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To the People of God in the Diocese of South Dakota:

*“For everything its season, and for every activity under heaven its time” Ecc. 3:1*

It is almost nine years to the day that I began the process which resulted in my being elected the tenth bishop of the Diocese of South Dakota. Throughout that process and the eight years I have served as bishop, I have been aware of God’s ever-present Spirit.

As I drive thousands of miles each year around the Diocese of South Dakota I am very mindful of God’s presence in the seasons. This harvest time of year reminds us of the bounty the earth is capable of offering, when it is nurtured with care and respect. Winter, spring and summer each have their lessons to teach us. I, also, have become aware of the seasons in our life as a diocese and as individuals.

Pat and I have become very conscious that the season of our life is changing. I have served our Lord through the church in ordained ministry for over thirty-four years; eight of those as your bishop. I have missed family baptisms, weddings and even funerals. I love what I do and I have been privileged to walk with so many on their life’s pilgrimage. My family has paid part of the price of the vocational life I have chosen. In recent months I have become very aware of the need for this season of my life to conclude.

I am formally calling for the election of my successor. The election of a bishop takes time, so I will not retire until late spring or early summer of 2019. I will be 67. It is hoped that the eleventh bishop can be consecrated in the summer or early fall of that same year. Life in the Diocese of South Dakota will be “changed, but not ended.” The very Spirit of God will be present with the leadership of this diocese as well as Pat and me during this time of transition.

The Standing Committee has met with the Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley from the Pastoral Development Office of the Presiding Bishop’s office and a consultant will be named shortly. The Standing Committee will be communicating within the next week or so an outline of next steps.

This decision comes with great anxiety, for me, and much sadness. I love you and love the ministry that God has given me to undertake in this Diocese. I have received far more than I could have asked or imaged from God through you. Serving God in partnership with you has been a great blessing.

Our life together is not ending with this letter. A search committee and transition committee will be formed, but other ministries will also continue. In these next eighteen months we will move forward as God leads us.

Each season offers its blessing. It is true for the earth; it is true for us. The opportunity is to open ourselves up to discover those blessings. In eighteen months when I enter the new season of my life, my primary goal will be to serve God through my family. My “bucket list” is very short. It is to simply be available to family and get to better know my grandchildren.

God’s peace be with you,



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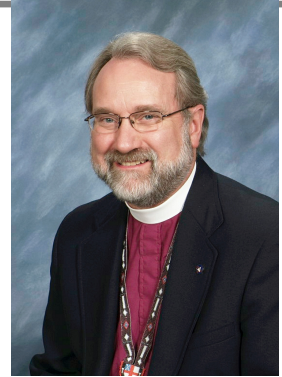
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## 2017 Diocese of South Dakota Convention Address

The Rt. Rev. John T. Tarrant



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

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

### *Some diocesan staff shifts:*

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

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

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

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

**The Rev. Tim Fountain** continues his work with the Holy Apostles Sudanese congregation as well as working with Trinity,

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## 2017 Convention Wrap up !

I hope everyone enjoyed our 2017 Convention this year. This was our last year at the Ramkota and although it is sad to leave it is time for us to spread our wings and move on to a new venue with new opportunities.

September 28 & 29, 2018 we will be hosting our Convention at the **Pierre First United Methodist Church** located at the corner of Central and Capital. [117 North Central Avenue](#). Which is kitty-corner from the Zesto.



If there are any of you unaware of Zesto, please plan on a trip to experience some great ice cream. Here in Pierre we stand in line opening day, March 1st, yes, we stand in line, for how ever long it takes to place an order. Some years we stand in the early spring sun, but other years stand in the sleet or snow. Rick Newman and his son Brendan own this establishment. Rick's wife Barb was a member of Trinity during their married life. Rick and Barb attended SDSU and were married at St. Paul's, Brookings. Unfortunately we lost Barb to cancer in 2015.



I want to take this time to express my thanks to everyone that attended this years Convention. This convention can not operate with out the team work by many different people. Next year's convention will be different in many aspects. Different location, different structure, different process, different food options, different size of meeting spaces, and a different worship space. Different is good, change is inevitable, but with team work and God, all things are possible.

With a new location comes change in how we do things. We are asking everyone next year, those attending for their first convention and those that have been attending convention their entire adult lives, to embrace the change, really listen to God's voice and treasure this opportunity in our Diocese to gather, worship, learn and discuss our roles in this life we have been given.



Thank you,  
Marlys Fratzke  
Diocesan Convention Coordinator



Thunderhead Episcopal Center  
Report to the 2017 Diocesan Convention

In 2017 camping at Thunderhead Episcopal Center once again provided a model for a flourishing and significant ministry to both youth and young adults in our Diocese and beyond. This season, TEC served a total of 127 campers, meaning that the numbers in the last three years remain steady. As in the 2016 season, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp was the largest camp, with 37 campers in attendance (this is the same number as in 2016, demonstrating that numbers have stabilized).

Our relationship with the Diocese of Wyoming continues as youth from Wyoming returned to Thunderhead. 27 Wyoming campers attended camp this year. Most of them have attended since our partnership began in 2015.

The 2017 program focused on Jesus' life and ministry. The younger campers enjoyed "Christmas at Camp" with the Rev. Kay Flores, Wyoming's Youth and Young Adult Missioner. The 11th and 12th grade campers journeyed through Holy Week with Charlie Gillespie—an old friend of TEC—from New York. Rachel Williams, a seminarian from Atlanta, led the 7th-10th graders through Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection, using the church year as a model.

As always, transportation is a significant part of our ministry with young people. This year saw the institution of a transportation deadline to more easily prepare for our transportation needs. Having a deadline before the camp season starts gives us adequate time to line up the appropriate number of drivers, vehicles, and routes. This is particularly important as communications are extremely limited at camp once the season begins. This specific transportation deadline proved highly effective and will therefore remain May 15<sup>th</sup> for the foreseeable future. Campers may, of course, register for their respective camp up until the first day of their session; however, the *Diocese* will only provide transportation for those registered before May 15<sup>th</sup> (other groups providing transportation may set whatever deadlines they wish). For this reason, we also encourage missions, deaneries, or congregations to consider providing their own transportation for the youth in their local areas.

Three years ago, TEC experienced massive growth in numbers. That growth allowed us to expand the camping season by dividing camps up into more specific age groups. These numbers clearly indicate the vitality of this ministry; nevertheless, our goal is not to stabilize, but to continually grow and improve. Because of this, we are entering a new stage of dreaming and visioning about the future of Thunderhead. At this time, we have more than enough residential cabin space—what limits our physical capacity is dining and activity space. In the next year, we

plan on installing new flooring on the main level of Supertent to allow for more dining space. We are also beginning to explore the possibility of building a new multi-purpose space for camp activities. Currently, the chapel is the only space large enough to hold an entire camp for any activity that requires movement. Similarly, the increased numbers have also caused us to out-grow the arts and crafts space in Supertent's basement. We will keep you updated as our dreams clarify and our plans become more concrete.

