



I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Telling the World About God's Mighty Acts in
the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota

138th Diocesan Convention
September 23-24, 2022
Pierre, SD

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First United Methodist Church, 117 North Central
Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota

Diocesan Convention Information Packet #5

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Clergy and Lay People in charge of congregations are responsible for ensuring that their Delegates and Alternates are receiving this information.

We are using the Diocesan Enews to communicate all information about Diocesan Convention. Clergy, Parish Administrators, and/or Lay People who oversee congregations are to ensure delegates and alternates sign up to receive the Diocesan Enews if they have not already done so. This can be done by clicking here: [SIGN ME UP FOR THE DIOCESAN ENEWS](#). If any of your delegates or alternates do not have an email address, you will need to work out a system in your congregation by which they can receive and obtain the information being shared.

Dear Clergy, Delegates, and Alternates to the 138th Diocesan Convention:

This is the fifth and final packet of information regarding our upcoming Convention that will be sent out. It has all the materials that were contained in the fourth packet with the following additions:

- Updated information about the nominees for General Convention deputies and information about the clergy nominees for Standing Committee. Canon Lauren Stanley apologizes for errors made in last week's posting of the Nominees for the General Convention. Those errors have been corrected. Nominations closed on September 6th, and no nominations were made for a lay person to serve on Standing Committee. Therefore, the matter will be referred to our Diocesan Council, and a person will be appointed by that body to serve in this capacity.
- A resolution regarding changing the Rule of Order regarding changing the deadline for nominations to be received for elected positions.

The registration deadline for our Diocesan Convention was last Tuesday, September 6th. Although we now have a good idea of how many of our clergy are attending, there are still delegates from congregations who have not yet registered. **We are now at the point where the volunteers at First United Methodist Church who are providing our meals need to know how many people to expect.** Clergy, please be in touch with Marlys about this matter today.

The other documents included in this packet and previously shared are:

- Attendee Registration Form: This form is to be used to register each person who wishes to attend Diocesan Convention in any capacity.
- Childcare Form
- Information about our 2022 Diocesan Convention Theme: “I Love to Tell the Story!”
- Discussion Questions for you and your delegation to pray and think about prior to coming to our Diocesan Convention.
- Hotel Information Sheet: This document contains information regarding hotels. Everyone is responsible for contacting the hotel of their choice and making their own reservations. To obtain the reduced rates for hotel rooms, everyone must make their reservations by the dates indicated on the information sheet.
- Our Diocesan Convention Schedule/Agenda. If anything changes, we will let you know.
- Information about our two Keynote Speakers
- The Election Information sheet which explains what positions we will be voting for. Nominations closed on September 6th.
- Maps of First United Methodist Church outlining where we will be gathering on what days.
- Information about a fundraiser for new mattresses at Thunderhead Episcopal Center that involves...a dunk tank.
- Quilt Auction Information.
- Exhibit Table Registration.
- Information about registering for a special 2023 Budget Question and Answer Session with Canon Mitch Honan.
- A draft copy of the proposed 2023 Budget. As this is updated, we will let you know.
- A reminder to all clergy who, for good cause, need to obtain permission to be excused from this year’s Diocesan Convention.
- Guidelines for Writing a Resolution: This document contains information about writing and submitting a Resolution.

- A copy of the resolution regarding quorums at our Diocesan Conventions. Because this is a canonical change, it has to be passed by two consecutive Diocesan Conventions. The first reading of this resolution was passed at last year's Convention — we will have the second reading of this resolution at this year's Convention.
- A resolution regarding a special prayer for the Native American / Indigenous Innocents.
- A resolution regarding changing the Rule of Order regarding the proposal of resolutions.
- A copy of a Resolution proposing amendments to our Canons and Constitution that need to be changed in order to keep us congruent with recent actions of our Diocesan Council regarding the merger of the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral entity into the South Dakota Episcopal Foundation entity.
- Clergy Conference Information
- An annual ministry report from the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) which was accidentally omitted from the last edition of the *Church News*.
- Information about the “Common Ground, Shared Roots” Project for you to share with your congregation.
- An order form for 2023 Episcopal Calendars.
- Certification of Election of Lay Delegates: Congregations that still have not yet provided the Diocesan Office with the form certifying the election of their Lay Delegates and Alternates may use this form. Without completing this form, your congregation's delegates will not be able to register for Convention.

As a reminder, our Convention will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 117 N Central Avenue, in Pierre. It will officially begin at 6:00 pm on Friday and conclude no later than 4:00 PM on Saturday.

Please contact the [Diocesan Office](#) (605-494-2020) with any questions.



Attendee Registration Form

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Title: _____ First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Name Badge: _____
(Please print your name as you wish for it to appear on your convention name tag)

Church name: _____ Church location (i.e., "Eagle Butte") _____

If you are a delegate or alternate, you must be a Communicant (Member) in Good Standing in the congregation that you are representing.

"I am registering as a....." (please check the applicable space below):

<input type="checkbox"/> Voting Lay Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Voting Clergy Delegate
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Lay Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-voting Clergy
<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor	<input type="checkbox"/> Clergy Spouse

Contact Information

Street/Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Church Office Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

This completed form, along with the registration fee of \$60, should be sent to:

Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota, Convention Registration
408 North Jefferson Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota, 57501

If you require any specific accommodations or assistance to attend this Diocesan Convention, including special dietary restrictions, please note them on the back of this form.

Registering for the Convention does not register you for your hotel accommodations.

If this has not happened already, all registrants are asked to subscribe to the Diocesan Enews List Serve by logging onto <http://eepurl.com/hZAfEX>. This will ensure you receive all the necessary announcements and information.



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Diocesan Convention Childcare Registration Form

Parent Information:		Family Last Name:	
Parent's/Guardian's Name:			
Parent's/Guardian's Name:			
Street Address:			
City:		Zip:	
Church		Town	
Cell Phone:			
Children:	Birthdate:	Allergies:*	
Name:			
Name:			
Name:			
Name:			
Name:			
<p><i>I understand that I will my cell phone on and on my person at all times while my child is in childcare. I also understand that the childcare provider will only release my child to the parent or guardian whose name is on this form.</i></p> <p>Signature: _____</p>			

** If there is other information that needs to be made known, please indicate it on the back of this sheet.*



2022 DIOCESAN CONVENTION THEME:

“I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY!”

When was the last time that you had a story so good, and so amazing, that you just couldn't wait to tell it? Well, you're in luck — because, at our 138th Diocesan Convention, you're going to have the opportunity to do exactly that!

At our Convention last year, we reflected upon the story of Jesus calling Lazarus out from the tomb (John 11:1-44) and compared it to the stories of our lives and to the lives of our congregations. Just as it took a big risk on Lazarus's part to respond to Jesus' call to “Come out!”, so we, as Jesus' Church must also take risks when he calls us out from our places of worn familiarity, despondency, fear, and complacency.

It was at that time that our Diocese was first introduced to the Wolakota / Wodakota / Wonakota Project.¹ These three Native American words all mean being in a right relationship with everything. Launching from William Sloane Coffin's words, “risking something big for something good,” all of our congregations were asked to answer these questions:

- “What are we willing to risk in order to bring ourselves into a deeper right relationship with God?”
- “What are we willing to risk in order to bring ourselves into a deeper right relationship with each other?”
- “What are we willing to risk in order to bring ourselves into a deeper right relationship with our community, nation (however you choose to define nation), and the world?”

And now you are going to be given the opportunity to tell your story and hear the stories of others!

¹ Our project is not to be confused with the “WoLakota Project” whose purpose is “to improve learning opportunities for all students, Native and Non-Native, in South Dakota.” Our own Dottie LeBeau was an instrumental and beloved leader of this learning program! For more information about this project and how to support it, please visit www.wolakotaproject.org.

Truth be told, we all have individual stories to tell — and, as the Church, we have a story to tell as the Body of Jesus Christ in the world. And at this Diocesan Convention, the Rev. Canon Timothy Hodapp from the Episcopal Church in Connecticut will help us all come into a deeper and richer understanding of what it means for us as Christian people and as members of the Episcopal Church in South Dakota to tell the story — to tell God's story — and to tell our story!

At our Diocesan Convention, we will hear different congregations share the stories of a risk that they took, and how that risk turned out! Additionally, we encourage you to bring posters with pictures and information about a risk that your congregation took — and share that story by posting it on one of the walls at our Diocesan Convention for people to see!

Remember — it is the act of taking a risk — it is the act of trying something new, and being willing to go outside of our comfort zones in Jesus' name that is primary. Whether the risk succeeds or doesn't is always secondary. So don't be afraid to come to our Diocesan Convention with a story of a risk that didn't turn out the way you intended. We witness to our faith in Jesus Christ by our efforts, not by our regrets.

Enclosed in this packet is a page with some questions that we will be discussing during the Convention with those who are not members of our congregation (and, preferably, not members of our deaneries whom we know.) Clergy, delegates, and alternates are highly encouraged to discuss and pray through these questions together prior to coming to our Diocesan Convention.

Come tell and share your story of how you and your congregation are responding to Jesus' invitation to be risk-takers and the storytellers of the greatest love that the world has ever known!



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If our congregation chose to engage in the Wolakota / Wodakota / Wonakota (WWW) Project:

1. Tell your story: “How has my congregation engaged in the WWW project? What did we risk for something good? What are the results? How am I helping share my congregation’s story?”
2. Tell your story: “In the year since our last Convention, how has my congregation’s relationship with God changed? Deepened? How has my relationship with others in my congregation changed and what risks did I take to allow this to happen? How has our congregation’s relationship with our reservation, town, or city changed and what risks did we take on to make this happen?”
3. Tell your story: “How am I/are we sharing this story?”

If our congregation chose not to engage in the Wolakota / Wodakota / Wonakota Project:

1. Tell your story: “In the year since our last Convention, how has my congregation’s relationship with God changed? Deepened?”
2. Tell your story: “How has my relationship with others in my congregation changed and what risks did I take to allow this to happen?”
3. Tell your story: “How has my congregation’s relationship with our reservation, town, or city changed and what risks did we take on to make this happen?”
4. Tell your story: “How am I/are we sharing this story?”



HOTEL INFORMATION FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION

We have been told that hotel rooms are scarce during the weekend of the Diocesan Convention. We strongly suggest that clergy or parish administrators book rooms for your clergy and lay delegates NOW and then cancel before September 16th if you planned for too many attending.

With rooms being scarce that weekend, those who wait until the last minute will either face a really high cost for their rooms OR they may discover that there are “no rooms at the inn.”

Holiday Inn Express, Ft. Pierre: 605-223-9045 / Call and speak with Dee Costello and let her know that you are with the Diocese of South Dakota. She will give you the room for \$109.

My Place, Ft. Pierre: 605-494-2090: Call and speak with Michelle Weischedel. The Episcopal Diocese of SD will be given a room rate of \$95. The deadline for the reduced rate is September 1st.

The Day Inn, Pierre: 605-494-3297: They are under new management and are offering us a manager’s special at \$47 per night for a single and \$63.20 for a double.

The Diocese will reimburse the following after the Canon of Finance has received a copy of your hotel bill.

The Diocese will reimburse **Clergy** for your Friday hotel if you are Diocesan Staff, on the Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, or a Superintending Presbyter of a Mission.

Lay Delegates who fall into one of the above categories: you will be reimbursed \$100 for your Friday night hotel.

Clergy attending the clergy conference Thursday afternoon and Friday morning: you will be reimbursed for Thursday’s hotel up to \$100.



