dakota but no parish shall file Articles of Incorporation without the written consent of the Bishop and the diocesan council, not unless such Articles of Incorporation be in accord with and accede expressly to the general Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons, and shall have received the written approval, with respect to form, of the Chancellor. No parish shall amend or restate its Articles of Incorporation without the written consent of the bishop and the Diocesan Council nor unless the form of the amendment or restatement be approved in writing by the Chancellor.

Section 10. Requirements in Articles

Any parish incorporating under the provisions of these canons shall include in its Articles of Incorporation a declaration that all acts of the corporation and the receiving, holding and disposition of all the property of the corporation and all the objects, purposes and powers of the corporation and their exercise shall be subject to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of The Episcopal Church and to its Constitution and Canons, and to the Constitution and Canons of The Diocese of South Dakota, as now in effect and as hereafter, from time to time, may be amended, revised or adopted.

Section 11. Duties of the Parish Treasurer

The Treasurer of each parish shall submit to the vestry a monthly statement of receipts, disbursements and cash or equivalent on hand in such form as the vestry may direct. In addition the Treasurer shall submit to the Bishop and the Diocesan Council all such reports and other financial information as may be required from time to time.

Section 12. Voluntary Reversion to Mission Status

A Parish may revert to mission status in the following manner:

- 1) The parish shall present to the Bishop a petition, which shall set forth the reasons why mission status is desired, and shall be signed by the rector, if there be one, and by a majority of the vestry.
- 2) Upon receipt of any such petition, the Bishop shall refer the same to the Finance Committee which shall prepare and file with the Bishop a report in writing.
- 3) The Bishop shall forward copies of all such reports to the Rector of the parish, if there be one, or if not to the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Clerk of the Vestry and to the Diocesan Council and thereafter the diocesan Council shall fix a time and place for hearing the petition, giving due notice thereof to the Rector, if there be one, the Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Clerk of the Vestry, and, in such manner as appears reasonable under the circumstances, to the congregation of the parish.
- 4) At the hearing the Bishop and the Diocesan Council shall jointly consider the petition, the report of the Finance Committee, and all other information which may then be presented, and thereafter the Bishop shall, with the advice and consent of the diocesan Council enter a judgment reverting the Parish to mission status or refusing such reversion.

Section 13. When Bishop May Dissolve a Parish

The Bishop may act to dissolve a parish on his own motion in the following manner:

- 1) When in the preliminary opinion of the Bishop a parish has ceased or may have ceased to meet any one of the requirements of parish status as set forth in Canon 18-2, and such opinion together with the facts upon which it is based has been set forth in writing by the Bishop, the Bishop shall refer the writing to the Finance Committee who shall prepare and file with the Bishop a report in writing.
- 2) The Bishop shall forward copies of all such reports to the Rector of the parish, if there be one, or if not, to the Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Clerk of the Vestry, and to the Diocesan Council, and thereafter the Diocesan Council shall fix a time and place for hearing the matter, giving 90 days notice thereof to the Rector, if there be one, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden and Clerk of the Vestry, and in such manner as appears reasonable under the circumstances, to the congregation of the parish.
- 3) At the hearing the Bishop and Diocesan Council shall jointly consider the matter, the report of the Finance Committee and all other information which may then be presented and thereafter the Bishop shall, with the advice and consent of the Diocesan Council, enter a judgment dissolving the parochial organization or refusing such dissolution.

Section 14. Transfer of Title and Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of a parish:

- 1) If the dissolved parish has been incorporated and if the Bishop has organized it as a mission, title to all of its property, both real and personal, shall remain in the corporation, but the directors of the corporation shall forthwith adopt or see to the adoption of such amendments to its Articles of Incorporation, by-laws and name as shall be requisite to reflect the change in status from parish to mission.
- 2) If the dissolved parish has not been incorporated and if the Bishop has organized it as a mission, and if the parish held title to any personal property with the consent of the Bishop pursuant to these canons then, if the Bishop shall continue to so consent, the mission may continue to hold title to such personal property. Under the foregoing circumstances, if the Bishop shall withdraw or fail to renew his consent, title to all such personal property shall be forthwith transferred and conveyed to The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral.

3) If the dissolved parish has not been organized as a mission by the Bishop, title to all property, both real and personal, held by and for it shall be forthwith transferred to The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral. Under the foregoing circumstances, if the dissolved parish was incorporated, the officers and directors or trustees of the corporation shall forthwith take such steps as shall be requisite to wholly dissolve corporate existence.

CANON 19
ORGANIZED MISSIONS AND MISSION STATIONS

Section 1. Establishment

Organized Missions and Mission Stations may be established by the Annual Convention or the Diocesan Council.

Section 2. Governance

The governance of an Organized Mission shall be in the Bishop and a Bishop's Committee. After consultation with the Bishop's Committee, the Bishop shall appoint a Vicar who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Bishop.

Section 3. Bishop's Committee

At the annual meeting, a Bishop's Committee shall be elected subject to confirmation by the Bishop. It shall consist of the Vicar, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and not less than one nor more than eight other persons. The Bishop's Committee shall appoint a Clerk and Treasurer who are not members of the Bishop's Committee, but who shall be in attendance at its meetings. Meetings of the Bishop's Committee shall be held with the Vicar present, except that they can be held in the Vicar's absence if the Vicar has been previously notified of the meeting and has given approval for its holding. All members of the Bishop's Committee must be confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing. The congregation shall establish terms for the various members of the Bishop's Committee not to exceed three years in length.

Vacancies in the membership of the Bishop's Committee shall be filled by the remaining members of the Bishop's Committee.

Section 4. Financial Responsibilities

1) The congregation through the Bishop's Committee will raise such sums as are sufficient for the payment of the repairs, maintenance, insurance, and utilities of the church property used by the congregation together with its equitable share, considering its available income, for the support of the Diocese and its programs.

2) Services must be held by the Vicar, a deacon assigned, or a licensed lay reader, not less than once each month.

3) The Bishop's Committee, when undertaking any business or course of action, beyond its ordinary activities, must first receive the approval of the Bishop.

