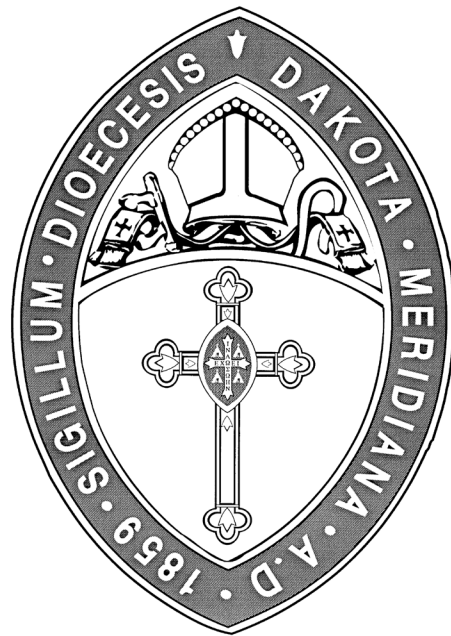


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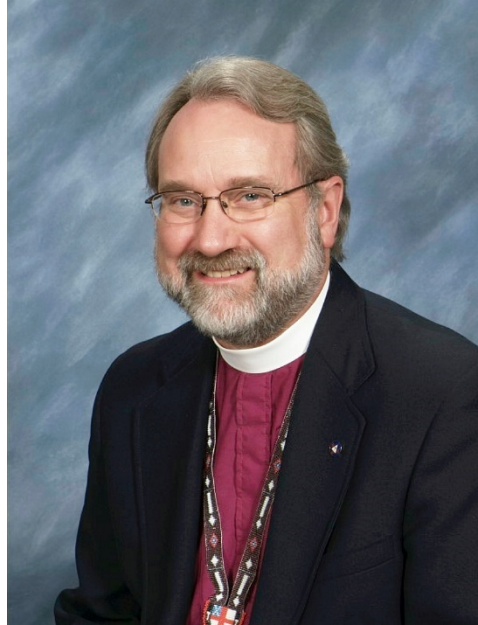
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PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA

September 29-30, 2017

together with the Constitution, Canons, and Rules of Order



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

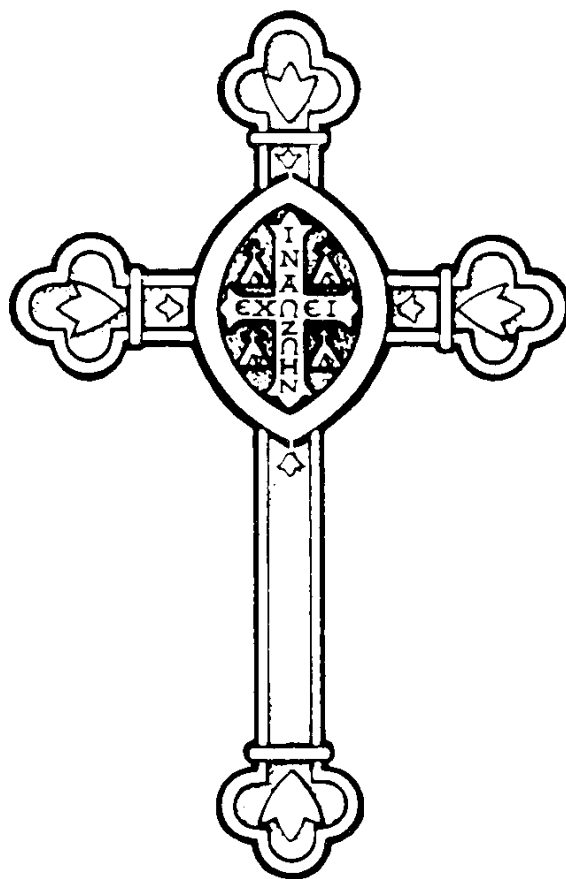
The Right Reverend Conrad H. Gesner, 1945-1954

The Right Reverend Lyman C. Ogilby, 1964-1970

The Right Reverend John T. Tarrant, 2009

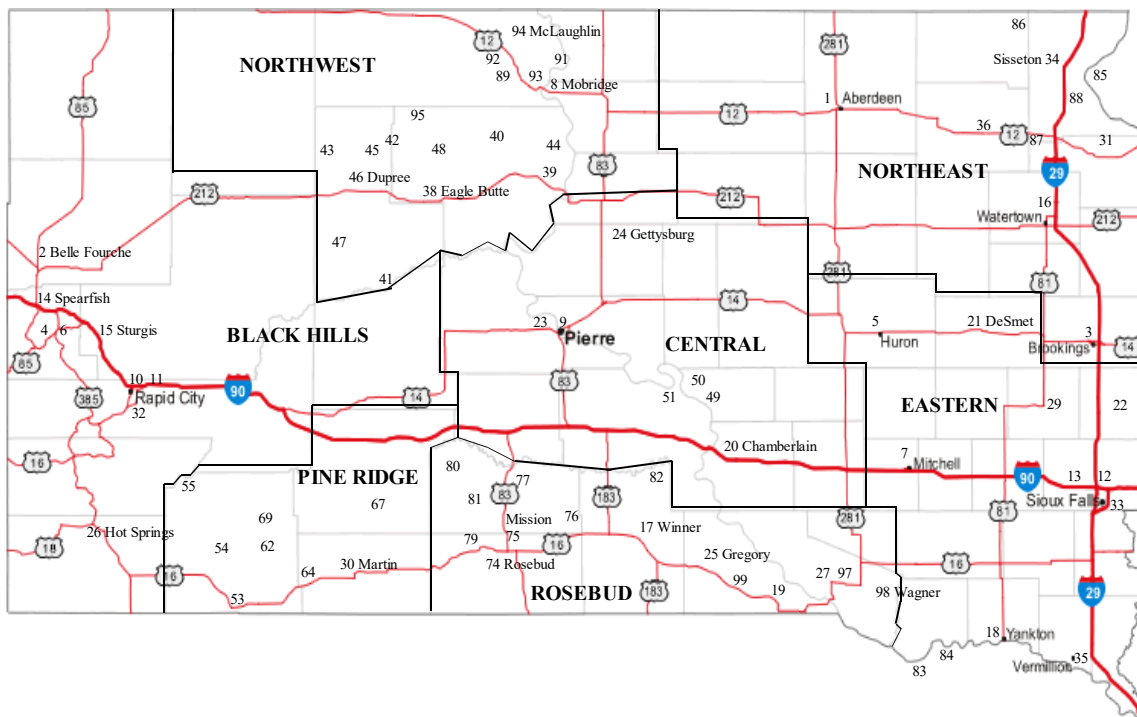
Bishops Assistant

The Right Reverend Frederick Foote Johnson, 1905-1909



DIRECTORY

Deaneries + Churches + Vestries



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

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

Deacon Twilla Two Bulls, Convener

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

Rosebud Deanery

The Reverend Annie Henninger, Convener

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	

2017 CHURCHES AND OFFICERS

PARISHES:

Aberdeen (1) 2017	St. Mark's Church (Zephier) Senior Warden: Mark Marion Junior Warden: Treasurer: Linda Simon Clerk: Barb Ingerson	Mobridge (8)	St. James' Church (Fonder) Senior Warden: Julie Weninger Junior Warden: Rick Jolly Treasurer: Jill Jolly Clerk: Sheila Moser
Belle Fourche (2) (Weaver/Williams/Weaver/Ministry Team)	St. James' Church Senior Warden: Mary Buchholz Junior Warden: Mike Reade' Treasurer: Pat Deering Clerk: Fay Hersey	Pierre (9) 2017	Trinity Church (Hobbs/Flagstad/Walker) Senior Warden: Scott Hipple Junior Warden: Ralph Bush Treasurer: Ann Holzhauser Clerk:
Brookings (3) 2017	St. Paul's Church (Ort) Senior Warden: Chuck Berry Junior Warden: Lee Kratochvil Treasurer: Bob Klein Clerk: Lynn Hublou	Rapid City (10) 2017	Emmanuel Church (Roussell/Bird) Senior Warden: Michael Luciano Junior Warden: Bob Ermish Treasurer: Kim Morey Clerk:
Deadwood (4) 2017	St. John the Baptist Church (Johnson) Senior Warden: Bob Nelson Junior Warden: David Peterson Treasurer: Barbara Allen Clerk: Donna Cotton	Rapid City (11) 2017	St. Andrew's Church (Weidman/Garwood) Senior Warden: Jane O'Leary Junior Warden: Steve Renner Treasurer: Joan Sutton Clerk: Shelli Vallis
Huron (5) 2017	Grace Church (Mornard) Senior Warden: Kelly Alford Junior Warden: Doug Bjorke Treasurer: Marie Wheeler Clerk: Doug Bjorke	Sioux Falls (12) 2017	Calvary Cathedral (Simpson/Pearsall/Pitt-Hart) Senior Warden: Deb Husby Junior Warden: Chuck Trefz Treasurer: Ginny Slechta Clerk: Maureen Fitzgibbons
Lead (6) 2017	Christ Church (Corbin) Senior Warden: Robert Thrall Junior Warden: Saundra Newton Treasurer: Diana Mathisrud Clerk: Susan Medley	Sioux Falls (13) 2017	Church of the Good Shepherd (O'Hara) Senior Warden: Steve Albrecht Junior Warden: John Daucsavage Treasurer: Bill Lenker Clerk: Peg Teslow
Mitchell (7) 2017	St. Mary's Church (Schubert) Senior Warden: Susan Kiepke Junior Warden: Mick Chapman Treasurer: Linda Stokes Clerk: Lisha Vandersteen	Spearfish (14)	Church of All Angels (Riley/Regan) Senior Warden: Marlin Konstant Junior Warden: Bob Mayer Treasurer: Michael Manning Clerk: Liz Manning

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Sturgis (15)
2017
Senior Warden: Mary Wood Fossen
Junior Warden: James Sherman
Treasurer: Donna Trigg
Clerk: Judy Hughes

St. Thomas' Church
(Hill)

Hot Springs (26)
2017 (Vershure/Valandra/Ministry Team)
Senior Warden: Bethany Cook
Junior Warden: Sandra Azinger
Treasurer: Mary Gonsor
Clerk: Lynn Lundquist

St. Luke's Church

Watertown (16)
2017
Senior Warden: Julie Gonsor
Junior Warden: Brenda Boettcher
Treasurer:
Clerk:

Trinity Church
(in transition)

Madison (29)
2017
Senior Warden: Michele Keppen
Junior Warden: Janice Johnson
Treasurer: Kitty Kringen
Clerk: Linda Parks

Grace Church
(Hall)

Winner (17)
2017
Senior Warden: Michael Novak
Junior Warden: Joe Rigney
Treasurer: Patty Novak
Clerk: Marla Leggett

Trinity Church
(Henninger)

Martin (30)
2017
Senior Warden: Janet Speidel
Junior Warden: Steve Livermont
Treasurer: Marva Hicks
Clerk: Anita Hicks

St. Katharine's Church
(Hunt)

Yankton (18)
2017
Senior Warden: Carol Smith
Junior Warden: John Keyes
Treasurer: Dick Unruh
Clerk: Chris Luke

Christ Church
(Pearson/Keyes)

Milbank (31)
2017
Senior Warden: Pat Brotzel
Junior Warden: Jim Voeltz
Treasurer: Pat Brotzel
Clerk: Kim Voeltz

Christ Church
(Paulis)

MISSIONS:
Chamberlain (20)
2017
Senior Warden: Anne Mayer
Junior Warden:
Treasurer: Ron Zingler
Clerk: Sondra Zingler

Christ Church
(West)

Rapid City (32)
2017 (Flemming/Donovan/Hedin)
Senior Warden: Gregg Trask
Junior Warden: Conrad Shroyer
Treasurer: JoAnn Barber
Clerk: Marlene Runs Against

St. Matthew's Church

Flandreau (22) Church of St. Mary & Our Blessed
2017 (Gehant) Redeemer
Sr. Warden: Margo Zephier
Jr. Warden: Gayle Burshiem
Treasurer: Stuart Zephier
Clerk: Jan Zephier

Church of St. Mary & Our Blessed
(Gehant) Redeemer

Sioux Falls (33)
2017
Senior Warden: Barb Ebling
Junior Warden: Joseph Dose
Treasurer/Clerk: Laurel Dose

Church of the Holy Apostles
(Mayen/Mayom)

Fort Pierre (23)
2017
Senior Warden: Mary Ashley
Treasurer: Connie Carlisle
Clerk: Connie Carlisle

St. Peter's Church
(Hussey)

Sisseton (34)
Senior Warden: Bazil Murry
Junior Warden: Lynette DuMarce
Treasurer/Clerk: Wilma Robertson

Gethsemane Church
(Chan)

Gregory (25)
2016
Senior Warden: Francie Johnson
Junior Warden: Bryan Whitepipe
Treasurer: Gerrie Soper

Church of the Incarnation
(Henninger)

Vermillion (35)
2017
Senior Warden: Judith Sebesta
Junior Warden: Jack Neitzke
Treasurer: Stephen Dunn
Clerk: Maxine Johnson

St. Paul's Church
(Sneve)

Webster (36) St. Mary's Church
(Chan)
2017 Senior Warden: Monte Rougemont
Junior Warden: Jim Kurkowski/
Treasurer: Fran Rougemont
Clerk: Fran Rougemont

CHEYENNE RIVER MISSION:

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

Blackfoot (39) Church of the Ascension
(Moreau) (Wastson/Dunfee)
Senior Warden: Louella Marshall

White Horse (40) Emmanuel Church
2017 (Watson/Dunfee)
Senior Warden: Richard Mound
Junior Warden:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MNI SOSE CLUSTER:

Ft Thompson (49) Christ Church
2017 (West)
Senior Warden: Terry Quilt
Junior Warden: Carol Quilt
Treasurer: Armond Olson
Clerk: Carole Quilt

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

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

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
2017 (West)
Senior Warden: Jean Bolmon
Junior Warden: Enis Altamirano
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

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

Porcupine (62) St. Julia's Church
(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
(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

ROSEBUD MISSION EAST:

Herrick (99) All Saints Church
2017 (Henninger)
Senior Warden: Shirley Cole
Junior Warden: Mike Cole
Treasurer/Clerk: Twila Emme

Okreek (76) Calvary Church
2017 (Henninger)
Senior Warden: Pete Haukaas
Junior Warden: Dennis Roubideaux
Treasurer: Marsha Haukaas
Clerk: Isabelle Wright

Ideal (82) Church of the Holy Spirit
(Henninger)
Senior Warden: Charles Long Crow
Junior Warden: Larry Long Crow
Treasurer/Clerk: Marla Liggett

ROSEBUD MISSION WEST:

Rosebud (74) Church of Jesus
2017 (Stanley)

Senior Warden: Judy Compton
Junior Warden: Paul Paulhamas
Clerk/Treasurer: Karen Eagle

Mission (75) Trinity Church
2017 (Stanley)

Senior Warden: Errol Geboe
Junior Warden: Julie Roubideaux
Clerk/Treasurer: Elizabeth Castro

White River (77) St. Phillip & St. James Station
2017 (Two Hawk)

Senior Warden: Wilma Janis
Treasurer: Fremont Fallis
Clerk: Phyllis Cadu

Soldier Creek (78) Grace Church Station
2017 (Stanley)

Senior Warden: Phyllis Provencial
Treasurer/Jr. Warden: Hayden Espinoza

Parmelee (79) Church of the Holy Innocents
2017 (Stanley)

Senior Warden: Zollie Moran
Junior Warden: Richard Kills In Water
Treasurer: Lynette Good Voice

Norris (80) St. Paul's Church
2017 (Stanley)

Senior Warden: Darlene Allard
Junior Warden: Kris Wooden Knife
Treasurer: Lynette Good Voice

Corn Creek (81) St. Thomas' Church
2017 (Stanley)

YANKTON/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

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

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: Firesteel (95)