One reason for the recent growth is our commitment to welcoming every young person to camp regardless of ability to pay—an ideal we remain committed to. 53% of campers in 2017 required a full scholarship to attend camp. As always, this makes your continued support—financial and otherwise—invaluable. Many of you supported camp through work weekends, clean-ups, donating goods, providing scholarships and other funds, facilitating camp transportation, and through camper and counselor recruitment. Thanks to your support, we finally expanded the basketball court to full size this year, and the campers couldn't have been happier to see that dream come true. Thank you for supporting this growing ministry. We cannot emphasize enough how much this ministry requires your support.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Portia Corbin

## 2017 Camp Remington Report

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

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

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

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

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

If you have never been to camp, we encourage you to come and experience its peacefulness. If you have been, you know the feelings imparted by the camp and encourage you to tell others.

As with any facility, there is upkeep involved and of course there is an associated cost and time. There are some upcoming items of maintenance and repairs to be done, such as staining of the floors in the cabins, staining of the exteriors, some roof repair, screening to be replaced, possible vinyl flooring in kitchen areas, etc. If you would like to donate to help get these items done please send donations to the Diocese Office marked for Camp Remington. If you would like to donate time please let the Diocese Office know. There will be more specific details in the coming months.

Respectfully submitted,  
Les Koss

Watertown during this time of transition in that faith community. Tim is also the custodian of the diocesan Facebook page. Send information or pictures you would like to have posted on the Diocesan Facebook page to Tim.

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

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

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

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

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

### **Some odds and ends:**

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

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

At last year's convention we passed a resolution to form a committee to **address and mediate** bullying in the church. The committee members are: Mikayla Dunfee, Steve Albrecht, Michael & Julie LaFontaine, Julie & Les Gonsor, Linda Simon, Nancy LeBeau, Paul Sneve and myself. A survey has been developed, which is included in your packets. Additional copies are available for you to take home to your congregations. You can also take the survey online on our website. We hope to have the results back by the end of 2017 and then formulate strategies for addressing the issues involved.

**Niobrara School for Ministry:** Over the last eighteen months, the Diocese has been working to evaluate and re-structure both the ordination process and the local ministerial education and for-

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

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

### **Reflections:**

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

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

### **First a story:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Our brokenness has many forms.*

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

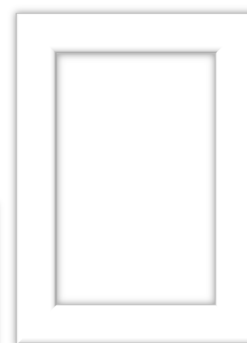
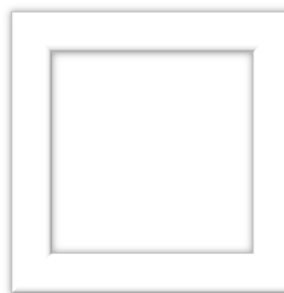
Each summer at Thunderhead Episcopal Camp our counselors gather those who come and they listen to their stories. Some of the camper's stories that are heard are harsh, but these counselors listen and they help, at least some, to return to a memory of a time before the angel was broken. They remind our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

Hopes matter, dreams matter, our feelings and our lives matter. The story of the incarnation; the coming of God into the world in the person of Jesus is God's message to us that **we matter**. God loves us enough to enter into our hopes and dreams and help us live our lives more fully. God loves us enough to enter into our brokenness and help us pick up the pieces.

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

God's peace be with you,

+John



2017 Convention guest speaker,  
Bishop Michael Smith,  
Eleventh Bishop of North Dakota



Holy Apostles Sunday School children  
Singing for us at the 2017 Convention

The Diocese of South Dakota

27 October 2017



Dear People of God in the Diocese of South Dakota:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

We, the members of the Standing Committee, have received with a mixture of joy and sadness the retirement announcement from Bishop John T. Tarrant. We have had the opportunity to meet with him, and to give thanks for his ministry over the past eight years as our bishop.

We are now preparing for the next season of our life together. We have met with the Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley of the Pastoral Development Office and have begun the initial stages of planning for this transition in the life of the Diocese of South Dakota.

Because of the Presiding Bishop's schedule, we have a tentative date of the consecration of the new Bishop in early November 2019. That date will be firmed up later this year. All of the other dates for this process will be set after we are informed of the Presiding Bishop's schedule. With this information, we are tentatively setting a date for the election in early May 2019.

We have begun our initial work for naming the Search/Nominating Committee, which will do the work of searching for and nominating a slate of candidates who will stand for election.

At a later point, we will be naming a Transition Committee. That committee will coordinate the transition process and the consecration of the new bishop.

When the membership of these committees has been determined, we will announce them to you via the Diocesan website, e-mail, Church News, or phone calls.

We invite your prayers for Bishop John, his family, the Standing Committee and this Diocese as we move into this new season of our lives.

Blessings and peace,

The Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley  
President  
Rosebud Episcopal Mission (West)

The Rev. Patricia White Horse-Carda  
Secretary  
Santee & Yankton Mission

Tamara Fonder, Member  
Standing Rock Mission

The Rev. Annie Henninger, Member  
Rosebud Episcopal Mission (East)

Pat LeBeau, Member  
Trinity, Pierre

Deanna Stands, Member  
Woniya Wakan/Holy Spirit, Wagner

Joan Sutton, Member  
St. Andrew's, Rapid City

The Rev. Hal Weidman, Member  
St. Andrew's, Rapid City

*A Prayer for the Election of a Bishop*  
*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

RESOLUTION

133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention, Diocese of South Dakota  
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**Submitted by** Charles R. Berry, St Paul's Church, Carol Smith, Christ Church, Yankton, and Donna Burnap, Rapid City Emanuel (members of the Creation Care Network)

**RESOLVED, that the One Hundred Thirty-Third Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota** encourage lay and clergy leaders in the Diocese to more fully embrace the mission of Creation Care by using materials offered by The Episcopal Church for this mission, particularly

The House of Bishops' Pastoral Teaching and Study Guide  
The Genesis Covenant Project for greening individual parish/mission buildings  
The Catechism of Creation book and course  
Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation (from 2015 General Convention)

**Explanation**

Faith communities have become increasingly engaged in environmental stewardship because of concern for our planet and every living thing that dwells on it.

Our commitment to stewardship is fostered by religious teachings that deepen our appreciation for creation as an integral part of our worship and discipleship throughout the year and throughout our lives.

The Episcopal Church is trying to instill new traditions, identities, and ways of fulfilling sacred duties toward The Creation as one of the Five Marks of Mission. TEC Website has information showing church attention to the environment <http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/environment>. The Creation Care mission of The Episcopal Church is to heal, defend, and work toward justice for all God's creation and to respect the kinship and connection of all that God created (<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/eco-justice>).