Section 5. Title to Property

Title to the property of an Organized Mission shall be vested in The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral.

Section 6. Mission Stations

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Any congregation which is unable to comply with the financial or service requirements of an Organized Mission shall be considered to be a Mission Station. The governance of a Mission Station shall be vested in the Mission Council of which the Mission Station is a member, but it may have, in the discretion of the Mission Council, a treasurer. In the event that a Mission Station is not a member of a Mission Council, then the supervision of the Mission Station shall be vested with the Bishop. Mission Stations shall hold services not less than four times each year and in addition shall be available for instruction, preaching, and administration of the sacraments. All mission Stations shall be responsible, considering its available income, to provide its equitable share for the support of the Diocese and its programs.

Section 7. Responsibility of Treasurer

The treasurers of all Organized Missions and Mission Stations that are a part of a Mission Council shall, in addition to the monthly reports to the Bishop's Committee, submit quarterly reports to the Mission Council showing all income received and disbursements made during the period. In the event the treasurer of the organized Mission or Mission Station shall not make such reports in a timely manner, the Mission Council may authorize the treasurer of the Mission Council to assume the duties of the treasurer of the Organized Mission or Mission Station until such matter has been resolved. In the event that the Organized Mission or Mission Station is not a member of a mission council, the treasurer shall submit such quarterly reports to the diocesan Finance Committee. In the event that such reports are not made in a timely manner, the Finance Committee may authorize a different person to act as treasurer until the matter has been resolved.

CANON 20
PAROCHIAL MISSIONS

Section 1. Establishment

Upon the recommendation of the Rector and Vestry, a Parish Meeting may approve establishment of a Parochial Mission.

Section 2. Requirements

Before submission to a Parish Meeting, the Vestry must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Prepare a plan for the organization, structure, and governance of the Parochial Mission, its method of financial support, the relation of the Parochial Mission and its communicants to the parish, its location, and such other items as may be requested by the Bishop and Diocesan Council.
- 2) Submit the plan to the Region Deanery Council and the Standing Committee for their recommendations to the Bishop and Diocesan Council.
- 3) Secure the approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council of the plan acting in consultation with the Standing Committee.

Section 3. Method of Amendment of Plan

Once the plan has been approved by the Bishop and Diocesan Council, it may be amended or modified only with the consent of the Vestry and the approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council.

Section 4. Clergy in Charge

The Vicar of the Parochial Mission, if any, together with all other clergy serving the Parochial Mission shall be deemed assistants to the Rector of the Parish.

Section 5. Recognition by and Representation to the Convention

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A Parochial Mission which has been established as herein provided, may be recognized by the Annual Convention as such, and if so recognized, shall be entitled to representation to the convention to the same extent as Organized Missions of the Diocese.

Section 6. Title to Property

Title to Parochial Mission Property, both real and personal, shall be vested in the Parish. A Parochial Mission shall not be incorporated. It may subsequently be admitted as an Organized Mission, subject to such conditions regarding title to the property as may be agreed upon between the Diocese and the Parish.

Section 7. Parish Responsible for Obligations

The Parish shall at all times be responsible and liable to the Diocese and to third parties for the obligations of the Parochial Mission.

Section 8. Powers of Annual Convention

The Annual Convention may, if recommended by the Diocesan Council, by action applicable to all Parochial Missions, make such changes in their organization, structure, status or representation in the Annual Convention, as it may deem proper; or it may terminate, if recommended by the Diocesan Council, the existence as a separate entity any Parochial Mission.

CANON 21
ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1. Time and Place

An annual meeting of every parish and organized mission must be held in November, December or January or at any other time to which such may be adjourned. Special meetings may be called by the Bishop, the Rector or Vicar, a Warden or two Vestrypersons or Bishop's Committee members.

Section 2. Notice of Meeting

Notice of the time, place, qualification of voters and purpose of the meeting shall be given at two or more regular Sunday services preceding the date of the meeting, unless other notice by directed by the Bishop.

Section 3. Presiding Officer

The Bishop, Rector or Vicar shall preside at such meetings except that they may designate a Warden to preside. In their absence a Warden, or a Vestry or Bishop's Committee member, in order of seniority, shall preside.

Section 4. Order of Business

The items of business which must be transacted at the annual meeting of the congregation are:

- 1) Minutes of last annual and all intervening special meetings.
- 2) Financial report of the church.
- 3) Reports of Secretaries and Treasurers of organizations.
- 4) Election of Wardens and Vestrypersons.

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5) Election of Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Region Deanery Assembly. This election may also be held at any meeting of the congregation.

Section 5. Qualifications of Voters and Election Contest

- 1) Qualified voters must be adult communicants of this Church in good standing.
- 2) In the event of a contest, an election shall be by secret ballot.

CANON 22
VESTRIES OF PARISHES

Section 1. Composition

A vestry shall consist of the Rector, two Wardens, and not less than three nor more than eleven Vestrypersons as shall be set by the by-laws.

Section 2. Qualifications of Wardens and Vestrypersons

Wardens and vestrypersons must be confirmed adult lay communicants of this Church in good standing sixteen years of age or over and regular contributors to the support of the congregation by pledge or otherwise.

Section 3. Elections

- 1) The wardens and vestrypersons shall be elected at the annual parish meeting. Wardens shall be elected for a one year term and vestrypersons for three year terms. In the election of vestrypersons, one third of the membership, or as close thereto as feasible, shall be elected annually, in order to facilitate a rotating vestry. If the present articles of incorporation of a parish direct election in a different manner, not in conflict with General Convention canons, the same is hereby permitted.
- 2) If the by-laws of the parish so provide, it shall be permissible for one Warden to be nominated by the rector. This nomination is subject to confirmation by the annual meeting.

Section 4. Vacancies

- 1) Vacancies in the office of warden or vestryperson may be filled by the remaining members of the vestry. If the by-laws have permitted the nomination of a warden by a rector and a vacancy has occurred in that office then the rector shall nominate the successor which is subject to confirmation by other members of the vestry.
- 2) In the event of three successive absences to meetings of the vestry by a warden or vestryperson, the same is deemed a vacancy in that office and shall be filled as herein provided for other vacancies. Said vacancy shall not be filled by the same person who previously held the position.