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

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

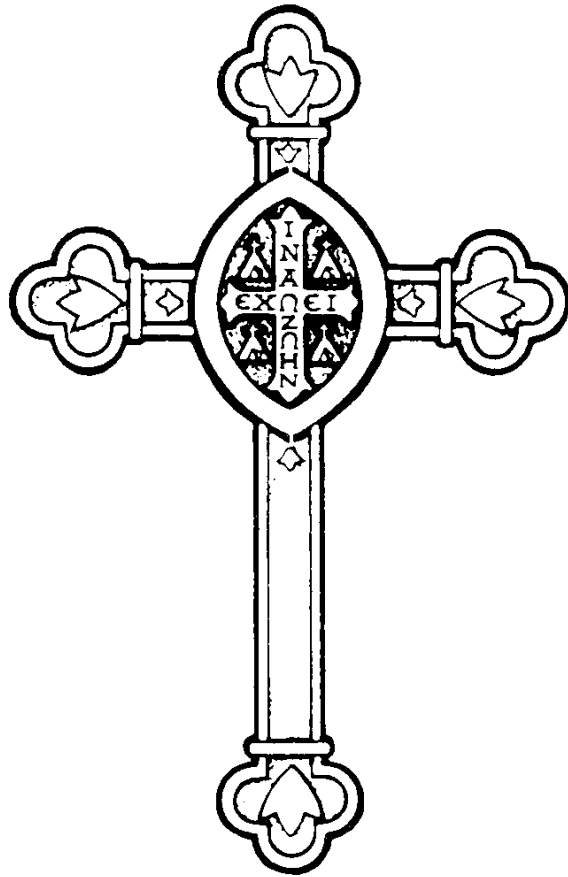
Wakpala (91) St. Elizabeth's Church
(Fonder)
Warden: Wayne Jones
Treasurer: Gladys Hawk
Clerk: Margie Hawk

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

Mobridge (8) St. James
(Fonder)
Sr. Warden: Julie Weninger
Jr. Warden: Lynden Jolly
Treasurer: Lynden Jolly
Clerk: Sheila Moser



THE CONVENTION

THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA 2017

Clergy Canonical Resident in state					
BISHOP			Born	Deacon	Priest
John T. Tarrant, Sioux Falls	Diocese of So.Dak.	Cons. 2009	1952	1983	1984
PRIESTS AND DEACONS					
<i>Bird, Virginia L.-</i> Rapid City		Ord. 1987	1950	1987	--
<i>Cameron, David A.-</i> Rapid City, Retired 2006		Rec'd 1987	1947	1974	1975
<i>Campbell, Leslie R.-</i> Waubay, Retired 2004		Rec'd 1989	1938	1975	1976
<i>Campbell, Thomas-</i> Spearfish Retired		Rec'd 1998	1939	1965	1956
<i>Ciesel, Barbara "Bitsey"-</i> Lake City, Retired 2007		Ord 2000	1939	2000	--
<i>Ciesel, Conrad-</i> Lake City, Retired 2007		Rec'd 1994	1941	1977	1978
<i>Corbin, Portia-</i> Youth & Young Adults		Ord 2013	1987	2013	2013
<i>Donovan, Nancy-</i> Rapid City		Rec'd 2001	1935	1996	--
<i>Dunfee, Mikayla-</i> Cheyenne River Mission		Ord 2016	1988	2015	2016
<i>Eagle Bull, Harold-</i> Wounded Knee Retired 2017					
<i>Flagstad, Judith M.-</i> Pierre		Ord. 1996	1950	1996	2004
<i>Fonder, Kim M. -</i> Standing Rock Mission		Ord 2010	1954	2010	2010
<i>Fountain, Timothy L.-</i> Sioux Falls		Rec'd 2004	1958	1987	1988
<i>Garwood, Marty-</i> Rapid City		Ord 2002	1953	2002	--
<i>Hollingsworth Graves, Judy L.-</i> Sioux Falls		Ord 2006	1949	2006	--
<i>Hall, Karen-</i> Madison Retired	2016				
<i>Hedin, Jo</i> Rapid City		Ord 2002	1953	2002	--
<i>Henninger, Annie-</i> Rosebud Mission East		Rec'd 2010	1948	2008	2009
<i>Hill, R. Julian "Bunker"-</i> Sturgis Retired 2015		Rec'd 1991	1945	1986	1987
<i>Hobbs, Mercy G.-</i> Pierre		Ord. 1995	1959	1995	1996
<i>Husby, Mary B.-</i> Sioux Falls, Retired 1998		Ord. 1984	1927	1984	--

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Hussey, David P. Canon to the Ordinary/Transitions		Ord. 1998	1945	1998	2000
Hunt, Edward- Pine Ridge Mission	2017				
Johnson, Michael- Deadwood		Rec'd 2013	1948	2005	2005
Keyes, John- Vermillion		Ord 2010	1948	2010	--
Kramer, Linda- Hill City Retired		Rec'd 1992	1946	1988	1988
Lang, Ellen D.- Sioux Falls		Rec'd 2007	1939	1990	1991
Allen L. Lewis- Sioux Falls, Retired 2006		Ord. 1983	1941	1983	1984
Taylor Lyman, Susan- Vermillion		Ord 2007	1943	2007	--
Mabior Mayen, John- Sioux Falls		Ord 2005	1974	2005	--
Mabior Mayom, Abraham -Sioux Falls		Ord 2005	1977	2005	2006
Medicine Eagle, George – Rosebud		Ord. 1980	1948	1980	--
Mesteth, Rhoda -Pine Ridge Mission Retired 2017		Ord 2002	1953	2002	2004
Montileaux, Charles- Kyle		Ord. 1985	1960	1985	1987
Mornard, Jean- Huron		Rec'd 2012	1955	2011	2012
Noisy Hawk, Lyle- Rapid City, Retired 2002		Rec'd 1998	1942	1973	1974
O'Hara, Christina - Sioux Falls		Ord 2011	1968	2011	2011
Ort, Larry V. - Brookings		Ord 2012	1947	2012	2013
Parmeter, George - Aberdeen Retired 2010		Rec'd 1993	1946	1973	1974
Paulis, Marion- Milbank		Ord 2011	1948	2011	2011
Pearsall, Arlene E. - Sioux Falls		Ord 2000	1943	2000	--
Petersen, Judith R. - Brookings, Retired 2013		Ord 2003	1935	2003	--
Pitt-Hart, Barry T. - Sioux Falls		Ord. 1987	1935	1987	--
Potts, David G. - Rapid City		Ord. 1988	1946	1988	--
Rath, Erin-			1980	2017	
Red Owl, Cordelia – Kyle Retired 2014		Ord. 1998	1936	1998	2000
Regan, Thomas- Spearfish		Ord. 1991	1950	1991	--
Riley, J. Clay, Spearfish	2016				
Roussell, Christopher- Rapid City		Rec'd 2013	1971		2013
Shoberg, Warren- Sioux Falls, Retired 2007		Ord. 1981	1941	1981	1982
Simpson, Ward- Sioux Falls,					

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<i>Skinner, Beatrice</i> - McLaughlin		Ord 2007	1937	2007	--
<i>Sneve, Paul M.</i> - Vermillion		Ord. 1998	1961	1998	1999
<i>Stanley, Lauren</i> - Rosebud Mission		Rec'd 2013	1960	1997	1998
<i>Two Bulls, Twilla</i> -Pine Ridge		Ord. 2017	1958	2017	
<i>Two Hawk, Webster</i> - Pierre Retired		Ord. 1957	1930	1957	1958
<i>Tyon, Benjamin</i> - Pine Ridge Retired 2004		Ord. 1980	1934	1980	1984
<i>Valandra,Linda</i> - Hot Springs		Ord 2005	1953	2005	--
<i>VanderLee, Jerry</i> - Sioux Falls					
<i>Vershure, Claude E.</i> - Hot Springs		Ord 2000	1946	2000	2005
<i>Voorhees, James</i> - Spearfish		Ord. 1994	1934	1994	--
<i>Walker, Charles H.</i> - Pierre		Ord. 1988	1946	1988	--
<i>Watson, Margaret</i> - Cheyenne River Mission		Rec'd 2012	1956	2003	2003
<i>Weaver, Evelyn</i> -Belle Fourche		Ord 2005	1945	2005	2006
<i>Weaver, Michael</i> - Belle Fourche		Ord 2005	1942	2005	--
<i>West, Craig</i> - Mni Sose Cluster		Rec'd 2007	1950	1994	1995
<i>Weidman, Hal</i> Rapid city	2017		1957		2002
<i>White Horse-Carda, Patricia</i> - Yankton/Santee Missions		Ord 2010	1951	2010	2011
<i>Williams, Sandra</i> - Belle Fourche		Ord 2005	1956	2005	2006
<i>Zephier, Richard</i> - Aberdeen		Ord 2014	1938	2014	

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CANONICAL RESIDENT of So. Dak. living outside of the state.					
<i>Barnes, Jeffry P.</i> - Oregon, Retired 2006					
<i>Bryan- Rhode, Elizabeth</i> - Virginia Retired 2011					
<i>Hall, Ryan A.</i> - Nebraska					
<i>Lyman, Susan</i> -Wyoming 2017					
<i>Newman, Tom F.</i> -Oklahoma, Retired 2006					
<i>Powers, Elizabeth A.</i> -Oregon Retired 2014					
<i>Raske, Vernon J.</i> - Texas Retired 2001					
<i>Rectenwald, Marion B.</i> - Tennessee Retired					
<i>Red Bird, Hazel</i> - North Dakota					
<i>Ressler, Richard A.</i> - Michigan					
<i>Schwarz, Robert C.</i> -Pennsylvania Retired 2014					
<i>Spruhan, John</i> - Virginia, Retired 2010					
<i>Spruhan, Judy</i> - Virginia, Retired 2010					
Street, C. Parke, Connecticut Retired					
West, Craig, Washington Retired 2017					

Lay Delegates
2017

All Angels, Spearfish

Mistie Caldwell
Sophie Caldwell
Kristie Friedel
Deacon Tom Regan
The Rev. Clay Riley

All Saints, Herrick

Twila Emme

Ascension, Blackfoot

Louella Burnette
Joseph LeBeau
Angela LeBeau
Dottie LeBeau

Blessed Redeemer, Howe Creek

Cynthia Redwing

Calvary Cathedral

Alexis Konstant
Deacon Arlene Pearsall
Lydia Simmons
Ray Slechta
Virginia Slechta
The Rev Ward Simpson
Evelyn Thayer
David Trefz
Chuck Trefz
Vickie Trefz
Ann Tripp
Deacon Jerry Vanderlee
Nancy Wise-Vanderlee

Calvary, Okreek

Isabelle Wright
Alverna Wright

Cheyenne River Mission

The Rev. Margaret Watson
The Rev. Mikayla Dunfee

Christ Church, Chamberlain

Lynn Mayer
Ann Mayer

Christ Church, Ft. Thompson

Armond Olson
Carole Quilt

Christ Church, Lead

The Rev. Portia Corbin
Josephine Hartmann
Diana Mathisrud

Christ Church, Milbank

Susan Busk
Cherie Lewis
The Rev. Marion Paulis

Christ Church, Red Shirt Table

James Two Bulls

Christ Church, Yankton

David Boyles
Chris Herrick
The Rev. Jim Pearson

Church of Jesus, Rosebud

Karen Eagle
Don Eagle

Emmanuel, Rapid City

Donna Burnap
Deacon Virginia Bird
JoAnn Edstrom
Cheryl Johnson
Lisa Kautz
Les Koss
Cora Koss
Kathy Ramono
The Rev. Chris Roussell
Vicki Sweet
Lynn VonWald

Emmanuel, White Horse

Richard Minor- Mound
Jennifer Talks

Gethsemane, Sisseton

Jamie German

Gethsemane, Wanblee

Rita Brown
Sylvia Brown
Johnny Wilson

Good Shepherd, Little Eagle

Melinda Mutchler

Good Shepherd, Little Oak Creek

Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls

Tammy Briggs
The Rev. Christina O'Hara

Grace Church, Huron

Beth Brenner
The Rev. Jean Mornard
 Kelly Alford

Grace Church, Madison

The Rev. Karen Hall
 Janet Bauman
 Jan Sanford

Grace Church, Soldier Creek

Phyllis Provencial
 Leanora Sharpfish

Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls

The Rev. Tim Fountain
The Rev. Warren Shoberg

Holy Comforter, Lower Brule

Shirley Crane

Holy Cross, Pine Ridge

Holy Innocents, Parmelee

Gerladine Provencial

Holy Name, Ft. George

Holy Spirit, Firesteel

Ayden Alvarado
 Bill Mutchler
 John Red Bear

Holy Spirit, Ideal

Larry Long Crow
 Charlie Long Crow

Incarnation, Gregory

Bryan Whitepipe
 Brenda Whitepipe

Mediator, Kyle

Messiah, Iron Nation

Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee

Tessa Avery
 Natalie Toarrez

Pine Ridge Mission

The Rev. Harold Eagle Bull

Rosebud Mission East

The Rev. Annie Henninger

Rosebud Mission West

The Rev. Dr. Lauren Stanley

Sisseton Mission

The Rev. Charley Chan
The Rev. Conrad Ceisel
Deacon Bitsey Ceisel
The Rev. George Parmeter

Standing Rock Mission

The Rev. Kim Fonder

St. Alban's, Fort Hale

Iva Jean Bolman
 Brandee Bolman

St. Andrew's, Cherry Creek

St. Andrew's, Rapid City

Eddie Crandall
 Eva Dudley
 Sandy Magnavito
 Joan Sutton
 Shelly Vallis
The Rev. Hal Weidman
Deacon Marty Garwood

St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala

Tammy Fonder
 Warren Hawk
 Gladys Hawk

St. James, Bear Creek

St. James, Belle Fourche

Patrick Deering
 Mary Bucholz
The Rev. Sandy Williams
The Rev. Evelyn Weaver
Deacon Mike Weaver

St. James, Enemy Swim

Smokey Bowman
 Robin Bowen
The Rev. Les Campbell

St. James, Mobridge

St. John the Baptist, Crow Creek

St. John's, Browns Valley

Katie McKay
Pauline White Thunder

St. John's, Bullhead

St. John's, Deadwood

Ellen Jenter
The Rev. Michael Johnson
Wanda Ridley

St. John's, Eagle Butte

Lola Blue Earth
Eva Gilbert
Doris White

St. Julia's, Porcupine

St. Katharine's, Martin

Doris Hicks
Janet Speidel

St. Luke's, Hot Springs

Barbara Ditmanson
Rebekah Gabel

St. Luke's, Iron Lightning

St. Mark's, Aberdeen

Mark Marion
Mary Marion
The Rev. Richard Zephier

St. Mary's & OBR, Flandreau

The Rev. George Gehant
Margo Zephier

St. Mary's, Mitchell

The Rev. Daryl Schubert
Dennis Stokes
Linda Stokes

St. Mary's, Old Agency

Julie LaFontaine
Michael LaFontaine

St. Mary's, Promise

Annie Walker Hall

St. Mary's, Webster

St. Matthew's, Rapid City

Deacon Nancy Donovan
The Rev. Henrique Fleming
Deacon Jo Hedin
Carol Cloud Eagle
Verbena McMath

St. Michael's, Batesland

St. Paul's, Brookings

Jean Lacher
Judy Ort
The Rev. Larry Ort
Peggy Whalen

St. Paul's, Little Eagle

Gayle Henry
Buffy Henry

St. Paul's, Norris

St. Paul's, Vermillion

The Rev. Paul Sneve
Kelsey Collier Wise
Juliana Besenbruch

St. Peter's, Ft. Pierre

Willma Staples

St. Peter's, McLaughlin

St. Peter's, Thunder Butte

Faye High Elk

St. Philip & St. James, White River

Willma Janis
The Rev. Webster Two Hawk

St. Philip's, Dupree

St. Philip's, Lake Andes

Lillian Rouse

St. Stephen's, Red Scaffold

St. Thomas, Corn Creek

Ann Montileaux
Kateri Montileaux

St. Thomas, On The Tree

Tom Three Legs
Ina Traversie

St. Thomas, Sturgis

Harold Walker

Tiwahe ed wacekiyapi, Norris (Family Worship)

Darelene Allard

Trinity, Mission

Erroll Geboe

Phyllis White Shield

Trinity, Pierre

The Rev. Judy Flagstad

The Rev. Mercy Hobbs

Deacon Charlie Walker

Melinda Gregory

Ellen Walker

Trinity, Watertown

Diane Kirchmeier

Brenda Uses Arrow

Trinity, Winner

Lillian Middlesworth

Patty Novak

Mike Novak

Yankton/Santee Mission

The Rev. Pat White-Horse Carda

Woniya Wakan, Wagner

Dean Carda

Jean Cooke

Pat Goulette

Karen White Horse Carda

Official Acts of the Bishop
9/30/16-9/30/17

Report to 2017 Diocesan Convention

Consents:

Election of the Rev. Canon Rafael L. Morales as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Puerto Rico
the Rev. Canon John Harvey Taylor as Bishop Co-Adjutor of the Diocese of Los Angeles
the Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Indianapolis
the Rev. Canon Gretchen Mary Rehberg as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Spokane
Provisional Bishop David C. Rice as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of San Joaquin
the Rev. Samuel S. Rodman III as Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina
the Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of West Texas

Confirmed/Received: 68 persons (reported to Diocesan Office)

Ordained to the Priesthood: The Rev. Mikayla Dunfee

Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate: Deacon Twilla Two Bulls, Deacon Erin Rath

Clergy Transferred Out: 0

Clergy Transferred In: 3

Church Opened: 0

Church Deconsecrated: 0

Standing Rock Protest:

Approval of Re-marriage After Divorce: 4

Licensed Lay Ministers: 310

**Minutes from the 133rd
Diocese of South Dakota Convention**

**2017 Diocese of South Dakota Convention
Pierre, SD
29-30 September 2017**

Plenary Session I

Called to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer: Canon David Hussey, BCP p. 818, #12

2. Introductions

- Bishop John Tarrant thanks the Black Hills Deanery for hosting us this weekend.
- Introduction of head table: Lauren Stanley is the secretary of the convention. Need a motion and a second and a vote to for her to continue as the Secretary. Jean Monard moved, Marty Garwood seconded. Approved without opposition. Canon David Hussey you've met. Our chancellor, Steve Sandler, unfortunately could not be here. He's left me in charge of the canons of the Church. He has a deposition in Colorado that he had to attend to. He apologized for that. We will have a hearing tomorrow on the canons for those interested in this room. I will lead that discussion, along with Father Chris Rousseau. This is mostly in the hands of Steve, who has done a masterful job doing this. Also, tomorrow we will have a second vote on the second reading of the Constitution. We have to do this in the exact same form as last year. There will be a hearing at 8 o'clock in the morning. Come if you have questions. What we're hoping is that when the issues come to the floor, people will have already asked their questions. There will be some simple fixes, which we can do without motions. I know that there will be some of those; there always are.