DIOCESAN CONVENTION SCHEDULE / AGENDA

FRIDAY, September 23

10:00 – 11:30 am	Episcopal Church Women Fall Gathering - Trinity Episcopal Church
12:00 – 1:00 pm	“It’s Great to be an Episcopalian” Picnic – Trinity Episcopal Church
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Niobrara Council –Wesley Hall at United Methodist Church (UMC)
4:15 – 5:00 pm	Choir Practice
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Registration and Credentials (UMC)
5:00 – 5:45 pm	Supper (Trinity Community Center in UMC)
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Plenary Session I: Opening business, General Convention Report
7:30 pm	Convention Eucharist Service (Worship Space, UMC)

SATURDAY, September 24

8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration and Credentials (UMC)
8:30 AM – 10:00 am	Plenary Session II: Elections, Bishop’s Address, Resolutions
10:00 – 11:00 am	Keynote One: The Rev. Canon Tim Hodapp
11:00 – 12:00 am	Discussion Groups of Three
12:00 pm	Lunch / *Possible New Communication App Preview / *Possible Quilt Auction
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Keynote Two: Dr. Micah Jackson
2:30 – 4:00 pm	Plenary Session III: 2023 Budget, Elections, Resolutions
4:00 pm	Dismissal

*If there is no communication app preview and quilt auction, the second keynote will begin at 1:00 PM.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



At our Diocesan Convention this year, we are blessed and honored to have with us **the Rev. Canon Timothy L. Hodapp** (Tim), from the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Tim combines his more than 35 years as an ordained minister (from serving large urban congregations and small-town parishes to university chaplaincies and diocesan staff) with his experience as an advertising copywriter and creative brand strategist, which all bear fruit in his current ministry. “Collectively exploring our

stories, both personally and within our parishes, helps us identify how our lives mirror our shared sacred stories in scripture. It’s here where we discern and discover how God is calling us to join in building God’s realm today.” As Canon for Mission Advancement & Coaching, Tim spends most of his time serving Connecticut’s 160+ parishes and its clergy in a variety of coaching settings. From one-on-ones and clergy colleague communities of practice to vestries and parishes in collaboration with faith-in-action ministries, worship, and discerning identity and vitality. Tim assists by listening to stories and discovering a path forward in every circumstance that he and the people he serves might encounter. He and his husband live in Rocky Hill in a 351-year-old colonial. “We’re not the original owners,” he’s quick to add. Canon Hodapp will be our preacher at the Convention Eucharist and will deliver the first keynote address: **“You Have A Story to Tell.”**



The Rev. Dr. Micah T.J. Jackson joined Bexley Seabury as president on June 1, 2018. Earlier, Dr. Jackson served as the Bishop John Hines associate professor of preaching and director of comprehensive wellness at Seminary of the Southwest. His academic interests include the spiritual discipline of preaching, homiletic form, the postmodern construction of the relationship between preacher and

congregation, liturgical leadership, and clergy formation and wellness. Dr. Jackson holds an MTS in Preaching from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, an MDiv from Meadville Lombard Theological School, and a PhD in Homiletics/Liturgy from Graduate Theological Union. Fr. Jackson will deliver the second keynote address: **“Bexley Seabury: A Four-Order Seminary, or What can a Seminary do for all the Baptized?”**



Elections for Standing Committee and General Convention Deputies

Delegates to our Diocesan Convention will vote on nominees to fill various positions. Nominations may be submitted to our Diocesan Office by Region Deanery Assemblies, the Niobrara Convocation, or by a certified Convention delegate for any position open for election using the form provided in this packet. This year, the following positions will be available:

Standing Committee— 1 lay person

Standing Committee— 2 clergy persons (deacon or priest)

(One clergy person will serve a four-year term, and one clergy person will serve a two-year term.)

Eight Deputies for General Convention - 4 Lay, 4 Clergy

Standing Committee: The Standing Committee is the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese in the absence of a Bishop, and our Diocesan Convention elects its members. Half of its members are clerical, half lay. Among other things, their duties include giving or withholding consent for all bishops elected in the Episcopal Church, recommending persons for ordination, and giving the Bishop advice and consent on the purchase, sale, or encumbrance of any property held by a congregation or the diocese. They provide the bishop advice and consent as to any judicial sentence given to a clergy person or concur in allowing a clergy person to cease functioning as a member of the clergy. And in our Diocese, members of the Standing Committee are also members of the Title IV Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board. Our Standing Committee meets monthly as needed, and members are required by canon to attend all meetings or have an excused absence. People nominated for this position should have email addresses that they check regularly and have or have access to a computer or phone which gives them the capability to meet by Zoom. The term of service is for four years.

General Convention Deputy: The General Convention is the national legislative body of the Episcopal Church. It consists of a House of Bishops, which includes all active and retired bishops, and a House of Deputies, which includes four lay persons and four clergy persons from each diocese. The next General Convention will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, in July of 2024. General Convention typically lasts between ten and twelve days, and deputies prepare at least a year before attending. They review legislation before the Convention, some participate on legislative committees, and while at Convention, they vote on matters of import to the Episcopal Church. It is an honor to be invited by a Diocese to be one of its deputies, and it is an honor that requires a significant commitment to giving one's time, energy, and devoted work. Those who agree to be nominated must be willing and able to travel, be away for a significant time period, and be able to invest the time needed before, during, and after General Convention ends. Nominees also must have working email addresses that they check regularly and a computer (or access to a computer or phone), which will give them the capability to meet by Zoom. Our Diocese covers registration, travel, and lodging, and a per diem is given for meals. At our Diocesan Convention, we will elect four clergy, four lay deputies, four Clergy, and four alternate lay deputies.

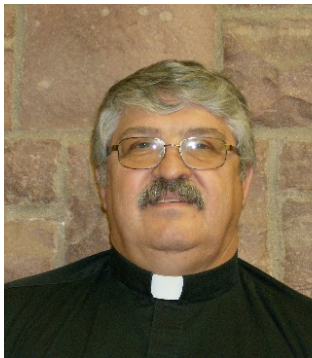
*Nominees for Clergy Deputies for General Convention 2024
(in alphabetical order)*

The Rev. Kim Fonder

Superintending Presbyterian, Standing Rock Mission

2022 Nomination for Clergy Deputy to General Convention

Diocesan Offices/Positions Held: Diocesan Council; Standing Committee; Niobrara Council; General Convention Deputy (four times)



I serve St. James, Mobridge; St. Elizabeths, Wakpala; St. Peters, McLaughlin; St. Johns, Bullshead; St. Pauls, Little Eagle; Good Shepherd, Little Oak Creek; and Holy Spirit, Firesteel. I believe every member of the Diocese should help guide the Diocese in its life in Christ. I'm asking to be one of the four Clergy Deputies to represent South Dakota at the General Convention in 2024. I have served as a General Convention Deputy in the past. I also have been the Diocesan Convention Representative to Diocesan Council. Currently,

I serve as treasurer on the Niobrara Council, and I serve on the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Annie Henninger

Superintending Presbyterian, Rosebud Episcopal Mission (East)

2022 Nomination for Clergy Deputy to General Convention

Diocesan Offices/Positions Held: Standing Committee; Niobrara Council; Niobrara Deanery Convener; Diocesan Council; Liturgy Officer



I am the Rev. Annie Henninger, Superintending Presbyterian of the Rosebud East Mission where I have ministered with and to the 4 churches that are a part of the Mission. For the past thirteen years I have been a part of the joys and sorrows of the primarily Native members. I am currently the secretary of the Niobrara Council. I am asking to be considered as a clergy deputy to the 2024 General Convention because I feel that I can be a voice for the Native

communities which I am serving as well as the other Reservations throughout the diocese.

The Rev. Kurt J. Huber

Superintending Presbyterian, Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission (CREM)

2022 Nomination for Clergy Deputy to General Convention

Diocesan Offices/Positions Held: Title IV Intake Officer



The Diocese of South Dakota has welcomed us with open arms, and we feel so blessed to be in ministry in this beautiful land filled with generous and deeply committed clergy and laity. Being asked to serve as a deputy to General Convention is a great honor, and I would love to represent the people of this diocese if chosen. A cradle Episcopalian from Michigan, my first taste of the General Convention was as a volunteer in 1994. As a seminarian, I staffed a booth at a convention and would now love to serve as clergy. To this, I bring my perspective of serving in the Cheyenne River Mission and 24 years of ordained ministry.

The Rev. James Marrs Jr.

Superintending Presbyterian, Yankton Santee Mission

2022 Nomination for Clergy Deputy to General Convention

Diocesan Offices/Positions Held: None.



I currently serve four mission churches on the Yankton and Santee Reservations: Woniya Wakan (Holy Spirit), Wagner, SD; St. Philip the Deacon, Lake Andes, SD; Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee, NE; and Blessed Redeemer, Howe Creek, NE. I am an enrolled member of The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, a cradle Episcopalian, and a second-generation priest. I believe being multi-cultural and a native South Dakotan gives me a unique perspective into ministering to the needs of Native American congregations and helping to facilitate conversations throughout the Diocese. I would be honored if elected as a clergy deputy to the 2024 General Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Christina O'Hara

Rector, Church of the Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls

2022 Nomination for Clergy Deputy to General Convention

Diocesan Offices/Positions Held: Youth & Children's Ministry Coordinator; Co-chair, Commission on Ministry; Convener, Eastern Deanery



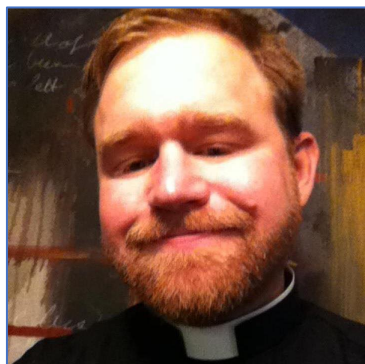
I have been a priest for 10 years, first serving the Tiospaye Wakan congregation and Calvary Cathedral and now serving the Church of the Good Shepherd in Sioux Falls as rector and as convener of the Eastern Deanery. I am grateful to serve in this beautifully blended Diocese of Native, Sudanese, and European/Wasicu congregations and I would consider it an honor to represent this Diocese at our next General Convention. I would like to give voice to the stories of our Diocese and the gifts we have to give our larger Church.

The Rev. J. Clay Riley

Rector, Episcopal Church of All Angels, Spearfish

2022 Nomination for Clergy Deputy to General Convention

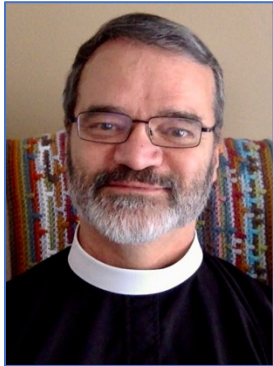
Diocesan Offices/Positions Held: Commission on Ministry; Liturgical Committee; Deanery Convener; Chair, Bishop's Transition Committee



I am Deanery Convener of the Black Hills and Rector of the Episcopal Church of All Angels in Spearfish, where I have served for nearly 7 years. My work as Convener, as Chair of the 2019 Bishop's Transition Committee, and serving on the Liturgical Commission and the Commission on Ministry has given me insight and experience to help me represent our Diocese. I also have served on Southern Virginia's Executive Council and as Communications Task Force leader in East Carolina. I was the executive director of a North Carolina non-profit, and am a proud veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Very Rev. Ward Simpson
Dean of Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls
2022 Nomination for Deputy to General Convention

Diocesan Offices/Positions Held: Cathedral Dean; Examining Chaplain; Diocesan Council; Standing Committee; General Convention Deputy (three times from South Dakota, four times from Eau Claire)



I have served at seven General Conventions. This experience and the relationships I have built position me to have an outsized impact on the business of General Convention. My 13 years of ministry in this diocese help me to understand the unique ministry that is the Diocese of South Dakota. As a Diocese, we depend upon the Block Grant that we receive through General Convention. To ensure that this Block Grant continues and grows, we need to tell our story and have it heard by those with control over General Convention's Budget. I can tell our story to General Convention.