Section 5. By-Laws

By-laws shall be adopted by the annual meeting or by the vestry for the conduct of the affairs of the parish. A copy of such by-laws together with the articles of incorporation and any revisions thereto must be filed with the diocesan office, and are to be done in accordance with canons 18-9 and 18-10.

Section 6. Meetings

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Regular meetings shall be held not less than bi-monthly at a time and place fixed by the vestry. Special meetings may be called by the Bishop, the Rector, a Warden, or two Vestry members. The method of notice for these meetings shall be provided in the by-laws. All meetings must be held with the rector present, except that they can be held in the rector's absence if the rector has been previously notified of the meeting and has not objected to the meeting being held.

CANON 23
ANNUAL REPORTS AND RECORDS

Section 1. Financial Reports

At the annual meeting of every parish, organized mission or parochial mission, a financial report must be submitted by the Treasurer showing receipts and disbursements and assets and liabilities. Treasurer of other church organizations must submit like reports.

Section 2. Fiscal Year

The calendar year shall be the fiscal year for all in this Diocese.

Section 3. Parochial Reports

Annual parochial reports shall be submitted by every parish, organized mission and parochial mission, and if necessary mission stations, to the diocese in the manner and form prescribed by General Convention Canons.

In the event that all parochial reports have not been filed as required under General Convention Canon I.6.1 prior to an annual or special convention, the delegates from that church shall not be certified as delegates until all such reports have been filed.

Section 4. Parish Register

Every parish, organized mission, mission station, and parochial mission shall have and maintain a permanent parish register.

CANON 24
FINANCE

Section 1. Annual Assessment

It is the obligation of each parish, organized mission, mission station and parochial mission to pledge to the diocese each year a specific amount for the support of the diocese. In the event of the failure to pledge its fair share of the amount necessary for the support of the diocese, the Diocesan Council is empowered to assess such parish, organized mission, parochial mission, or mission station in such year a specific amount for diocesan support and extra diocesan purposes.

Section 2. Payment to Diocese

- 1) It is the duty of each parish, organized mission, parochial mission, or mission station to make payment of its pledge or assessment on a pro-rated monthly basis and to make provision for its payment by canvass or other proper method.
- 2) All payments on the pledge or assessment shall be sent to the diocesan office. All special offerings shall be so designated.

CANON 25
PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE LAITY

Section 1. Absence from Holy Eucharist

Any communicant willfully absent from Holy Eucharist for one year may be requested by the clergy person to give a reason for such absence; and the clergy person shall use all possible means to secure the return of the delinquent to duty. Such communicant, however, shall not be repelled from the Holy Eucharist for such cause; nor shall the name be stricken from the list of communicants, but the lapse from the Church shall be noted on the Parish Register opposite the name.

Section 2. Abandonment of the Communion of this Church

A lay person who abandons the Communion of this Church by formal admission into a body not in communion with this Church and who receives sacramental ministrations habitually or as a matter of practice from a body not in communion with this Church, shall forfeit the rights and privileges of communicant status in this Church. Such person shall be recorded as lapsed in the Parish Register, and reported to the Bishop who may have the person removed in accordance with the procedures contained in this Canon.

Section 3. Restoration of Lay Person

A lay person who has been removed from the Communion of this Church and seeks to be restored to full communion and fellowship in this Church shall apply to his parish priest for re-admission. The priest shall inform the Bishop of this desire, and proceed according to the instructions of the Bishop.

Section 4. Notice To Be Given

At least fourteen days before any lay person can be denied the sacraments or receive other discipline of the Church a notice in writing shall be delivered to that lay person in person or by mail which shall set forth the reasons for the denial or discipline. The said writing shall include in its information the rights of the lay person to appeal to the Bishop. The fourteen-day period shall commence on the day after personal delivery or mailing.

Section 5. Appeal To Bishop

A lay person who has received notice of the denial of sacraments or other discipline as set forth under Section 4. hereof may appeal in writing to the Bishop. Such appeal must be made within seven days after receipt of the said notice. If the appeal is made the discipline to be imposed shall await the decision of the Bishop.

The Bishop shall constitute a Board of Inquiry consisting of one presbyter and two lay persons, with the Chancellor as advisor, who shall inquire into the matter and make appropriate recommendations to aid the Bishop in the decision. In no instance shall the sacraments be refused to a penitent at the point of death.

CANON 26
PASTORAL CARE OF CLERGY, VESTRIES AND CONGREGATIONS

When an issue arises which imperils the pastoral relationship through disagreement or dissension between the Rector and the Vestry, or members of the congregation, and the issue is deemed serious by the majority of the Vestry or by the Rector, the party deeming it serious may petition the Ecclesiastical Authority, in writing, to intervene and assist the parties to attempt to resolve the disagreement. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall initiate proceedings as said Authority deems appropriate for that purpose, which may include the appointment of a consultant. The parties to the disagreement, following the procedures established by the Ecclesiastical Authority, shall work in good faith so that the parties maybe reconciled.

Whenever the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority, it shall request the Bishop or a neighboring Diocese to perform the duties of the Ecclesiastical Authority under this Canon.

CANON 27
OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE PASTORAL RELATION
AND OF DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN CLERGY AND CONGREGATIONS

Section 1. Relationship Between Rector and Vestry

Except upon mandatory resignation by reason of age, a Rector may not resign as Rector of a parish without the consent of its Vestry, nor may any Rector, who is canonically and lawfully elected and in charge of a Parish, be removed therefrom by the Vestry against the Rector's will, except as hereinafter provided in the Canon.

Section 2. Notice to the Ecclesiastical Authority

Whenever there shall be any serious difference or protracted controversy between a Rector or settled clergyperson and the Vestry or Bishop's Committee which cannot be amicably settled between themselves or if for any urgent reason a Rector or Vestry desires a dissolution of the pastoral relation, upon which the parties cannot agree, then in either such instance either party shall give notice in writing to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the diocese. In the event that the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority, then it shall request the Bishop of another Diocese to perform the duties of the Bishop under this Canon.