- Dispatch of Business (David Hussey): If anyone wants to speak, has a question, or anything for me, please go through Canon Hussey. That would be very helpful.

(Request comes from floor to ask people to put their phones on silent.)

- Bishop points out the "P" for pages. Don Metcalf unfortunately is in the hospital in Rapid City. He's our sergeant at arms. If you need something, hold up your yellow card. Someone will come address those needs.

- Credentials committee report: Call on Marty Garwood, Chair

Quorum declaration:

In the Lay order, out of the 136 possible delegates, we have 95 present, thereby making a quorum.

In the Clergy order, out of 45 possible clergy, we have 35 in attendance, thereby making a quorum. If I could take just a moment, several of you mentioned that at dinner, your envelopes disappeared. Please check to make sure you actually have your own credential. Also, we ran out of red and green cards; if we need to deal with that tomorrow, we will.

3. Bishop introduces guests:

- Elizabeth Agar, from the Province. She is not here tonight. She is the Province representative for ECW.
 - Bishop Michael Smith who will be our preacher tomorrow. He's been a colleague for my eight years as bishop, and a resource. We had the House of Bishop's meeting in Alaska this week, but he missed it. From the Diocese of Alaska, I brought him a gift, so that he knows he was missed and prayed for. I appreciate his being here. I was privileged to be at their convention.
 - The Rev. Benjamin Thomas from St. Francis Mission, he will share a little bit, later.
4. Regrets sent.
 - Deacon Twilla Two Bulls and Rev. Kim Fonder at a national meeting.
 - Ward Simpson, the Dean of the Cathedral. His wife has cancer and has been undergoing chemo. He's doing what a spouse should do - taking care of his spouse. Keep his wife, Barb, in his prayers.
 - Sandy Williams, Belle Fourche, had to work and couldn't get away.
 - Claude Vershure, Hot Springs, has a place in Florida that was damaged in the hurricane and they had to go take care of that.
 5. Introduce New Clergy or New Positions
 - Fr. Ed Hall with Mary, new Superintending Presbyterian on the Pine Ridge
 - Fr. Hal Weidman and his wife, Michelle, new rector, St. Andrew's, Rapid City.
 - Rev. Portia Corbin, new rector at Christ Church, Lead.
 - Deacon Twilla Two Bulls, who is not here. She was ordained deacon last June.
 - Deacon Erin Rath, who is not here, ordained deacon in June, and is moving to Upper South Carolina.
 6. Clergy or Personnel who have left the Diocese or retired since last Convention.
 - Rev. Craig West retired. He and Miriam have moved to the Seattle, Wash., area.
 - Deacon Susan Lyman moved from Vermillion over the summer to Wyoming.
 - Rev. Harold Eagle Bull, interim on Pine Ridge, will retire at end of September when he turns 72.
 - Rev. Canon David Hussey fully retires at the end of October when he reaches 72.
 - Fr. Webster Two Hawk, who is almost that age, knows that you can still be working.
 7. Clergy deaths since last convention:
 - Father Lyle Martin died last June.
 - Father Charles Thayer from Sioux Falls died this late spring.
 - Some of you may have known Father Charles King. He died in Connecticut.
 8. Entertain a motion to give both voice and vote to Father Charley Chan, who serves Sisseton Mission; Rev. Daryl Schubert, Mitchell; The Rev. Henrique Fleming, St. Matthew's, Rapid City. This is our tradition. Conrad Ciesel moved, Portia Corbin seconds. All in favor. Aye. We would normally do the same for Bob Two Bulls Sr., but he's not here.
 9. The Minutes from last year were printed in the *Church News*. Annie Henninger moves that they be accepted, Nyle Hedin seconds. Approved.

We also printed the convention reports from different commissions and committees. Nyle Hedin moves that they be accepted, Charlie Walker seconds, approved.

10. Overview of the schedule: Gonna do this real quick, and y'all are pretty smart. Just an overview. Nobody showed up for the hearing on the canons. We will have another tomorrow morning.

We have the Eucharist at 8 p.m.

Tomorrow morning, registration is from 8 - 10 a.m. We will have daily devotions.

We're not going to have a hearing on the Creation resolution because we had the discussion at the meetings.

We will have daily devotions at 8:45.

Convention will reconvene at 9 a.m.

We will have a budget presentation from Chris Clemm. This is the first time in three generations we will not have Barney here. Many had chance to engage with the budget at pre-convention meetings.

Then we are going to look at the resolutions: Second approval of the Constitution, and then the revision of the canons. Put them right there, so that if we have a lengthier conversation, we know about it. Give it the time the Spirit wants it to have.

Then we will have the elections - only have one nominee thus far for each order.

We will take a break at 10:45 so people have a chance to check out of your rooms. Meet back here at 11:15 to hear the amazingly inspiring Bishop's address.

Then we're going to have a wonderful treat - a group of children from Holy Apostles in Sioux Falls - our Sudanese congregation - will come and offer us songs.

Then we will have a quilt auction.

Then we will have lunch.

At 1 p.m. we will come back - that depends on what time the children get here - and then we have four workshops

Gladys Hawk is ill, so we won't have the Lakota stories. Please tell her she was missed.

Chris Clem is going to offer a workshop. (Bishop asks Chris to describe it.)

Chris Clem: Marlys asked me this summer for an idea for a catchy name: The Forever and Ever Amen: Investments and endowment and memorial funds for churches. I have been involved in this for years, and will outline ways to help churches out for many generations to come.

Bishop: Thank you, Chris.

We have had a substitution for Gladys: Chris Rousseau will do a workshop on the Death with Dignity initiated measure to be voted on in November 2018. That will be in Amphitheater 1 - that will give you a chance to learn about this measure, so that when it comes around next year, you know about it.

I will offer a workshop on stewardship in the mission congregations. The credit for this goes to John Red Bear, who prodded me on this. We want to offer some stewardship in the small mission churches. There are lots of ways we can enhance our mission through time and talent. Father David Hussey and I will offer workshop on that.

We will have a Creation workshop as well.

Then, if we need to, we will come back and finish any unfinished business.

The deadline for the submission of any nominations is before the beginning of the Opening Eucharist.

Following the service, the tabulation ballots committee - Pat LeBeau and his assistants - will meet in convention office. Tonight's offering will go to hurricane relief; many of our brothers and sisters in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, and Puerto Rico have found their homes devastated. This is an opportunity for us, who have been blessed, to be a blessing to them. Keep that in mind as we keep them in our prayers.

The Rev. Benjamin Thomas, from the St. Francis Foundation, if you would like to say a few words.

Benjamin Thomas: Thank you, Bishop Tarrant. You may have wondered who I was. I am Director of Church Relations for the St. Francis Foundation, which serves 15,000 children and families every year in five states and two foreign countries. We provide hope and healing to children and families in three ways: We provide care for children and families in crisis (families falling apart because of addiction, etc., help with foster care and adoption). We also do care for those adults with cognitive difficulties and have a facility in Mississippi. Our newest one is Clover House, for girls who have endured trauma from sex trafficking. The last piece of what we do is working with human trafficking. We do a lot of work with education on this, particularly in Central America, helping them avoid poverty and domestic violence. I am honored to be with you in South Dakota. My father-in-law lives in Madison, and I enjoy coming here. I am outside at the booth until lunch time tomorrow. Let's talk about how can we partner with you, and answer questions about what we do.

Bishop: We're going to have a couple more presentations. Father Richard Zephier, and one or more people from Standing Rock, and someone from Sisseton Mission, are standing to the side. There are many people in the Diocese who wanted to honor Fr. Les Campbell, who has been ordained for 41 years. So we wanted to honor him for his service. (Bishop gives him beaded Lakota stole.) I want him to know that he's a blessing. Many years ago God called him to serve the very majesty of God, primarily in South Dakota - he was in Minnesota for a while, then came home - and that we thank him, especially God thanks you, for your faithfulness, and your willingness to serve even when you might have wanted to do something else, and God thanks you for being the person you are to do the work you are doing. (Standing ovation.) It is a privilege to say "thank you." The way we say "thank you" to God is by pouring out our lives for the sake of the one who poured out his life for us.

Sandy Magnavito, Chairperson of the ECW scholarship committee: Last year I told you all that there were no applications. This year we had four, thanks to Marlys and pushing the information out in the newsletter and emails. I want to tell you that because the money was available from last year's fund - \$1,500 - we gave \$3,000 to four people, all of whom are well qualified, are active in their churches, and are supported by their churches: Amber Allen from Emmanuel, Rapid City, to pursue degree in Human Resources at BHS; Valerie Regina Two Hearts, from St. James, Enemy Swim, Sisseton; pursuing a degree in cardiology and then come back to help her people there; Haley Foster, from Emmanuel, Rapid City, who wants to be

pharmacist, which requires a lot of money; going to SDSU in Brookings; and Shelby Constant, from All Angels, Spearfish, to pursue a career in hospitality management at SDSU in Brookings.

I was surprised to find out - after all these years - that there's another scholarship, the St. Mary's Scholarship. Lou Burnette, Dottie LeBeau and I graduated 53 years ago from St. Mary's School. When that was closed, the land was sold, and an endowment established. There is \$500, available from St. Mary's - at first it went to St. Mary's School graduates, then to our children. Fr. Philip Allen suggested we opened it up to everyone.

All you have to do is write letter to Barney, be an Episcopalian in good standing, and submit transcript. There are five graduates on the board, plus Fr. Paul Sneve; his mother graduated from there.

Bishop: Tom Regan, did you want to do a presentation on disaster preparedness?

Tom Regan: Out in the hallway I have a booth with some handouts for everyone. Take those, please. There is one on individual family preparedness. There is a list of resources available in the state of South Dakota for getting in touch with emergency managers, county and reservations, with phone numbers. I encourage you to make contact to let them know who you are and what resources you have to share in event of a disaster. They are always looking for other resources. There is other material as well; I encourage you to take those resources with you. There is also information for the current disasters that have struck our nation of late. We are trying to encourage every congregation to find an individual or more so that we can have those folks network in the event of a disaster in various regions. Please work with Paul Sneve on populating the Asset Map. That lists within the national church network the assets available in our diocese in order to help folks with similar situations. We had a webinar with Laura Steele with ERD, who is heading to Florida. They have only five people, including a linguist. ERD has a very low overhead. There are very very hard-working, diligent workers in the church coordinating these efforts. We are hoping to have more of those types of sessions. I hope to have someone speak to us next year. I encourage each and every one of you to have a ready bag of some kind. This afternoon, I was just about asleep when the lights went out. At first it was fine and quiet, then I thought, What else is out? I cruised around town to check out the power failure. It was a construction interruption of power in the entire west end of Pierre. ... You just don't know. These things happen in a heartbeat. We owe it to ourselves and our congregations to be prepared in simple way. Those suggestions are on the table for you.

Bishop: Tom Regan has been the disaster preparedness person for two conventions. The last two conventions, the power has gone off. Hmmm ...

A couple of things: There are several tables out in the hall. Folks have things for sale. There's a table for giveaways. BCU has a table. Also on your tables you have UTO boxes. Please make sure as you are feeling thankful to put money in your boxes. UTO has been an incredible blessing to this Diocese. We can say thank you by putting something in those boxes.

We are taking a recess so folks can vest for this service. Let's take a brief break to do essential things. I would like to start the service in 10 minutes.

David Hussey: There is one announcement: Registration folks have run out of packets. They will have more packets before opening session.

Bishop: Go into recess at 7:58 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant, South Dakota

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Michael Smith, North Dakota

Saturday, 30 September:

Plenary session II - reconvened at 9:08

Announcements:

1. Linda Simon: At St. Mark's, Aberdeen, we have a sewing group on Thursday mornings and make comfort quilts, for people in nursing homes, sick, end of life, new beginnings, baptisms, confirmation. We make our quilts on Thursday mornings. This year was not good for us. Leona Wolf made her journey this year. In July, one quilter, 94 years old, cut all of our squares - we lost her four days after her birthday. Two weeks later, we lost another quilter who had been failing for a year. That leaves us three quilters. But all is not lost: My great-granddaughter at age 5 is learning. Father Charlie says there's a group in one of his churches; we will try to get together with them. We are carrying on. I did bring some quilts. Just come out and tell us who they are for. Thank you!

2. Lisa Pouts: UTO coordinator. UTO boxes on tables. We do accept bills. I can collect them at the end of the day.

Bishop: This morning before I came here, got a call, our grandson Travis was in a car accident, and is in surgery. He has breaks and fractures in his legs. The initial reports are that he is mendable, but it will be some time - possibly a year - in rehab. Please keep our grandson Travis in your prayers, and we would appreciate that. We all have lives beyond the work we do in the church - larger lives out there. Be kind to those you meet, because you never know what road they are walking, often by themselves. Please keep Travis in your prayers.

If you can't hear, let us know. Speak into the mic.

1. Credentials Committee: Marty Garwood
For the Lay Delegates, there has been an increase: 138 are registered, 101 are in attendance. We have a quorum for that.
For the Clergy Delegates, 45 are registered, 35 are here. We have a quorum for that.
Pat White Horse-Carda had to leave for a wedding.
2. Report of the parliamentarian
See comments in paper

3. Budget Presentation by Chris Clem, Treasurer of the Diocese, to give us a budget presentation. But the first thing is, I want to follow up on Grandpa Don. Carol Cloud Eagle went to visit Don Metcalf recently. He's doing really well, sends his love to everyone, and claims he's going to slow down.

Chris Clemm: I'm going to try to put the budget in perspective. This is only part of what we do. It is not as important as everything else we do. I'm not Barney. ... He's still doing the budget and paying the bills, doing what he likes. He's working half-time out of Pierre. So if you like his past work, you'll like his budget, because it's his.

I grew up in Vermillion, St. Paul's, always referred to two people who made a big difference in my life: Ron Campbell and Vine DeLoria. We have one of Ron's daughters here.

This is not the budget for the entire Diocese, it's the Diocesan business budget. This is the money coming in and going back out.

People, places and activities.

The devil is in the details so we will keep it simple and not talk about the details. You should all have it.

If you have any particular questions, I will try to answer them later. Randy can actually answer them. We're going to keep it simple.

(You're getting the B team ...)

(This is regular presentation ... with explanation of the comparisons)

Does Summary first. Then moves to expenses.

Bishop: The part-time position filled on Standing Rock, coming from Young Life, with a grant to North and South Dakota. Grant pays for it; it doesn't come out of diocesan budget money.

Chris works through the budget by percentages, shows all the mission staff, the diocesan staff.

Our diocesan staff budget and administrative budget have to be the lowest in the country. The vast majority is mission clergy and support - that's the reason we are here.

Congregational support is level. Much of the rest of the income is the same. There is about \$27,000 less in expense and revenue for the year, which makes for a balanced budget.

The good news, 15 percent of the endowment is going up. The value is about \$8.4 million. I believe there are now 36 separate funds. That, with Centennial Challenge, provides good income so that we can support mission and balance our budget.

The block grant is almost half the income. I assume it will continue for several more years.

By percentage, about 20 percent is coming from individual churches. 15 percent from the endowment. Almost 50 percent comes from the block grant - the national church's recognition that mission is important.

This is what Randy likes to do - thank him. I'm just the messenger. It is a balanced budget.

Bishop: We could take a few questions, if there are any. (None are asked.) Jean Lacher moves, Sandy Magnavito seconds to accept. Unanimous approval.

Bishop: One of the reasons we have the pre-convention meetings is so that you can engage in the budget in that setting.