The Venerable Paul Sneve
Archdeacon

2022 Nomination for Clergy Deputy to General Convention

Diocesan Offices/Positions Held: General Convention Deputy (twice); Commission on Ministry; Archdeacon



I served as a Deputy my second time most recently at this past summer's General Convention and was honored to be a member of the Presiding Officers' Working Group on Truth Telling, Reckoning and Healing. We authored most of the resolutions concerning racism and especially on getting research done on the history of Native Boarding Schools in the Episcopal Church. We also enabled the formation and funding of the Episcopal Coalition on Racial Equity and Justice, which is the first permanently funded group dedicated to the healing of racism in the Church. Given we only have less than 2 years to prepare for our next General Convention, I would be honored to represent our Diocese as we begin the very important work that lies ahead of us. Hecetu, Paul Sneve.

The Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley

Canon to the Ordinary

2022 Nomination for Clergy Deputy to General Convention

Diocesan Offices/Positions Held: General Convention Deputy (twice); Standing Committee Secretary and President; Secretary of the Convention, 2014-Present, Canon to the Ordinary



I have been to seven General Conventions, twice serving as a Deputy for the Diocese of South Dakota. I have served on the World Mission Committee and worked with various committees to help pass resolutions focused on Mission, Discipleship, Evangelism, and strategies for growing the Church. Through this service, I have made many acquaintances across the Episcopal Church, and have been able to work with many of them, with a particular focus on racial reconciliation and justice. I hope to be involved in the new Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice.

The Rev. Deacon Twilla Two Bulls

Deacon in Charge, Christ Church, Red Shirt Table, and St. John's, Oglala (PREM)

2022 Nomination for Clergy Deputy to General Convention

Diocesan Offices/Positions Held: Lay Deputy, 2015 General Convention; Secretary of the Convention; ECW President for Christ Church, Red Shirt Table.



First, I want to thank the Niobrara Council for their nomination as Clergy Deputy to 2023 General Convention. Pilamaye. I was a Lay Deputy to the 2015 General Convention in Salt Lake City. I remember we all worked tirelessly, sun up to sun down, for a couple of weeks. I believe we voted conscientiously, aware of justice and truth and for what was right for the present and the future. I think that the 2024 General Convention will see more environmental climate change issues and more human rights issues. Hetechu.

Nominees for Lay Deputies for General Convention 2024
(in alphabetical order)

Robin Bowen

Gethsemane, Sisseton

2022 Nomination for Lay Deputy to General Convention

Diocesan Offices/Positions Held: Co-chair, Bishop's Nominating Committee; Standing Committee



I am Robin Bowen. I was born in Sisseton, S.D. I am Dakota of the Lake Traverse Reservation. I was born Episcopalian and have been taught to love and serve God in every way that he has called me to do so. I am a disabled Veteran and proud of the years I have served my Country. Many of those years I served were in Germany and I learned to step back and appreciate other cultures. I am a retired Phlebotomist from the University of Louisville. I received many awards in my life, I did many amazing things. But nothing compares to the work I do for God. I lived in Louisville, KY, for 20 years. I raised my family there. I will do good at Convention there. You should send me.

Warren K. Hawk

Diocesan Council, Northwest Deanery

2022 Nomination for Lay Deputy to General Convention

Offices/Positions Held: Chairman, Standing Rock Episcopal Mission Council; Diocesan Council; General Convention Deputy; Member, Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop



I, Warren K. Hawk, served as a Deputy for the 2022 General Convention and am currently on the Diocesan Council. I want to thank the Diocese for electing me to represent the South Dakota Diocese. I am also on the Nominating Committee for the next Presiding Bishop. I also serve as Chairman of the Standing Rock Mission Council. I am also an elected official on the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council. I Chair our Judicial Committee that oversees the tribal budgets, tribal codes of justice, and all tribal contracts. I would be deeply honored to represent the South Dakota Diocese again.

Mitch Honan

Canon of Finance & Property

2022 Nomination for Lay Deputy to General Convention

Offices/Positions Held: Lay Reader, Trinity, Pierre



I am running for General Convention 2024. Through the work I do here, I spend a lot of time communicating between the Diocese of South Dakota and the other parts of the USA. This is one of key objectives for our team at General Convention. With that in mind, I think that I can help in this area. At General Convention 2024, there will be some efforts made on the ways in which budgets are developed. I can hopefully add some value in this area as well. I hope you will support my bid. Sincerely, Mitch.

Deanna Stands

Diocesan Council, Rosebud Deanery

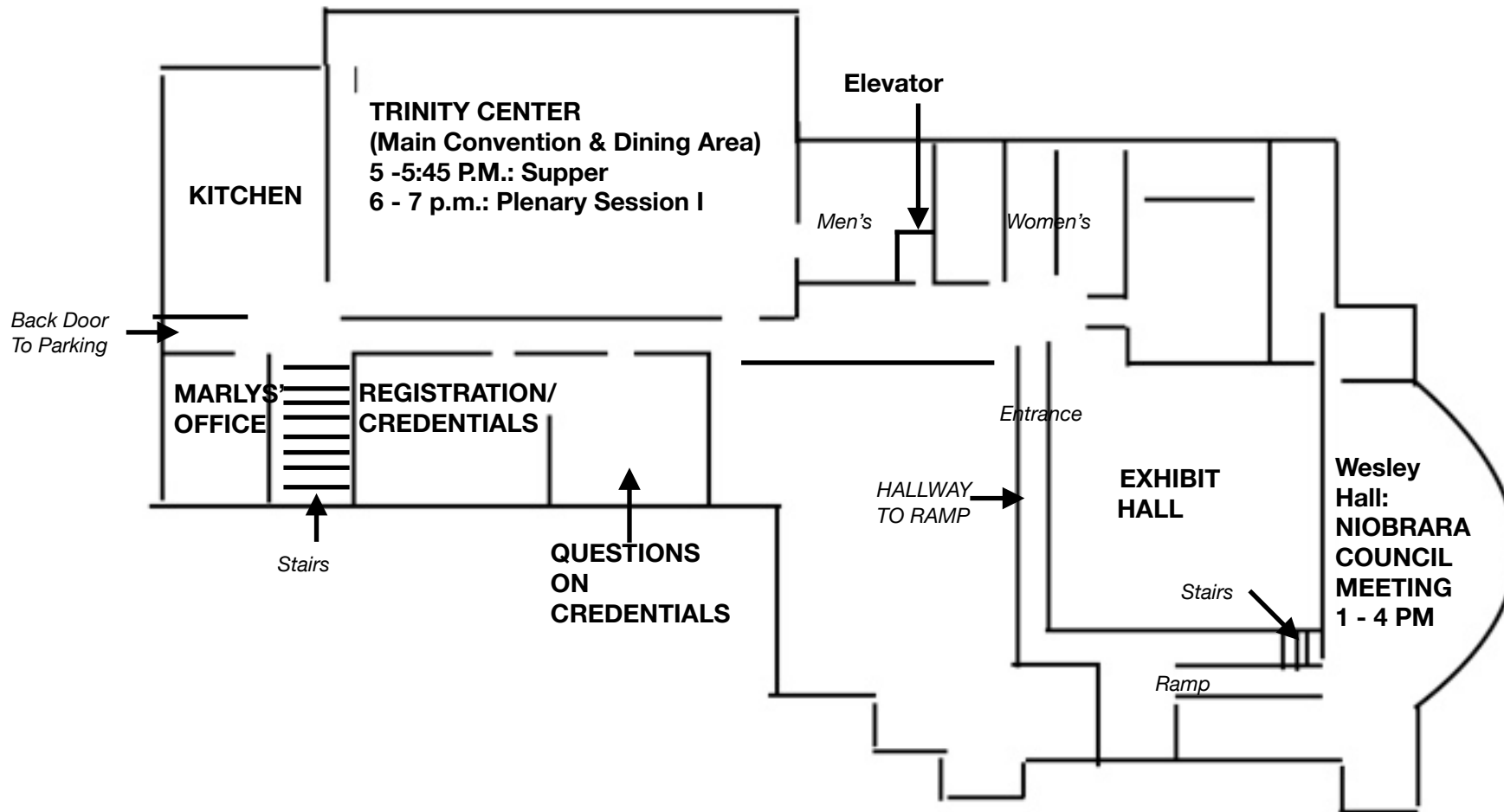
2022 Nomination for Lay Deputy to General Convention

Offices/Positions Held: Worship leader; Woniya Wakan (Holy Spirit) Secretary-Treasurer; Yankton-Santee Mission Council Secretary-Treasurer; 2019 Yanton-Santee Niobrara Secretary-Treasurer; Diocesan Council; Standing Committee; Episcopal Church Women

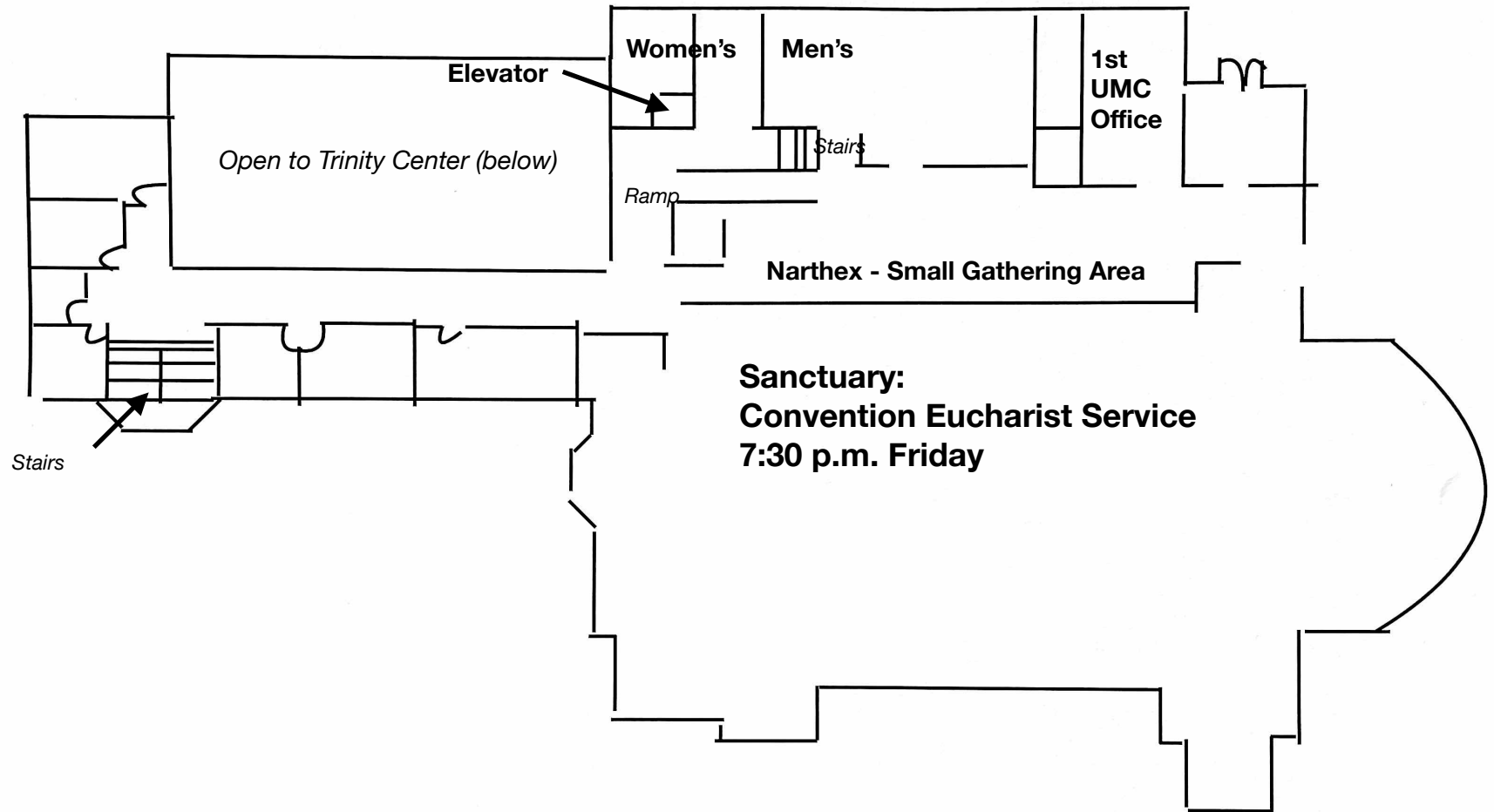


Being nominated to be a General Convention Deputy is an honor. If elected, I would continue to be informed of our Diocesan, Province VI, and national church events and issues. As a member of the Santee-Yankton Mission, I would bring unique views and experiences to General Convention. Parish churches sometimes struggle, as do some mission churches, in finding people to help with Christ's message of love. I would strive to be a voice for our whole Diocese: culturally diverse and not-so-culturally diverse congregations, large and small churches, and those churches that are rich or poor in resources. Thank you, Pidamayaye!