Section 3. Mediation and Appointment of Advisory Committee

Within thirty days of receipt of the written notice the Ecclesiastical Authority shall appoint one Presbyter and one Lay Person, neither of whom may be members of the Congregation involved, with the Chancellor as an advisor, who shall make a written report to the Bishop stating the nature of the dispute, and the respective positions of the Vestry and the Rector. Such report shall be delivered to the Bishop, the Rector and the Vestry as soon as possible, but in no case later than thirty days after their appointment. Within ten days of the receipt of the report, the Bishop shall initiate mediation proceedings and each of the parties shall participate in such mediation in good faith and labor for an amicable resolution of differences. Each party shall be entitled to have representation in such mediation proceedings.

Section 4. Procedures if Differences Not Resolved

If the differences after the completion of the mediation process are not resolved, as evidenced by written notice thereof to the Bishop from either of the parties, then the Bishop shall proceed as follows:

- 1) Within thirty days after such notice, the Bishop shall conduct a hearing with regard to the differences between the parties. The Bishop shall fix a date, time and place therefore, shall notify the parties thereof or a representative thereof and shall conduct such hearing by allowing each party thereof or a representative thereof, to present a statement of position and the reasons therefore. No testimony or other evidence shall be presented at such hearing, unless allowed by the Bishop for compelling reasons and in the interest of justice.
- 2) As soon as reasonably possible, but in no case later than thirty days after the conclusion of the hearing as provided in Section 4.2 above, the Bishop shall render a Godly judgment, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee.
- 3) A copy of the judgment shall be furnished to each of the parties, and shall be available for public inspection.

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- 4) In the instance of a Parish, if the pastoral relation is to be continued, the Bishop shall require the parties to agree on definitions of responsibility and accountability for the parties.
- 5) In the instance of a Parish, if the relation between the parties is to be dissolved:
 - i) The Bishop shall direct the Secretary of the Convention to record the dissolution.
 - ii) The judgment shall include such terms and conditions, including financial settlements as shall seem to the Bishop compassionate and just.

Section 5. Bishop to Provide Supportive Services to Parties

In the instance of either dissolution or otherwise the Bishop shall offer appropriate supportive services to the Priest and the Parish.

Section 6. Imposition of Penalties

In the event of the failure or refusal of either party to comply with the terms of the judgment, the Bishop may act as follows:

- 1) In the case of a Rector of a Parish, inhibit the Rector from the exercise of the priestly office until the Priest shall comply with the judgment.
- 2) In the case of a Vestry, invoke any sanctions afforded by the Canons of this Diocese including, with the approval of the Diocesan Council, that the Parish be placed under the supervision of the Bishop as an Organized Mission church until it has complied with the judgment.

Section 7. Extension of Time Periods

For cause, the Bishop may extend the time periods specified in this Canon, provided that all be done to expedite the proceedings. All parties shall be notified in writing of the length of any extension.

Section 8. Limitations on Matters in Proceedings

- 1) Statements made during the course of proceedings under this Canon are neither discoverable nor admissible in any proceedings under General Convention Canon IV provided that this does not require the exclusion of evidence in any proceedings under the canons of the General Convention or the Diocese which is otherwise discoverable and admissible merely because it was also presented in proceedings under this Canon.
- 2) In the course of proceedings under this Canon, if a charge is made by the Vestry against the Rector that could give rise to a disciplinary proceeding under General Convention Canon IV.1, all proceedings under this Canon shall be suspended until the charge has been resolved or withdrawn.
- 3) All provisions in this Canon that relate to dissolution shall apply only to Rectors and Parishes and their Vestries. Nothing in this Canon shall in any way limit the authority of the Bishop in the operation of the ministry in the mission churches and congregations of the Diocese.

CANON 28
DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these Canons where the following terms are used, they are defined as follows:

- 1) "Vicar" – denotes a minister in charge whether ordained as a priest or deacon. In the event that the minister in charge is a lay person then he shall be known as a "lay minister."

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- 2) “Ecclesiastical Authority” – denotes the Bishop, but if that office is vacant, the duties shall be performed by the Standing Committee of the Diocese in consultation with the Diocesan Council.
- 3) “Cleric” – shall include all ordained bishops, priests and deacons.
- 4) “Member” – a person who has received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, whether in this Church or in another Christian Church, and whose baptism has been duly recorded in this Church, is a member thereof.
- 5) “Adult Member” – a member sixteen years of age or over.
- 6) “Communicant” – a member of this Church who has received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding year.
- 7) “Adult Communicant” – a communicant sixteen years of age or over.
- 8) “Communicant in Good Standing” – a communicant who has been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and has been faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.
- 9) “Confirmed Member” – is
 - i) Any person who is baptized in this Church as an adult and receives the laying on of hands by the Bishop at Baptism is be considered as both baptized and confirmed, or
 - ii) Any person who is baptized in this Church as an adult and at some time after the Baptism receives the laying on of hands by the Bishop in the Re-affirmation of Baptismal Vows, is to be considered as both baptized and confirmed, or
 - iii) Any baptized person who received the laying on of hands at Confirmation by any Bishop in apostolic succession and is received into the Episcopal Church by a Bishop of this Church is to be considered as both baptized and confirmed, or
 - iv) Any baptized person who receives the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church at Confirmation or Reception is to be considered as both baptized and confirmed.

CANON 29
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1. The Church Pension Fund

This Diocese does hereby accede to and adopt the Church Pension Fund as established by the General Convention Constitution and Canons and that such fund so far as it affects this Diocese shall be conducted in accordance with the same.

Section 2. Appointment of Archdeacons and Canons

1) Archdeacon of the Diocese: The Bishop may appoint one Archdeacon of the Diocese. He shall have those powers and duties specified in these canons and such other responsibilities as may be specified by the Bishop in consultation with the Diocesan Council. In the event that there is not an Archdeacon of the Diocese then, in those Canons, where the term Archdeacon or Archdeacon of the Diocese appears, the Bishop, with the concurrence of the Diocesan Council, may appoint another person, either clerical or lay, to so act.

