



South Dakota Episcopal

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## “RESCUE RELIEF RECOVERY”

This spring I was asked by Bishop Tarrant to become the

**Diocesan Disaster Preparedness and Response Coordinator.** As a safety consultant and specialist associated at the Homestake Mine, now the Sanford Underground Research Facility, it is a good fit.

Being prepared for a disaster is an important pastoral obligation. By preparing for a disaster, congregations, deaneries, and indeed the entire diocese is demonstrating God’s love for its own members and for surrounding communities.

With wildland fires, tornados, floods, winter storms, and other events that can affect congregations and communities, the phrase “this fragile earth, our island home” from the Book of Common Prayer (see Eucharistic Prayer C, page 370) is received with the utmost seriousness in the Diocese of South Dakota. We know too well that disasters can and do occur – often with little or no warning. But if we prepare, we can face nearly any disaster backed by knowledge, skills and a network that could endeavor to assess and address needs quickly and efficiently.

Though we don’t always want to think about it, one of our roles as a church in the community is to be prepared to be of assistance after a disaster. We plan for four basic reasons:

- To mitigate the damage to our church community’s buildings and belongings;
- To be able to resume the business of the church as soon as possible post-disaster;



- To support our parishioners in times of crisis;
- To assist to our vulnerable neighbors after an emergency.

The role of Episcopal Relief & Development’s US Disaster Program is to inspire, connect and equip leaders of the US Episcopal Church to prepare for hazards

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*"At camp I learned that  
I am a child of God who  
is blessed and loved."*

-- High School Camper

At the March meeting of the House of Bishops the below statement was drafted to share with the larger church. Some of you may have seen it in another context. The past several months of this election cycle has witnessed to some very extreme and vicious attacks on those seeking public service though elected office. These attacks have been launched both by opposing candidates and their supporters.

This certainly is not the first time in American history that the presidential election has been a bit testy. As early as the 1880 election between John Adams and Thomas Jefferson and many elections since have bore witness to highly degrading campaigns, but there seems to be something different this round. The disintegration in public discourse has been increasing over the past couple of decades. It is not that we are nastier than in the past, but our nastiness is spread so much more profusely through the electronic medium we have at our disposal.

The twenty-four hour news cycle causes many outlets to report statements and events worldwide that in the past would have only had local coverage at best. Social media allows anyone with a thought, opinion, or rude comment to post and repost with no thought of consequences for what is being said. Email enables quick and unchecked letters to be sent to any number of people reasonably effortless. Blogs are often used as personal journaling in the public sphere with little thought as to what is said and who might be reading it.

Perhaps, this is a bit of an overstatement, but I have found for my spiritual well being it is best for me to limit my participation in social media sites, reading of blogs and I also limit my intake of news. Most of what is produced by the many media sources, including individual media (Facebook, blogs, email) is relatively harmless; some is actually helpful, but then, often without expecting it, you log on or tune in and you are greeted with rude, thoughtless or even vile communication and it comes right into your place of work, your home or your phone.

As followers of Jesus, we cannot expect to change the new media world in which we live and move and have our being, but we can change the way in which we interact with that world. We can monitor our participation. Above all we can make sure what we say or write is thoughtful and honors the other, honors our baptism and above our honors our God. We will find as we change ourselves, we will alter the world around us. God's peace be with you, John



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

**Episcopal Bishops Issue A Word to the  
Church**

March 15, 2016

*"We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others."*

*On Good Friday the ruling political forces of the day tortured and executed an innocent man. They sacrificed the weak and the blameless to protect their own status and power. On the third day Jesus was raised from the dead, revealing not only their injustice but also unmasking the lie that might makes right.*

*In a country still living under the shadow of the lynching tree, we are troubled by the violent forces being released by this season's political rhetoric. Americans are turning against their neighbors, particularly those on the margins of society. They seek to secure their own safety and security at the expense of others. There is legitimate reason to fear where this rhetoric and the actions arising from it might take us.*