I'm going to ask Bishop Michael Smith to come forward. Even though Father Chan said to say this is from the Diocese, it's from the Sisseton Mission. These are some munchies for the road, and Fr. Chan wanted to share his honey with you.

Bishop Smith: Sweet!!!!

Bishop Tarrant: Bishop Smith will be with us until lunch, then he's going to Cannon Ball. I want to thank him again for his sermon last night. I love it when preachers preach Scripture.

And now we are going to the photos.

(Afterwards) Bishop: That is evidence that the Episcopal Church is alive and well in South Dakota.

Bishop: Pat LeBeau, I shall call on you - should be pretty simple - for the elections report.

Pat LeBeau: Shall I do all three at once?

Bishop: Yes.

Pat LeBeau: Mr. President, pursuant to Rule of Order 7.3 of this Convention, there being only one nominee for the Office of the Clergy position and the Lay position of the Standing Committee, and of the clergy position on the Diocesan Council, the Secretary shall cast a unanimous ballot for The Rev. Hal Weidman, St. Andrew's, Rapid City for the four-year clergy position of the Standing Committee; Tamara Fonder, Standing Rock Mission, for the four-year lay position of the Standing Committee; and The Rev. Kim Fonder, Standing Rock Mission, for the four-year clergy position on the Diocesan Council.

Bishop: So ordered. When you get your Church News and there are various opportunities to serve, offer yourselves. We get the leadership that steps forward.

By the way, Kim is on the West Coast, functioning in a different capacity on behalf of the Church. Tammy is dealing with family needs.

We are going to move to the Resolutions Committee. Mikayla Dunfee and Don Eagle. If we take the creation care resolution perhaps first?

Mikayla Dunfee: I am on the Resolutions Committee, and come to you from the Cheyenne River Reservation. Let me briefly present the first resolution on Creation Care, and invite those who submitted it to speak if they wish. (Reads the resolution.) It has been moved by the committee, seconded by Jean Lacher.

Carol Smith, Christ Church, Yankton: We felt that this resolution was a good idea because we believe that there are several resources that the Episcopal Church has in supporting the use of some of the materials to incorporate creation care into your ministries. One of the things is that resolution would help congregations do so. There are so many things that you can do. We encourage folks to explore the resources ... Maybe this resolution would help with highlighting and encouraging activities in your congregations.

Bishop: Any questions?

Chuck Berry, St. Paul's: I am the author of this resolution. We are growing this network and want to bring forward and put in the spotlight some good products from the Episcopal Church that can help some dioceses and missions bring creation care into the educational activities of a parish or mission. We are going to have a workshop today on this. All the materials are free.

There is a huge amount of material for anyone who wants to learn about creation care as an obligation of stewardship by a religious community. This is our resolution and this is our story.

Bishop: Any questions?

Rev. Virginia Bird, Emmanuel, Rapid City: Chuck, I appreciate the work this committee does. I am very much in tune with creation care. Years ago, I voted against a resolution put forward on aging. Nobody likes elders more than me. It's not that I'm against the resolution - I'm against RESOLUTIONS. I think there are other ways to bring forward this information than in a resolution. I think we should communicate things like this in other ways. Thank you.

Bishop: Are there any other comments? None. All in favor? Aye. Opposed. Two no's.

It passes. Thank you to all who have concerns. That's why we have democracy.

I think the Constitution is next because it is the second reading.

Don Eagle: (Greetings) I bring to you resolution amending the constitution of the Diocese of South Dakota, second reading. (Reads the resolution.)

Bishop: It needs to be approved as presented. Otherwise, if it is changed, we have to bring that to next year's convention. Someone asked this morning what's the difference between constitution and canons. (Explains) The constitution is the basic beliefs; the canons are the laws. Are there any questions? It has been moved by the Committee, and doesn't need a second. All in favor? Aye. Opposed. None. Passes.

Bishop: Don, the next item is the canons. There may be some more conversation on this. Canons can be changed at one convention. If we have questions and I can't answer, we can get Steve Sanford on the phone. He knows we are having this conversation. If you are not satisfied with my answer, we can actually talk to the chancellor. Don, or Mikayla, please present the canons. Don and Mikayla found out at the last minute that they would make this presentation, and I'm very grateful to them.

At discussion this morning, I asked that a table of contents be put forward for this. It is basically the same form. This is a total replacement of the canons.

Don Eagle: Mr. President, I offer a resolution to totally replace the canons of the Diocese of South Dakota as printed in your white pamphlets. If there by any amendments, discussion can be held.

Bishop: It has been moved by the committee, and does not require a second. The canons that are in the packet replace the existing canons of the Diocese of South Dakota. Steve's objective was to re-organize and simplify these canons, re-order them, make them conform to what we actually do. There are minor changes and we improved the numbering system. We did not touch the disciplinary canon because we revised it several years ago, and that has not been changed. It is important to know that the canon that calls for the functioning of the Niobrara Deanery has not been changed. That will be a project for the Niobrara Council.

One thing that is important: We are making a change that could affect larger congregations. This references how delegates are chosen for Convention. We have simplified this - my take on this - we have simplified that. Each congregation shall be entitled to representation (see wording) ... So if you're in a congregation, where your average attendance is 50, you get two. If it's 57, you get three. This is based on Average Sunday Attendance. OR there at least two delegates for each congregation. We added that to the canons a few years ago so that smaller congregations can have more people come. All congregations would be allowed two. For the larger ones, it's figured out by ASA divided by 25. Emmanuel is 160, so they would be entitled to 7. We are doing this to represent the church in the 21st Century, not the church in the 1970s.

The other thing we've done, if you miss two consecutive meetings, you were off the committee. That wasn't enforced, and did not represent a Christian value. We want to be pastoral, and we have taken that out.

A couple of questions that came up at the hearing, a couple of amendments. Are there any other questions?

Fr. Chan and Fr. Weidman had separate amendments.

Fr. Hal Weidman: Hal Weidman, St. Andrew's Rapid. I have an amendment to the canons.

Section 4.7 is not consistent with section 4.3. 4.7 starts at bottom of page 5, carries over to page 6. 4.3 is on page 5. It deals with Diocesan Council.

I move to replace the word "vice chair" in 4.7 with "chancellor" as listed as an officer in 4.3.

Moved. Seconded by Fr. Chris Rousseau.

Bishop: The chancellor does act as the vice chair anyway. This seems to be reasonable. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor? Aye. Opposed? No. Passes.

Father Charlie Chan, Sisseton Mission. I have an amendment to the canons.

On page 22, 15.4.2 reads that services must be held by the vicar, deacon or worship leader not less than once each month. My amendment: "Services must be held on Sundays by the vicar, a deacon assigned or a worship leader; with the permission of the Bishop for pastoral concerns, a congregation may meet for worship not less than once each month."

Bishop suggests that the wording be changed to "Saturday/Sunday" to cover those who worship on Saturday night. Fr. Chan accepts the friendly suggestion.

Fr. Chan moves, Deanna Stands seconds.

Bishop: Is there any more discussion? Seeing none, all in favor? Aye. Opposed? None. Approved.

Are there any other questions, concerns, thoughts on the canons? I see no one moving to the microphone. All those in favor of the amended replacement of the canons of the Diocese of South Dakota, say Aye. Opposed? None. Approved.

Thank you very much. We will let Steve know. We are so blessed to have Steve Sanford as the chancellor of this diocese. All of his work is done *gratis* - he receives no pay. He even pays his own expenses. We are very blessed with Steve, and a part of the vote today represents your confidence in our chancellor. I will let him know.

Bishop: I would like to offer a courtesy resolution to offer the greetings of the 133rd Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota to Ann Robertson, widow of Creighton; Marilyn Jones, widow of Walter; and to Craig and Liz Anderson. (Moved and seconded in general. Approved.) I think it's just nice to let folks know that we are thinking about them.

Bishop calls on Portia Corbin for her report on Thunderhead Episcopal Camp. **(Please ask her for her presentation. It's in writing.)**

Bishop: Thank you, Portia. As you know, Portia has moved over to Lead to serve as the vicar there. Part of it is to get her closer to the camp, so that she can help congregations/missions use the facility after camp. It will stretch the gift of that ministry. Please keep that in mind. It's a great facility.

Bishop: I want to recognize Canon David Hussey. David has been my canon to the ordinary for the eight years I have served as bishop. He is a friend and colleague. There is a mandatory retirement age of 72. David will reach that in the middle of the month. He will formally retire at the end of October. He will serve as the interim superintending presbyter of Mni Sose, continue at Ft. Pierre, and from time to time do other things. I want to thank him for his faithful service. At then end of the month, the staff will gather in Pierre and take him to dinner as an appreciation.

David Hussey: Thank you. In 1995, my wife, Mercy, and I graduated from seminary and she brought me home to South Dakota. Over the years when I have shared stories with friends and colleagues from around the nation, I tell stories about how beautiful South Dakota is. The camping, fishing, hunting, parks - everything. ... They are awestruck. About the one thing I can't emphasize enough, the best part of South Dakota is not the scenery, the hunting, the fishing - not even the churches. It's you, the people. You are the finest people. I was a stranger and you took me in. It has been an honor and a privilege. Mercy and I intend to spent the rest of our lives here I want to thank you for the honor and privilege of being part of your lives in South Dakota.

Bishop: David will do some announcements right now. We will take a break for those of you who are going to check out of your rooms. Then we will have a presentation from the children of Holy Apostles. Then my bishop's address. Then the quilt auction. ... If you could be back here in about 15 minutes ...

David Hussey: The quilt for sale from the Sisseton Mission includes pillowcase and pillow. From Grace Church, Madison, they are selling raffle tickets.

Please recycle your red and green cards.

Before you leave for workshops, take everything with you.

Thank you to all the churches that donated quilts for the permanent display.

There are a lot of quilts out there. Look around and find them.

Bishop: The Madison raffle money goes to repair/restore their stained glass windows. This is an opportunity for you to support them in that effort.

We will recess. Try to be back by 11 a.m.

The Northeast Deanery is sponsoring a retreat on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Abbey of the Hills, formerly Blue Cloud Abbey. The leader is Rev. Robert Two Bulls. This is for lay people. See the insert.

Gather back at 11:01.

Bishop: Holy Apostles will join us in a moment. Archdeacon?

Paul Sneve: Deacon Tom Regan from the Black Hills Area told you about the emergency preparedness. He linked to that is the Asset Map. All of your churches have a little dot on that map online, so people can find that online. What it says about your church is up to you. If you just want a little dot, with little information, that's your own dumb fault. Anyone can write it, but

I will approve it first. Check what's online and follow the directions, and you can make a correction or add something, and then I will look at it, make sure it's correct, and then post it.

Some of you have done it, but most of you have not. IF you're not listed, please let me know right away. Grab a sheet. Do your part. Get the sheets on the table for Emergency Preparedness and Asset map out in the corridor.

Peter Deng Marial, Holy Apostles Church, enters with Sunday School students: On behalf of the church, we are thankful to be here. We came here in 2001. We want to thank each and every one of you, for your warm welcoming and for your support, and for everything you have done. When we first came here, we were only Lost Boys, just young men. We came in 2001. Look at what we have done (all the children!). Isn't this wonderful? For those of you who know Holy Apostles Church, we used to sit in front. Father Warren knows exactly how many we were when we first came. We used to sit in front. Now we are about to expand that church. The church has grown. The Dinka congregation has grown. This is the group we have brought, but we have more at home. It is a blessing that we have been able to come here today, and we are grateful. The children have a lot to say through song: "Where are you guys going?" and the children answer, "We are going to worship our Lord Jesus Christ." They chose the song. On the way here, the people at the gas station asked where are you from? We said Sioux Falls, but people at the station did not believe us. In 11 years, they have never seen people like us.

We are going to pray to our Lord Jesus Christ. We are going to Pierre. This is their first time. We have to really thank God every day for our life. We manage here because of our Lord Jesus Christ. I'm going to hand the mike to Deacon John.. Thank you all very much.

Children enter, singing ...

Bishop: I want to thank you very much. Just so you know, Holy Apostles in Sioux Falls is the fastest-growing church with the largest Sunday School in the Diocese. They are a blessing to the Diocese of South Dakota, and we hope we can interweave them into the fabric of this diocese. I give thanks to Bishop Creighton who caught the vision, with Father Warren, to incorporate that congregation into the life of the Diocese.

Bishop's Address (See page 36 - 41)

Bishop then announces the quilt auction, lunch, the meeting of the Standing Committee, and then announces the workshops.

Paul Sneve is doing the quilt auction.

Bishop: The quilt we bought will be sent to Travis, who is still in surgery. He's 32 years old. The workshops will start at 1:30 to give you an hour.

Lunch and workshops

Bishop re-gathers the Convention at 3:07 p.m.

Marty Garwood moves to adjourn the Convention, Bitsy Ceisel seconds. All in favor. Aye. The Convention is adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Bishop's Blessing

2017 Bishop's Convention Address

The Rev. John T. Tarrant
The Diocese of South Dakota

I begin by thanking the Diocesan staff, clergy and laity for your faithful witness to the world of God's love through your faith in Christ Jesus. Thank you! We live in a troubled world that needs signs of hope. Thank you for being that beacon in the dark times and in the times of joy.

Now I will report on changes and other general happenings in the diocese, and then offer some reflections.

Some diocesan staff shifts:

The Rev. Portia Corbin has moved to Lead in order to be closer to Thunderhead Camp as our camp ministry continues to thrive. I have named her Missioner for Camping and Retreat Ministries. She will serve as rector of Christ Church Lead, TEC camp director, the Diocesan staff contact person for Camp Remington, and she will continue to support youth ministry around the diocese. Marlys will continue to arrange reservations for those who wish to use Camp Remington, but other questions or concerns with both camps should begin with Portia.

Chris Corbin will continue his work with Niobrara School for Ministry and our faith formation programs as well as taking on the duties for transition ministry and ecumenical relations. He will also be the contact person for health insurance and clergy and lay pensions. Chris serves as the custodian of the diocesan website.

Pat LeBeau will continue to serve the diocese as property manager. All property related questions or concerns should begin with him.

Archdeacon Paul Sneve will continue to serve as vicar of St. Paul's Vermillion and he will also continue his work with the Niobrara School for Ministry and anti-racism training. However, we are freeing up some of Paul's time with the diocese for the balance of 2017 so that he can support the Cathedral in their development of the Tiospaye Wakan faith community and help as needed with ministry at Calvary Cathedral during this transition time for them as they explore long-term ministerial needs.

The Rev. Tim Fountain continues his work with the Holy Apostles Sudanese congregation as well as working with Trinity Watertown during this time of transition in that faith community. Tim is also the custodian of the diocesan Facebook page. Send information or pictures you would like to have posted on the Diocesan Facebook page to Tim.

Canon David Hussey will be retiring at the end of October, but he will take on the part-time role of interim Superintending Presbyter of the Mni Sose Cluster as well as serving St. Peter's in Ft. Pierre.

Randy Barnhardt continues to be responsible for the financial affairs of the Diocese. He comes to Pierre, for a day and a half each week, usually Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon. Although this can vary based on other needs.

The Diocesan Council has approved the formation of an **Audit Committee**, consisting of two to four teams located in different deaneries or regions of the diocese. These teams will be available to review the financial books of congregations. This will enable us to meet the canonical requirements for annual audits without the financial burden of hiring an accountant. Procedures and guidelines have been established that will simplify the audit process. Some travel is required but the church, which is being audited, will cover those expenses.

If you know of individuals who have some knowledge of working with numbers and would be interested in serving on this committee, please have them contact the diocesan office for a conversation with me. Training will be provided.

Marlys is the initial contact person for most Diocesan business. She will direct you to the person that can address your particular diocesan need. She is the person to whom you send your information for the Church News, which is published four times a year. She is also able to answer many of the questions you may have.

Some odds and ends:

We continue to make our **website** more user friendly; feedback to Chris Corbin is welcome. We are encouraging you to use it for information you may need and registration for events like, Summer Camp, Niobrara School for Ministry classes and even Convention.

The Diocese will begin to use **G Suites** through Google this fall. Most staff members will be changing their email address beginning in October. We will continue to maintain the Midco email through November. The new directory contains both email addresses. **G Suites** will also give us the capability to offer video conferencing, which should enable some to join in on meetings when they can't travel to get to the specific location. Some training session will be made available through this medium as well. Look forward to more information in the days and weeks to come on ways this technology will advance our ministry in South Dakota.

At last year's convention we passed a resolution to form a committee to **address and mediate** bullying in the church. The committee members are: Mikayla Dunfee, Steve Albrecht, Michael & Julie LaFontaine, Julie & Les Gonsor, Linda Simon, Nancy LeBeau, Paul Sneve and myself. A survey has been developed, which is included in your packets. Additional copies are available for you to take home to your congregations. You can also take the survey online on our website.