South Dakota Diocese embraced Creation Care a decade ago with the passage of Resolution #002 at the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention that stated that the Diocese would encourage all parishes and missions to embrace the three-step process of Education, Reflection, and Action in Creation Care.

The informal Creation Care Network in the South Dakota Diocese is a grassroots effort of about 30 people in a dozen parishes. The Network has held workshops at three conventions, and suggests resources for bringing Creation Care into church liturgy and activities seasonally.

**Impact on Budget:** None

*Individual Parishes/Missions may acquire most items at no cost; one item costs \$8.95. All links checked on Sept 6, 2017*

**Liturgical Materials (LM) to honor God in creation.** *The LM are found in Appendices of the report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (2015 Gen. Convention)*

<https://extranet.generalconvention.org/staff/files/download/13068.pdf>

*To get correct pages, click on “Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation.”*

**House of Bishop’s Pastoral Teaching,**

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/episcopal-church-house-bishops-issues-pastoral-teaching>

**Study guide to the Bishops’ pastoral teaching** titled *A Life of Grace for the Whole World*. (64 pages, \$8.95 each for adult and youth versions)

<https://www.churchpublishing.org/lifeofgraceforthewholeworldadult>

**Catechism of Creation** book (36-page free download) and course,

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/CreationCatechism.pdf>

[http://www.forwardmovement.org/Products/2426/in-the-\\_\\_beginning.aspx](http://www.forwardmovement.org/Products/2426/in-the-__beginning.aspx).  
(free, video curriculum explores science and faith with ordained scientists in The Episcopal Church; 3- or 4-session course with discussion questions and links to corresponding videos for each class)

**Genesis Covenant plan** for individual parishes to become “green”

[http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/genesis\\_covenant\\_final.pdf](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/genesis_covenant_final.pdf)



*Give us new ears to hear and understand those who live off the land  
and to hear and understand those who extract its resources.  
Give us new hearts to recognize the brokenness in our communities  
and to heal the wounds we have inflicted.  
Give us new hands to serve the earth and its people  
and to shape beloved community.*

*One of many prayers offered during the HOB, Fall 2017, Alaska*

- 1) Anyone in the Diocese may attend any Niobrara School event, and some weekends are well suited to **lay-leaders** in the church or for clergy continuing education. Classes are \$15 per day, except Summer Seminary.
- 2) If you are in Niobrara School for the ordination process, you are **required** to attend every weekend that fulfills a requirement you have not yet fulfilled. If you have already fulfilled a particular requirement, you may still re-attend that weekend.
- 3) Summer Seminary and the enrichment weekend are required for everyone in the ordination process.

Email Chris Corbin at [chris@episcopalchurchsd.org](mailto:chris@episcopalchurchsd.org) or contact Marlys Fratzke (605-494-2020 at [office.episcopalchurchsd.org](http://office.episcopalchurchsd.org) for more information. Please contact Marlys or go to the Niobrara School website at [www.episcopalchurchsd.org/niobrara-school-for-ministry](http://www.episcopalchurchsd.org/niobrara-school-for-ministry) to register for ministry weekends.

**2017 Fall Retreat (\$60 fee covers both lodging and food)**

November 10-11, 2017, Pierre (specific locations determined by number of participants)  
We strongly encourage local communities to contribute as much as possible toward this cost as a sign of support since local community investment (including financial investment) is necessary for potential candidates for formal ministry.

**2018 Constitution and Canons/Title IV**

**January 26-27, 2018**, begins 5:30 PM Friday and ends 3:00 PM Saturday  
Trinity Episcopal Church, Pierre, SD

**The Episcopal Church in South Dakota** (Episcopal Church in South Dakota)  
**March 2-3, 2018**, begins 5:30 PM Friday and ends 3:00 PM Saturday  
Location TBA

**Dakota Experience West** (Dakota Experience)

**March 16-17, 2018**, begins 5:30 (MST) PM Friday and ends 3:00 (MST) PM Saturday  
Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Rapid City, SD

**Spring Retreat (\$60 fee covers both lodging and food)**

**April 6-7, 2018**, location TBD (specific locations determined by number of participants)  
We strongly encourage local communities to contribute as much as possible toward this cost as a sign of support since local community investment (including financial investment) is necessary for potential candidates for formal ministry.

**Finding Your Worship Voice** (Congregational Speech and Song)

**May 18-19, 2018**, begins 5:30 (MST) Friday and ends 3:00 (MST) PM Saturday  
Rapid City, SD

**SUMMER SEMINARY: LAY LICENSE AND CATECHIST TRAINING** *required for all*

**August 12-15, 2018, Sunday through Thursday**, specific times TBA. Location: Thunderhead Episcopal Center, Lead, SD NOTE: *This Summer Seminary is also required for everyone beginning the Lay Catechist training program*

**Enrichment Weekend** (topic TBA) *required for all*

**October 12-13, 2018**, Friday evening through Saturday afternoon, Location & times TBA

**Anti-Racism Training**

Location, date, and time TBA

Originally operated as a vacation place for Clergy and their families, Camp Remington has been preserved as a place for anyone to enjoy the beauty and quiet of the Black Hills. In addition to the three diocesan owned cabins, there are eight privately owned cabins (many still owned by descendants of former clergy) clustered near-by which are also part of Camp Remington. Camp Remington has three screened in cabins, sleeping 4-6 persons, available. Each cabin has its own outhouse, porch, kitchen area, and living room with fireplace. Two have inside bedrooms as well.

Some times the Diocese has wondered if Camp Remington has out lived its usefulness, do people really utilize the camp and enjoy the serenity that Camp Remington has to offer. Today's society is technology focused and many you might say are challenged when faced without their electronic devices. This is an email I received from a family after staying at Camp Remington this past summer.

“We loved our stay at Camp Remington. It was so beautiful; the Black Hills were the highlight of our trip cross-country. I hope that we have the chance to pass that way again. Thank you for opening the cabins up to the public—we are happy to have found them. “ Heather Leach.

Heather was traveling from Avondale, PA, with her family. Two adults and a ten year old, the family traveled thru Michigan, Minnesota, South Dakota, Colorado, Utah, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and North Carolina. Camp Remington was a recommendation by her friend Sean Sherman and Dana Thompson.

Have you been to Camp Remington?



*Grace Church,  
Madison*

*Grace Church sold chances to win a green quilt during the 2017 Convention in September. The following Sunday, October 2nd Grace Church, Madison held the drawing and the winner was Evelyn Thayer, Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls.*

*Grace Church Madison would like to give an enormous thank you to everyone that took a chance on the quilt. The money raised will go toward restoration of another window. Three have been completed over the past six years but they still have five to go. Grace Church raises the money first and then restores one window at a time.*

*Thank you again to all!  
No Name Quilters.*

September 29, thirty two wonderful Episcopal women came together to support ECW of South Dakota.