*In this moment, we resemble God's children wandering in the wilderness. We, like they, are struggling to find our way. They turned from following God and worshiped a golden calf constructed from their own wealth. The current rhetoric is leading us to construct a modern false idol out of power and privilege. We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others. No matter where we fall on the political spectrum, we must respect the dignity of every human being and we must seek the common good above all else.*

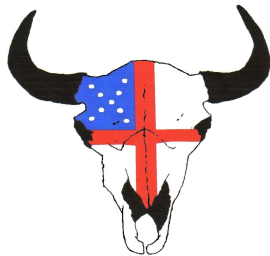
*We call for prayer for our country that a spirit of reconciliation will prevail and we will not betray our true selves.*



## Welcome our newest Ordained Clergy

The Rev. Mikayla Dunfee was ordained on June at the 144th Niobrara Convocation hosted on the Cheyenne River Mission. Mikayla graduated this past May from Yale Divinity School and her home parish was St. Andrew's, Rapid City. She will be the curate, serving the CRM with the Rev. Margaret Watson.

NIORARA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF  
SOUTH DAKOTA

## Ministry Weekends Scheduled for 2016 & 2017

### Mark your calendars!

Sept 16-17 Anti-racism training weekend

Oct 21 & 22 Discernment Retreat in Pierre

Nov 4-5 Dakota Experience East

### 2017 (Tentative)

Feb 19-20 Exegesis (over Presidents weekend)

Mar 10-11 Congregational Speech and Song

Mar 17-18 Dakota Experience West

April 21-22 Self and Community Care

May 21-28 Summer Seminary: Liturgy Practicum

Aug 18-19 Enrichment Weekend (TBA topic)

## Deanery Conveners serving until the 2016 Diocesan Convention.

At the 2014 Convention, Canon 13 on Regional Deaneries was revised and simplified. Pursuant to its new provisions, the Bishop appointed Conveners for each Deanery, for two year terms – though several were appointed for one year in order to stagger the terms.

### Black Hills Deanery

- The Rev. Chris Rousell through 2018

### Central Deanery

- The Rev. Mercy Hobbs through 2016

### Eastern Deanery

- The Rev. Christina O'Hara through 2016

### Northeast Deanery

- The Rev. Charley Chan through 2016

### Northwest Deanery

- The Rev. Margaret Watson through 2017

### Pine Ridge Deanery

- Twilla Two Bulls through 2017

### Rosebud Deanery

- The Rev. Annie Henninger through 2017



Around the Diocese Good Friday Walk 2016 The walk took place at St. James Mission, Enemy Swim

"On each Good Friday for over 40 years the members of St. James Episcopal Mission have participated in a 3 mile Good Friday Walk.

Along the way they make 14 stops one for each of the 14 stations where prayers are said.

The Rev. Les Campbell helps to lead a portion of the Good Friday walk."



### Episcopal Church Women Scholarship Committee

**T**wo \$750.00 Scholarships will be available for Academic Year 2016-2017!

The scholarship money may be used for the purchase of books or partial payment of tuition and fees at any South Dakota University or College or Technical Institute. The money will be sent directly to the college Finance office.

The applicant should indicate whether she is a full-time or part-time student. She must be an active member of any Episcopal Church or Mission within the South Dakota Diocese. Non-traditional students are encouraged to apply.

Application forms are available at the Diocesan website on the Episcopal Church Women's page. If you have difficulty with the website, you can send an email to Sandy Magnavito at the address below.

Sandy Magnavito, M.Ed., Chair  
Phone: 348-0567  
Cell phone: 605-390-7698  
E-mail address: [ahedlupus@aol.com](mailto:ahedlupus@aol.com)

The packet includes:

- ECW Scholarship Guidelines
- Instruction sheet
- ECW Scholarship Application
- NOTE: "Proposed Plan of Study" should be a composition typed on a separate sheet of paper. This should also explain your need for this financial assistance.
- 2 cover letters filled out by the persons writing their letter of recommendation. Each one should be sent to the Chair of the scholarship committee.



You can submit your application and essay by e-mail. The clergy are allowed to email their letters of recommendations. However, the other recommendation should be mailed via US post office.