We hope to have the results back by the end of 2017 and then formulate strategies for addressing the issues involved.

Niobrara School for Ministry: Over the last eighteen months, the Diocese has been working to evaluate and re-structure both the ordination process and the local ministerial education and formation offered through the Niobrara School for Ministry. There have been multiple occasions where concerns about the process in general or specific changes made have been voiced.

We will be holding a forum on **Saturday, October 28**, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Trinity Church in Pierre to discuss both the ordination process and our local training program through the Niobrara School for Ministry. This will be open to anyone in the Diocese who has constructive input to offer. We hope to both critique and look at changes that can be made to our program, which is intended to train and equip both lay leadership and prepare those called for local ordination. Many dioceses around the church are going through the same challenges as we seek to provide well-trained clergy and lay leadership for small congregations. Lunch will be provided. Please, call the office if you will be attending.

Note: Diocesan Convention 2018 will be held at the United Methodist Church in Pierre.

Reflections:

Our Catechism teaches, *“the mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.”* We are to pursue this mission as we pray and worship; proclaim the Gospel and promote justice, peace and love.

Let me speak a bit about this reconciling presence in the world.

First a story:

The year Tommy turned seven he had spent the whole fall scouring the ditches of the country roads around his home looking for returnable pop bottles. He could get two cents for each one he redeemed. Tommy would go out on his quest each afternoon following school. On Saturday mornings he would have his parents drop him off in town while they went shopping. Saturday mornings were usually good for fifteen to twenty bottles. He searched tirelessly, but he didn't mind because he was saving his money to buy his mother a Christmas present.

When he had been with her in the flower shop during early summer, she had commented on how beautiful a blown glass angel was that they saw in a display cabinet. It cost \$25.00 and Tommy thought to himself that if he worked hard, he could save enough to buy it for his mom by Christmas. This would be a special gift, because his mom would often refer to him as *“her little angel.”* So, he started saving. He saved his birthday money, he saved his allowance and he spent his spare time picking up pop bottles.

Finally, on the Friday before Christmas he had enough money and so he asked his dad if he would take him to town to buy a gift for his mom. Tommy's dad was surprised when he took \$25.00 out of his pocket to pay for the angel. He asked him if he was sure he wanted to spend all of his money on just one gift. His dad told him that there were many other nice things that his mother would like that cost much less, but Tommy was determined.

He gave the clerk his money; who then carefully wrapped the glass angel in tissue paper and put it in a bag for Tommy to take home. Tommy could hardly wait until Christmas morning to see the look on his mother's face when he gave her the beautiful glass angel.

Christmas Day arrived. Tommy, his parents and his brothers and sisters gathered around the Christmas tree. The gifts were given out one at a time. The children were excited as they opened each one.

After all of the presents were opened, Tommy's brother and sisters gave their mom the gifts they had made for her at school. As she opened them Tommy slipped into his bedroom, got the bag, unwrapped the angel from its protective tissue paper and carefully walked to where his mother was sitting next to the Christmas tree.

He had dreamed of this day for months. He had envisioned the look on his mother's face. When he got to the door of the living room she ask him, "*what do you have there Tommy?*" The adrenaline shot through his body. He ran toward his mother and as he stepped on a piece of discarded wrapping paper his feet slipped out from under him. The angel went flying in the air as Tommy fell to the floor. After what seem like eternity, there was a crash and pieces of the glass angel went sailing across the living room floor.

Tommy just sat on the floor with a look of shock and horror on his face. Tears welled up in his eyes as he started to cry. His mother said, "*Oh, don't cry Tommy, it doesn't matter.*" Upon hearing those words, he totally broke down. Tommy's dad walked over to him, picked him up in his arms and said, "*Tommy, I know how important it was to give your mom that angel. Together let's pick up the pieces.*" And with tears in their eyes Tommy and his dad began to pick up the pieces of the broken angel.

As we enter into our broken world the temptations are to act as if it is not broken or to simply kick the pieces around, or for some, to try and fix it all. But the hope of the Gospel is that brokenness is not all there is.... and often we are called only to help pick the up pieces.

We cannot be a reconciling presence in the world if we do not enter into the brokenness of the world. "God so loved the world" that in the Incarnation, the person of Jesus, God entered into our brokenness that we might be put back together, healed, if not in this age, in the age to come.

Our brokenness has many forms.

This past August in Charlottesville, Virginia we were reminded that racism in America is part of the disease (brokenness) that plagues our Nation. I know it is uncomfortable to talk about, but let's not deceive ourselves and pretend racism does not exist.

Listen to the pain that arbitrary discrimination based on skin color causes to those of African descent, Hispanic decent or the original occupiers of this continent, Native Americans. Those of Asian and Middle Eastern decent also get caught up in this prejudice. It is through their stories that we begin to understand the broken nature of a culture that measures a person's worth or humanity by the color of their skin. Listen to their stories.

Listen to the stories of immigrants who are often judged on how well they speak English or their ethnic accent when they do speak it. How quick are we to judge a telemarketer when they have an accent from a non-English speaking country? How much quicker do I hang-up?

Listen to the stories of LBGT individuals as they speak of discrimination and at times violence toward them in some segments of our society.

Listen to the poor as they struggle to meet daily needs. Listen without judgment; listen without advice.

Listen to our veterans; especially those who served in Viet Nam and returned to an ungrateful country that often blamed them for the mistakes of our Nation's leaders. Also, listen to those returning now from wars fought in Afghanistan and Iraq who many times will not speak of their experiences and the horrors they witnessed. Listen not just to what they may say, but listen to what they do not say as well.

There is plenty of brokenness to go around, so listen. Listen to the mother and father whose hopes are broken through a miscarriage. Listen to the loved one, friend or maybe stranger who receives a diagnose that confronts them with their mortality. Listen to the dreams lost as another young person dies of suicide or an automobile accident.

The brokenness of our world is pronounced. Touch it gently, but touch it. Help those in the midst of brokenness to pick up the pieces the best they can; knowing that *often* times this brokenness has been forced upon them by circumstances beyond their control.

Each summer at Thunderhead Episcopal Camp our counselors gather those who come and they listen to their stories. Some of the camper's stories that are heard are harsh, but these counselors listen and they help, at least some, to return to a memory of a time before the angel was broken. They remind our young campers that there is more to their story than any one moment in time and that God's love can help us put even the most broken pieces together again.

Hopes matter, dreams matter, our feelings and our lives matter. The story of the incarnation; the coming of God into the world in the person of Jesus is God's message to us that **we matter**. God

loves us enough to enter into our hopes and dreams and help us live our lives more fully. God loves us enough to enter into our brokenness and help us pick up the pieces.

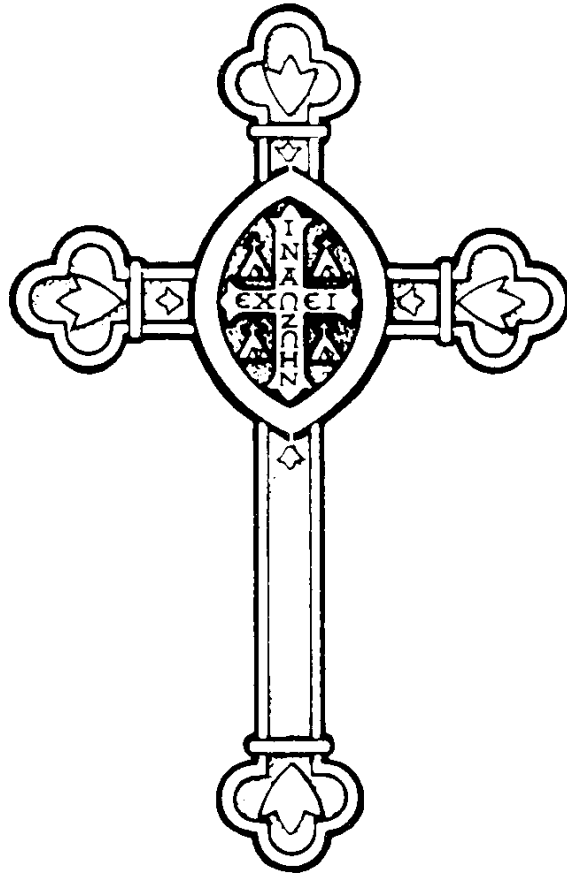
Do we love God enough to enter into to this sinful and broken world and help others pick up the pieces of their broken lives, so that we all might again live the time before the angel was broken? That is our mission; that is our charge....

**Annual & Special Convocations of the
Missionary District of South Dakota**

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| 1. 1884 Sioux Falls | 30. 1914 Lead | 60. 1944 Yankton |
| 2. 1885 Sioux Falls | 31. 1915 Watertown | 61. 1945 Mitchell |
| 1886 Unknown | 32. 1916 Sioux Falls | 62. 1946 Sioux Falls |
| 3. 1887 Sioux Falls | 33. 1917 Aberdeen | 63. 1947 Aberdeen |
| 4. 1888 Sioux Falls | 34. 1918 Sioux Falls | 64. 1948 Lead |
| 5. 1889 Sioux Falls | 35. 1919 Huron | 65. 1949 Huron |
| 6. 1890 Mitchell | 36. 1920 Watertown | 66. 1950 Mitchell |
| 7. 1891 Sioux Falls. | 37. 1921 Lead & Deadwood | 67. 1951 Yankton |
| 8. 1892 Aberdeen | 38. 1922 Mitchell | 66. 1952 Deadwood |
| 9. 1893 Yankton | 39. 1923 Yankton | 69. 1953 Watertown |
| 10. 1894 Huron | 40. 1924 Aberdeen | 70. 1954 Rapid City |
| 11. 1895 Sioux Falls | 41. 1925 Pierre | 71. 1955 Aberdeen |
| 12. 1896 Madison | 42. 1926 Huron | 72. 1956 Brookings |
| 13. 1897 Sioux Falls | 43. 1927 Rapid City | 73. 1957 Rapid City |
| 14. 1898 Aberdeen | 44. 1928 Sioux Falls | 74. 1958 Sioux Falls |
| 15. 1899 Yankton | 45. 1929 Sioux Falls | 75. 1959 Lead & Deadwood |
| 16. 1900 Aberdeen | 46. 1930 Watertown | 76. 1960 Mitchell |
| 17. 1901 Sioux Falls | 47. 1931 Aberdeen | 77. 1961 Yankton |
| 18. 1902 Howard & Madison | 48. 1932 Deadwood & Lead | 78. 1962 Rapid City |
| 19. 1903 Sioux Falls | 49. 1933 Mitchell | 77. 1963 Aberdeen |
| 20. 1904 Sioux Falls | 50. 1934 Pierre | 80. 1964 Sioux Falls |
| 21. 1905 Sioux Falls | 51. 1935 Yankton | 81. 1965 Lead & Deadwood |
| 22. 1906 Sioux Falls | 52. 1936 Rapid City | 82. 1966 Brookings |
| 23. 1907 Yankton | 53. 1937 Huron | 83. 1967 Martin |
| 24. 1908 Sioux Falls | 54. 1938 Watertown | 84. 1968 Huron |
| 25. 1909 Sioux Falls | 55. 1939 Mitchell | 1968 Special, Sioux Falls |
| 26. 1910 Mitchell | 56. 1940 Aberdeen | 85. 1969 Belle Fourche |
| 27. 1911 Huron | 57. 1941 Sioux Falls | 1970 Special, Pierre |
| 28. 1912 Sioux Falls | 58. 1942 Huron | 86. 1970 Sioux Falls |
| 29. 1913 Mitchell | 59. 1943 Pierre | |

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

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| 87. 1971 Primary Convention, Pierre | 111. 1995 Twenty-fifth Convention, Rapid City |
| 88. 1972 Second Convention, Sioux Falls | 112. 1996 Twenty-sixth Convention, Yankton |
| 89. 1973 Third Convention, Springfield | 113. 1997 Twenty-seventh Convention, Mitchell |
| 90. 1974 Fourth Convention, Mitchell | 114. 1998 Twenty-eighth Convention, Huron |
| 91. 1975 Fifth Convention, Rapid City | 115. 1999 Twenty-ninth Convention, Watertown |
| 92. 1976 Sixth Convention, Watertown | 116. 2000 Thirtieth Convention, Spearfish |
| 93. 1977 Seventh Convention, Pierre | 117. 2001 Thirty-first Convention, Brookings |
| 94. 1978 Eighth Convention, Brookings | 118. 2002 Thirty-second Convention, Pierre |
| 95. 1979 Ninth Convention, Vermillion | 119. 2003 Thirty-third Convention, Pierre |
| 96. 1980 Tenth Convention, Sioux Falls | 120. 2004 Thirty-fourth Convention, Pierre |
| 97. 1981 Eleventh Convention, Huron | 121. 2005 Thirty-fifth Convention, Pierre |
| 98. 1982 Twelfth Convention, Rapid City | 122. 2006 Thirty-sixth Convention, Pierre |
| 1983 Special Convention, Chamberlain | 123. 2007 Thirty-seventh Convention, Oacoma |
| 99. 1983 Thirteenth Convention, Aberdeen | 124. 2008 Thirty-eighth Convention, Oacoma |
| 1984 Special Convention, Huron | 2009 Special Convention, Pierre |
| 100. 1984 Fourteenth Convention, Mobridge | 125. 2009 Thirty-ninth Convention, Oacoma |
| 101. 1985 Fifteenth Convention, Aberdeen | 126. 2010 Fortieth Convention, Pierre |
| 102. 1986 Sixteenth Convention, Yankton | 127. 2011 Forty-first Convention, Pierre |
| 103. 1987 Seventeenth Convention, Rapid City | 128. 2012 Forty-second Convention, Pierre |
| 104. 1988 Eighteenth Convention, Mitchell | 129. 2013 Forty-third Convention, Pierre |
| 105. 1989 Nineteenth Convention, Mitchell | 130. 2014 Forty-fourth Convention, Pierre |
| 106. 1990 Twentieth Convention, Watertown | 131. 2015 Forty-fifth Convention, Pierre |
| 107. 1991 Twenty-first Convention, Rapid City | 132. 2016 Forty-sixth Convention, Pierre |
| 108. 1992 Twenty-second Convention, Aberdeen | 133. 2017 Forty-seventh Convention, Pierre |
| 109. 1993 Twenty-third Convention, Sioux Falls | |
| 1994 Special Convention, Ft. Pierre | |
| 110. 1994 Twenty-fourth Convention, Pierre | |

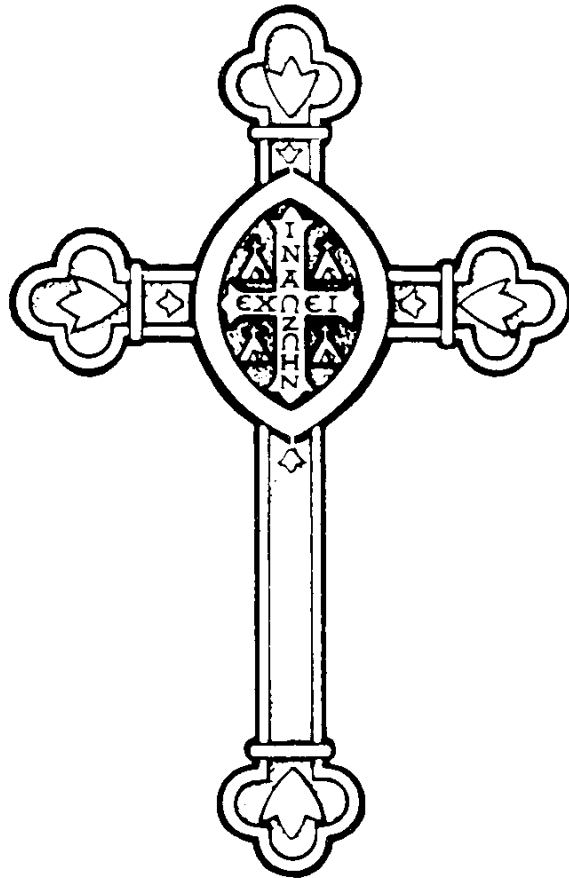


THE NIOBRARA CONVOCATION

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
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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

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
145. 2017 Christ Church, Red Shirt Table, Pine Ridge, 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 Roussell	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 2016 Convention**

Diocesan Council members include the following, Bishop Tarrant (Chair), Steve Sanford (Chancellor), Randy Barnhardt (Financial Officer), Chris Clem (Treasurer), Rev. Kim Fonder (Convention Representative), Rev. Chris Roussell (Black Hills Deanery), Richard Thompson Jr. (Central Deanery), Carol Smith (Eastern Deanery), Rev. Harold Eagle Bull (Niobrara Deanery), Rev. Richard Zephier (Northeast Deanery), Don Metcalf (Northwest Deanery), Peter Haukaas (Rosebud Deanery), and Marlys Fratzke (clerk).