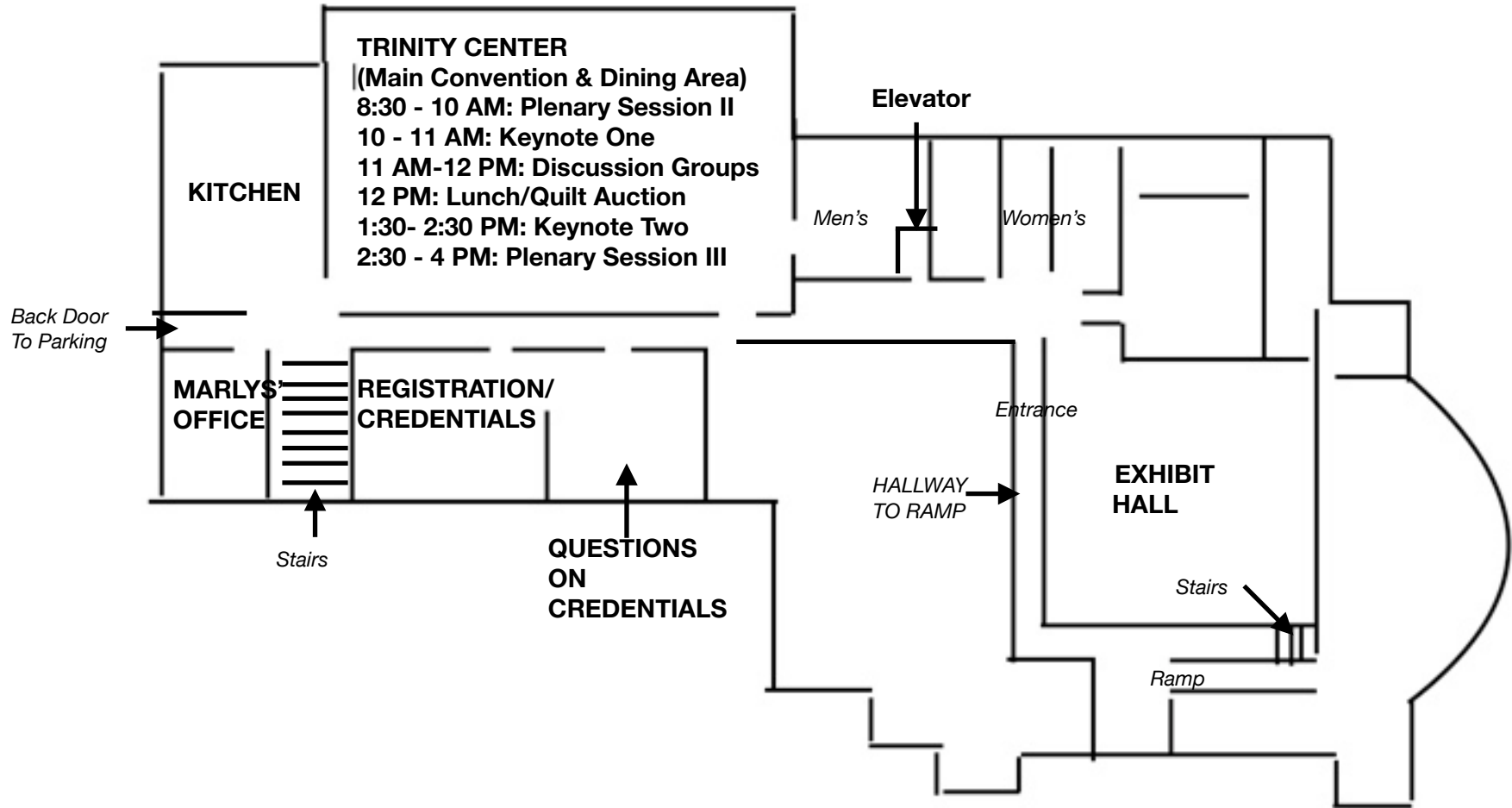
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SATURDAY MAP - LOWER LEVEL





FUNDRAISER FOR THUNDERHEAD EPISCOPAL CENTER!

Thunderhead Episcopal Center Needs New Mattresses!

The Board of Thunderhead Episcopal Center is launching a fundraiser from now through Diocesan Convention to help provide seventy new mattresses to replace the old ones. (The cost of each mattress is approximately \$120.00.) So to raise those funds....

We're Bringing in a Dunk Tank!

Dunk Candidates will be:

The Rev Cody Maynus, Canon for Formation

Mitch Honan, Canon for Finance and Property

The Rev. Lydia Simmons, Missioner for Camp and Young Adult Ministries

The Right Rev. Dr. Jonathan Folts, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota

The Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley, Canon to the Ordinary

Simply donate and vote for your favorite dunk candidate (noted above)! One Dollar = One Vote. You can vote in person at Diocesan Convention at the Thunderhead Booth, AND you can vote online using this link — <https://gofund.me/3227e7a4>.



The “winner” will be dunked on September 24th at Diocesan Convention by the runner-up. Again, all funds raised will be used to support TEC in the purchase of new mattresses! Thank you in advance for your support!

If you cannot attend the Diocesan Convention, this event will be live-streamed on the Diocesan’s Facebook page and/or the Diocese’s YouTube Channel.



I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Telling the World About God's Mighty Acts in
the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota

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QUILT AUCTION INFORMATION

If your congregation has a quilt that you would like to auction off to support your ministries, please contact The Rev. Kim Fonder at ktfonder@hotmail.com. Quilts will be auctioned off during the noon hour on Saturday of our Diocesan Convention.





Exhibit Table Information

138th Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota
September 23-24, 2022
First United Methodist Church, 117 North Central Avenue,
Pierre, South Dakota

Dear Friends,

This September, we will gather at the 1st United Methodist Church in Pierre for the annual convention for the Diocese of South Dakota. Several of you have requested exhibit space for this gathering in the past, and we are always excited to have the participation of our exhibitors. We look forward to a wonderful array of booths!

Our policy for exhibits is that they are ministries or interests appropriate to the Episcopal Church. You may sell items at your table if you wish. If you need extension cords, please remember to bring your own. You may begin setting up at about 4:30 pm on Friday, September 24; the Convention ends at about 4:00 pm on Saturday, September 24.

In addition, the exhibit hall is a wonderful opportunity to showcase a special ministry or program at your church. Share one of your programs with other churches by creating a poster highlighting the program's activities or by bringing relevant materials for others to look at. You may want to showcase your youth program, a specific outreach program, or a unique adult educational program. If you have not already reserved an exhibit space, know that we are limited to the number of exhibit tables available.

For more information, please contact Marlys Fratzke, the Convention Coordinator, office@episcopalchurchsd.org

We look forward to seeing you in Pierre.

Sincerely,

Marlys Fratzke
Diocesan Administrator
Pierre, South Dakota



Reservation for Exhibit Space

The Diocese of South Dakota

2022 Annual Convention

September 23-24, 2022

1st United Methodist Church, Pierre, SD

Organization _____

Person in charge _____

Address _____

City _____ ST ____ Zip _____

Phone (daytime) _____

Email: _____

Brief description of display

One table per group _____ Which day(s) _____

I need access to electricity_

Other needs:

Questions? Contact Marlys at
(605) 494-2020

office@episcopalchurchsd.org



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2023 BUDGET INFORMATION 138th Diocesan Convention

In the next few pages, you will find the most updated copy of our Diocese's 2023 Budget. We are still waiting for some final figures to come in regarding health insurance and other costs, and as those arrive, this budget will be updated. In each Diocesan Convention Information Packet, we will let you know whether the budget has been updated.

Canon Honan invites all clergy members, delegates, and alternates who will be attending this Convention to a Zoom "Question and Answer" session on Thursday, September 15th. This Q&A event will take place at 6:00 PM Mountain / 7:00 PM Central. Registration information for this session can be found below.

**2023 BUDGET QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
FOR CLERGY, DELEGATES, AND ALTERNATES
TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH
6:00 PM MOUNTAIN TIME / 7:00 PM CENTRAL TIME**

To register, please click here:

[REGISTER FOR THE BUDGET Q&A SESSION](#)

**The South Dakota Episcopal Foundation
2023 Budget, Diocesan Convention**

	<i>2022 Budget</i>	<i>2023 Budget</i>
Revenue		
<i>Investment Income</i>		
4100 - Investment/Note Interest - CCF	10,098	0
4200 - Investment - Endowment	567,886	707,528
4300 - Investment - Parish and Mission	20,000	15,600
4610 - Other Interest	1,500	1,500
<i>Other Income</i>		
4700 - Bishop Hare Complex	25,000	25,000
4755 - Diocesan Support-Bishop's Residence	0	0
Total Revenue	624,484	749,628
Expenditure		
<i>Budget Expenditure</i>		
5300 - Diocesan Support	523,421	673,281
5400 - Distribution - Parish and Mission	0	0
5800 - Repairs and Improvements	25,000	25,000
5810 - Bishop Hare Complex	40,000	40,000
5820 - Audit and Professional Fees	3,300	0
5830 - Bishop's Residence Loan	26,986	4,847
5840 - Property Taxes Expenses	1,300	1,000
5850 - Deloria Center Expenses	3,000	5,500
5870 - Vehicle Expense	1,477	0
Total Expenditure	624,484	749,628
<i>Revenue - Expenditure</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

*Endowment value for this budget
\$10,825,278.47*

*Percent budgeted withdrawal rate
6.54%*

**The Diocese of South Dakota
2023 Budget, Diocesan Convention**

Revenues	<i>2022 Budget</i>	<i>2023 Budget</i>
300000 Congregations Voluntary Pledge	282,800	275,000
300010 Late Payments	0	0
310030 Chapter Endowment Support	523,421	673,281
320000 General Convention Block Grant	765,350	803,617
330041 Thunderhead Episcopal Camp	66,631	55,000
330046 Niobrara School for Ministry Fees and Registrations	3,450	1,000
310040 Interest Income	60	75
330010 Gifts	28,000	11,324
330020 Niobrara Ministry Endowment	22,367	18,165
330030 SD Episcopal Foundation Support	0	0
330040 South Dakota Churchnews	2,525	1,400
330042 Convention Reg. & Hospitality	11,110	9,000
330043 Remington Retreat Center	4,000	5,600
330048 Clergy Conference Registrations	3,000	3,500
330050 Undesignated Income-Kuehn Memorial	50,154	50,154
330052 Calendars	630	1,000
330060 Designated Income	220,000	96,181
330063 St. Paul's, Vermillion salary support	21,757	0
Total Revenue	2,005,255	2,004,297