The women of ECW were happy to be able to award four \$750 scholarships to very deserving women. They are Amber Allen, Emmanuel, Rapid City, Valorie Regina Two Hearts, St. James, Enemy Swim, Hailey Foster, Emmanuel, Rapid City and Shelby Konstant, All Angels, Spearfish. We pray for their success.

Your Fall UTO ingathering's should be completed and offerings returned to Randy Barnhardt's office (408 N. Jefferson Ave, Pierre, SD 57501) by November 15, 2017 so that it will be included in our total contribution for 2017. We are going to add to our webpage the list of Grants that UTO has awarded to South Dakota. Don't forget to apply for a grant which Bishop Tarrant is in charge of applications.

We are supporting the CPC (Church Periodical Club) and hope that you too are sending to Randy Barnhardt your collections.

Since the year of 1938 ECW has asked for a contribution of \$3 per Episcopalian Woman in your parish. With grateful hearts we are asking that amount be raised to \$4. If your parish is able to contribute to this, please send your dues (contributions to Cora Koss treasurer for state ECW). The money that is contributed for this is used for our scholarships and necessary expenses. We do accept any and all donations so that we can support our women.

This was the year to select our Honored Woman who will represent the state of South Dakota at the Triennial Convention which will be held in Austin, Texas in July, 2018. We are happy to announce Elizabeth Campbell is our worthy recipient of that honor. There are many woman who exemplify what it is to be considered an honored woman. Please look at whom you consider to be that woman and nominate her for next year's selection. All nominations need to be submitted to Vick Sweet (2910 Stockade Dr. Rapid City, SD 57702) by April 15,

2018 and information can be found on the "episcopalchurchsd.com" webpage under Ministries and ECW page.

For our ECW Annual project we have chosen to support Puerto Rico in their recovery efforts. It is your churches choice how to raise that money. All contributions need to be sent to ECW treasurer, Cora Koss ( 23044 Palamino Ln. Rapid City, SD 57703) who will then quarterly get that money to Bishop Tarrant and then be sent directly to the Bishop of Puerto Rico so that their recovery can begin ASAP. Everyone was so generous in our raising the needed funds to support Thunderhead Episcopal Center last year and we can do this too. Thank you everyone.

At our meeting we had two special guests. They were Heather Bauer Province VI President and Beth Agar Province VI Representative, National Episcopal Church Women. We appreciate their joining us and supporting us as we support them in the National ECW.

Election of officers took place with Diana Regan agreeing to serve another two years as President and Vicki Sweet agreed to serve another two years as Vice President. Our appointed secretary, Michelle Feiszli will fulfill Elizabeth Campbell's final year as she has had to resign because of conflicting scheduling. Cora Koss will serve her final year in her second term. Next fall we will elect a new secretary and a new treasurer. Please consider one of these positions.

Thank you to you all who have given support to the women in the Episcopal Church of South Dakota. We are a mighty force and will go forth with the love of Christ.

President, SD ECW  
Diana Regan



**Episcopal Church Women  
Scholarship Committee  
Fall Report**

**This has been an incredible year!!**

**\$3,000.00 Awarded to FOUR this year!**

Last year we had NO applicants for the two \$750.00 scholarships. This year, we had four (4) well qualified young women apply. Each one has her own unique qualities that speaks to her determination to serve others and complete her lifelong educational goals.

Amber Allen, a non-traditional student, a working single mother, who has faced many challenges in life, has had the support of her church family at Emmanuel in Rapid City. She has been active with Sunday school and enjoys helping Vacation Bible School. She is enrolled at Black Hills State University pursuing a degree in Human Resources. Her deep faith in the Lord will keep her focused on her goal.

Valorie Regina Two Hearts, an active member of St. James Episcopal Church in Enemy Swim, near Sisseton, SD, has been supported by her church family many times during times of crisis in her family. She is currently enrolled at Haskell Indian Nations University. She is a very bright young lady who knows what she wants in life and is determined to reach her ultimate goal of being admitted to the University of Kansas Medical School. I believe, with God's help, and the support of her mentors, she will achieve her goal of becoming a Cardiologist and will be healing the sick on the Sisseton Reservation after graduation.

Hailey Foster, although a member at Emmanuel, she has been helping feed the hungry at the Cornerstone Mission with St. Andrew's crew, and has found her own way of giving back to the community. She decided at an early age that she wanted to be a Pharmacist. She has volunteered numerous hours at Rapid City Regional Pharmacy Department. She is attending South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. I believe Hailey is loved and supported by her family and will succeed in her career.

Shelby Konstant, a longtime member of All Angels in Spearfish, has been an active participant in Sunday School, youth group and in other activities in the church. Her church has been the center of her life all through her life. She is pursuing a career in Hospitality Management at SDSU in Brookings, SD. Her outgoing personality will be an asset in her career. I believe she has unique talents that will only enrich the lives of those she encounters in her profession.

Our committee decided that these four women deserved a scholarship each. Since we were allotted 2 \$750.00 scholarships each year, and no one received the two from last year, we had a total of 4 available. We consulted the treasurer, Cora Koss, and ECW President, Diana Regan. They agreed that the money was available. This was indeed an incredible year!

Thanks to the committee members for their valuable advice: Vaudeth Oberlander (St. Andrew's), Carol Cloud Eagle (St. Matthews), and a new member, Michelle Feiszli (Emmanuel).

Sandra Magnavito, M.Ed.  
Chair



Dear Episcopal Church Women of the Dioceses of South Dakota,

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Episcopal Women's Church Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to further my education at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota.

I grew up in Spearfish, SD where I was active in sports, student council, volunteering, community service, and All Angels Episcopal in Spearfish while in high school. I am now a junior at SDSU where I am majoring in Hospitality Management and Minor in Management and Entrepreneurial Studies and plan to graduate May of 2019! At SDSU I am involved with our hospitality club, and F.I.R.E (Finance, Investment, Real Estate) Club. I am also the food and beverage director for my sorority, Chi Omega. In my free time, I enjoy cheering on my fellow Jackrabbits at the sporting events!

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift.

With much gratitude and appreciation,

Shelby Konstant

Hello,

I wanted to thank you for the scholarship that I was rewarded from the ECW. I was so moved by receiving the scholarship and I cannot wait to contribute back to my community and my church.

Classes have started and college is off to a good start. Thank you for your belief that I will do well and use the scholarship wisely.

Currently, I am studying Pre-Pharmacy with the intent to apply for pharmacy school. I will hopefully major with a doctorate of pharmacy degree (Pharm.D).

May God Bless You,  
Hailey Foster

Last year the women of South Dakota accepted the challenge to raise \$3,500 to help finish the basketball court at Thunderhead Episcopal Center for the camp youth. I am very thankful to all who donated to that cause. We raised over \$7,000 and the project is finished and was enjoyed by all.