**DEADLINE IS JULY 31, 2016!**

**ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!**

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that might affect their communities, as well as mitigate the impact of those disasters and help the vulnerable make a full and sustained recovery.

My role as Diocesan Disaster Preparedness and Response Coordinator will be as a facilitator and educator to assist congregations develop their own plans according to their own need.

Part of the plan in the next months will be contacting Deanery leaders, presenting at 2016 clergy conference and ECW gathering. In addition, a table at convention will be set up to provide information and answer questions. Moving forward, in our walk together in the Jesus Movement, mentoring of leaders to work within congregations and communities will begin.

I look forward to meeting with you, as the Spirit leads us, in our endeavors to persevere with this important pastoral care ministry.

# LET US PRAY:

## Prayer for Preparedness and Response

O God, our times are in your hand. In the midst of uncertainty lead us by your never-failing grace as we seek to be agents of healing and hope. Walk with us through difficult times; watch over us in danger; and give to us a spirit of love and compassion for those who suffer and mourn. And finally remind us that you have promised never to leave us so that even in the valley of the shadow of death your love may be felt, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

- The Rev. Lyndon Harris, from the Episcopal Diocese of New York disaster preparedness plan

Your servant in Christ,  
Deacon Thomas F. Regan  
Church of All Angels Spearfish, SD



*Deacon Tom Regan  
attending Disaster Preparedness Training  
April 11 – 14, 2016  
Bosque Conference & Retreat Center,  
Albuquerque, NM*

## Young Adult Retreat at TEC:

All young adults ages 18-35 are welcome to join us for a retreat weekend at TEC  
July 17– July 20  
The cost is \$75 per person

If you are interested in attending this retreat, or have any questions,  
e-mail the Rev. Portia Corbin at [youth.diocese@midconetwork.com](mailto:youth.diocese@midconetwork.com)

## The Rev. Chris Roussell will be our preacher at 2016 Diocesan Convention

**T**he Rev. Chris Roussell and his wife, Alison, are both originally from New Orleans, Louisiana. They have two girls, ages 15 and 13.

Fr. Chris: was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 2003 after earning his Masters of Divinity from Notre Dame School of Theology.

His Holy Orders were accepted by the Episcopal Church in 2013, and was immediately called by Emmanuel Episcopal Church in downtown Rapid City to serve as their pastor.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Fr. Chris serves: on the Board of Directors of Historic Rapid City, serves as an Honorary commander with the Chaplain Division at Ellsworth Air Force Base, serves on the Ethics Committee at Rapid City Regional Hospital, actively attends Chamber of Commerce functions and is a faithful member of the Black Hills Forum and Press Club.

Fr. Chris holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, though his deeper loyalties are to the New Orleans Saints more than the LSU Tigers.

He enjoys traveling with his wife and family as well as photography.

## Jesus Sings Harmony Reunion July 21 - 24, 2016 Thunderhead Episcopal Camp

Friday is a volunteer workday with everyone welcome to participate. We will be doing odd jobs like painting and repair around the camp, and whatever else is needed and within our collectively skill set to accomplish. Saturday will be a day of activities and fellowship.

The reunion is free to attend. There are many options for accommodations, including the cabins, the bedrooms in the Supertent, dry camping on the grounds (tent ), or hotels in nearby towns like Lead. We will have some optional group meals and will ask for donations to cover the food cost. TEC itself is always in need of funding for things like upkeep and camper scholarships so we will also ask for freewill donations from attendees who are able to contribute. TEC/JSH meant a lot to all of us as teenagers and this is a way us to give back and help future generations enjoy the same opportunities we had.

Various activities are currently in the planning stage, including hiking , singing, gong ringing, arts & crafts, old people volleyball, a field trip to a local landmark, and a worship service

What event was it in your life, when you first realized that you were a grown-up?

For some it might have been when you bought your first car; for others perhaps when you had your first child and for some, when you purchased your first home. Any or all of these could be benchmarks that made us keenly aware that we were making a significant transition in our lives, taking on new responsibilities, some of which would be life- changing.

