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Convention Address 2018

Today I offer my tenth and last address to Diocesan Convention. I thank the Diocesan staff and other leaders from around the diocese for your faithful service to our Lord through the church. Thank you. I am grateful for the opportunities I have had to serve with and among you. You are indeed, "*Good and faithful servants.*"

There are many things I have left undone; there are many things I wish I had done better and there are some things I wish I had not done at all. I am sorry for the times I have failed you; I am sorry for the times I have caused you pain. I ask for your and God's forgiveness. My failures are regular reminders of how much I need God. Successes we have had are reminders of how near God is. So, to paraphrase, "*whether we succeed or fail we are the Lord's possession.*" It is that faith that comforts and encourages me.

We have worked hard to establish youth ministry throughout our diocese, especially on our Missions. After, experimentation, fund raising, grant writing and much prayer we are in the beginning stages of establishing youth ministry teams on Standing Rock Mission, Rosebud Mission and Pine Ridge Mission. We are thankful for the partnerships we have developed with Young Life, the Diocese of North Dakota and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) in working toward our goal of hiring youth workers for each of our Mission areas. These relationships are invaluable. We are thankful for the continued ministry of Thunderhead Camp under the leadership of Portia Corbin. This ministry touches the lives of dozens of young adults and youth in South Dakota and Wyoming each year. The development of young adult leadership in all aspects of the camp will serve this diocese for decades to come. It is not easy ministry, but it is well worth the blood, sweat and tears put into it. Our partnership with the Diocese of Wyoming has enhanced both our human and financial resources for this program. We are also grateful for the UTO grant received this year to purchase a van to transport our youth to and from camp. Portia continues to look at way to expand the ministry of Thunderhead Camp.

Our Niobrara School for Ministry strives to bring quality biblical and theological training to developing leaders throughout the diocese. Chris Corbin's guidance of this program and expansion of our diocesan social media presence has brought us into the 21st century. Many beyond the boundaries of South Dakota in the Episcopal Church have noted the quality of our social media content. This is hardly one of my strong suits and, so, I am very grateful to Chris for taking this on. Our bishop's search profile is an example of the fine presentation developed by Chris and of the hard work done by the search committee.

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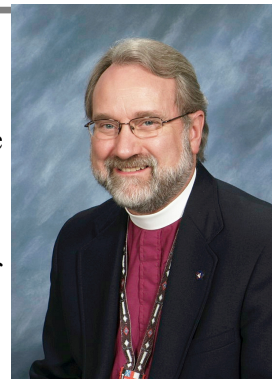
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Three years ago, we moved the Diocesan offices from Sioux Falls to Pierre. I believe this central location has helped those west of the Missouri River feel more a part of the diocese. We have had most of our Diocesan meetings in Pierre over the past decade. This move has cemented what we all knew to be true; Pierre is the geographic center of the Diocese and brings east and west together.



The Cathedral still remains an important symbol for our diocese even though Pierre has become the central gathering point. The strength of the Cathedral is exemplified by the Capital Campaign they have just launched in order to secure its place as a guiding force for the ongoing ministry of the Diocese.

Paul Sneve is spearheading efforts to complete a D/Lakota translation to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. This project was started over twenty-five years ago and now, thanks again to a UTO grant and Paul's willingness to take on this daunting task we hope to complete it. This past year Paul has shifted his focus from ministry throughout the diocese to serving the Cathedral along with his position as vicar of St. Paul's in Vermillion. Next year he will again serve on the Cathedral staff as well as the vicar of St. Paul's.

One of our Diocese's strongest partnerships is with the Episcopal Church through the General Convention Budget. We have seen our General Convention Block Grant increase from \$562,000 per year in 2009 to \$763,550 in 2019. The Diocese of South Dakota is committed to our joint ministry with the wider church to the Lakota/Dakota people on the nine Reservations throughout our Diocese. Our ministry here is clearly beyond that which a single Diocese could implement without the financial partnership with the wider Church. We are grateful for that partnership.

We are blessed with a committed staff. I have already mentioned Portia, Chris and Paul. Marlys puts in countless hours beyond those for which she is paid. Randy is finishing his time with us as diocesan administration and financial officer. His service to this diocese has been extraordinary. He will fully retire on December 31st of this year. We are currently searching for his replacement. Pat LeBeau has brought his many years of experience in property maintenance management to the staff which has relieved other staff members from needing to work outside of our areas of expertise. Tim Fountain has been willing to serve in a multitude of capacities, presently spending most of his time as the interim rector of Christ Church in Yankton and staff liaison to Holy Apostles Church in Sioux Falls.