Now for our annual project, for the year 2018, we have chosen to directly help the churches in Puerto Rico.

All the money raised is to be sent to Cora Koss (the state ECW treasurer) who will in turn send that money to Bishop who will see that it is sent directly to the Bishop of Puerto Rico.

Send your donations as soon as you have had your fundraiser so that we can send our contributions as soon as possible as their need is now. We will send on the money as we receive it.

We hope that you will be generous in your fundraising so that we will be able help in their efforts to rebuild and support their congregations.

All this we do in the name of Christ who sustains us all.

President, SD ECW  
Diana Regan

### **Update from the UTO Coordinator in Puerto Rico by Lorraine Candelario, UTO Coordinator, Diocese of Puerto Rico**

Here in Puerto Rico, we are all trying to help one another. Puerto Rico is devastated but slowly picking itself up, thanks first to the Lord and to all those who have arrived to keep order and all the humanitarians who are helping.

Electrical posts and cables are being restored, and the armed forces are directing traffic and trying to keep order along with our police. We still need prayers, especially to maintain patience and peace. Water is hard to come by, food as well. My experience is that it's hard to just go to the supermarket. Lines are horrendous to purchase anything.

I believe there's electricity on about 12% of the island. What worries me most are the people who live so high up in the mountains. It is difficult for them to get around, their food supply is minimal, and their houses have been destroyed. Bishop Rafael Morales is working so hard and ensuring that all the communities have some help. He's nonstop. My deepest thank you for your and everyone's concerns and prayers.

**For more information on the Diocese of Puerto Rico, please visit <http://episcopalpr.org>.**

**To donate to the Diocese of Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief, please visit <http://www.gemn.org/donate-to-diocese-of-puerto-rico-hurricane-fund/>.**

# Diocese of South Dakota

## 2018 Summer Youth Camps

**All camps begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 10:00 a.m.**

*Please do not arrive before 3:00 p.m.*

### **9th & 10th Grade Camp • Sunday, June 10-Saturday, June 16**

Open to all entering 9th & 10th grade

**Cost: \$150 per person**

### **5th & 6th Grade Camp • Sunday, June 17-Wednesday, June 20**

Open to all entering 5th & 6th grade.

**Cost: \$100 per person**

### **7th & 8th Grade Camp • Sunday, July 8-Saturday, July 14**

Open to all entering 7th & 8th grade.

**Cost: \$150 per person**

### **11th & 12th Grade Camp • Sunday, July 15-Saturday, July 21**

Open to all entering 11th & 12th grade, and those who graduated high school in 2018

**Cost: \$150 per person**

The Diocese can provide transportation for all campers who need a ride; however,

**You must register before May 15th if you need a ride to camp.**

Camps at Thunderhead Episcopal Center are open to all young people both in and outside of South Dakota. No matter where you come from or where your faith is, you are welcome. Please fill out this form so we can prepare to welcome you this summer!

You may also register online at [www.episcopalchurchsd.org/thunderhead-episcopal-center/](http://www.episcopalchurchsd.org/thunderhead-episcopal-center/)

### **What to bring to camp:**

Sleeping bag or bedding, pillow, layers of clothing (it can be warm in the day and cool at night) closed-toe shoes, toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.), and towel.

Questions: Contact the Rev. Portia Corbin at [portia@episcopalchurchsd.org](mailto:portia@episcopalchurchsd.org) or (605)280-4927

# Registration Form

All information on this form is required. Please provide complete information for every area.

**Camper's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Parent or Guardian Name and Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If there is someone else to contact in the case of an emergency, please list him/her here:**

**Please tell us about the camper's health:**

Dose the camper have any dietary restrictions, allergies, or restrictions on activities?

**If the camper takes medications of any kind:**

Please attach a list of medications with instructions as to the method of administration and dosage. Medications will be turned in to camp staff upon arrival.

**Camper's Health Insurance Provider:**

(UnitedHealthcare, Medicaid, IHS, etc.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Policy Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Release:**

The health history for this child is correct to the best of my knowledge. This child has permission to attend camp and engage in all activities, except as noted above. If I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Camp Director or Nurse to hospitalize, secure treatment, and to order injections, anesthesia, or surgery for my child.

**Parent/Guardian Signature and Date:**

## Cost of camp

We want you to come to camp! **No one should feel he or she cannot go to camp because he or she doesn't have the money.** The Diocese subsidizes the operations and staffing of its camps to minimize camper fees for everyone and also has additional financial assistance available.

## Check which camp the camper will attend:

- 9th & 10th Grade Camp: \$150  
 5th & 6th Grade Camp: \$100  
 7th & 8th Grade Camp: \$150  
 11th & 12th Grade Camp: \$150

## Check one:

- Camper will need a full scholarship.  
 Camper will need a partial scholarship.  
 Camper can contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Camper does not need a scholarship.

## Transportation options:

- I will arrange transportation myself for the camper.  
 Camper needs a ride provided by the diocese.

**(Campers MUST register before May 15th to receive this ride)**

## Behavior Expectations:

No drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or anything that can be considered a weapon are to be brought to camp. Camp is a place of spiritual community and renewal. Because of this, we will ask you to turn in all electronics, including cell phones, e-readers, etc. in order to be fully present at camp. Campers must also refrain from sexual or violent behavior while at camp. We also insist that campers be respectful of everything and everyone at camp.

You should also know that completion of registration grants permission to use photos of the camper, taken at camp, for publicity purposes. Smile!

TEC Registration  
 c/o Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota  
 408 N. Jefferson Ave.  
 Pierre, SD 57501



## Episcopal Relief & Development

Healing a hurting world

**Millions of people worldwide  
are impacted by natural disasters  
and  
civil unrest that devastate  
communities and claim countless  
lives.**

When catastrophe strikes, Episcopal Relief & Development and its partners in the United States and worldwide **respond to disasters** and **help rebuild communities**. We provide life-saving assistance that reduces suffering, helps restore dignity and jump-starts economic recovery.

Working with Church agencies and other organizations at home and abroad, we empower communities to meet local needs after natural disasters such as to earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes and floods— as well as human-made conflicts including war and other acts of violence. Our partners deliver critical basics such as food, water and other necessities after emergencies. We remain present in communities long after the crisis is over to help them heal, recover and rebuild.

Our disaster risk reduction and preparedness efforts focus on helping people prepare in advance of crises to reduce impact on vulnerable and underserved communities. This work involves coordination and training for local partners and community members so they are better able to serve and care for at-risk populations.