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- 2) Archdeacon of a designated purpose: The Bishop may appoint one or more Archdeacons and shall specify in their appointment their designated purpose.
- 3) The Bishop may appoint one or more Canons of the Cathedral who shall be vested with such ecclesiastical position as shall be specified by the Bishop in the appointment.
- 4) The Bishop may appoint one or more Canons of the Diocese who shall be vested with such authority as may be specified by the Bishop in the appointment. The authority so granted shall be as set forth in the by-laws of the Diocesan Council.

Section 3. Oversight of Parochial Organization

The Rector of every parish and the Vicar of every organized mission or station shall be an ex-officio member and advisor of every organization of that parish or mission.

Section 4. Church Records

The Rector or Vicar shall be the custodian of the Parish Register. If the Cure is vacated, the Parish Register shall be delivered to the Senior Warden.

Section 5. Cathedral of the Diocese

Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is hereby recognized as the Cathedral of the Diocese and the prerogatives, powers and privileges granted to the bishop of the diocese of South Dakota in that Indenture dated February 28, 1891 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Minnehaha County, South Dakota, in Book 51 of Deeds on page 236 are recognized, confirmed and approved.

Section 6. Resolution to Convention

The Procedure for submission and consideration of resolutions to any Diocesan Convention including the method of notice on the same shall be set forth in the Convention Rules of Order. The Convention Committee on Resolutions shall have authority to initiate resolutions. No notice is required for a resolution submitted by a Region Deanery Assembly, the Niobrara Convocation and the Convention Committee on Resolutions.

Section 7. Vacancy Created by Absence

Absence by appointed members of any diocesan commission, committee, board or other group from two consecutive meetings, unless otherwise specified by these canons, shall create a vacancy which may be filled by the Bishop and confirmed by the Diocesan Council. The Diocesan Council, in its by-laws shall provide what percentage of a meeting must be attended by an appointed or elected person in order to permit that person to be counted as attending and allow him to receive remuneration for expenses incurred by him for attendance at that meeting.

Section 8. Meetings Held By Telephone Conference Calls

Unless otherwise provided by General Convention and Diocesan Canons, the Diocesan Council may permit such committees, commissions, boards and the like as it deems advisable to hold meetings by telephone conference call. The method, notice required and conditions for such meetings shall be set forth by the Diocesan Council by its by-laws. Unless otherwise provided by canon the failure of a member to participate in such telephone conference call shall not be deemed an absence from a meeting so as to create a vacancy.

Section 9. Requirements for Committee Membership

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Unless it is otherwise provided in these canons, all members of committees, commissions, boards, and the like, of this Diocese, unless exempted therefrom by the Diocesan Council, must be confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing.

Section 10. Establishing Guidelines for Conduct

The Diocesan Council may adopt with the consent of the Bishop and the concurrence of the Chancellor and with a three-fourths majority vote of all of the remaining voting members, such guidelines as it deems appropriate for the membership on all committees, commissions, boards, and the like to avoid conflicts of interest and other like matters and the members of all such committees, commissions, boards, and the like shall thereafter comply with such guidelines.

Section 12. Clergy employment Not Permitted By Any Entity

No parish, organized mission, mission council, and the like, through its governing bodies or otherwise, shall enter into any employment contracts as such with any members of the clergy. The establishment of such contractual relationships is deemed a violation of General Convention and Diocesan Canons and Anglican theology. Parishes, organized missions, mission councils and the like shall develop and adopt appropriate job descriptions for the member of the clergy involved setting forth the expected relationship between the congregation and the clergyperson. The Diocese, through the Clergy Deployment Officer and Chancellor, and with the approval of the Bishop, shall develop guidelines on job descriptions for use by the various vestries, bishop's committees and councils.

Section 13. Inform Standing Committee of Letters Dimissory Request

At such time as the Bishop shall receive a request for the acceptance of Letters Dimissory, the Bishop shall inform all members of the Standing Committee. In the event that any member shall have credible information concerning the member of the clergy which would form a proper ground of canonical inquiry and presentment, such member shall, within twenty days, inform the Bishop of such information.

CANON 30
AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS

Canons may be enacted, amended or repealed in whole or in part, at any Annual or Special Diocesan Convention by a majority of the delegates, and if a vote by orders is called for, by a majority of delegates in each order. Such proposals must be received in writing by the diocesan Office at least 30 days prior to the upcoming Diocesan Convention.

Notice of the same shall be given by mailing a copy of the proposed amendments and alterations to the delegates, if known, at least 15 days prior to the opening date of the upcoming Convention. Such notice shall be considered sufficient when a copy for each delegate is mailed to the person in charge of each congregation or organization entitled to representation at the Diocesan Convention, who must distribute the same.

The Convention Committee on Canons and the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons shall have authority to initiate amendments and alterations to the Canons. They shall have authority to examine and, if necessary, rewrite any proposed amendment and alteration submitted to bring it into conformance with General and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons. No notice is required on Amendments and Alterations which are submitted by Region Deanery Assemblies, the Niobrara Convocation, the convention Committee on Canons, and the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, except that proposals submitted by either the Region Deanery Assemblies or the Niobrara Convocation shall have been submitted to the Diocesan Office to be referred to the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons at least 15 days prior to the opening date of the Convention.

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Any Canon which is enacted or any amendment or repeal of any Canon in whole or in part shall take effect upon the adjournment sine die of the Convention adopting, unless that Canon or amendment or repeal thereof shall in its terms, provide otherwise.