As we mature and struggle with the changes in our own lives and the world around us, we often find ourselves so inundated with “change” as to almost become numb to it, but there are exceptions and one of those is death.

It was just a few weeks ago that, after having spent the day visiting my mom in the nursing home in Vermillion, accompanied by our teenage daughter, that I got “the call” that my mom had died.

You might think that after watching her slowly decline over the past fifteen years I would have been ready and I thought I was ready, but I was not. The sudden transition from being my mom’s youngest child to being an orphan hit me like a ton of bricks and my world was forever changed.

We gathered with friends and family at the Episcopal Church in Vermillion to celebrate her life and grieve her death. I knew I’d cry and laugh, smile and remember but I would also rejoice.

I can say that with confidence because of one thing and one thing only and that is the love of God that I know in Christ Jesus Our Lord. It is only through Jesus’ offering of himself upon the Cross and God raising him from the dead, that we are given the gift of eternal life and the promise that one day we will be reunited with all those we love but see no more.

## News/Happenings Upcoming Events

Just a little reminder that anyone can submit an article and/or photo for the SD Church News. All articles and photo’s are reviewed and edited by myself and/or someone on the Diocesan Staff before printing. You are our best resource for information.

We do not have a Diocesan Staff reporter and therefore depend on you our readers. Below are the deadline dates.

Deadline	Issue
Aug 10	Sept/Oct
Oct 10	Nov/Dec

**Articles are welcome anytime.** If you miss the above deadline still send it in. Articles sent in after the deadline will still be welcomed, reviewed and kept for a later issue.

## Rustic Cabins In The Black Hills

Owned by the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota on land leased since 1922 from the Black Hills National Forest.

Located off the Needles Highway (#87): South of Sylvan Lake—3 m. north of Playhouse Road.

3 screened cabins sleeping 4-6 +, each with an outhouse.

Use 1 cabin or more for a minimum donation of \$30 per night per cabin.

Provided: beds, mattresses, pots, pans, plates, cups, silverware, propane stove and refrigerator, fire-place. Water can be carried from nearby covered spring.



The Bishop's Cabin at Camp Remington

Bring your own: bedding or sleeping bags, blankets, towels, food and beverages, and lighting - fluorescent lanterns, propane lamps, Coleman lanterns with fuel, etc.

Episcopal services at the quaint Chapel of the Transfiguration on Sundays in July through Labor Day at 10:30 a.m.

FOR RESERVATIONS - Call Marlys Fratzke @ 605-494-2020

Check the diocesan website for available dates.

FOR INFORMATION - Call Tony Gonsor at 605-673-2205



Chapel of the Transfiguration

(<http://www.diocesed.org/administration-and-resources-2/camp-remington>)



## 2016 Diocesan Convention Positions Open

**D**iocesan Convention will be held September 30– October 1, 2016 at the Ramkota Hotel in Pierre.

It is the usual course of business for delegates to vote on nominees to fill various positions. This year the following positions will be open for a 4 year term:

**Standing Committee—1 lay person**  
**Standing Committee—1 clergy (priest or deacon)**  
**3 yr. General Convention Deputies**

A nomination form is available below. It will also be posted on the diocesan website ([www.diocesesd.org](http://www.diocesesd.org)) and will be available in the convention mailings to delegates and churches.

\* See the back page for further information on the Standing Committee in South Dakota.

### Nomination Form 2016 Annual Diocesan Convention

**DEADLINE: October 1**

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Congregation/City:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated by:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature)*

\_\_\_ **Yes, I accept this nomination:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature)*

**I nominate this person for:**

#### **Standing Committee (terms expire 2020)**

\_\_\_ 1 Clergy (Priest or Deacon) to fill 4 year term

\_\_\_ 1 Lay person to fill 4 year term

## *Resolutions to Diocesan Convention*

All Resolutions to Diocesan Convention are to be submitted in writing to the Committee on Resolutions through the Diocesan Office. They should be clearly typed. The committee requests that resolutions do not begin with “whereas” but simply state the resolution, followed by the explanation and rationale. The “whereas” is not part of the resolution. This format for resolutions allows for greater clarity as to what the resolution is attempting to communicate.