I am thankful for Steve Sanford's gift to this Diocese. He faithfully gives us legal guidance, advice and direction. I cannot over state how important his ministry has been during his many years as Diocesan Chancellor.

Our staff mission clergy, Charlie Chan, Pat White Horse-Carda, Annie Henninger, Margaret Watson, Lauren Stanley, Kim Fonder, Ed Hunt, Henrique Fleming, Twilla Two Bulls, and Jim Marrs, offer some of the most important and difficult ministry in the Episcopal Church. Their commitment and dedication is part of the foundation of this diocese. I thank God for you all.

It is hard to believe that when I formally retire on July 1, 2019 I will have served as bishop in South Dakota for almost ten years and in ordained ministry for over thirty-six years. Pat, Jessica and I will be moving to Western Massachusetts where we will live near our daughter Mary Gillman and her family. We have traveled all over this Diocese a multitude of times. We have prayed in every Episcopal faith community throughout the State and a couple in Nebraska and one in Minnesota.

With you we have celebrated baptisms, the Eucharist, confirmations and even a few weddings. We have also offered the final Christian Rite to some and we have stood with you at the graves of those we love. Through these times we have been blessed and even at the grave we have made our song, "alleluia, alleluia, alleluia." It has been a distinct honor to walk with you during these past years.

It the late summer of 2005 we came to South Dakota as strangers to you all; in May of 2009 you elected me to serve as your bishop. Over these many years you have become our friends; you have become our family. This became profoundly evident this past May when our lives were shattered by the tragic and unexpected death of our daughter Amy. It was Marlys, Pat and Dottie LeBeau and Don Eagle who first comforted us. It was your thoughts and prayers that held us together and sustained us. It is your prayers that still sustain us. We have walked through the valley of the shadow of death with you by our side. We have experienced the church as God intends it to be; a community of faith filled people who hold each other up in the good times and in the troubled times. We understand deeply that it is not the mission statements developed or the programs offer that heal the broken heart. These have their place, but it is the prayers said, the hands held and the tears shed that assure us that the God, who heard the cries of his people, is present, hearing our cries. You are, for us, the hands of Christ and the reassurance of the One who gave his only begotten Son.

You have been the gentle voice of the Good Shepherd; the healing touch of the master physician; the bearers of God's hope for this sinful and broken world, especially when that world engulfed us. As we have lived and moved and had our being among you, we have seen the face of God. Thank you for being the body of Christ, the Church. We are eternally grateful for your love, your support and for your faith in the God of hope who through you has done infinitely more than we could have asked or imagined. Thank you! God's peace be with you.



2017 Convention Reports not in the Summer issue. !

The 2018 camp season saw a total of 111 campers. Youth from 7-12 graders explored their hopes, dreams, fears, sins and failures through the camp program. They were able to reflect on how our hopes and dreams are often crushed or broken through our failures and sins. At the same time, they explored how Jesus takes all of that brokenness and makes something new and beautiful.

Each camp came together to make a mosaic out of ceramic tiles that symbolized individual campers' own broken hopes and dreams. One mosaic remains at Thunderhead Camp, another will travel around to congregations in the Diocese of South Dakota, and a third will travel around to congregations in the Diocese of Wyoming. Look for one of the mosaics to appear in your congregation in the coming year.

The fifth and sixth grade camp welcomed Fr. Benjamin Thomas from the St. Francis Foundation. Fr. Benjamin led the campers in Lectio Divina, also known as "Sacred Reading." The campers made their own bread, which they used in a meditation and in the final Eucharist service for that camp.

Dawn Hurney offered all the camps the opportunity to participate in sewing club. Each day, six campers were welcomed into the sewing room to not only learn how to sew, but to also give back to the world in service. Over the course of the whole season, our campers made 26 dresses to donate to the "Little Dresses for Africa Project," and 21 pillowcases to donate to children's hospitals.

Thanks to a generous donation, we were able to remove the carpeting and replace the flooring in the main floor and basement of Supertent. The new floor is not only beautiful, it also expanded our dining space, and makes for a much cleaner, and more welcoming environment. We hope to replace the floor in the main dining room in the near future so that the flooring in the great room of Supertent is continuous and matching. If you would like to donate to this project, please do so!