Expenditures

RELATIONSHIPS	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>
440540 Niobrara Council Support	3,600	3,600
440570 Episcopal Church Women	2,000	2,000
480260 Hospitality	1,000	1,000
480350 Diocesan Convention	9,325	8,800
440185 Relationship Star Quilt Project(s)	1,500	1,500
TOTAL	17,425	16,900

COMMUNICATION	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>
440030 Website	3,000	3,000
440040 South Dakota Churchnews	3,500	0
480360 Telephone	6,600	5,300
480361 Email and online communication	8,300	4,000

480430	Production and Printing	1,200	1,200
440045	Communication Star Quilt Project(s)	600	600
	TOTAL	23,200	14,100

FORMATION		2022	2023
440010	Thunderhead Episcopal Camp	110,000	70,000
440020	Remington Retreat Center	3,000	1,500
440075	BEST Conference	2,000	1,500
440100	Seminarian Scholarship Assistance	1,500	1,500
440110	Seminarian Expenses	500	500
440135	Mission Clergy Education Support	11,000	11,000
440130	Diocesan Staff Education Support	5,000	5,000
440410	Commission on Ministry Meetings	1,000	500
440420	Theo. Education/Board of Ex. Chap.	500	500
440430	Clergy Conferences	15,000	13,000
440460	Niobrara School for Ministry	9,000	6,000
440510	Education for Ministry (EFM)	3,300	2,000
440070	Deacons' Association	200	200
440560	Standing Committee	500	500
480420	Dues and Subscriptions	500	500
480450	Diocesan Council	2,500	2,000
440550	Formation Star Quilt Project(s)	2,000	2,000
	TOTAL	167,500	118,200

TRANSFORMATION		2022	2023
440180	Outreach	5,000	5,000
450000	National Episcopal Church Support	137,501	137,501
410000	Youth Ministry Project - Pine Ridge	15,000	19,000
440195	Transformation Star Quilt Project(s)	2,000	2,000
	TOTAL	159,501	163,501

ADVOCACY		2022	2023
450020	General Convention Delegates	8,100	8,100
450030	Provincial Support	1,000	1,000
450040	Provincial Delegates	750	750

450050	Lambeth Reserve	6,000	6,000
450060	Advocacy Star Quilt Project(s)	1,000	1,000
		TOTAL	16,850

MISSION SUPPORT

		2022	2023
470000	Bishop's salary	85,285	85,711
470010	Bishop's housing	8,100	8,100
470015	Bishop's residence support CPT	0	0
470020	Bishop's health insurance	39,576	41,951
470030	Bishop's share of health ins	-7,334	-7,774
470030	Bishop's dental ins	0	0
470040	Bishop's pension	19,957	20,056
480170	Administrative Assistant salary	44,238	44,459
480290	Administrative Assistant health insurance	35,712	37,855
480290	Administrative Assistant dental insurance	0	0
480295	Administrative Assistant share of health ins	-6,755	-7,160
480301	Administrative Assistant pension	7,963	8,003
480190	Canon for Finance and Property salary	52,760	53,024
480290	Canon for Finance and Property health ins	12,612	13,369
480295	Canon for Finance and Property share of health ins	-2,270	-2,406
480302	Canon for Finance and Property pension	9,497	9,544
480215	Canon to the Ordinary salary	55,625	49,029
480216	Canon to the Ordinary housing	5,100	12,000
480290	Canon to the Ordinary health insurance	12,756	13,521
480290	Canon to the Ordinary dental insurance	0	0
480295	Canon to the Ordinary share of health ins	-2,414	-2,559
480303	Canon to the Ordinary pension	10,930	10,985
480703	Canon to the Ordinary travel	5,000	5,342
480904	Canon for Formation salary	36,633	36,876
480804	Canon for Formation housing	12,000	12,000
480290	Canon for Formation health ins	12,612	13,369
480290	Canon for Formation dental ins	0	0
480295	Canon for Formation share of health ins	-2,270	-2,406
480304	Canon for Formation pension	8,754	8,798
480905	Archdeacon salary	50,792	40,929
480805	Archdeacon housing	5,100	15,243

480290	Archdeacon health insurance	34,068	36,112
480290	Archdeacon dental insurance	0	0
480295	Archdeacon share of health ins	-5,111	-5,418
480305	Archdeacon pension	13,079	10,111
480705	Archdeacon travel	2,600	2,600
480906	TEC Program Director salary	39,949	40,149
480806	TEC Program Director housing	0	0
480290	TEC Program Director health insurance	13,992	14,832
480290	TEC Program Director dental insurance	0	0
480295	TEC Program Director share of health ins	-2,477	-2,626
480306	TEC Program Director pension	9,535	9,395
480706	TEC Program Director travel	900	900
410907	Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission PIC 1 salary	50,104	50,656
410807	Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission PIC 1 housing	5,100	5,100
410010	Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission PIC 1 health ins	40,188	42,599
410010	Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission PIC 1 dental ins	0	0
410015	CREM PIC 1 employee share of premiums	-7,946	-8,423
410307	Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission PIC 1 pension	9,937	10,036
410707	Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission PIC 1 travel	7,000	7,479
410908	Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission PIC 2 salary	48,999	49,540
410808	CREM PIC 2 housing	5,100	5,100
410010	Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission PIC 2 health ins	0	0
410010	Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission PIC 2 dental ins	0	0
410015	CREM PIC 2 employee share of premiums	0	0
410308	Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission PIC 2 pension	9,738	9,835
410708	Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission PIC 2 travel	7,000	7,479
410909	Mni Sose Mission salary	47,804	48,282
410809	Mni Sose Mission housing	0	0
410010	Mni Sose Mission health insurance	13,644	14,463
410010	Mni Sose Mission dental insurance	0	0
410015	Mni Sose Mission employee share of premiums	0	0
410309	Mni Sose Mission pension	0	0
410709	Mni Sose Mission travel	9,000	9,615
410910	Pine Ridge Mission salary	48,458	41,783
410810	Pine Ridge Mission housing	5,100	5,100
410010	Pine Ridge Mission health insurance	21,480	22,769
410010	Pine Ridge Mission dental insurance	0	0
410015	Pine Ridge Mission employee share of premiums	-3,906	-4,140

410310	Pine Ridge Mission pension	9,820	10,971
410710	Pine Ridge Mission travel	5,700	6,090
410911	Rosebud East Mission salary	44,848	45,347
410811	Rosebud East Mission housing	5,100	5,100
410010	Rosebud East Mission health insurance	18,996	20,136
410010	Rosebud East Mission dental insurance	0	0
410015	Rosebud East Mission employee share of premiums	-4,084	-4,329
410311	Rosebud East Mission pension	0	0
410711	Rosebud East Mission travel	7,200	7,692
410912	Rosebud West Mission salary	51,235	44,060
410812	Rosebud West Mission housing	5,100	5,100
410010	Rosebud West Mission health insurance	12,756	13,521
410010	Rosebud West Mission dental insurance	0	0
410015	Rosebud West Mission employee share of premiums	-2,414	-2,559
410312	Rosebud West Mission pension	11,401	11,504
410712	Rosebud West Mission travel	14,200	14,200
410913	Sisseton Mission salary	55,368	55,973
410813	Sisseton Mission housing	5,100	5,100
410010	Sisseton Mission health insurance	21,900	23,214
410010	Sisseton Mission dental insurance	0	0
410015	Sisseton Mission employee share of premiums	-3,285	-3,482
410313	Sisseton Mission pension	14,203	14,291
410713	Sisseton Mission travel	7,100	7,100
410914	Standing Rock Mission salary	43,160	43,643
410814	Standing Rock Mission housing	5,100	5,100
410010	Standing Rock Mission health insurance	4,400	4,664
410010	Standing Rock Mission dental insurance	0	0
410015	Standing Rock Mission employee share of premiums	0	0
410314	Standing Rock Mission pension	11,346	11,406
410714	Standing Rock Mission travel	15,200	16,239
410915	Yankton Santee Mission salary	39,949	40,399
410815	Yankton Santee Mission housing	5,100	5,100
410010	Yankton Santee Mission health insurance	22,956	24,333
410010	Yankton Santee Mission dental insurance	0	0
410015	Yankton Santee Mission employee share of premiums	-4,341	-4,601
410315	Yankton Santee Mission pension	10,595	10,647
410715	Yankton Santee Mission travel	6,500	6,500

410916	St. Matthew's, Rapid City, Mission salary	53,082	53,664
410816	St. Matthew's, Rapid City, Mission housing	5,100	5,100
410010	St. Matthew's, Rapid City, Mission health insurance	35,712	37,855
410010	St. Matthew's, Rapid City, Mission dental insurance	0	0
410015	St. Matthew's, Rapid City employee share of premiums	-6,755	-7,160
410316	St. Matthew's, Rapid City, Mission pension	10,473	13,751
410716	St. Matthew's, Rapid City, Mission travel	800	800
410917	St. Mary's and OBR, Flandreau Mission salary	4,200	4,200
410918	Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls, Mission salary	11,614	14,713
410818	Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls, Mission housing	0	2,400
410010	Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls, Mission health insurance	0	0
410010	Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls, Mission dental insurance	0	0
410015	Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls employee share of premiums	0	0
410318	Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls, Mission pension	3,050	3,080
480300	Other diocesan travel	35,000	35,000
480299	Other mission travel	1,000	1,000
410050	Mission support moving & interview	11,000	43,700
480270	Payroll tax expense	9,000	8,600
		TOTAL	1,546,779
			1,600,346

OTHER		2022	2023
410030	Mission support utility payments	8,800	7,500
480340	Audit and professional fees	9,000	11,000
480370	Office and supplies	12,000	12,500
480380	Postage	2,200	1,400
480385	Office space	8,000	8,000
480390	Equipment maintenance	4,000	4,000
480400	Equipment	1,000	1,000
480440	Miscellaneous insurance	20,000	20,000
480480	New Bishop Election/Consecration	9,000	9,000
		TOTAL	74,400

Total Expense 2,005,255 2,004,297

Revenue - Expenditure 0.00 0.00



REMINDER TO CLERGY WHO NEED TO BE EXCUSED FROM ATTENDING DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Clergy persons who, for good cause (such as medical concerns), desire to be excused from Diocesan Convention, are reminded that they are required to ask and obtain permission from the Bishop.

(605) 494-2020 (Diocesan Office)

jonathan@episcopalchurchsd.org (Bishop's Email)



Guidelines for Resolutions

138th Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota
September 23-24, 2022

All resolutions are to be submitted in writing to the chair of the Committee on Resolutions, the Very Rev. Ward Simpson, 500 S. Main Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57104- 6814. They may also be submitted via email by writing the Dean at dean.simpson@calvarycathedral.net.

Resolutions should be typed or very clearly written and sent to Dean Simpson by September 19th. After that time, they are to be delivered to Dean Simpson at the Convention, the deadline of which will be the end of our first session.

Resolutions should take the following form. (Please do not begin with "whereas" but simply state the resolution, followed by the explanation and rationale.)

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

RESOLVED, that the 138th convention of the Diocese of South Dakota (state the resolution).

RESOLVED, (Further resolves may also be stated).

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

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

***Please note: Everyone who attends Diocesan Convention would appreciate it if resolutions to be considered could be turned in early enough for them to be shared, thought about, and discussed. We publish resolutions as they are submitted to the Committee and approved. The Committee does not hold onto resolutions or wait until right before the Convention starts before sharing resolutions with clergy and delegates.