During the December 2016 meeting, Diocesan Council discussed the following issues.

1. Financial Reports
2. TEC
3. Open clergy positions
4. Convention
 - a) Development of the resolution from convention regarding an anti-bullying committee
5. Legacy giving
6. Standing Rock Mission (Centennial Challenge Loan)
7. Diocesan Office space agreement with Trinity.

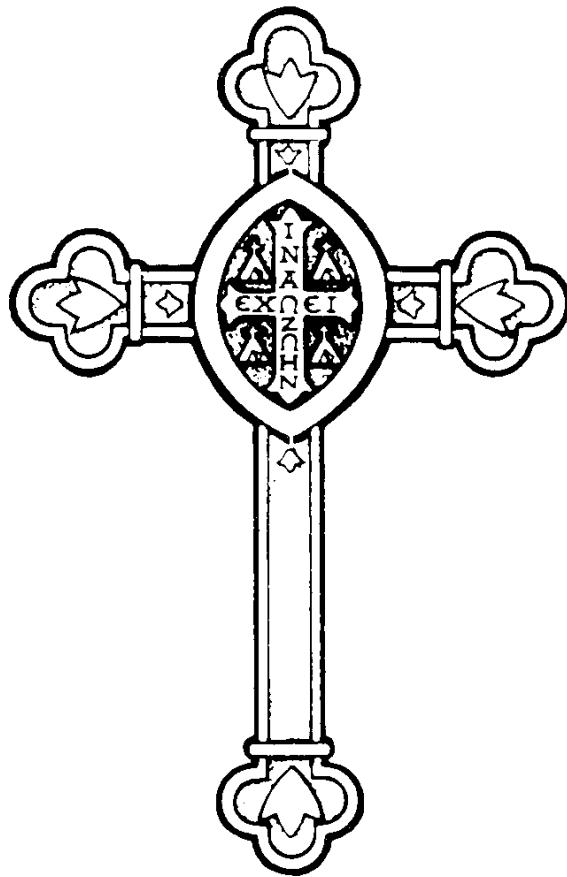
During the January 2017 meeting, Diocesan Council discussed the following issues.

1. Financial Reports
 - a) Mission Clergy salary increase
 - b) Audit committee
2. TEC Board summary
3. Convention
4. Standing Rock Mission (Centennial Challenge Loan)
5. Introduction of Pat LeBeau (Diocese Property Manager).
6. Open Clergy positions
7. Introduction of the Rev. Tim Fountain (Diocese Missioner of Support)
8. Bishop's Report
9. Plans for an upcoming Mega meeting.

During the April 2017 meeting, Diocesan Council discussed the following issues.

1. Financial Reports
 - a) Audit committee
 - b) Annual compensations for Rev. Tim Fountain and Bishop Tarrant
2. Capital Fund Drive for Calvary Cathedral.
3. Convention, set of dates for 2018 and moving convention to the UMC in Pierre.
4. Chancellor spoke about the churches as a "Sanctuary"
5. Finalize the Diocesan Office space agreement with Trinity.
6. Property update and inspections

Respectfully submitted by Marlys Fratzke



COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP & ANNUAL REPORTS

Board of Examining Chaplains

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

Commission on Ministry

The Rev. Portia Corbin
Carol Cloud Eagle
Shirley Crane
The Rev. Judy Flagstad -
(co-chair)
Barbee Hovelson
The Rev. Michael Johnson
Dottie LeBeau - (co-chair)
The Rev. Jean Mornard
Linda Simon
Barb Simpson
The Ven. Paul Sneve
Marlys Fratzke (Registrar)

Episcopal Church Woman

Diana Regan - President
Vicki Sweet - Vice President
Elizabeth Campbell- Secretary
Cora Koss - Treasurer
Vicki Sweet - Alter Guild
Sandy Magnavito- Scholarships

Investment Committee

Chris Clem
Randy Barnhardt
Steve Sanford
Candy Hanson

Niobrara Council- Officers

Itancan- The Rev. Richard Zephier
Iyokiya-Itancan - Sam Kitto
Secretary - The Rev. Annie Henninger
Treasurer - The Rev. Kim Fonder
Sergeant at Arms- Don Metcalf

St. Marys Leadership Development Board

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

Title IV Intake Officers

Deacon Virginia Bird
The Rev. Canon David Hussey
Dottie LeBeau

Thunderhead Episcopal Center TEC

David Wheeler, Chair
The Rev. Portia Corbin
Robb Campbell
Tammy Fonder
Julie Gehm
Gladys Hawk
The Rev. Mercy Hobbs, Secretary
Pat LeBeau, Vice Chair
Bob Mayer
Don Metcalf, Grandpa Don, Advisor
Jan Sanford
Christopher Soukup
Doris White

Canon to the Ordinary 2017 Report to Diocesan Convention

Congregations & Clergy in Transition since 2016 Convention

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Rapid City - The Rev. Hal Weidman, Rector

Christ Church, Lead - The Rev. Portia Corbin, Rector

Church of the Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls - The Rev. Christina O'Hara, Rector

Trinity Episcopal Church, Watertown - OPEN

The Mni Sose Cluster, Chamberlain - OPEN

Clergy in Transition since 2016 Convention

Fr. Tony Buquor and his wife Lou Ann, retired from Concord, MA and are back home in South Dakota and living in Sioux Falls.

Fr. Craig West and Miriam have retired from the Mni Sose Cluster and are relocating to the Pacific Northwest.

The Rev. Canon David P. Hussey - Canon to the Ordinary & Transitional Ministry

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY 2017 Report to Diocesan Convention

The Commission on Ministry has met twice during the past year. At their meeting during the 2016 Diocesan convention, COM recommended one person for postulancy toward ordination as a priest and one person for candidacy toward the ordination as a priest. COM'S second meeting occurred during the Mega Meeting in April. At that meeting, we recommended one person for postulancy toward ordination as a vocational deacon and two persons for postulancy toward ordination as a priest. In addition, three people were recommended for candidacy toward ordination as a priest and two persons were recommended for ordination as transitional deacons.

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

Carol Cloud Eagle

Shirley Crane

The Rev. Judy Flagstad, Co-Chair

Marlys Fratzke, Secretary

Barbee Hovelson

The Rev. Michael Johnson

Dottie LeBeau, Co-Chair

The Rev. Jean Mornard

Linda Simon

Barb Simpson

The Ven. Paul Sneve

Faithfully,

Dottie LeBeau and Judy Flagstad, Co-Chairs

Commission on Ministry

Thunderhead Episcopal Center Board Report 2017 Diocesan Convention

In 2017 camping at Thunderhead Episcopal Center once again provided a model for a flourishing and significant ministry to both youth and young adults in our Diocese and beyond. This season, TEC served a total of 127 campers, meaning that the numbers in the last three years remain steady. As in the 2016 season, 7th and 8th Grade Camp was the largest camp, with 37 campers in attendance (this is the same number as in 2016, demonstrating that numbers have stabilized). Our relationship with the Diocese of Wyoming continues as youth from Wyoming returned to Thunderhead. 27 Wyoming campers attended camp this year. Most of them have attended since our partnership began in 2015.

The 2017 program focused on Jesus' life and ministry. The younger campers enjoyed "Christmas at Camp" with the Rev. Kay Flores, Wyoming's Youth and Young Adult Missioner. The 11th and 12th grade campers journeyed through Holy Week with Charlie Gillespie—an old friend of TEC—from New York. Rachel Williams, a seminarian from Atlanta, led the 7th-10th graders through Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection, using the church year as a model. As always, transportation is a significant part of our ministry with young people. This year saw the institution of a transportation deadline to more easily prepare for our transportation needs. Having a deadline before the camp season starts gives us adequate time to line up the appropriate number of drivers, vehicles, and routes. This is particularly important as communications are extremely limited at camp once the season begins. This specific transportation deadline proved highly effective and will therefore remain May 15th for the foreseeable future. Campers may, of course, register for their respective camp up until the first day of their session; however, the *Diocese* will only provide transportation for those registered before May 15th (other groups providing transportation may set whatever deadlines they wish). For this reason, we also encourage missions, deaneries, or congregations to consider providing their own transportation for the youth in their local areas.

Three years ago, TEC experienced massive growth in numbers. That growth allowed us to expand the camping season by dividing camps up into more specific age groups. These numbers clearly indicate the vitality of this ministry; nevertheless, our goal is not to stabilize, but to continually grow and improve. Because of this, we are entering a new stage of dreaming and visioning about the future of Thunderhead. At this time, we have more than enough residential cabin space—what limits our physical capacity is dining and activity space. In the next year, we plan on installing new flooring on the main level of Supertent to allow for more dining space. We are also beginning to explore the possibility of building a new multi-purpose space for camp activities. Currently, the chapel is the only space large enough to hold an entire camp for any activity that requires movement. Similarly, the increased numbers have also caused us to out-grow the arts and crafts space in Supertent's basement. We will keep you updated as our dreams clarify and our plans become more concrete.

One reason for the recent growth is our commitment to welcoming every young person to camp regardless of ability to pay—an ideal we remain committed to. 53% of campers in 2017 required

a full scholarship to attend camp. As always, this makes your continued support—financial and otherwise—invaluable. Many of you supported camp through work weekends, clean-ups, donating goods, providing scholarships and other funds, facilitating camp transportation, and through camper and counselor recruitment. Thanks to your support, we finally expanded the basketball court to full size this year, and the campers couldn't have been happier to see that dream come true. Thank you for supporting this growing ministry. We cannot emphasize enough how much this ministry requires your support.

Finally, we could not talk about TEC without talking about our incredible team of young adult counselors, who facilitate camp's day-to-day operations. Indeed, TEC is as much a ministry with the young adults who work and live there as it is for the youth that attend. Throughout the summer, the camp program provided space for the young adults to focus on their dreams and goals as a part of their own personal and spiritual development. A very special "thank you" goes out to Juliette Two Lance, Heaven Stinger, Miranda O'Brien, Cassie Boettcher, Alycia Kirchmeier, Makaela Moser, Kyle Hawk Bear, Leif Gerbing, Will Longworth, Ben Galagan, Ramsey Allen, and Grant Gonsor. These young adults gave of themselves, shared their talents, and taught youth and one another what it means to live in community, loving and caring for each other.

The continued growth of youth and young adult ministry through such a sacred place is a source of great joy. Our joy will only increase as we look forward to future possibilities as we continue to dream and vision for our future.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Portia Corbin

**Annual Report
Of the Standing Committee
The Diocese of South Dakota
For the year ending June 30, 2017**

The Standing Committee is elected by the Diocesan Convention, which each year elects one lay person and one clergy person to serve four-year terms. 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):

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

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, 2017, the Standing Committee took the following actions:

- Elected the Very Rev. Ward Simpson as President.
- Elected the Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley as Secretary.

Consented to the following elections of bishops:

- Consented to the the election of the Rev. Canon John Harvey Taylor as Bishop Co-Adjutor of the Diocese of Los Angeles;
- Consented to the election of the Rev. Canon Rafael L. Morales as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Puerto Rico;
- Consented to the election of the Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Indianapolis;
- Consented to the election of the Rev. Canon Gretchen Mary Rehberg as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Spokane;
- Consented to the election of Provisional Bishop David C. Rice as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of San Joaquin;
- Consented to the election of the Rev. Samuel S. Rodman III as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of North Carolina; and

- Consented to the election of the Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of West Texas.

The Standing Committee also consented to the call for the election of of a Bishop Co-Adjutor for the Diocese of Haiti;

In actions relating to the ordination process, the Standing Committee:

- Consented to Twila Two Bull's Ordination to the diaconate with a call to priesthood;
- Consented to Twila Two Bulls' application as a Candidate for Ordination to the Priesthood;
- Consented to James Marrs' application as a Candidate for Ordination to the Priesthood;
- Consented to the Rev. Deacon Virginia Bird's application as a Candidate for Ordination to the Priesthood;
- Consented to Erin Rath's Ordination to the diaconate with a call to priesthood.

In other business, the Standing Committee:

- Consented to the request for reinstatement to the Episcopal priesthood of the Rev. Ronald Gene Hennies, under Canon III.9.13;
- Consented to the request from the Standing Rock Mission for a \$10,000 loan from the Centennial Challenge Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley
Secretary of the Standing Committee

Camp Remington 2017 Report

This past year started with the opening of the camp in May. Cabins were cleaned, mattresses unpacked, toilets cleaned, stoves and refrigerators started, grass mowed and trimmed, repairs made and chapel made ready for use.

At the end of 2016 a grant request was made to the Emmanuel Grant Fund, and we received a grant in 2017. The grant was in the amount of \$2,650.00. This money was used for the purchase of a storage shed placed in the existing lean-to, a new grass trimmer and accessories, and for four new picnic tables. The ECW of Emmanuel Church also gave the camp \$950.00 to purchase a 20HP, 42" riding lawn mower. These items have greatly improved the ability to keep the camp looking great.

This past year has seen the three cabins at the camp reserved for a total of 168 nights. This is incredible and speaks to the popularity of the camp. Most of these campers were children and grandchildren of past clergy from the Diocese.

In August Emmanuel Church used the camp for a pig roast and overnight youth campout. On Sunday a service was held with approximately 100 in attendance. As someone said after the service, "It is impossible to explain to others how inspirational the service is at the Camp Remington Chapel. You must feel the peace, the light breeze, the dappled sunshine to know that God is certainly with us."

On September 23, 2017 about ten people helped to close the camp for the season. This did not take long but was a good chance for some fellowship.

If you have never been to camp, we encourage you to come and experience its peacefulness. If you have been, you know the feelings imparted by the camp and encourage you to tell others. As with any facility, there is upkeep involved and of course there is an associated cost and time. There are some upcoming items of maintenance and repairs to be done, such as staining of the floors in the cabins, staining of the exteriors, some roof repair, screening to be replaced, possible vinyl flooring in kitchen areas, etc. If you would like to donate to help get these items done please send donations to the Diocese Office marked for Camp Remington. If you would like to donate time please let the Diocese Office know. There will be more specific details in the coming months.

Respectfully submitted by Les Koss

Niobrara School of Ministry 2017 Report

Those participating in Niobrara School for Ministry over the last program year have likely experienced continuity with the past, certain changes, and even the revival of some traditions. Niobrara School continued to provide educational opportunities for local ministerial formation programs as well as for lay and ordained people seeking continuing education and enrichment. Ministry weekends this last year covered topics like the practice of biblical exegesis and improving speaking and singing in worship. Fr. Paul Sneve offered an important weekend-long anti-racism training session last fall. For the first time in several years, Niobrara School for Ministry held its annual Summer Seminary somewhere other than Thunderhead Episcopal Center. From Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25, people from throughout the Diocese gathered in Rapid City to learn about the theory and practice of liturgy in the Episcopal Church. Participants stayed at Terra Sancta retreat center and travelled to the three Episcopal Churches in Rapid City (St. Matthew's, St. Andrew's, and Emmanuel) for hands-on training in Morning and Evening Prayer, Baptisms, the Eucharist, and funerals. Fr. Chris Roussell of Emmanuel Episcopal Church served as the primary facilitator and instructor. Additionally, Deacons Marty Garwood and Virginia Bird, Frs. Hal Weidman and Clay Riley, and Bishop John Tarrant all served as lecturers and facilitators. While everyone could not stay for every session, 19 people, in addition to facilitators and instructors, participated in Summer Seminary 2017.