Resolutions should take the following form.

**Submitted by (name of individual, church, or deanery).**

**RESOLVED, that the One Hundred Thirty-second Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota (state the resolution).**

**RESOLVED (Further resolves may also be stated).**

Explanation: (This is where informative material and rationale for the resolution is inserted. It is used in place of “whereas”)

**Impact on Budget: (This is where an estimate of costs is placed and suggestions for funding)**

\*\*\* The **deadline** for submitting resolutions generated before the pre-Convention deanery meeting is two weeks before those meetings and the deadline for submitting resolutions generated at pre-Convention deanery meetings is no later than the Friday following those meetings.

Sept  
4

### **Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting**

St. Paul’s Church  
726 Sixth Street  
Brookings

3:00 pm—Separate Meetings  
(Eastern & Northeast Deaneries)

4:00 pm—Pre-Convention Meeting

Sept  
10

### **Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting**

Trinity Church  
408 N. Jefferson  
Pierre

2:00 pm—Pre-Convention Meeting

Sept  
11

### **Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting**

St. Andrew’s Church  
910 Soo San  
Rapid City

2:00 pm—Pre-Convention Meeting

## 2016 Convention Registration Form\*

**Return completed form by SEPTEMBER 1st.**

**CHECK ONE:**

Name _____	Clergy Delegate	Lay Delegate	Alternate	Visitor
Last                  First                  MI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

First name is prominent on nametag. How would you like your first name to read? \_\_\_\_\_

***CLERGY**, will you (and guests) be attending the Clergy Conference & Thursday dinner? \_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**  
If **YES**, how many for the meal? \_\_\_\_\_*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip + 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Location/City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Would you sing in the Convention CHOIR? Yes ~ No ~

Do you wish to have an EXHIBIT table? Yes ~ How many tables? \_\_\_\_\_ No ~  
(Set up begins at noon on Friday)

**REGISTRATION FEE:** (includes meals, snacks, and materials. Saturday breakfast is on your own)

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$60** for **Clergy Delegates, Lay Delegates, Alternates, and Visitors**

**PAYMENT:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Payment Enclosed** (make checks/money orders payable to "The Diocese of South Dakota")

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pay at convention.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pay online with credit card (www.diocesesd.org and use Donation/Payment button)

\* You may also register online at [www.diocesesd.org](http://www.diocesesd.org) under Admin/Resources

## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

### REGISTRATION

- Please use only one (1) name per form.
- **Return registration forms (and payment - check or money order) by September 1st to:**  
*The Diocese of South Dakota  
408 N. Jefferson Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501-2626*
- You have the option to **REGISTER ON-LINE** and also to pay on-line on the diocesan website [www.diocesesd.org](http://www.diocesesd.org) (under Admin & Resources)  
Payment is a separate step. Use Donation/Payment button.

*Call (605) 494-2020, or email [office.diocese@midconetwork.com](mailto:office.diocese@midconetwork.com) if you have any questions.*

- Payment is preferred in advance, but can be made on-site at the registration table. However, it is VERY helpful if you at least send the registration form in advance.
- If a congregation needs assistance with registration please contact the Diocesan office.
- Registrants need to check in at the Convention Registration table at the Ramkota to receive packet of materials.
- Delegates (Clergy & Lay) must also check in at the Credentials table after registering.

### MEALS

- Registration fee for Delegates, Alternates, and Visitors includes Fri Picnic, Fri Opening Reception, Sat Lunch, Breaks, and Materials.
- Breakfast is on your own.

### HOUSING:

- Our room block rate at **Ramkota** is guaranteed through **August 26**. Call 605-224-6877 to book; tell them you're with "The Diocese of SD Convention." Rates: \$89.99/night (for 1-4 people) plus tax of 9% and a \$2 room tax the total would be \$100.09 per room
- **DO NOT call the Best Western 800 number. They cannot see room blocks.**
- Alternate lodging is available at area motels.