RESOLUTION Regarding Article III, Section 4: "QUORUM"

Second Reading

Submitted by: Committee on Constitutions and Canons

RESOLVED, that the Constitution of the Diocese of South Dakota, Article III Diocesan Conventions, Section 4 Quorum be changed to read: "A majority of lay delegates who are certified as provided by Canon, and a majority one-third of the Clergy entitled to vote ~~as defined by Canon~~, when duly assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

Explanation: The reason for this proposed change is because we have come into a greater awareness that our ability to obtain a quorum in the clergy order at Diocesan Convention is growing more uncertain each year.

Currently, we have sixty-seven clergy people who are eligible to participate in our Diocesan Convention. Eighteen of this number are retired and do not serve congregations. They ask to be excused from attending Diocesan Convention because of their retirement status or for medical necessity. Additionally, as our clergy members increase in years and more of them choose to retire; and as some of our retired clergy persons, who are actively serving congregations, choose to "retire" again by choice or because they are affected by health issues and thus unable to continue, the number of clergy people from this category requesting to be excused from attending Diocesan Convention is expected to grow larger each year.

Three more clergy members in our Diocese are bi-vocational and, because of responsibilities required of them by their other vocation, they too cannot attend Diocesan Convention. Additionally, the attendance of four other clergy members at our Diocesan Convention annually depends upon their current health status or travel at that moment.

These twenty-five clergy members, representing thirty-seven percent of our clergy, are canonically and physically resident in our Diocese. As such, they are counted as part of the required number for a quorum according to Canon 3.1.1

regarding “Membership” at Diocesan Convention: “All Clergy canonically and physically resident in the Diocese shall be members of the Convention.”

According to the current reading of Article III, Section 4, thirty-four clergy members are required to obtain a quorum given our current status. That means that if an additional nine clergy members were to be absent from Diocesan Convention because of health issues, sudden emergencies, or for any other weighty reason, a quorum in the clergy order would fail. Were that to happen, we who have gathered to do the work of Diocesan Convention could not do what we are required annually to do.

After discussing the matter with other Dioceses who have faced this same issue in the past, this year’s Diocesan Convention is being asked to pass the first reading of changing the wording of Article III, Section 4, and reduce the number of clergy persons required for a quorum from a fifty-percent plus one majority to a number reflecting one-third of our clergy who are entitled to vote.

Impact on Diocesan Budget: If Diocesan Convention passed this resolution, it would have no impact on the Diocesan Budget. However, if we fail to achieve a quorum in either the lay or clergy order and thus could not do the business of Diocesan Convention, the money budgeted and invested in the operation of the Diocesan Convention would be wasted that year.



A RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER THE INNOCENTS

Submitted by: Woniya Wakan (Holy Spirit), Santee-Yankton Mission, Wagner, SD, (Rev. James D. Marrs, Jr, Pat Goulette, LaHoma Johnson, Nadine Selwyn, Janice Provost, Deanna Stands); the Santee-Yankton Mission Council; the 150th Niobrara Convocation; Mission Layreaders (Robin Bowen, Smokey Bowen, Alverna Wright, Sandy Wright, Richard Mound Miner, Erroll Geboe, Carol Cloud Eagle, Judy Miller, Eileen Grinnell, Sharon Cloud, Mary Lou Wynde, Sandy Wilcox); and, Clergy: The Rev. Larry Ort, Mother Shaneequa Brokenleg, Deacon Bitsy Ciesel, The Rev. Conrad Ciesel, and The Rev. George Parmeter.

RESOLVED, that this Convention reaffirms the 4th Sunday of June to be a day of remembrance for all Indigenous children and appoints A PRAYER TO REMEMBER THE INNOCENTS to be used on that day. And be it further

RESOLVED, that any person, group, or congregation may use the prayer titled "A PRAYER TO REMEMBER THE INNOCENTS" to help people in their prayers, to bring awareness to others of the plight of Indigenous school-age children in the boarding school era, and to help with healing and reconciliation. And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Secretary of this Convention is instructed to forward this resolution and prayer to the next General Convention for its consideration for adoption at the church wide level; and, to forward this prayer to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for consideration for inclusion in future supplemental liturgical texts where appropriate.

A PRAYER TO REMEMBER THE INNOCENTS

Ohiḡni wičhaunḡkiksuyapi kte. We will always remember them.

Dear Lord, Almighty God,

We pray for all indigenous children who were in residential and boarding schools in Canada and the United States. Some died there; we ask that you give assurance to their descendants that their souls are with you and their ancestors. Some survived there; we ask that you give your healing grace to all who endured hardship while there and are still

struggling with those memories. Lastly, we ask you to help us guard our children against harm in this world. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

EXPLANATION: Evidence continues to mount of the irreparable harm caused to the Indigenous children who had attended the boarding and residential schools in the 1800's and 1900's. The Niobrara Council has charged the mission churches to construct monuments or create other types of remembrances for the boarding school Indigenous children. In response to this, Woniya Wakan (Holy Spirit) Episcopal Church, Santee-Yankton Mission, Wagner, SD, created "A PRAYER TO REMEMBER THE INNOCENTS." At the 150th Niobrara Convocation, June 25, 2022, at St. John's Church, Sisseton Mission, Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota, this prayer was adopted for use at all Convocation congregations, and direction was given that this resolution be forwarded to the Diocesan Convention and to General Convention for their consideration.

IMPACT ON THE BUDGET: None.



[This was the resolution passed at the 137th Diocesan Annual Convention concerning the Annual Day of Remembrance and is being included here for the sake of reference to the resolution being presented this year and for those to whom this resolution if adopted, will be forwarded to.]

RESOLUTION on Annual Day of Remembrance for Indigenous Children Who Died at Boarding Schools

Submitted by: The Niobrara Council

RESOLVED, that the One Hundred Thirty-seventh Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota directs all congregations and worshipping communities to dedicate the 4th Sunday of June as an annual day of remembrance for all Indigenous children who have died in boarding schools operated by both governmental and church authorities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Convention direct all congregations and worshipping communities to dedicate that same 4th Sunday of June as a day in which our missing and deceased children are remembered and prayed for; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this convention express our gratitude to the Niobrara Council for their wisdom and guidance on this issue; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Convention direct the Secretary of the Convention to forward a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Secretary of General Convention with a recommendation that the 80th General Convention consider adoption of a similar resolution.

Explanation: Given the discovery of multiple bodies of Indigenous children who attended boarding schools in Canada and the United States, and given both the history and the current reality of those who are suffering from historic trauma because those in power sought to exterminate the heritage and culture of Indigenous peoples through threats and indoctrination; and given that children continue to be our most vulnerable victims, we believe that the 4th Sunday of June is an appropriate day to raise awareness across our Diocese and is a necessary and essential step towards healing and reconciliation.

Impact on Budget: None



RESOLUTION Regarding RULES OF ORDER for the Convention of The Diocese of South Dakota

Submitted By Diocesan Council

RESOLVED, that the 138th convention of the Diocese of South Dakota change the wording of the first section of Rule 6 (Special Rules for Certain Motions) to read:

6.1 ~~No proposed resolution may be submitted for consideration after the close of the first plenary session~~ **No resolution may be submitted to the Convention after the fifteenth day of the month prior to the month in which the Convention will meet unless it is proposed by the Bishop diocesan or the Chair of the Convention, if that be someone other than the Bishop Diocesan.** 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.

EXPLANATION: Clergy and delegates need time to pray, read, consider, and discuss resolutions that will be considered at our Diocesan Conventions. The current wording of this Rule of Order does not permit Convention attendees adequate time to do this necessary work, and it further gives the impression that something is trying to be “pushed through” without due consideration. Further, if a resolution is submitted on a Friday evening, copies have to be printed late at night so that they can be distributed on Saturday morning. It is then that attendees will see and hear about the resolution for the very first time. As a result, instead of having an informed discussion about the resolution, attendees are having a reactionary discussion about the resolution.

The 15th of the month was chosen because, at a minimum, this will give sixteen days for the resolution to be approved by the Resolution Committee and distributed in plenty of time to be considered by those attending our Diocesan Convention. (Note: Beginning in 2023, our Diocesan Conventions will be held during the first full weekend in the month of October, except for those weekends which fall on Native American Day. When that occurs, our Diocesan Convention will be held the following weekend.)

An exception to this rule has been included so that the Bishop or Chair of the Convention may accept a resolution submitted after the 15th day of the month prior to the month of Diocesan Convention. The reason for the exception is that if something very serious occurs after the deadline, we may respond to it as best we can. The second reason for the exception is that the officers of the Niobrara Council may want to wait until the Niobrara Council meets as a whole to put the final touches on a resolution draft that they would like to propose. (Niobrara Council meets on the Friday afternoon before our Convention commences.) We will want to honor Niobrara Council’s desire to have any resolution considered, and we would give clergy and delegates some information ahead of time about the proposed resolution being discussed.

IMPACT ON THE BUDGET: None.



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RESOLUTION Regarding RULES OF ORDER for the Convention of The Diocese of South Dakota

Submitted By Committee on Constitutions and Canons

RESOLVED, that the 138th convention of the Diocese of South Dakota change the wording of the second section of Rule 7 (Elections) to read:

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 Church News~~ **to the Diocese through the Diocesan E-news**. Prior to ~~August 1st~~ **the fifteenth day of the month prior to the month in which the Convention will meet** 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....

EXPLANATION: In our current Rules of Order for the Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota, August 1st is listed as the deadline for nominations to be received. Given the lack of nominations submitted during the summer months and given the timing of our Diocesan Convention, the August 1 deadline has been greatly extended, at least for the past four conventions. By changing the date to the fifteenth day of the month prior to the month in which our Convention will meet, the deadline for nominations will be the same as the deadline for resolutions (if that resolution is passed) and the deadline for registrations.

IMPACT on Budget: None.

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MEMORANDUM

To: 2022 Diocese Convention Lay Delegates and Clergy

From: Steven W. Sanford, Chancellor

Re: Proposed Amendments to Constitution and Canons of The Diocese of South Dakota

Date: August 16, 2022

The following is an explanation of the amendments to The Diocese Constitution and Canons proposed by resolution of the appointed Committee on Constitutions and Canons [myself and Dean Ward Simpson].

For a very long time, most property and assets of the Diocese have been held in a separate nonprofit corporation, The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral. In 1990 a separate nonprofit entity, the South Dakota Episcopal Foundation, was formed. Since then, it has never grown as had been planned and expected. Additionally, the name Chapter of Calvary Cathedral has been confusing and misleading for many years. Since there was no need for these two entities to be separate, we solved two problems by merging the South Dakota Episcopal Foundation into the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral, as the surviving entity, and then changed the name of the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral to the South Dakota Episcopal Foundation. That process was concluded on May 11, 2022.

As a result, all references to the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral in our Constitution and Canons need to be revised accordingly. All proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons, except as discussed below, address this one main issue.

In addition, the following other amendments are proposed:

Article VII, Section 1 on Amendment of the Constitution adds a provision for electronic communication of proposed amendments.

Canon 5, Section 5.2 makes clear that the Treasurer has supervision over funds of the Diocese, but not custody.

Canon 5, Section 5.4 makes minor structural changes in description of the Chancellor.

Canon 6, Section 6.2 makes clear that appointed members of the Investment Committee serve at the pleasure of the Bishop, to make that reference consistent with appointed members of the Finance Committee under Section 7.2.

Canon 22, Section 22.5 makes a small revision to use the accurate name of Calvary Episcopal Church.

Canon 23, Section 23.2 adds a provision authorizing electronic communications of notice of proposed amendments to the Canons.

Anyone with questions should feel free to contact me.

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



for the government of the
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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The Annual 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 or the General Convention Constitution and Canons.

**ARTICLE IV
GOVERNANCE**

Section 1. Bishop

The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese is vested in the Bishop; and as such the Bishop shall have such authority and duties as provided by the General Convention Constitution and Canons, this Constitution and the Diocesan Canons.