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RULES OF ORDER for the Convention of The Diocese of South Dakota *Amended 2009*

Rule 1 The Rules and Governing Law

- 1.1 The rules of order of the Convention (the "Rules") are subordinate to the Constitutions and Canons of the General Convention and the Diocese of South Dakota ("Diocese"). Any issue of procedure not covered by the foregoing shall be determined by the Chair, subject to appeal of the meeting as provided below.
- 1.2 None of these rules, after adoption, may be suspended without a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.
- 1.3 The Rules shall be in force from Convention to Convention until they are amended by a majority vote of a subsequent Convention at the time of its organization.
- 1.4 In the event of the election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan at any Convention, special rules of order in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention and the Diocese, shall be proposed by the Chancellor to the electing Convention.

Rule 2 Convention Committees

- 2.1 Not less than 60 days in advance of the opening date of the Convention, the President, with the concurrence of the officers of the Diocesan Council, shall appoint from the names of the delegates reported to the diocesan office, except for the Committee on Ballot Tabulation, the following committees of the Convention and shall designate the chair and vice chair thereof, who shall be delegates:
- (a) Constitution and Canons
 - (b) Credentials
 - (c) Dispatch of Business
 - (d) Finance and Budget
 - (e) Nominations
 - (f) Place of Next Convention
 - (g) Resolutions
 - (h) Tabulation of Ballots
- 2.2 The President may appoint such special committees as he deems desirable or as may be directed by the Convention.
- 2.3 The size of all committees shall be determined by the President. In the selection of the membership, consideration must be given to prior service in the Convention and to balanced representation of all members of the Diocese.
- 2.4 A list of the members of each committee shall be distributed to the delegates as soon as may be done

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after appointment.

2.5 The Diocesan Office shall arrange meeting rooms for each committee.

2.6 During the Convention a specific time shall be set when committee hearings and meetings shall be held and no other activities shall be scheduled during those times.

2.7 In the event that a chair shall not call a meeting of the committee or consider a matter properly before it, then the vice chair or a majority of the membership of the committee may call a meeting.

2.8 The time and place of any meeting of a committee shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the floor of the Convention or adjacent thereto by the chair. Also, there shall be noted what items of business are to be considered by the committee.

2.9 The chair of each committee shall appoint from the membership of the committee a secretary who shall record the actions of the committee.

2.10 Within 30 days after the adjournment of the Convention, the chairperson of each committee shall file a report together with all of the records of that committee of the actions and activities of that committee which affected the work of the Convention with the diocesan office. Within 45 days after the adjournment of the Convention, the Secretary of the Convention shall file with the Diocesan Office the minutes of the said Convention together with all pertinent documents.

2.11 The Niobrara Convocation Officers are designated as a continuing Convention committee for the purpose of receiving all resolutions and other related matters concerning the Niobrara Deanery working in conjunction with other Convention committees.

2.12 General Convention Deputies will be a continuing Convention committee and will be given seat and voice at such times as General Convention items are under discussion.

2.13 The President may, in consultation with the officers of the Diocesan Council, authorize any diocesan committee, commission or board to meet in joint session with a committee of the convention on any matter properly before that convention committee, to be referred to as a Joint Committee. The President shall specify what matters that the Joint Committee as such can consider. All members of the Joint Committee shall have voice and vote in those matters. Such committee may make recommendations on those said matters to the Convention. The Joint Committee report shall be made by the Chair of the Convention committee and non-delegate members of the Joint Committee may appear on the floor for the purpose of answering questions put by the delegates but shall not be entitled to make motions, debate or vote.

2.14 The reports of all committees shall be in writing, and shall be received in course, and without motion for acceptance, unless recommitted by a vote of the Convention. All reports recommending or requiring an action or expressions of opinion by the Convention shall be accomplished by resolution of the action of the Convention thereon.

Rule 3
Order of Business

3.1 The order of business shall include the following:

- (a) Opening Prayer
- (b) Report of Committee on Credentials
- (c) Election of Secretary of Convention
- (d) Approval of minutes of prior Conventions
- (e) Communications from President
- (f) Report of Chancellor on Rules of Order
- (g) Report of Dispatch of Business
- (h) Reports of other legislative committees
- (i) Other business

3.2 The order of business may at any time be modified by the Chair, in consultation with the Committee on Dispatch of Business, to accommodate scheduling, timing or other convenience of the Convention, subject to the right of appeal.

Rule 4
Decorum and
General Rules of Procedure

4.1 When the President takes the chair, no member shall stand except to address the chair or do other business of the Convention.

4.2 When the Chair is putting a question, the delegates shall continue in their seats and not hold private discourse.

4.3 When a delegate is to speak to the Convention the delegate shall state the delegate's name and address the chair and be confined to the point under debate or a parliamentary procedure.

4.4 Any member of the diocesan staff, who is not a delegate, may be on the floor of the Convention for the purpose of answering questions put by the delegates or performing such other duties as prescribed by the chair, but shall not have the right to make motions, debate or vote. Such persons shall be registered as members of the diocesan staff.

4.5 The Chair may allow any person or persons even though not a delegate, to appear before the Convention for the purpose of addressing the Convention, or making a report and answering questions thereon, unless otherwise directed by the Convention.

4.6 Issues that require consideration of the Convention may be discussed with or without formal motion. An issue may be resolved by recording (a) the general consensus or "sense of the Convention," or (b) by a formal motion.

4.7 Discussion of any issue is subject to regulation by the Chair to assure adequate consideration of relevant points of view in the best interests of the Convention. The objectives of discussion are to:

- (a) determine the will of the Convention and to articulate decisions for conduct of business;

- are
considered;
- made
known to voting participants and to ensure that appropriate respect is accorded all
persons; and
- (b) assure sufficient discussion and consideration of issues so that all pertinent points of view
(c) maintain at all times the dignity of the meeting so that each recognized speaker's views are
(d) present the consideration of business in a manner understood by all participants.

4.8 When the delegates embrace a course of action by a clear consensus, the Chair may, if there is no objection, state that action upon the issue is resolved by "general consensus" or the "sense of the Convention." A ruling as to general consensus or the sense of the Convention shall be recorded in the minutes as the decision of the Convention.

4.9 Where a sense of the meeting cannot be determined with reasonable certainty, or where by reason of importance of the matter formal approval or a count of the vote is desired, the Chair or any delegate may state the proposal as a motion under these Rules.