Delivering life-saving supplies such as food, water, shelter, medicine and other basics. Offering trauma counseling and other special services for survivors. Promoting small business development and income-generating opportunities to help fuel economic recovery . Empowering partners to conduct needs assessments and create long-term recovery plans. Supporting long-term recovery efforts such as rebuilding and repairing homes, schools, clinics, water systems and other community structures Assisting Episcopal dioceses in the United States with developing preparedness and response programs

**Notice: Stay updated on the response to recent disasters - <http://bit.ly/ReliefNews>**

### Responding to Disasters

The US Disaster Program works with diocesan and congregational leadership in areas that have been affected by disasters. We partner with diocesan leaders by providing technical resources and connections to others around the country who have faced similar challenges, as well as access to the Ready to Serve volunteer database. When necessary, we may also provide emergency financial assistance to dioceses to supplement these resources, enabling churches to connect with and offer assistance to their most vulnerable neighbors. Emergency funds are distributed through the local bishop's office, often with the help of a Diocesan Disaster Coordinator, who communicates with Episcopal Relief & Development's US Disaster Program team.

When a disaster happens, it's common to see an even greater need for assistance a few months after the event – after the National Guard, TV cameras and many other aid agencies have gone. We partner with Episcopal dioceses for the long term, as they work with underserved and marginalized populations in their communities, enabling them to make a full and sustained recovery.

## SO, WHAT CAN YOU DO?

### **PRAY**

Eternal God, amid all the turmoil and changes of this world your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. In times of danger and trouble, be to us a sure guardian. Guide the leaders with your wisdom. Comfort those in distress. Grant courage and hope to face the future. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **PREPARE WITH YOUR FAMILY**

#### 1) Make a Plan

- **Phone numbers.**  
Be sure you and your family memorize a phone number for someone outside of your immediate area that you can call in case of an emergency. Keep in mind that cell phones can be lost/stolen or batteries can run out, so memorize the number. Inform other family and friends who this contact person will be.
- **Make a wallet card.**  
Make a card that includes important numbers and information. Make your own, or print and fill out the card from the following link:  
[http://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/FamEmePlan\\_Adult.pdf](http://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/FamEmePlan_Adult.pdf)
- **Texting.**  
Teach all members of your family to text. Text messages may still work even when phone calls don't go through.

#### 2) Be Informed

- **Find an easy way to access information.**  
You can sign up for text alerts. To find a local agency providing alerts, go to:  
<http://www.ready.gov/alerts>.
- **Local area weather radio stations:**  
o To find your local station visit: <http://www.weather.gov/nwr/indexnw.htm>

#### 3) Get a Kit

**Water, food and cash.** The three most basic things you'll need.

**Water.** One gallon of water per person for three days

**Food.** Enough non-perishable food items for three days. These purchases can be part of your regular grocery shopping; just make sure you have enough food for three days in your pantry.

**Cash.** It's also good to have small denomination bills and change.

### **GIVE of time, talent, treasure.**

Take time to learn and practice for potential disasters.

Volunteer: local Red Cross, Community VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster)

Donate: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give/donate-now/individual-donation>

Donate to the Hurricane Relief Fund here: <http://bit.ly/2vaZLu>

Donate to our SD ECW annual projected for relief.

Donate to the SD United Thank Offering.

Contact Deacon Tom Regan to become a local congregation contact person for the Diocese of South Dakota Disaster Preparedness team.

*Phone: 605.580.1156 Email: [tregan@rushmore.com](mailto:tregan@rushmore.com)*

**Canon's Report - October 2017**

**New Clergy in Diocese:**

**The Rev. Ed Hunt** began serving among us as Superintending Presbyter of the Pine Ridge Episcopal Mission, on September 1, 2017.

Fr. Ed is a graduate of The General Seminary, in New York City, NY and has previously served parishes in Alabama, New York and Michigan. Fr. Ed and his wife Mary are living in the Rectory of St. Katharine's Episcopal Church in Martin, SD.

**Clergy in Transition:**

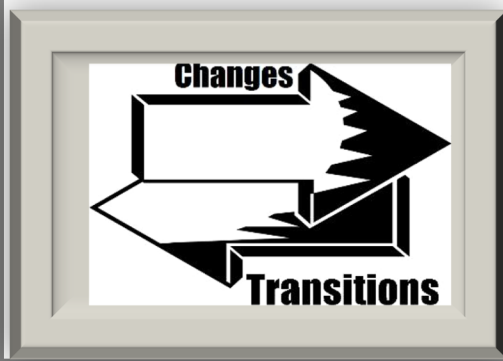
**The Rev. Harold Eagle Bull** has retired from his position as Part-time Interim Superintending Presbyter of the Pine Ridge Episcopal Mission, effective September 30, 2017.

**The Rev. Canon David Hussey** has retired as Canon to the Ordinary, effective October 31, 2017.

**The Rev. David Hussey** has begun serving as Part-time Interim Superintending Presbyter of the Mni Sose Cluster, effective November 1, 2017.

Let us pray for our Clergy and our people.

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, our upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the



honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen



Archdeacon Paul Sneve went to Baltimore, Maryland in September to meet with the Executive Council's Committee on Anti-racism and Reconciliation (ECCAR).

This group wrote the curricula for the Anti-racism Training that was made a requirement at the General Convention, for all Clergy and employees of the Episcopal Church. During this past meeting in Baltimore, the committee developed guidelines for Anti-racism trainings that may be done using other curriculum developed outside of the ECCAR, but used within the church.

They also developed an assessment tool to be offered online that would enable one to demonstrate proficiency on the topic either to satisfy the requirement as an employee or else to demonstrate the fluency on the topic to be a Trainer.

Anti-racism as a topic tends to be a bit of a downer" but it doesn't have to be. "Seeing the Face of God in each Other" is a class that I will be offering at Calvary Cathedral November 3-4 (Saturday and Sunday) starting at 5:30pm Friday evening and concluding Saturday around 2:00pm.

This class adds to the material that can be learned from the Dakota Experience that I will teach March 16th and 17th at Emmanuel Church in Rapid City. Both courses are designed to help participants to learn about how one can inadvertently support systems of racism both locally and nationally, but more importantly these classes help participants combat these systems.

"Racism is more than the behavior of an individual but rather it is a whole societal system that the actions of an individual can support or help tear down." As with most classes taught by Fr. Paul, participants can expect this serious topic to be presented with his usual good humor and engaging style. The fee for each of these classes is \$30 which also includes Friday supper and Saturday lunch.

Please enroll online at [www.episcopalchurchsd.org](http://www.episcopalchurchsd.org) or call Marlys at the diocesan office at 605-494-2020. If an participant has dietary issues or questions in general, please contact the Diocesan Office



### **NYC grassroots racial reform network lives out ‘Beloved Community’ mission.**

Rahson Johnson (right), a member of the Circles of Support advisory board, spoke to the crowd as moderator Dawn Jewel Fraser (left) listened at the *Fit the Description* interactive film series and discussion Oct. 24, at St. Philips Episcopal Church in Harlem, a neighborhood in New York City’s northern Manhattan borough.