Section 2. Standing Committee

When the Diocese is without a Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or each Bishop is unable to act as such, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese shall devolve to the Standing Committee. Otherwise the Standing Committee shall act as a council of advice as requested by the Bishop and shall have such other duties and authority as provided by the General Convention Constitution and Canons, this Constitution and Diocesan Canons.

Section 3. Diocesan Council

The secular, financial, business and administrative affairs of the Diocese shall be determined and overseen by a Diocesan Council, which for state law purposes shall constitute the Diocese's Board of Directors. The Diocesan Council shall be constituted and have such duties and authority as set forth in the Diocese Canons.

Section 4. Officers

In addition to the Bishop, the officers of the Diocese shall be the Chancellor, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar, whose selection, duties and authority shall be as provided by the Diocesan Canons. 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.

Section 5. The South Dakota Episcopal Foundation~~Chapter of Calvary Cathedral~~

The South Dakota Episcopal Foundation, f/k/a The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral, a South Dakota nonprofit religious 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. The Convention by Canon shall provide for governance of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE V
ELECTION OF BISHOP**

Section 1. Manner of Election

The election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, or Suffragan 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, or Suffragan Bishop.

**ARTICLE VI
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Section 1. Membership

The Standing Committee shall be elected by Annual Convention and 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. Members shall be elected for a term of four years and shall serve no more than two terms, unless at least one year has elapsed after the expiration of the second term.

Section 2. 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 full terms. Absence from two successive meetings of the Standing Committee, unless excused by the President or Bishop, shall be deemed to create a vacancy to be filled under this Section.

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.

**ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS**

Section 1. Process

Amendments and alterations to this Constitution must be approved by two successive meetings of the Annual 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 at least 15 days prior to the opening date of each Convention to the person in charge of the congregation or organization entitled to representation at the Diocesan Convention, who must distribute the same to the applicable delegates. Alternatively, actual receipt by hand-delivery or any electronic means shall be sufficient notice.

Section 2. Referral

All amendments and alterations, except those proposed by the Diocesan Council, must be first considered by the Chancellor or the Committee on Canons of the Convention to determine whether such are consistent with the General Convention Constitution and Canons and be reported to the Convention accordingly.

CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

CANON 1 DEFINITIONS

In addition to terms defined and referenced elsewhere in these Canons, the following terms shall have the ascribed meanings wherever capitalized:

- 1.1 *Adult Communicant*: a Communicant sixteen years of age or over.
- 1.2 *Bishop*: The Diocesan Bishop unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
- 1.3 *Canon*: The Canons of the General Convention or this Diocese, as the context indicates, but otherwise, any and all such Canons.
- 1.4 *Church or ECUSA*: The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, also known as The Episcopal Church.
- 1.5 *Cleric or Clergy*: includes all ordained Bishops, priests and deacons or the equivalent Clergy of churches in full communion with the Church.
- 1.6 *Congregation*: any Parish, organized mission, parochial mission or mission station.
- 1.7 *Convention*: Any annual or special convention of this Diocese.
- 1.8 *Communicant*: a member of this Church who has received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding year.
- 1.9 *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.
- 1.10 *Confirmed*: refers to a person Baptized and Confirmed as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer or other process recognized as such by the tradition of the Church.
- 1.11 *Council*: The Diocesan Council or, in context, the Niobrara Council.
- 1.12 *Delegate*: A selected and qualified representative to the Diocesan Convention or Convocation, as the context indicates.
- 1.13 *Deputy*: A selected and qualified representative to General Convention or Provincial Synod.
- 1.14 *Diocese*: The Diocese of South Dakota.
- 1.15 *Diocese Body*: The Diocesan Council, the Diocese Convention and any committee, commission, organization, board or other group of the Diocese consisting of elected and/or appointed members.
- 1.16 *Foundation*: [The South Dakota Episcopal Foundation, a South Dakota nonprofit religious corporation, f/k/a The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral.](#)
- 1.17 *Ecclesiastical Authority*: 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.
- 1.187 *Vicar*: Clergy member in charge of a mission Church. In the event that the minister in charge is a lay person then he or she shall be known as a “lay minister.”

4.1.2 Other Bishops of the Diocese, Archdeacon of the Diocese, Canon to the Ordinary, Administrator and other Diocesan staff, shall be ex officio non-voting members.

4.1.3 All voting members must be Confirmed Adult Communicants of this Church in good standing, eighteen years of age or over. No voting member of the Diocesan Council shall be a member of the Standing Committee or Commission on Ministry.

4.2 Term of Office for Elected Members

4.2.1 The term of office shall be for a period of four years. Non-officer members shall be eligible for election to two consecutive terms. Appointment to fill an unexpired term shall not restrict election for two whole consecutive terms.

4.2.2 Newly elected members of the Diocesan Council shall take office at the first regular meeting of the Council held after the Diocesan Convention, the date of which shall be set by the by-laws of the Diocesan Council. They shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed.

4.3 Officers

The officers of The Diocese of South Dakota, a corporation, and also the Council, shall be the Bishop, Chancellor, Secretary, Treasurer and Administrator. The Bishop shall be the presiding officer. In his absence the Chancellor shall preside. The Secretary, Treasurer and Administrator shall be selected by the Council with approval of the Bishop and shall serve at its pleasure. The officers shall be responsible to conduct the affairs of the Corporation and the Council in accordance with the directives of the Diocesan Council.

4.4 Committees

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

4.5. Vacancies

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 (the "Convocation") until the next meeting of the 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. A vacancy is created if the representative moves out of the Region Deanery or Diocese.

4.6 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 Foundation~~ ~~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 Council would be of benefit to the Diocese which would not be in conflict with the General Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons. The Council shall submit to the Diocesan Convention annual reports on budget and finance, its activities for the past year and proposed programs and planning. The Council shall administer use of the Centennial Challenge Fund and may delegate such portions of administration as it determines.

4.7. **Meetings**

The Council shall meet not less than three times annually. Special meetings may be called by the Bishop, Chancellor 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.

4.8. **By Laws**

The Council may 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, and all subject to approval of the Bishop and Chancellor.

**CANON 5
DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

5.1 **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 with approval of the Council may appoint such assistants as necessary to carry out the prescribed duties.

5.2 **Treasurer**

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

5.3 **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.

5.4 **Chancellor**

The Chancellor shall (i) be the legal counsel of the Diocese in matters related to canon or secular law; (ii) ~~He shall~~ be the advisor to the Bishop, Convention, Council and all other diocesan organizations and staff and (iii) ~~shall~~ have such other responsibilities as may be prescribed by the Bishop, Convention ~~and or~~ Diocesan Council.

5.5 **Administrator**

The Administrator shall be a paid employee of the Diocese who performs duties equivalent to a chief financial officer in a secular corporation and is designated as Administrator by the Diocesan Council, regardless of the employee's other given title, if applicable, and even though the employee may have other assigned duties.

**CANON 6
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

6.1 **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 at least two, but no more than four members appointed by the Bishop subject to confirmation by the Diocesan Council.

6.2 **Term**

~~The term for appointed members shall be four years, which term may be renewed for one additional term.~~ Appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the Bishop. The appointed members shall take office after confirmation by the Diocesan Council. A vacancy occurring in the appointed membership shall be filled by the Bishop ~~for the unexpired term~~, subject to confirmation by the Diocesan Council.

6.3 **Duties**

6.3.1 The Investment committee shall have general supervisory investment powers over the cash assets, cash equivalents, ~~and securities~~ and endowments of the Diocese, except for those which by Canon are to be otherwise handled. The Investment Committee shall report to the Diocesan Council in such form and at such times as the Diocesan Council may direct.

6.3.2 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 by-laws of the Committee or by Diocesan Policy.

**CANON 7
BUSINESS METHODS**

7.1 **Business Methods in Church Affairs**

The Diocese, and every Congregation and Diocese Body must observe and carry out the standard business methods as set forth in General Convention Canon I.7.

7.2 **Finance Committee**

The Bishop, Chancellor, Treasurer and Administrator shall constitute the Finance Committee of the Diocese. The Bishop may appoint two others members to serve at the Bishop's pleasure. The Finance Committee is vested with the authority prescribed by General Convention Canons, Section 1. of this Canon and the Diocesan Council.

7.3 **Church Property**

7.3.1 No Diocese Body or Congregation 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 Foundation ~~The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral~~, unless it is a consecrated and dedicated Church or chapel used solely for Divine Services.

7.3.2 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.

7.3.3 The Finance Committee may study and investigate any proposed construction of buildings or additions to existing buildings for the use of a Congregation. Its reports shall be made available to the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council and Congregations involved.

**CANON 8
THE SOUTH DAKOTA EPISCOPAL FOUNDATION ~~CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL~~**

8.1 **Purpose**

The Foundation, f/k/a The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral, a South Dakota nonprofit religious corporation (the "Chapter"), is designated as the holding corporation for the real property, funds and endowments benefitting the

Diocese. Effective May 11, 2022, the former South Dakota Episcopal Foundation was merged into the Chapter; and the Chapter name was changed to the South Dakota Episcopal Foundation. The Foundation remains the same entity as the Chapter.

8.2 Governance

8.2.1 The officers of the FoundationChapter shall be the Bishop, Chancellor, Treasurer, Secretary and Administrator. They shall be specifically empowered to transact the legal affairs of the FoundationChapter and shall have such other duties as may be specified in the by-laws adopted by the Board of Directors. The officers are authorized to appoint such agents as may be necessary to assist them in the performance of their duties.

8.2.2 The officers of the FoundationChapter 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.

8.3 Annual Report

The FoundationChapter shall submit to each Diocesan Convention, a report of the financial condition of the FoundationChapter, which may be included in any other report of the financial condition of the Diocese.

CANON 9 THE NIOBRARA DEANERY

9.1 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 Diocesan 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 if approved at Convocation.

9.2 Annual Convocation

9.2.1 There shall be an annual Convocation of all Congregations of the Niobrara Deanery, at such place as may be designated by the preceding Convocation based upon rotation to each Mission. The 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.

9.2.2 The 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.

9.2.3 Delegates to the Convocation from each Congregation of the Niobrara Deanery shall be elected by those Congregations. Those Delegates shall be the official Delegates to the 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.

9.2.4 All resolutions which are to be considered official actions of the Convocation shall first be presented to the Resolutions Committee appointed by the Niobrara Council, which shall prepare the same for

13.4.3 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.

13.4.4 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.

13.5 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.

13.6 Use of Clergy 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 Ecclesiastical Authority.

13.7 Annual Reports

Each Diocesan Institution shall make a written report to the Diocesan 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.

13.8 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.

13.9 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.

13.10 Dissolution of Diocesan Institutions and Conveyance of Property

13.10.1 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.

13.10.2 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 Foundation](#)~~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 14
PARISHES**

14.1 Requirements for Establishing a Parish

An Organized Mission or other Congregation that has been in existence for five consecutive years or more may petition to be organized as a Parish upon satisfying all of the following requirements for the immediately preceding

14.11.3 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.

14.11.4 At the hearing the Bishop and the Diocesan Council shall jointly consider the petition, the report of the Finance Committee or Administrator, 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.

14.12 When Bishop May Dissolve a Parish

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

14.12.1 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 under this Canon 14 or applicable ECUSA Canons, 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 opinion for further investigation and review by the Finance Committee or Administrator, who shall prepare and file with the Bishop a report in writing.

14.12.2 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.

14.12.3 At the hearing the Bishop and Diocesan Council shall jointly consider the matter, the report of the Finance Committee or Administrator 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.

14.13 Transfer of Title and Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of a Parish:

14.13.1 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.

14.13.2 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 Foundation~~~~The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral~~.