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY  
Report to 2016 Convention**

The COM is charged canonically to assist the Bishop with recruitment, training, and management of the process of preparation for lay and ordained ministry. The Commission on Ministry (COM) of the Diocese of South Dakota serves under the direction of the Bishop, with members appointed by the Bishop. Both lay and ordained persons serve on the commission. Current members are:

- |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| The Rev. Portia Corbin   | Barb Simpson           |
| Carol Cloud Eagle        | The Ven. Paul Sneve    |
| Shirley Crane            |                        |
| Barbee Hovelson          | Co-Chairs:             |
| The Rev. Michael Johnson | The Rev. Judy Flagstad |
| The Rev. Jean Mornard    | Dottie LeBeau          |
| Linda Simon              |                        |

*COM Activities*

COM usually meets twice a year to review the people in the process, to interview those applying for postulancy, and to make recommendations to the Standing Committee and the Bishop for postulancy, candidacy, and ordination.

Each person in the process has a COM advocate. The advocate keeps in communication with the person during the year and makes a report at each meeting. Each person in the process also has a mentor in their area that works with the educational requirements for ordination, as well as overseeing local ministries. COM also works closely with the Board of Examining Chaplains to ensure that educational components are met.

This year the Commission met with The Ven. Paul Sneve, the head of Niobrara School of Ministry and Chris Corbin, Missioner for Leadership Development. They explained the revamping of Niobrara School of Ministry and how the new process will interface with the Commission Ministry and the ordination process.

Faithfully,  
Dottie LeBeau and Judy Flagstad, Co-Chairs  
Commission on Ministry



Mikayla Dunfee’s Ordination During Niobrara Convocation. (left to right) The Rev. Cornelia Eaton, The Rev. Margaret Watson, The Rev. Mikayla Dunfee, Bishop John Tarrant, Deacon Virginia Bird, & The Rev. Cordelia Red Owl



Above is The Rev. Webster Two Hawk and his wife Marge.

Below is Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve, The Rev. Henrique Fleming And Uhl Donovan. Uhl carved the Niobrara Cross for St. Matthews, Rapid City.



REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(street, city, state and zip code)

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
(number that reaches you easily)

EMAIL ADDRESS  
(please provide) \_\_\_\_\_

ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS  
\_\_\_\_\_

I want to be placed on a waiting list for  
monastery-style lodging (\$35 per night).

I want to apply for a scholarship.

Post-Meeting Training: YES NO Thank you

Altar Guild                       UTO/CPC  
 ECW Leadership

For more information ask your local church  
leader or contact a member of the ECW board.

PLEASE RETURN TO:  
Marcia Himes  
45 Farview Circle,  
Riverton, Wyoming 82501  
rthimes@wyoming.com  
307-850-7217

The Reverend Michelle A. Danson  
The Episcopal Church Women  
Province VI and the Diocese of South Dakota

**Present a Retreat**  
Dates: August 19-20, 2016

**Location:** Friday: St. Matthew's Episcopal  
Church Rapid City, SD

**Saturday:** St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Rapid City, SD

**Times:** SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

*Friday Schedule – St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*

Registration 4–6 p.m.  
Dinner 6 p.m.

Welcome to St. Matthew's 7–7:15 p.m.

Program Session #1:  
The Rev. Danson 7:15–8:30 p.m.

Social Hour 8:30–9:15 p.m.  
Compline 9:15 p.m.

*Saturday Schedule – St. Andrew's Episcopal Church*

Breakfast 8-9 a.m.  
Morning Prayer 9 a.m.

Program Session #2:  
The Rev. Danson 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Break 10:30–10:45 a.m.

Program Session #3:  
The Rev. Danson 10:45–Noon

Lunch Noon–1 p.m.

Province VI Business Meeting 1–3 p.m.

Closing Eucharist, Celebrant  
The Rev. Michelle Danson 3 p.m.

Post-Meeting Training 4–5:30 p.m.