Photo: Amy Sowder/Episcopal News Service



[Episcopal News Service] Rahson Johnson stood behind the microphone, in front of the ornate altar at St. Philips Episcopal Church in Harlem, the northern Manhattan neighborhood in New York City. He looked at more than 200 people filling the pews on the evening of Oct. 24, recalling two critical moments as a 16-year-old growing up in Brooklyn’s Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood.

The first critical moment: His friends told him to get the gun from his apartment. He did, and they played around, doing nothing, really. The police came by. On instinct, Johnson ran, so he was chased. He tossed the gun in a flower pot and ran more. Police tackled him, beat him up and arrested him, telling him he was no good, even though he turned out not to be the suspect they were looking for. Regardless of his noncriminal past, Johnson fit the description.

Attendees heard and offered all sorts of perspectives at the evening’s #KnowJusticeHarlem, a film and interactive discussion brought by the [Fit the Description](#) series organized by the Circles of Support Advisory board, which is comprised of formerly incarcerated people, including Johnson. [Circles of Support](#) is a local Harlem re-entry partnership that cultivates leadership among the formerly incarcerated, their families and faith leaders to strengthen communities.

The second critical moment Johnson recalled at the event was the day he returned from a harrowing seven days at Riker’s Island Prison Complex. Those same neighborhood kids put another gun in his hand. What did he do? Johnson took it. Not long afterward, Johnson was jailed again, this time for 23 years, on armed robbery charges.

“Did I deserve to be put in prison? Yes,” Johnson told the crowd. “Did I deserve to be treated by the police the way I was? Probably not.”

Maybe if there was more support for people re-entering society after their prison release, Johnson’s repeated criminal activity might not have happened. Maybe if the relationships, procedure and accountability between police of any color and black men in particular were better, the first incident wouldn’t have happened, or the situation wouldn’t have escalated to the point of arrest. These points were worth a deep-dive conversation.

“Think of the ways people have assumed you have fit the description, and think of the ways you fit others into a description,” discussion moderator Dawn Jewel Fraser told the crowd. Later, she said: “We realize this conversation is only a first step.”

You may find the entire article on the Episcopal Church website [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org) under racial reconciliation.

White/Red doors #1



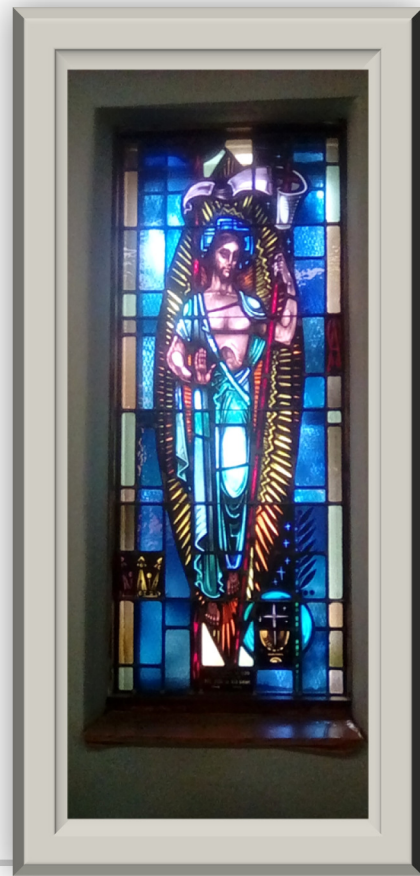
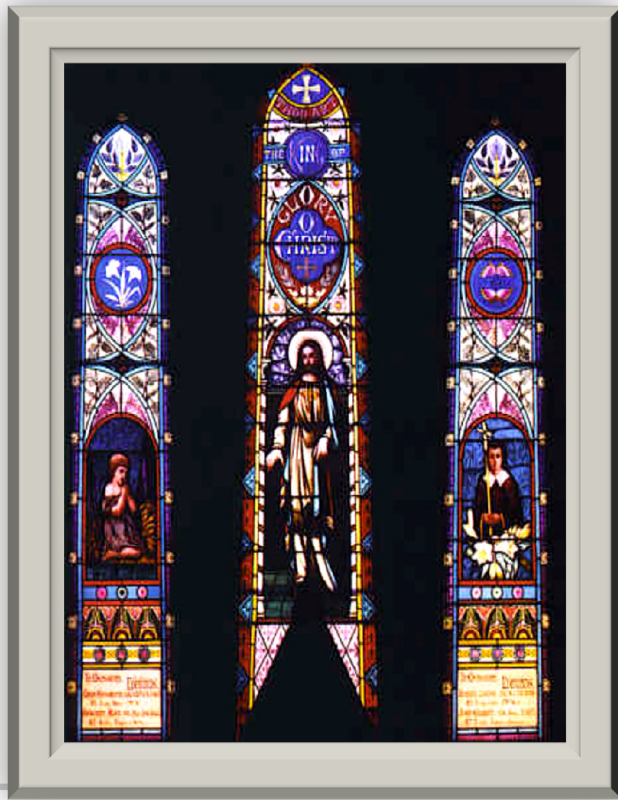
White/Red doors #2



White/Red doors #3

In what church am I located?

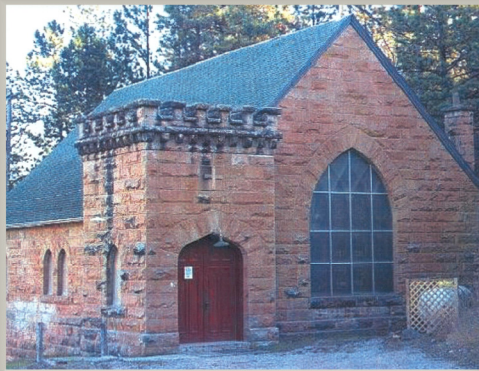
In what church am I located?





Can you name these churches?

stone church #1



stone church #3



stone church #2



stone church #4

White church/Red doors #1 Advent, Calico, White church/Red doors #2 Calvary, Okreek,  
White church/Red doors #3 Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee, NE

Stain glass window #1 Christ Church, Yankton, Stain glass window #2 Holy Cross, Pine Ridge

Stone church #1 All Angels, Spearfish, Stone church #2 Christ Church, Lead,  
Stone church #3 St. Luke's, Hot Springs, Stone Church #4 Holy Comforter, Lower Brule

Mother Lauren Stanley of the Rosebud Episcopal Mission (West) gets another whipped-cream pie in the face during the 5th Annual Children's Festival in Mission on Oct. 9. The Festival, a free gift to the children of the Rosebud, drew 500-600 participants for games, prizes, food and fun. More than 30 businesses, groups and organizations joined as co-sponsors, providing funding and donations of food, drink and prizes, making the Festival a joint effort from the people of the Rosebud to the children of the Rosebud.