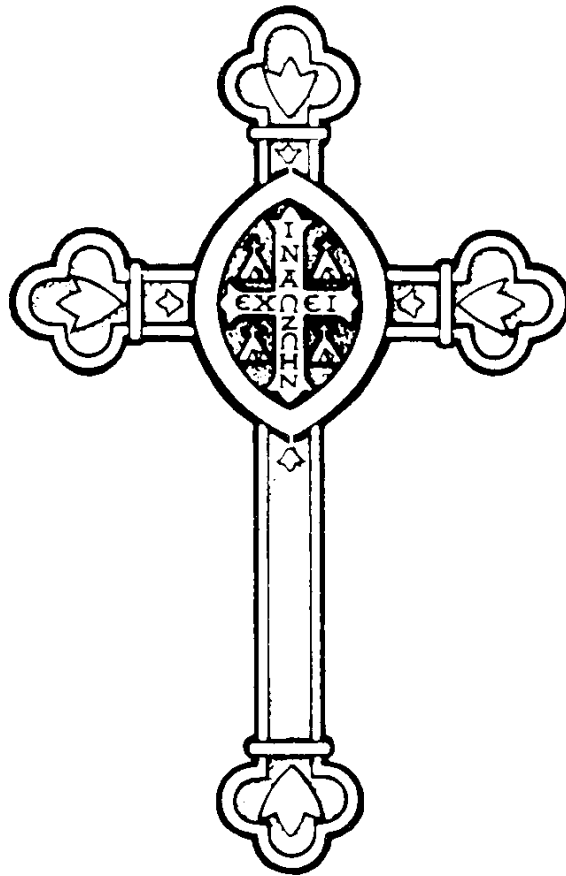
One of the most significant changes to have begun for Niobrara School for Ministry is the development of a training program for a new lay Order of Catechists. The unique situations of many of South Dakota's congregations make a full-time, stipendiary priest unfeasible, and dedicated lay people enable these communities to have regular worship, pastoral care, Baptism and Confirmation instruction, and wakes and funerals. For the last several years, the Diocese has not had a single, formal way to recognize the work and authority of those who provide such valuable services or to ensure that these leaders receive consistent ministerial formation. Often, local communities, looking to ensure that these leaders received due authority, recognition for their service, and training, have put them forward for ordination to the diaconate. However, the diaconate is an order that symbolically bridges the gap between the world and the church by bringing the concerns of the world to the church and those of the church to the world; it is therefore not well suited to these particular local needs. Therefore, to maintain the integrity of the diaconate while also equipping and authorizing these leaders to serve more quickly than would be possible through local training for the priesthood (a process that takes a minimum of three years), the Diocese will institute an Order of Catechists to which one is formally commissioned. The title, authority, and responsibilities of the office of Catechist will require participation in a year-long training program from Niobrara School for Ministry. This office will be understood as a specific call to ministry by God like ordination; as such, once this program has begun, those with a possible call to this order will need it affirmed through participation at a Diocesan Discernment Retreat and by the successful completion of the subsequent year-long training program. Those who are recognized as duly called and successfully trained will be commissioned in the summer of 2019.

Without neglecting those in the local training process for ordination, Niobrara School for Ministry will invest considerable time this coming year in the development of Catechist training, local education about this program, and the identification of a vanguard class of participants. At the same time, Niobrara School will continue to provide a full array of ministry weekends and other training opportunities in 2017-18, including a weekend on the history of the Episcopal Church in

South Dakota; training on the Constitution and Canons – with emphasis on Title IV; and an encore offering of *Finding Your Worship Voice: Congregational Speech and Song*. This coming year's Summer Seminary will kick off the Catechist training program, and it will focus on how to train members of one's congregation to live into those positions for which they are called and licensed (e.g., Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, Worship Leader, etc.), but it will also provide valuable training for everyone in the Diocese so licensed.

One point that has become apparent is that many people in the Diocese believe that programming for Niobrara School for Ministry is only for those in local training for ordination and/or licensing. However, all offerings from Niobrara School for Ministry, from Ministry Weekends and Summer Seminary to the courses of study and educational mentoring, are available to everyone in the Diocese of South Dakota. Whether you are new to the Episcopal Church, a seasoned lay person, or a clergy person seeking additional continuing education opportunities, everything offered by Niobrara School for Ministry is available for you. One of the initiatives that will be explored in the coming program year is how to better inform *all* clergy and lay people that Niobrara School for Ministry has programs that can benefit them.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Corbin



Financial Statistics 2017

THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA 2017

Diocese of South Dakota
Financial Statistics of Congregations and Missions

Year in parentheses is last
year of filing if not 2017

City	Congregation	Plate & Pledge Income	Operating Revenue	Total Revenue	Operating Expense	To the Diocese	Outreach & Development	Total Expense
Aberdeen	St Marks Episcopal Church	52,424	82,281	82,281	81,174	13,500	1,069	81,174
Batesland	St Michaels Episcopal Church	32	32	32	50	50	0	50
Belle Fourche	St James Episcopal Church	22,442	23,806	39,860	23,745	3,662	14,592	37,876
Blackfoot	Church of the Ascension		0	0	0		0	0
Brookings	St Pauls Episcopal Church	81,962	83,937	124,625	87,703	12,816	24,469	117,285
Browns Valley	St Johns Church (2015)	1,389	1,389	1,389	1,749		2,190	2,944
Buffalo Gap	Christ Episcopal Church		0	0	0		0	0
Bullhead	St John the Baptist		0	0	0		0	0
Chamberlain	Christ Episcopal Church	5,477	20,204	20,204	9,421	4,866	75	9,721
Cherry Creek	St Andrews Station		0	0	0		0	0
Deadwood	St Johns Episcopal Church	38,858	38,858	41,682	69,686	2,533	0	69,686
Dupree	St Philips Church		0	0	0		0	0
Eagle Butte	St John the Evangelist	3,700	3,700	3,700	600	600	0	600
Firesteel	Church of the Holy Spirit	32	1,476	1,476	0		0	0
Flandreau	St Mary & Our Blessed Redeemer (2009)	3,176	10,785	10,785	5,048	600	6,977	12,025
Fort Pierre	Holy Name Episcopal Church	1,701	1,701	1,701	0		0	0
Fort Pierre	St Peters Episcopal Church	7,161	9,888	9,888	8,858	3,470	0	8,976
Ft Thompson	Christ Episcopal Church (2016)	7,402	7,402	7,402	5,446	1,208	0	5,446
Gregory	Church of the Incarnation	2,149	2,499	2,499	3,637	300	0	3,637
Harold	Messiah Episcopal Church	1,109	1,109	1,109	0		0	0
Herrick	All Saints Episcopal Church	1,454	2,354	2,354	2,058	340	0	2,058
Hot Springs	St Lukes Episcopal Church	22,964	23,200	23,418	20,174	3,280	0	20,398

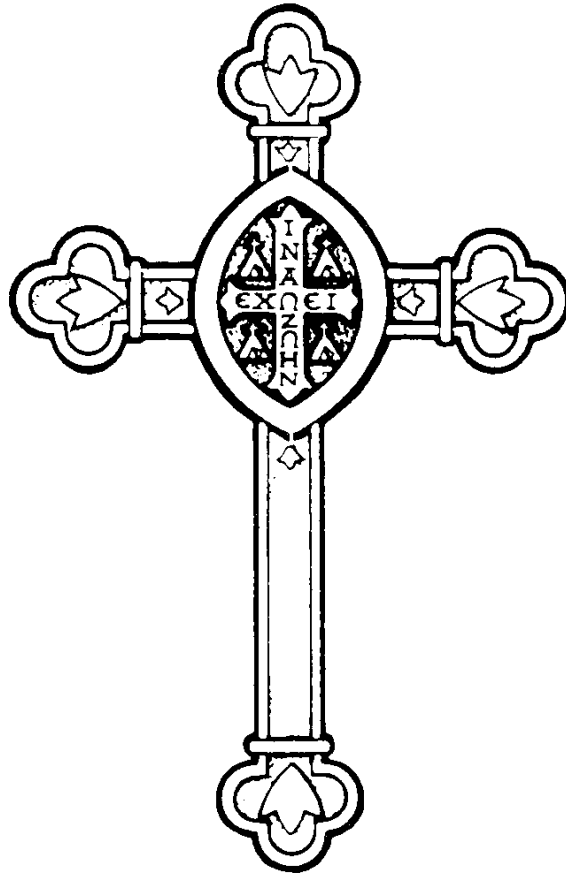
City	Congregation	Plate & Pledge Income	Operating	Total Revenue	Operating Expense	To the Diocese	Outreach & Development	Total Expense
Huron	Grace Episcopal Church							

THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA 2017

		Revenue						
Ideal	Church of the Holy Spirit	839	1,989	1,989	2,026		0	2,026
Iron Lightning	St Lukes Church		0	0	0		0	0
Kyle	Church of the Mediator	1,924	1,924	1,924	1,719	220	0	1,719
Lake Andes	Church of St Philip the Deacon	903	1,553	1,553	990		0	990
Landry	St James Church		0	0	0		0	0
Lead	Christ Episcopal Church	19,816	21,627	21,627	21,991	6,459	15,305	37,296
Little Eagle	St Pauls Episcopal Church	80	80	80	0		0	0
Little Oak Creek	Church of the Good Shepherd	153	653	653	0		0	0
Lower Brule	Holy Comforter Episcopal Church	3,470	3,470	3,470	0		0	0
Lower Brule	St John the Baptist Episcopal Church (2016)	866	866	1,866	374		1,090	1,474
Madison	Grace Episcopal Church	18,652	18,652	20,871	12,353	2,489	6,840	21,312
Martin	St Katharines Episcopal Church	11,590	23,106	23,395	19,965	5,095	3,027	22,954
McLaughlin	St Peters Episcopal Church	1,336	4,056	4,056	0		0	0
Milbank	Christ Episcopal Church	20,015	20,015	20,015	22,715	2,000	19,507	41,222
Mission	Calvary Episcopal Church	2,416	3,816	3,816	3,870	997	0	3,870
Mission	Trinity Episcopal Church	4,000	8,179	8,179	7,230	750	0	7,230
Mitchell	St Marys Episcopal Church	57,384	68,202	121,006	75,883	2,500	63,170	138,425
Mobridge	St James Episcopal Church (2012)	10,715	12,043	12,043	10,948	1,964	0	10,948
Niobrara	Church of Our Most Merciful Savior	2,254	11,021	11,021	2,456		0	2,456
Niobrara	Church of the Blessed Redeemer	647	647	647	183		0	183
Norris	Tiwahe ed wacekiyapi (Family Worship)	159	759	759	1,253		0	1,253
On The Tree	St Thomas Station		0	0	0		0	0
Parmelee	Holy Innocents Episcopal Church	1,288	2,588	2,588	1,624	500	0	1,624
Peever	Gethsemane Episcopal Church (2016)	8,418	11,418	11,418	5,500	500	5,500	11,000
Peever	St Marys Episcopal Church	4,253	17,682	19,682	10,201	3,162	6,521	16,451
Pierre	Trinity Episcopal Church	86,949	93,531	177,107	105,721	9,167	75,692	182,897
Pine Ridge	Church of the Advent	27	27	27	0		0	0

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City	Congregation	Plate & Pledge Income	Operating Revenue	Total Revenue	Operating Expense	To the Diocese	Outreach & Development	Total Expense
Pine Ridge	Holy Cross Episcopal Church	648	828	828	50	50	0	50
Porcupine	St Julias Episcopal Church	114	114	114	0		0	0
Promise	St Marys Episcopal Church		0	0	0		0	0
Rapid City	Emmanuel Episcopal Church	398,269	463,725	528,925	422,018	56,572	32,961	484,028
Rapid City	St Andrews Episcopal Church	149,183	153,548	159,108	158,854	18,900	18,112	182,380
Rapid City	St Matthews Episcopal Church	11,364	14,469	15,836	12,219	2,300	0	12,786
Red Scaffold	St Stephens Station		0	0	0		0	0
Reliance	St Alban's Episcopal Church	5,789	5,789	5,789	0		0	0
Rosebud	Church of Jesus	4,961	5,111	5,111	9,242	1,000	900	9,242
Sioux Falls	Calvary Cathedral Episcopal	318,252	423,771	471,521	423,771	63,865	47,549	481,305
Sioux Falls	Church of the Good Shepherd	94,112	114,606	123,514	138,417	14,000	16,167	154,366
Sioux Falls	Church of the Holy Apostles	18,835	37,296	37,296	16,274	900	0	16,274
Soldier Creek	Grace Station	218	245	245	240	50	0	240
Spearfish	Church of All Angels	89,310	235,263	260,636	214,968	22,239	51,133	260,636
Sturgis	St Thomas Episcopal Church	26,273	28,373	28,373	35,988	4,237	3,463	39,451
Thunder Butte	St Peters Church		0	0	0		0	0
Vermillion	St Pauls Episcopal Church	40,967	48,362	125,242	28,601	8,381	2,130	30,731
Wagner	Woniya Wakan (Holy Spirit)	5,189	6,605	6,605	4,268		0	4,268
Wakpala	St Elizabeths Episcopal Church	1,500	5,980	5,980	0		0	0
Wanblee	Gethsemane Episcopal Church	308	308	308	50	50	0	50
Watertown	Trinity Episcopal Church	14,863	24,074	24,132	17,330	1,800	0	17,388
Waubay	St James Episcopal Church	4,954	8,470	9,470	19,300	12,623	400	19,300
Webster	St Marys Episcopal Church	5,940	16,990	17,077	11,746	1,759	5,772	16,506
White Horse	Emmanuel Episcopal Church		0	0	0		0	0
White River		240	240	240	50	50	0	50
Winner	Trinity Episcopal Church	9,680	16,356	16,356	19,741	2,400	0	19,741
Yankton	Christ Episcopal Church	76,405	119,420	161,701	112,807	10,000	5,737	116,595
	TOTALS	1,843,292	2,496,329	3,392,382	2,397,070	322,711	440,320	2,880,314



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Program Actual/Budget - 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017					
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Page 1	12/31/2014	12/31/2015	11/30/2016	2016	2017
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	PROGRAM	PROPOSED
				BUDGET	BUDGET
EXPENDITURES					
MISSION CLERGY AND SUPPORT:					
Salary and Housing - Note 1	382,992	377,713	397,220	495,190	492,693
Medical Insurance - Note 2	137,970	115,623	123,225	151,776	161,841
Less Employee Share	(20,349)	(16,707)	(16,799)	(22,315)	(23,826)
Travel	82,312	90,085	77,970	90,000	89,500
Housing & Utilities	62,681	71,942	56,087	69,300	67,229
Pension	94,500	86,198	94,550	111,892	112,714
Moving and Interview	12,494	10,233	5,382	8,000	8,000
Payroll Taxes	0	566	2,204	2,945	1,109
TOTAL MISSION CLERGY AND SUPPORT	752,600	735,653	739,839	906,788	909,260
THE LARGER CHURCH SUPPORT:					
Episcopal Church Center Support - Note 3	77,981	78,670	71,795	78,224	70,097
General Convention Deputies - Note 4	7,350	5,513	8,100	8,100	8,100
Provincial Support	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Provincial Synod Deputies	0	467	0	750	750
Lambeth Conference Reserve	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL LARGER CHURCH SUPPORT	86,331	85,650	80,895	88,074	79,947
DIOCESAN PROGRAM SUPPORT					
Commissions and Committees:					
Aging	0	0	250	250	250
Commission on Ministry	2,160	897	371	2,500	1,500
Episcopal Women's Council	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Liturgy and Music	0	0	0	500	500
Niobrara Council	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
Standing Committee	938	578	396	1,250	1,000
Total Commissions and Committees	8,698	7,075	6,617	10,100	8,850
Program Ministry:					
Ecumenical Relations:					
Association of Christian Churches - Note 5	2,000	500	0	0	0
Flandreau Chaplaincy Program	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Communications:					
Communications/Website	335	748	1,059	600	600
South Dakota Churchnews	5,557	4,694	5,052	6,500	5,500
Ministry Development:					
Clergy Conferences	11,740	9,918	9,546	10,828	10,964
Niobrara School for Ministry - Note 6	7,105	10,407	3,611	8,000	8,000
Ministry Development	5,716	1,959	408	10,000	9,000

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Page 2	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
Youth and Young Adult Ministry:					
Rosebud Young Adult Community	29,931	28,665	17,058	30,000	30,000
Taize	21,721	0	0	0	0
Thunderhead Episcopal Camp	81,208	74,486	145,869	160,527	146,848
Youth Ministry	135	650	370	1,500	750
Ministry Support:					
Ministry Support-Sudanese Program	2,092	7,171	3,312	5,000	5,000
Ministry Support Other	3,149	2,498	2,657	5,000	5,000
Education:					
Theological Education/Board of Chaplains	0	0	0	500	500
Continuing Education	1,900	1,025	0	2,000	2,000
Education for Ministry	3,041	3,056	1,546	3,500	3,500
Seminarian Assistance	2,984	3,750	3,750	3,000	3,000
Seminarian Expenses	1,640	154	100	2,000	1,500
Education Other	0	20	0	1,250	1,250
St. Mary's School/Leadership Development	23,487	25,292	26,255	28,000	28,000
Mission Clergy Education Support	0	0	0	0	2,000
Community Engagement:					
Jubilee/Anti-Racism	95	0	0	1,000	1,000
Stewardship:					
Stewardship	1,000	500	500	5,000	5,000
Total Ministry	205,836	176,493	222,093	285,205	270,412
Miscellaneous Program:					
Remington Retreat Center	5,063	4,464	1,246	5,000	4,000
Other Conferences	512	915	803	1,000	1,000
Diocesan Companion Relationships	539	0	0	600	600
Outreach	4,750	4,627	2,950	5,000	4,500
Total Miscellaneous Program Support	10,864	10,006	4,999	11,600	10,100
TOTAL DIOCESAN PROGRAM SUPPORT	225,398	193,574	233,709	306,905	289,362
EPISCOPATE SALARY AND HOUSING					
Salary	49,740	50,362	46,743	50,992	51,629
Housing/Utilities	20,250	19,628	2,444	5,100	5,100
Bishop's Residence Support to Chapter	0	0	11,000	12,000	12,000
Total Episcopate Salary and Housing	69,990	69,990	60,187	68,092	68,729
EPISCOPATE BENEFITS					
Medical Insurance	15,504	15,504	15,816	15,816	16,449
Less Employee Share	(2,326)	(2,326)	(2,175)	(2,372)	(2,467)
Pension	12,598	12,598	13,126	13,126	13,275
TOTAL EPISCOPATE BENEFITS	25,776	25,776	26,767	26,570	27,257
TOTAL EPISCOPATE	95,766	95,766	86,954	94,662	95,986
CANON TO THE ORDINARY, FINANCIAL OFFICER	138,217	140,953	128,728	140,431	141,469
PROPERTY OFFICER, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT		46			
Payroll Taxes	6,706	6,821	6,047	6,870	6,901
Pension	24,879	23,830	22,362	22,361	17,346
Medical Insurance - Note 2	26,192	29,154	39,573	39,800	41,132
Less Employee Share	(1,162)	(1,783)	(3,262)	(3,559)	(3,701)