4.10 The rules of motion practice shall be applied as a guide to the Chair in disposition of formal motions, which are resolved by a vote of the Convention.

Rule 5 Motion Practice and Precedence

5.1 Under these Rules, motions should be limited to those set forth below. They are grouped into categories and listed in order of precedence. When any motion is pending, any motion listed above it in the list is in order, but those below it are out of order.

5.2 MEETING CONDUCT MOTIONS

(1) Point of Privilege

Characteristics:

- May interrupt a speaker
- Second not required
- Not debatable
- Not amendable
- Resolved by the chair, no vote is required

(2) Point of Procedure

Characteristics:

- May interrupt a speaker
- Second not required
- Not debatable
- Not amendable
- Resolved by the chair, no vote is required

Similar Motion Included: Point of order, point of inquiry

(3) To Appeal a Ruling of the Chair

Characteristics:

- May not interrupt a speaker
- Second required

- Not debatable
- Not amendable
- Majority vote required

Special Note: If a ruling of the Chair is based on governing law (e.g., not a proper subject of the meeting or a matter requiring prior notice), it is not appealable.

(4) To Recess or Adjourn the Meeting

Characteristics:

- May not interrupt a speaker
- Second required
- Debatable
- Amendable
- Majority vote required

5.3 DISPOSITION MOTIONS

(1) To Withdraw a Motion

Characteristics:

- May interrupt a speaker
- Second not required
- Not debatable
- Not amendable
- Resolved by the chair, no vote is required

(2) To Postpone Consideration

Characteristics:

- May not interrupt a speaker
- Second required
- Debatable
- Amendable
- Majority vote required

Similar Motion Included: To table; to postpone indefinitely

(3) To Refer

Characteristics:

- May not interrupt a speaker
- Second required
- Debatable
- Amendable
- Majority vote required

(4) To Amend

Characteristics:

- May not interrupt a speaker
- Second required
- Debatable
- Amendable
- Majority vote required

(5) To Limit, Extend or Close Debate

Characteristics:

- May not interrupt a speaker
- Second required

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- Debatable
- Amendable
- Two-thirds vote required

Similar Motions Included: To move the question; to call the previous question

(6) To Count the Vote

Characteristics:

- May not interrupt a speaker
- Second required
- Not debatable
- Not amendable
- Mandatory when seconded, no vote required

5.4 MAIN MOTIONS – TO TAKE ACTION OR RECONSIDER ACTION TAKEN

Characteristics:

- May not interrupt a speaker
- Second required
- Debatable
- Amendable
- Majority vote required unless a greater vote is prescribed by preempting law

Rule 6
Special Rules for Certain Motions

6.1 No proposed resolution may be submitted for consideration after the close of the first plenary session.

All proposed resolutions shall be referred to a Convention committee by the Chair, in consultation with the Dispatch of Business Committee. Such reference may be appealed in the same manner as a procedural decision of the Chair.

6.2 The budget for the upcoming year shall be presented to the Convention on the first day and any amendments, deletions, additions and final adoption may after presentation be considered. Any motion to amend the budget which increases any item of expense must make provision to reduce in like amount items of the expense side of the budget. Any resolution or motion which would impact the budget must have received the prior approval of the Convention committee on Diocesan Finance and Budget.

6.3 All motions to amend, substitute, initiate or otherwise alter any report, action, or recommendation of any Convention committee or the Diocesan Council must be submitted at the hearings held by the committee, and if no hearings, to the chair of the committee prior to the presentation to the floor.

6.4 When any motion on the floor concerns either directly or indirectly the Constitutions and Canons of the General Convention or the Diocese, the matter shall have received prior approval of the Convention Committee on Constitution and Canons, in consultation with the Chancellor.

6.5 If any motion under discussion contains several distinct propositions the same may, in the discretion of the Chair, be divided at the request of any delegate and a vote taken separately except that a motion to strike out or insert shall be indivisible.

**Rule 7
Elections**

7.1 All elections shall be conducted as provided in these Rules of Order unless otherwise provided by the Constitution and Canons of this diocese.

7.2 On or before March 1st of each year the positions open for election at the upcoming annual Convention shall be made available to the clergy and the *South Dakota ChurchNews*. Prior to August 1st of each year nominations may be submitted to the diocesan office only by Region Deanery Assemblies, the Niobrara Convocation, or a certified Convention delegate, for any position open for election. Such nominations and applicable information shall be made on a form prescribed by the Chancellor. Such nominations shall be reviewed by not less than three members of the Convention Nominating Committee, none of whom may be nominees, who shall, for elections for Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, and Deputies to General Convention and Provincial Synod review the nominating form and if the same is in compliance with the requirements of the nominating form cause the same to be distributed to the delegates prior to the opening session on the second day of the Convention.

7.3 In the event that there are no more nominations than necessary to fill an office, the Secretary shall cast a unanimous ballot for the persons so nominated.

7.4 In the event that there are more nominations than necessary to fill an office, the Committee on Nominations shall cause a ballot to be printed and each delegate shall check the names of the persons whom the delegate desires to select on the various ballots. The order for the placement of nominees on the ballot shall be by lot. No cast ballot shall be valid on which a delegate has voted for more or for less than the number to be elected on that ballot.

7.5 Where only one person may be elected for a particular office, a majority vote is required for election. In the event no candidate receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the person receiving the least number of votes shall be eliminated and the remaining nominees shall be submitted to another ballot, which shall continue in succession until a nominee is elected.

7.6 For offices or positions to be held by multiple persons at one time (such as General Convention deputies), the nominees of the required number receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected in order. If alternates are required, they shall be chosen from those not elected in the order of the most number of votes.

**Rule 8
Voting**

8.1 On motions the Chair shall have the discretion to call for a vote by voice or by hands. All elections, however, shall be done by written ballot.

8.2 Upon the request of any delegate, before or after a voice vote, a hand vote may be requested on any

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motion before the Convention. Upon the request of any two delegates any matter before the Convention shall be submitted to a secret written ballot, except that any member of that committee whose name appears on the ballot or who is a movant of a motion being counted is excluded from such counting.