The three finalist of the Rubik's Cube contest concentrate on lining up the 3x3 squares in a bid to win the prize, a giant 11x11 square cube.

Good Shepherd, Little Oak Creek Getting a new back door.



Senior Catechist Erroll Geboe, Mother Lauren Stanley, Father Webster Two Hawk Sr., and Bishop Tarrant pray at the funeral for Sgt. Philip J. Iyotte, a Sicangu Lakota from White River who was a POW in the Korean War and died in the POW camp. For 66 years, he was listed as MIA, until, in August, the U.S. Army was able to identify his remains and return him home to the Rosebud Reservation. Sgt. Iyotte was escorted home on Tuesday, Oct. 24th, accompanied by motorcycle riders, horseback riders, family, friends, and residents of the Rosebud. He was laid to rest at St. Philip's Episcopal Cemetery in Two Kettle, north of White River.

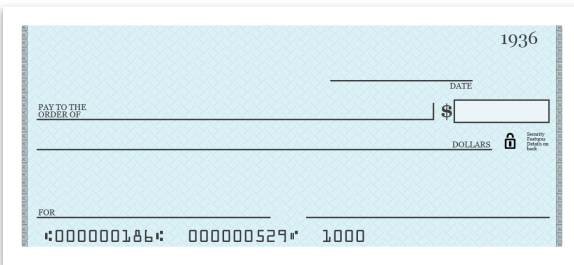


The photos were taken by Blake Lehman.

Sometimes we all need a reminder.



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Forms, paperwork such as the parochial reports, mileage sheets, Delegate and Vestry/Bishops committee reports, Bishop visitation sheets, etc. Any paperwork needs to be mailed to the Diocesan office in Pierre.



In the past, if you sent it to Sioux Falls you now send it to Pierre. Any and all mail for the Bishop or Barney.

We no longer have an office in Sioux Falls.



If you need to speak with **Randy**, please call the Diocesan office and I will give you his schedule, or I can help you get in contact with the person that now handles that issue.

Remember we have a great team here in the Diocese, if you need training for Safe Guarding Gods Children or you want news posted to the Diocese's Facebook page please contact the **Rev. Tim Fountain** or the office.

If you have questions or concerns regarding Camp Remington or Thunderhead, please contact the **Rev. Portia Corbin** or the office. If you need a reservation for Camp Remington please call the office. Registration for TEC can be found in this issue or on the diocesan website.  
[www.episcopaldiocesesd.org](http://www.episcopaldiocesesd.org)



If you have health insurance questions, questions about retirement or if you know of someone wanting information regarding the ordination process or NSM call **Dr. Chris Corbin** or the office.

For property issues contact **Pat LeBeau** or the office. If you are having water, sewer, heat or electricity issues, or you want to make repairs, improvements, had a fire, a break-in or flood damage. If you are thinking of filing an insurance claim first call **Pat LeBeau**.

With questions about the asset map, anti racism, or Dakota Experience call **Archdeacon Paul Sneve**.

For questions on how you can make your congregation, and community ready for a disaster. Call **Deacon Tom Regan**, **Tom** heads the Diocese Disaster Preparedness program.

BCU has had a very busy year helping out in various areas of the Diocese.

This last quarter we have painted 2 churches, one house, put on siding for a rectory's garage, did some finish work on a rectory, installed a ramp on a rectory, installed a roof on a rectory, installed cabinets in a guild hall, and filled bags with things that can be used by the homeless.

Our work is done by members who dedicate their time and efforts. We depend wholly on donations of either money or other items that we can sell (ie..star quilts).

We help out where needed and are trying to aid those areas where there are no people able to do the labor.

BCU is a 501.c.3 tax free organization who can really use you assistance.

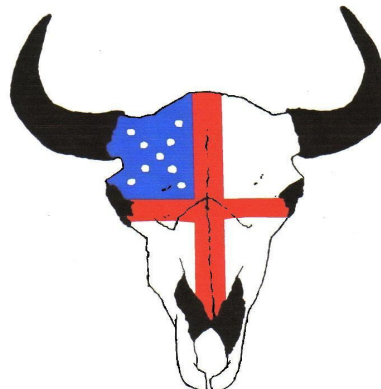
Our main focus for the past 25 years has been doing the work week-ends at TEC.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Pat LeBeau



**NIORARA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY**



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**DAKOTA EXPERIENCE**

Though technically not a part of the Niobrara School for Ministry, Dakota Experience is an educational course open to anyone interested in the culture, history, spirituality, and theology of the Dakota/Lakota people.

It is required for people in the ordination process and for clergy new to the diocese.

Cost is \$30 which covers 2 meals. The session begins at 5:30 pm on Friday with supper, and ends about 2:00 pm on Saturday, after lunch.

**Fall 2017 & Spring 2018 Dates**

- **Fall (East):** Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls  
November 10 & 11, 2017
- **Spring (West):** March 16-17, 2018  
Emmanuel Church, Rapid City

To register for any of these courses, contact the Diocesan Office at 605-494-2020 or by email at [office@episcopalchurchsd.org](mailto:office@episcopalchurchsd.org)

Registration is also available online at [www.Episcopalchurchsd.org](http://www.Episcopalchurchsd.org) via the Niobrara School page.

Questions? Contact Archdeacon Paul Sneve  
605-381-2018  
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Bishop's visitation & travel dates are in bold letters.

Please remember the Bishop's schedule is subject to last minute changes.

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**NOVEMBER**

- Nov 1 All Saint's, Sioux Falls
- Nov 3-4 **Anti Racism, Abby in the Hills**
- Nov 5 St. Mary's, Flandreau
- Nov 10-11 **Discernment Retreat, Pierre**
- Nov 10-11 Niobrara Council, Deloria Center
- Nov 12 **St. Paul's, Vermillion**
- Nov 18 **Diocesan Council, Pierre**
- Nov 19 **Grace, Huron**
- Nov 23-24 Diocesan office closed
- Nov 26 Thanksgiving weekend

**DECEMBER**

- Dec 3
- Dec 10 **St. Luke's, Hot Springs**
- Dec 17 **Christ Church, Milbank**
- Dec 24 **Christmas Eve**
- Dec 31 **New Years Eve**

**JANUARY 2018**

- Jan 7 **St. Mark's, Aberdeen**
- Jan 13 TEC Board meeting
- Jan 14 **Trinity, Watertown**
- Jan 21 **Christ Church, Yankton**
- Jan 28

**DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIMES**

Ends: November 5, 2017 Fall Back

Begins: March 11, 2018 Spring ahead

**Save the Date!**

*UTO Annual Grant Materials will be re-released on the first Friday of December!*

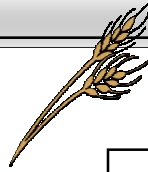
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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Clergy Retreat**

**February 5-8, 2018**

**Terra Sancta, Rapid City**



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