14.13.3 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 Foundation~~~~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 15
ORGANIZED MISSIONS AND MISSION STATIONS

15.1 Establishment

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

15.2 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.

15.3 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.

15.4 Responsibilities

15.4.1 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.

15.4.2 Services must be held on Saturdays or 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.

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

15.5 Title to Property

Title to the property of an Organized Mission shall be vested in [the Foundation](#)~~The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral~~.

15.6 Mission Stations

Any Congregation which is unable to comply with the financial or service responsibilities 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.

15.7 Responsibility of Mission 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

which is otherwise discoverable and admissible merely because it was also presented in proceedings under this Canon.

21.8.2 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.

21.8.3 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 22 GENERALLY APPLICABLE PROVISIONS

22.1 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.

22.2 Appointment of Archdeacons and Canons

22.2.1 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.

22.2.2 Archdeacon of a designated purpose: The Bishop may appoint one or more Archdeacons and shall specify in their appointment their designated purpose.

22.2.3 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.

22.2.4 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.

22.3 Clergy Oversight

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.

22.4 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.

22.5 Cathedral of the Diocese

Calvary ~~Episcopal Church~~ **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, subject, nevertheless, to that certain Amended and Corrective Deed in Trust dated June 25, 2019 executed by then Diocesan Bishop John Tarrant.

CANON 23
AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS

23.1 Vote by Convention

Canons may be enacted, amended or repealed (each an “Amendment”) 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 proposed Amendments must be received in writing by the diocesan Office at least 30 days prior to the upcoming Diocesan Convention.

23.2 Notice to Delegates

Notice of any proposed Amendment 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. [Alternatively, actual receipt by hand-delivery or any electronic means shall be sufficient notice.](#) The Convention shall have the authority to waive any defect in notice at the time the Amendment is considered.

23.3 Committees on Canons

The Convention Committee on Canons and the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons shall have authority to initiate Amendments to the Canons. They shall have authority to examine and, if necessary, rewrite any proposed Amendment submitted to bring it into conformance with General and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons. The notice required by Canon 23.2 shall not apply to such conformity revisions.

23.4 Effective Date

Any Canon which is enacted or any Amendment 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 thereof shall in its terms, provide otherwise.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION
SUBMITTED BY THE DIOCESE COMMITTEE
ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the 2022 Annual Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota that the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese be amended in the form and content as submitted by the Committee on Constitutions and Canons, as presented to the Convention in general session and as explained in the Memorandum of the Chancellor dated August 16, 2022.

The undersigned hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by majority vote by a majority of delegates in each order.

Dated: _____, 2022

Presiding Officer of the Convention

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Convention



CLERGY CONFERENCE 2022: "God & Mammon"

The Reverend Dr. Eileen Shanley-Roberts, Director of Contextual Education and Professor of Practical Theology at Bexley Seabury Seminary in Chicago, Illinois is coming to join us for our 2022 Clergy Conference this year. Mother Eileen will craft a theology of parish administration, helping those of us serving congregations with spiritual practices related to stewardship, finances, and administration. Mother Eileen will be joined by the Reverend Dr. Micah Jackson, President of Bexley Seabury Seminary, who will be one of the keynote presenters at our Diocesan Convention.

Date: September 22-23, 2022

Location: Trinity Episcopal Church, 408 N. Jefferson Ave. Pierre, South Dakota

Cost: No cost to attend!

[REGISTER BY CLICKING HERE!](#)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

All clergy actively serving congregations are required to attend Clergy Conference. Those who cannot attend for good cause are to contact Bishop Folts for permission to be excused.

Biography

Eileen Shanley-Roberts is the Director of Formation and Contextual Learning and Professor of Practical Theology. A Medievalist by training, Eileen completed both bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Notre Dame and taught church history and theology at Marian High School in Mishawaka, Indiana. Prior to ordination, Eileen was a campus minister at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. In 2004 Eileen received her M.Div. from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass. and was ordained in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. From 2007 to 2018 Eileen was the rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Waukegan, IL. She is currently completing her thesis for the D.Min. in Congregational Development at Bexley Seabury. Her practical ministry specialties are building maintenance and church finance.

Having grown up along the Mississippi river in Iowa and Wisconsin, Eileen has a keen interest in the intersection of economic and environmental justice and their impact on communities. She serves on the steering team of Lake County United (an IAF affiliate), co-chairs Clean Power Lake County, and is a founding board member of Waukegan to College. She and her husband, Ross Shanley-Roberts, recently moved to Highland Park. They have two daughters and two pugs.

Ministries of the SD ECW: 2022 Theme: *Find Our Own Way Forward!*

Annual Project: The 2021-22 Annual Project was the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Youth Camp held at St. James' Church, Enemy Swim. Personal care items, bedding, sweatshirts, and funds were donated by churches and individuals throughout the Diocese. Thank you to everyone who helped support this project. The project for 2022-2023 will focus on providing feminine hygiene products to women and girls who have difficulty accessing them. Research is currently being done for a place that coordinates efforts in this area. Donations for this and other ministries of the SD ECW can be sent to Treasurer Eva Gilbert, 2511 E. Irwin St., Apt. 215A, Pierre, SD 57501.

Scholarships: Each year, the ECW offers two one-time \$750.00 scholarships to women for secondary education. Application information is available on the Diocesan website under "What We Do/Episcopal Church Women." The deadline is July 31st of each year. The 2021 recipient was Ciera Wierenga, who attends Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Rapid City. She impressed the committee and was the only applicant.

United Thank Offering (UTO): This year's theme is "Care of Creation." Diana Mathisrud heads up this effort and has materials available at Diocesan Convention and throughout the year. {lease note: UTO donations are sent to the Diocesan office.

Church Periodical Club (CPC): Our own Deacon Judy Graves is president of the national CPC board. Congratulations, Judy! With her promotion, we are in need of a state and/or provincial representative. Please contact ECW president Stephanie Bolman-Altamirano if you are interested.

State Altar Guild: If your church has linens and/or vestments to donate or is in need of the same, Vicki Sweet at Emmanuel Episcopal can help make the connection. Often, extra supplies are available in the display hall at the Diocesan convention.

Honored Woman: Valorie Rondell Augustson was selected as our 2021 Honored Woman, and her name was also sent to the national ECW to be honored at Triennial. Due to COVID concerns, Triennial was canceled, but Val will still be recognized as the SD Distinguished Woman (the national designation). The results of the 2022 voting will be announced at the fall meeting.

Communications Intern needed: If you are fluent in social media and other ways of connecting people, the ECW would love to help you improve your resume. Please contact President Stephanie Bolman-Altamirano. A draft of desired tasks will be available at the ECW fall meeting, held previous to Diocesan Convention.

Update on ByLaws and Procedures: Past president Eileen Grinnell began efforts to bring greater clarity to our official documents. At the spring meeting, a committee was formed to continue her work. Chairperson is Holly Moseley. Please contact her soon if you are interested in serving. The goal is to have a draft ready for the fall meeting.

Date of Annual Meeting: Friday, September 23, 10 am Central Time, Trinity Church, Pierre. All women are welcome to attend and participate in this vital ministry. We will be electing a vice president and a treasurer. Nominations can be sent to 4sdecw@gmail.com or by calling Robin Bowen (605) 265-1228. Please send the names of women who have died in the past year so that we may remember them and names of active or retired military women so that we may recognize them; use the same contacts.



“Common Ground, Shared Roots”

The Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota is happy to announce the offering of a unique program entitled *Common Ground, Shared Roots* that will be beginning in the late summer of 2022. The purpose of *Common Ground, Shared Roots* is to bring the people in our Diocese together, to experience *Unci Maka*, this sacred land upon which we worship God known as Grandmother Earth, and to learn how the land can care for God’s sacred people.

This program will be divided into two parts. During the first segment, we will focus on the land's history. Believing that every land has a story to tell, storytellers have been invited from each location to share one or more stories they believe the land wishes for us to hear. The second segment will focus on how the land can benefit us in the future and, to that end, a presenter from Augustana University will teach us about the benefits of prairie gardens and how they are excellent and inexpensive ways that carbon can be removed from the atmosphere. A prairie grass garden will have been started at each one of the three sites where *Common Ground, Shared Roots* will be offered, and participants will be taught how to plant prairie grass gardens at their churches and homes.

Common Ground, Shared Roots will be offered at the following places (click on links for Google Map locations):

September 10: [Bishop Hare Center, Mission](#)

October 22: [St. James Episcopal Church, Enemy Swim](#)

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We will begin gathering at each site at 9:00 AM. The program will begin at 9:30 AM and end after lunch, starting at 12:30 PM.

**We are asking people to register so that we can have an idea of how many people to expect.
To register online, please use this link: [Common Ground, Shared Roots](#).**

There is an entirely free event, and all are welcome! Please share information about this program with the members of your congregations and friends, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Faithfully,

The *Common Ground, Shared Roots* Project Team

Mrs. Stephanie Bolman-Altamirano, Mni Sose Episcopal Mission

Mr. Warren Hawk, Standing Rock Episcopal Mission

Mr. Mitch Honan, Canon for Finance and Property

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Jonathan Folts, Bishop



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“Common Ground, Shared Roots”
Diocese of South Dakota
408 N. Jefferson Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Name: _____

Which “Common Ground, Shared Roots” event will you be attending?

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Email _____

Cell Phone: _____

What congregation are you from?: _____

Or you may email your registration information to prairiegrass@episcopalchurchsd.org.



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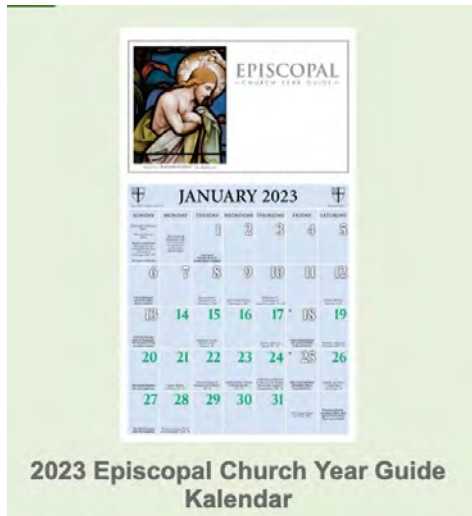
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- 1) Name and location of congregation _____
- 2) Name and signature of the clergy or lay person who is ordering the calendars.

- 3) Name of the person who is responsible for picking up and paying for the calendars at our Diocesan Convention.

- 4) Number of calendars being ordered/requested: _____

Please email your calendar requests or mail this form back to the Diocesan Office by September 15. Please do not send your payments with your requests. Payment will be received at Diocesan Convention.

- 5) The cost of the calendar is \$2 each, including tax: (Line 4 #) X \$2.00 = _____
- 6) When you come to Convention to pick up and pay for the calendars, please make checks payable to the Diocese of South Dakota. If you only have cash to pay for them, you must have the exact amount.

**CERTIFICATION OF LAY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES _____ Church ID #
Diocesan Convention 2022**

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SEND TO THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Church and Location: _____

Number of lay delegates to which entitled: ** _____

**Under diocesan canon the figure for the number of lay delegates to which a church or chapel is entitled is based on average Sunday attendance as shown on the parochial report. Congregations whose parochial report calculate for one delegate are entitled to send two delegates.

Please list alternates in the order of their election. ie: Alternates: Jane Running Bear (1), Mark Doe (2), John Smith (3)
List each delegate and alternate on separate lines. Be sure to include a current and full mailing address along with an email address or indicate if the person does not have email.

Delegates or Alternates please indicate which.

1) Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

Contact number: _____

2) Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

Contact number: _____

3) Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

Contact number: _____

The undersigned certifies that the above delegates and alternates were elected at a congregation meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

(Priest) or (Deacon) or (Warden)