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**Bishop's visitation & travel dates in bold letters**

# Diocesan Calendar

## JULY

- Jul 4    Diocesan Office closed
- Jul 17-20    Young Adult Retreat at TEC
- Jul 17    Bishop visits Sisseton Mission**
- July 24    All Saints, Milkscamp Cemetery Dedication**
- Jul 31    Bishop visits Christ Church Red Shirt Table/ St. John's Oglala**

## AUGUST

- Aug 6    Diocesan Council, Pierre**
- Aug 7    Bishop visits Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls**
- Aug 14    Vacation**
- Aug 10    *ChurchNews* deadline (Sep/Oct issue)
- Aug 28    Bishop visits Christ Church, Milbank**
- Aug 30    FDR Program at Emmanuel**

## SEPTEMBER

- Sept 4    Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, Brookings
- Sept 5    Diocesan Office closed
- Sept 10    Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, Pierre
- Sept 11    St. Thomas, Sturgis**
- Sept 11    Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, St. Andrew's RC
- Sept 14-21    Bishop is at the HOB in Detroit, MI**
- Sept 16-17    Anti-racism training, Trinity Pierre
- Sept 25    Bishop visits Grace, Madison**
- Sept 29-30    Clergy Conference**
- Sept 30- Oct 1    Diocesan Convention, Pierre**

## OCTOBER

- Oct 9    Rosebud, East/Winner/Ideal**
- Oct 10    *ChurchNews* deadline (Nov/Dec issue)
- Oct 16    St. Mary's Webster/Gethsemane Sisseton**
- Oct 21-22    Discernment Retreat, Pierre**
- Oct 23    St. Paul's, Vermillion**
- Oct 30    Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls**

## NOVEMBER

- Nov 1    All Saints Chapel, Sioux Falls**
- Nov 4-5    Dakota Experience, Sioux Falls
- Nov 6    St. Luke's, Hot Springs**
- Nov 11    Diocesan Office closed
- Nov 13    Cheyenne River Mission**
- Nov 20    Bishop visits St. Mark's, Aberdeen**
- Nov 24-25    Diocesan Office closed

## DECEMBER

- Dec 4    Bishop visits Grace, Huron**
- Dec 10    *ChurchNews* deadline (Jan/Feb issue)
- Dec 11    OMMS, Santee, NE Anniversary Service**
- Dec 18    St. Peter's, Ft. Pierre**
- Dec 23-26    Diocesan Office closed



## Standing Committee

*With a Bishop in charge of the Diocese, the Standing Committee shall be the Bishop's Council of Advice. When the Diocese is without a Bishop...the Standing Committee of the diocese shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority as provided by the General Convention Constitution and Canons. The Standing Committee also plays a part in the ordination process and deals with certain property issues.*

*The Standing Committee consists of eight members, and election shall be made by the diocesan convention for a term of four years. Members are entitled to election for two terms. The Standing Committee meets 3-4 times a year, or as needed.*

*A member of Standing Committee is a voting delegate to Annual Convention. A member of Standing Committee is also a member of the Title IV Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board.*

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## Tentative CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### Thursday, September 29

1:00 pm Clergy Conference & Dinner, *Trinity Church*

### FRIDAY, September 30

9:00 am Clergy Conference, *Trinity Church*

10:30 – 3:00 ECW Program, Lunch & Meeting

11:30 – 2:00 Picnic – Steamboat Park

3-7 pm Registration and Credentials, *lobby*

4:30 pm Hosts of Next Convention, *Lake Sharpe A (Black Hills)*

4:00 pm Niobrara Council

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, *Galleria E*

4:30 pm Standing Committee

5:30-7 pm Opening Supper/Reception

7:00 pm Opening Eucharist

8:30 pm Plenary Session I - Initial Business

9:00 pm SC/COM Reception for those in process

### SATURDAY, October 1

8-10 am Registration and Credentials, *lobby*

8:30 am Morning Prayer & Plenary Session II

11:00 am Bishop Address

12:00 pm Lunch buffet

1:30 pm Announcements & Workshops

3:30 pm Plenary Session III—Final business

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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.

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***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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