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THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA	12/31/2014	12/31/2015	11/30/2016	2016	2017
Page 3	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES					
Hospitality	2,957	2,604	2,289	3,000	3,000
Audit & Professional Fees	6,286	6,483	6,832	6,700	6,900
Travel	34,184	35,182	29,660	38,000	36,000
Convention	10,154	9,261	11,038	11,000	10,500
Telephone	9,689	9,381	8,266	9,500	9,500
Office Space	4,200	6,916	7,571	6,500	7,000
Supplies	12,704	7,889	6,306	10,000	8,500
Postage	3,597	3,453	(361)	3,500	3,500
Equipment Maintenance	1,034	943	1,158	1,250	1,000
Equipment	659	170	0	1,000	1,000
Archives	750	750	750	750	750
Dues & Subscriptions	675	721	643	1,000	1,000
Production & Printing	685	848	499	1,000	1,000
Insurance	7,948	8,441	11,461	10,000	10,000
Diocesan Council	2,359	1,165	1,902	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	93,014	110,700	107,150
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,457,808	1,436,234	1,427,859	1,713,032	1,684,852
REVENUE					
CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT:					
Parish and Missions - Note 7	321,864	310,387	298,452	323,500	326,735
Late Payments	2,554	509	6,308	6,288	2,500
Total Congregational Support	324,418	310,896	304,760	329,788	329,235
CHAPTER ENDOWMENT SUPPORT - Note 8	184,000	174,500	136,000	270,289	276,614
GEN. CONVENTION BLOCK GRANT - Note 9	700,000	700,000	641,667	700,000	700,000
YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:					
Rosebud Young Adult Community	22,223	20,313	11,095	30,000	30,000
Taize	19,029	126	0	0	0
Thunderhead Episcopal Camp	46,375	58,690	112,752	97,722	61,922
Youth Ministry	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
Total Youth and Young Adult Ministry	87,627	79,129	123,847	128,722	92,922
EDUCATION:					
Niobrara School for Ministry Registrations-Note 10	4,816	9,935	4,473	6,000	6,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE:					
Gifts	18,998	24,067	24,101	20,650	23,000
Remington Retreat Center	4,436	3,305	3,710	4,000	3,000
Convention Fees & Registrations	10,899	11,394	10,657	11,000	11,000
South Dakota Churchnews	5,325	5,807	5,136	6,000	5,500
Clergy Conference/Retreat Registrations	2,175	1,725	1,050	2,000	1,500
Undesignated Income	30,616	35,645	39,002	33,500	35,000
Designated Income - Note 11	85,605	79,924	121,645	201,073	201,073
Other Interest	8	9	11	10	8
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	158,062	161,876	205,312	278,233	280,081
TOTAL REVENUE	1,458,923	1,436,336	1,416,059	1,713,032	1,684,852
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	1,115	47	102	0	0

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11. Designated Income: Anticipated amounts that helps offset specific line item expenses:

	2016	2017	2018
Trinity – Winner	1,200	1,200	1,200
St. Mary's Scholarships	28,000	29,000	30,000
St. Katharines - Martin	-0-	-0-	-0-
Grants	26,000	26,000	15,000
Youth Ministry Project	29,962	29,962	29,962
Trust Income from 815	30,000	30,000	30,000
St. James' - Mobridge	1,200	1,200	1,200
St. Paul's - Vermillion	17,000	17,000	21,000
St. Peter's – Ft. Pierre	1,200	1,200	1,200
Gift from Diocese of Long Island	66,511	66,511	66,511
TOTAL	201,073	202,073	196,073.

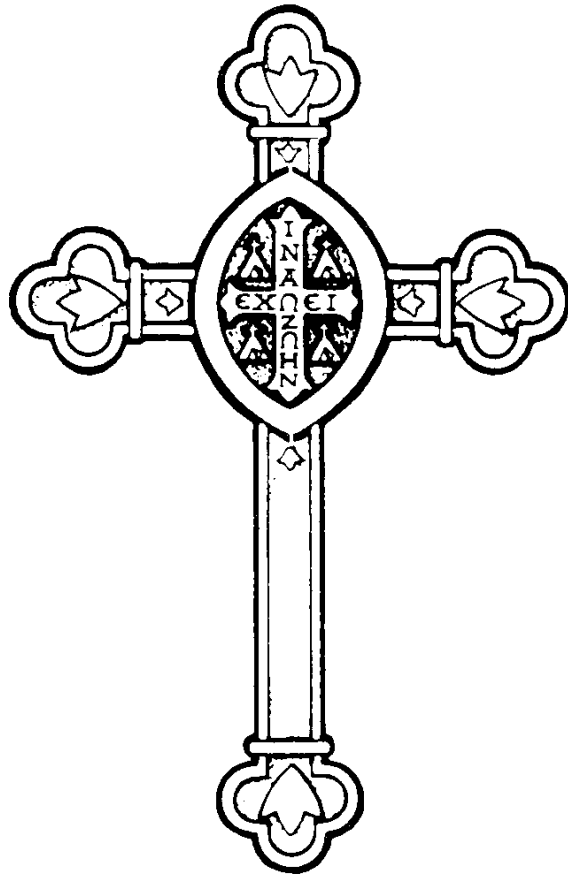
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1. **Salary and Housing:** Salaries are budgeted with an incremental increase for years of service of approximately 1.25%. The Current budget reflects 10 FTE clergy, the Diocesan Youth Missioner, 1 PTE Mission Youth Coordinator, 2 PTE youth helpers, and 6 PTE clergy.
2. **Medical Insurance:** Budget premiums for a 5% increase.
3. **Episcopal Church Center Support:** The asking from the Episcopal Church Center has been reduced from 16.5% in 2017 to 15% in 2018. In 2018 we have budgeted 15% of diocesan normal operating revenue.
4. **General Convention Deputies:** Budget to include payment of registration fees, estimated at 500.00 per delegate, plus estimated costs of 2,200.00 per delegate. 8 delegates plus 1 bishop. Escrowed over three years.
5. **Association of Christian Churches:** This organization is no longer active so there will be zero support in 2018.
6. **Niobrara School for Ministry:** Christian Formation, Lay Ministry Formation, and the Dakota Experience are part of the Niobrara School for Ministry.
7. **2018 Congregational Support:** Budgeted for an antipated increase of 1%.
8. **Chapter Endowment Support:** 3.85% of a three year running average of market value of investments, from the fourth quarter ending for 2014, 2015 and 2016.
9. **General Convention Block Grant:** Support from the Episcopal Church Center – based on the action of general convention.
10. **Niobrara School for Ministry:** Anticipated Conferences registration fees:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Niobrara Summer Session	4,000	4,000	4,000
Ministry Weekends	1,000	1,000	1,000
Dakota Experience	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL	6,000	6,000	6,000



Vital Statistics 2017

**Diocese of South Dakota
Vital Statistics of Congregations and Missions**

Year in parentheses is last year of filing if not 2017

		BAPTISMS							
		Average Active Members	Communicants in Good Standing	Others Active	Sunday Attendance	Sunday Eucharists	16 yrs and Older	Under 16 Years	Confirmed or Received
Aberdeen	St Marks Episcopal Church	65	65	0	36	54	0	3	0
Batesland	St Michaels Episcopal Church	141	0	0	14	26	0	8	0
Belle Fourche	St James Episcopal Church	48	48	0	20	53	0	0	2
Blackfoot	Church of the Ascension	0			0				0
Brookings	St Pauls Episcopal Church	124	111	9	47	54	0	1	3
Browns Valley	St Johns Church (2015)	76	70	0	16	44	0	0	0
Buffalo Gap	Christ Episcopal Church	221			0				0
Bullhead	St John the Baptist	12	0	0	8	9	0	0	0
Chamberlain	Christ Episcopal Church	22	8	5	5	35	0	0	0
Cherry Creek	St Andrews Station	0			0				0
Deadwood	St Johns Episcopal Church	66	66	0	33	103	0	1	0
Dupree	St Philips Church	0			0				0
Eagle Butte	St John the Evangelist	448	448	0	90	104	0	47	0
Firesteel	Church of the Holy Spirit	99	0	0	21	14	0	8	0
Flandreau	St Mary & Our Blessed Redeemer (2009)	47	0	0	13	367	1	0	0
Fort Pierre	Holy Name Episcopal Church	25	0	0	6	8	0	0	0
Fort Pierre	St Peters Episcopal Church	37	32	0	12	30	0	2	0
Ft Thompson	Christ Episcopal Church (2016)	117	21	8	11	21	0	1	0
Gregory	Church of the Incarnation	23	0	0	8	24	0	3	0
Harold	Messiah Episcopal Chuch	33	0	0	9	17	0	2	0
Herrick	All Saints Episcopal Church	22	0	0	11	19	0	0	0
Hot Springs	St Lukes Episcopal Church	50	47	0	24	52	0	0	2
Huron	Grace Episcopal Church	58	42	0	30	46	0	2	5
Ideal	Church of the Holy Spirit	91	0	0	19	23	0	4	0
Iron Lightming	St Lukes Church	0			0				0
Kyle	Church of the Mediator	445	24	0	7	9	1	17	0
Lake Andes	Church of St Philip the Deacon	18	0	0	12	21	0	0	0
Landry	St James Church	0			0				0

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		Average Active Members	Communicants in Good Standing	Others Active	Sunday Attendance	Sunday Eucharists	16 yrs and Older	Under 16 Years	Confirmed or Received
Lead	Christ Episcopal Church	56	38	1	14	28	0	0	0
Little Eagle	St Pauls Episcopal Church	46	0	0	36	11	0	4	0
Little Oak Creek	Church of the Good Shepherd	86	0	0	18	10	0	14	0
Lower Brule	Holy Comforter Episcopal Church	457	0	0	15	29	0	8	0
Lower Brule	St John the Baptist Episcopal Church (2016)	62	6	6	11	14	0	1	0
Madison	Grace Episcopal Church	14	14	0	10	18	0	0	0
Martin	St Katharines Episcopal Church	208	56	0	22	18	0	4	4
McLaughlin	St Peters Episcopal Church	101	0	0	19	31	0	6	0
Milbank	Christ Episcopal Church	42	42	0	19	48	0	3	0
Mission	Calvary Episcopal Church	28	0	0	14	24	0	6	0
Mission	Trinity Episcopal Church	258	147	20	27	46	1	16	2
Mitchell	St Marys Episcopal Church	79	48	8	30	43	0	3	0
Mobridge	St James Episcopal Church (2012)	59	33	0	23	0	0	0	0
Niobrara	Church of Our Most Merciful Savior	214	0	0	16	33	0	9	0
Niobrara	Church of the Blessed Redeemer	40	0	0	9	11	0	10	0
Norris	Tiwahe ed wacekiyapi (Family Worship)	0	0	0	13	14	1	0	0
On The Tree	St Thomas Station	0			0				0
Parmelee	Holy Innocents Episcopal Church	247	72	0	15	38	0	2	0
Peever	Gethsemane Episcopal Church (2016)	46	21	25	8	46	0	0	0
Peever	St Marys Episcopal Church	99	12	0	15	22	0	5	0
Pierre	Trinity Episcopal Church	168	168	0	46	0	0	4	1
Pine Ridge	Church of the Advent	102	0	0	9	3	0	0	0
Pine Ridge	Holy Cross Episcopal Church	92	0	0	6	36	0	6	0
Porcupine	St Julias Episcopal Church	53	0	0	12	3	0	4	0
Promise	St Marys Episcopal Church	0			0				0
Rapid City	Emmanuel Episcopal Church	558	291	8	149	105	1	4	9
Rapid City	St Andrews Episcopal Church	136	129	5	57	99	0	0	2
Rapid City	St Matthews Episcopal Church	458	458	87	37	52	0	0	0

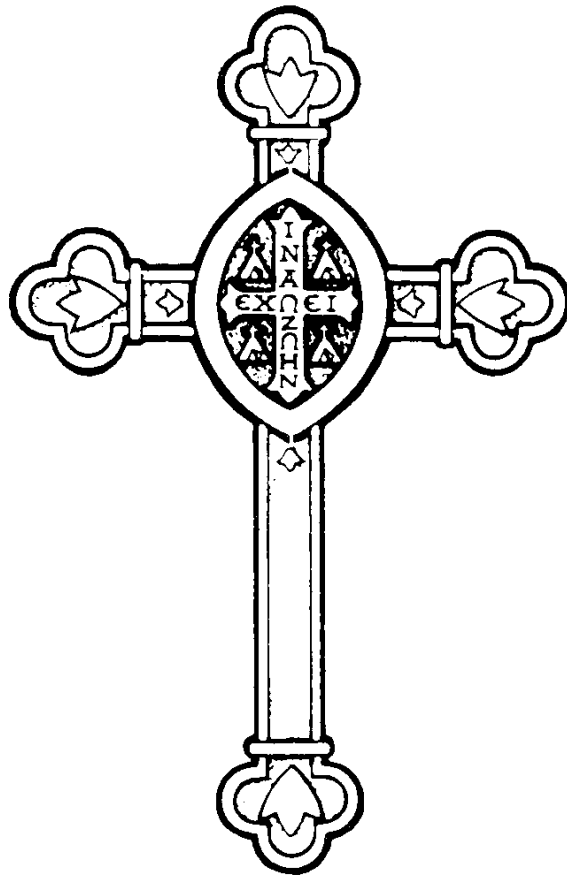
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City	Congregation	Average Active Members	Communicants in Good Standing	Others Active	Sunday Attendance	Sunday Eucharists	16 yrs and Older	Under 16 Years	Confirmed or Received
Red Scaffold	St Stephens Station	0			0				0
Reliance	St Alban's Episcopal Church	25	0	0	10	15	0	4	0
Rosebud	Church of Jesus	168	21	0	9	0	0	1	0
Sioux Falls	Calvary Cathedral Episcopal	808	591	3	163	160	1	18	0
Sioux Falls	Church of the Good Shepherd	412	94	10	56	110	0	2	1
Sioux Falls	Church of the Holy Apostles	188	0	0	55	98	0	0	0
Soldier Creek	Grace Station	43	0	0	11	5	0	0	0
Spearfish	Church of All Angels	163	108	55	81	123	4	1	3
Sturgis	St Thomas Episcopal Church	36	36	0	13	46	0	1	0
Thunder Butte	St Peters Church	0			0				0
Vermillion	St Pauls Episcopal Church	62	57	16	29	46	0	1	3
Wagner	Woniya Wakan (Holy Spirit)	90	0	0	21	31	0	4	0
Wakpala	St Elizabeths Episcopal Church	137	0	0	25	23	0	2	0
Wanblee	Gethsemane Episcopal Church	36	0	0	7	14	0	1	0
Watertown	Trinity Episcopal Church	34	34	6	12	52	0	0	0
Waubay	St James Episcopal Church	81	45	3	25	21	0	0	37
Webster	St Marys Episcopal Church	13	13	0	8	37	0	0	0
White Horse	Emmanuel Episcopal Church	0			0				0
White River	St Philip and St James Station	37	0	0	8	6	0	0	0
Winner	Trinity Episcopal Church	87	0	0	14	51	0	5	0
Yankton	Christ Episcopal Church	194	136	0	62	36	0	4	0
Total		8,631	3,672	295	1,716	2,900	10	252	74



**CONSTITUTION AND CANONS
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WITH THE RULES OF ORDER**

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

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.

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

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.

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.

CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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.

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 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 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.

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.

CANON 6 & 7 Reserved

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.

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.

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 cannot 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.
- 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

- 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.
- 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

- 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.

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 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.

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 16 Reserved

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.
- 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

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

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

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.
- 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

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 may be 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.
- 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.”
- 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 to 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.

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

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.

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.

The Diocese of South Dakota

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

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.