8.3 A vote by orders may be had upon the request of at least two members of the lay order and two members of the clerical order. All votes by orders shall be by secret ballot.

8.4 The counting of all votes, by ballot or otherwise (except by voice) shall be done by the Tabulation Ballot Committee.

**Rule 9
Adjournment**

Upon completion of the meeting's agenda, if no further business is indicated, the Chair shall adjourn the meeting. Adjournment may be accomplished by motion or announcement of the chair. A motion to adjourn, before or after completion of the agenda, is always in order.

**Rule 10
Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting shall be recorded by or under supervision of the secretary and be submitted for approval at a subsequent meeting. In the absence of the secretary, the chair shall appoint a special secretary of the meeting.

RULES OF ORDER FOR A CONVENTION ELECTING A BISHOP

A. PROCEDURE

1. These Special Rules of Order shall become effective upon their adoption by a majority of the certified delegates voting in each order.
2. All General Rules of Order as adopted by prior conventions are hereby adopted and shall be followed except as otherwise herein provided by these Special Rules of Order. In the event that any other business, other than the electing process shall be under consideration then the General Rules of Order shall be followed.
3. These Special Rules of Order may be amended or suspended after their adoption by the Convention by a two-thirds majority of the certified delegates voting in each order by secret ballot. If the balloting has commenced for the election of a Bishop then no Special Rule of Rules of Order may be amended or suspended without the unanimous consent of the delegates in attendance.
4. These Special Rules of Order shall be continuing for any future election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop except that at the commencement of any future electing convention they may be amended or modified by a simple majority of the certified delegates voting by secret ballot in each order.
5. When any voting is done by orders, other than by secret ballot the laity shall vote first, and then the clergy.
6. All forms, ballots and other written instruments as required under these Special Rules of Order shall have been previously approved by the Chancellor as to form.

B. CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES:

No delegate or alternate can be registered as such unless his name shall have been previously certified on the proper diocesan forms from the congregation or group that the delegate or alternate represents in compliance with Canon 2-2-3 and 2-2-5. If an emergency appointment is required it must be done in accordance with Canon 2-2-4 and 2-2-5. Thereafter when a delegate is so certified the Committee on Credentials is authorized to issue such delegate or alternate the proper card. For the purpose of specificity, clerical delegates, lay delegates, and alternates will be issued different colored cards. No alternate can be in the voting area, unless permitted by the Chair, while balloting is under way. Likewise no alternate can vote as a delegate until the Committee on Credentials has approved the transfer of voting cards. The transfer back to the original delegate must likewise be approved. The procedure for handling the process of transfer shall be established by the Committee on Credentials and announced at the Convention.

C. NOMINATION PROCESS:

1. Any delegate may nominate any priest or bishop qualifying under General Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons. No delegate may make more than one nomination. Three minutes shall be allowed to a delegate nominating for the presentation of the nomination.
2. All persons nominated must submit their responses to the questionnaire submitted to them and execute an approved consent form. The date for returning the questionnaire and consent form shall be set by the Diocesan Council.
3. The Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee may, at their option, act as a nominating committee, and submit nominations to the floor in such capacity and shall have three minutes to present each nomination.
4. After all nominations shall have been made, the Chair shall declare the nominations closed, announce the names of the nominees and thereafter no further nominations shall be accepted. All nominations which shall have been made from the floor, other than those submitted by the Diocesan Council and Standing Committee, shall be submitted to the Diocesan Council and Standing Committee to determine if such nominee, is, under Canon and by reputation qualified to so serve. In the event that they should determine that such nominee is not qualified to serve this shall be reported to the convention and the convention shall then decide by majority vote in each order whether to retain the person nominated on the ballot. Such vote shall be by secret ballot.

D. BALLOTS AND COUNTING

1. The Committee on Credentials shall print all ballots. The sequence of the names shall be decided by lot for each separate ballot.
2. There shall be separate ballot boxes provided for each order, and the ballots for each order shall be printed on different colored paper.
3. After balloting has commenced, no motions, points of order and the like shall be made from the floor. All such inquiries shall be made privately to the parliamentarian.
4. After sufficient time has been allowed to the delegates for marking their ballots the delegate shall go to the proper ballot box for that delegate's order, display his credential card to the member of the credential's committee and hand over the ballot which that the credential committee member shall place in the box. The chair may determine, in order to avoid confusion, that after a member has voted the member should leave the chamber until all ballots for that vote have been cast.

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5. At the counting of the first through the third ballot, inclusive, the name of any nominee who fails to receive at least two votes in each order shall be dropped off all succeeding ballots. At the counting of the fourth ballot and all subsequent ballots the name of any nominee who fails to receive at least four votes in each order shall be dropped off all succeeding ballots.

6. In the event that the total number of ballots cast in either order shall exceed the number of certified delegates in that order, the ballot shall not be announced, and the order in which the excessive ballot or ballots shall have been cast, shall ballot again.

7. Any nominee is permitted to withdraw prior to the commencement of the printing of the next ballot. Said nominee or his authorized representative may withdraw by notifying the Chair on the form provided for the same. In the event that the nominee is not going to be present, he may designate, in writing a representative who shall have full authority to withdraw the name of the nominee.

8. A nominee who shall receive two-thirds vote of the certified delegates voting in each order shall be declared by the Chair as elected.

E. DECORUM

1. The floor shall be restricted to those holding delegate credentials by the Credentials Committee. Prior to the commencement of the voting on each ballot the Chair shall assure itself that only delegates are on the floor except for those which the Chair shall have otherwise permitted. The ballots shall thereafter be distributed.

2. No nominee, if a delegate, may be a member of the Committees on Credentials, Dispatch of Business, involved with the collection or counting of ballots, speak to the convention as to the nominee's candidacy, or withdrawal from the same, or announce to the convention assembled after withdrawal, support of any other nominee.

3. It shall be deemed inappropriate for presentations on the floor by any delegate beyond the nomination process.

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