As always, your donations make it possible for us to continue the ministry of Thunderhead camp. In 2018, 60% of campers required a full scholarship to attend. Not only that, but every camper—whether scholarshipped or not—is subsidized by the Diocese and our commitment to this ministry.

At the 2018 Diocesan Convention, we'll be kicking-off our new "Renovate the Chapel Campaign." We need your help to raise \$15,000 to renovate our chapel. The Chapel is our most frequently used space at camp. We use it not only for prayer, but for our daily program, as well as for games, and evening activities. The chapel is the only space large enough to hold an entire camp for any activity that requires movement. \$15,000 would allow us to repair the aging and peeling ceiling, replace the flooring, and update the electrical. We hope you will consider donating to this significant and important project to update our space, and ensure that the chapel will be fit for use for many years to come.

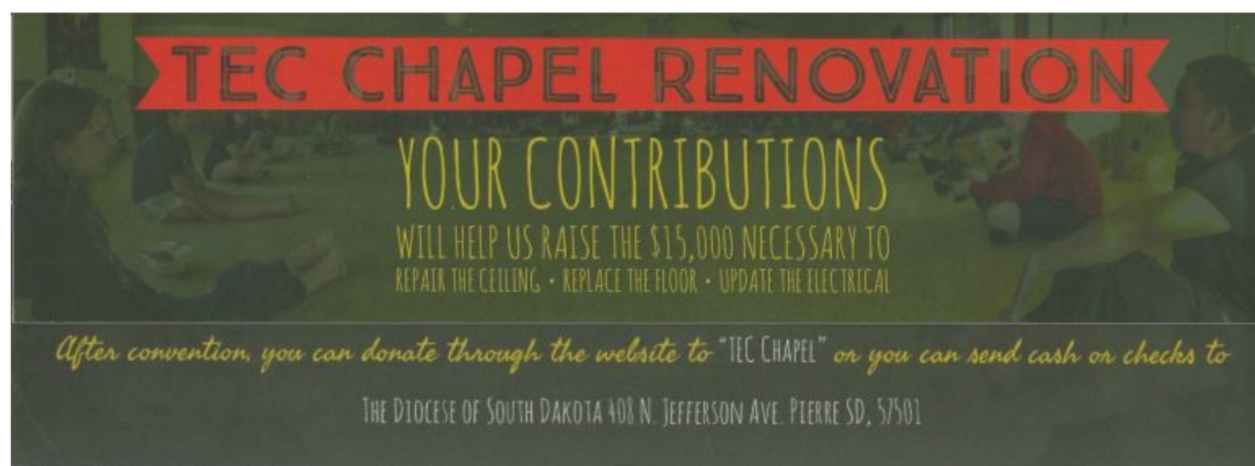
Finally, Thunderhead Camp could not continue if it weren't for the commitment of the young adults who work there throughout the summer. These young adults are truly incredible—giving their time, energy, and talent to the young people in our diocese and beyond. Thank you to Leif Gerbing, Grant Gonsor, Kyle Hawk Bear, Cole Champaign, Ramsey Allen, Makaela Moser,

Julliette Two Lance, Heaven Stinger, Caroline Landry, Star Lee-Goodhouse, and Cassie Boettcher for sharing your hearts with our campers and each other. Your witness to the love of Jesus in community astounds me year after year. Thank you!

Besides summer youth camps, the 2018 camp season also included the re-emergence of the Women's Retreat. 6 women met at camp for a weekend in August and followed a program similar to the one the older campers experienced. The use of this program for adult women showed just how intelligent and reflective young people can be when given the opportunity. It became very clear that it was not a children's program re-structured for adults, but an adult program structured to give youth the space to think about deep topics.

We're still not done yet! In late September, the Black Hills State Chamber Choir will take their fall retreat at Thunderhead Camp. We are thrilled to offer our space to another group who can experience the wonder and joy of God's creation in our sacred space.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Portia Corbin
Missioner for Camping and Retreats
Director of Thunderhead Episcopal Center



Your Contributions will help us raise the \$15,000 necessary to repair the ceiling, replace the floor and update the electrical. You can donate through the website at episcopalchurchsd.org - "TEC CHAPEL" or you can send your donation to The Diocese of South Dakota, 408 N. Jefferson Ave., Pierre, SD 57501

2019 TEC Schedule:

Work Weekend: May 24-26

5th 6th Grade Camp: July 10-13

Staff Training: June 4-8

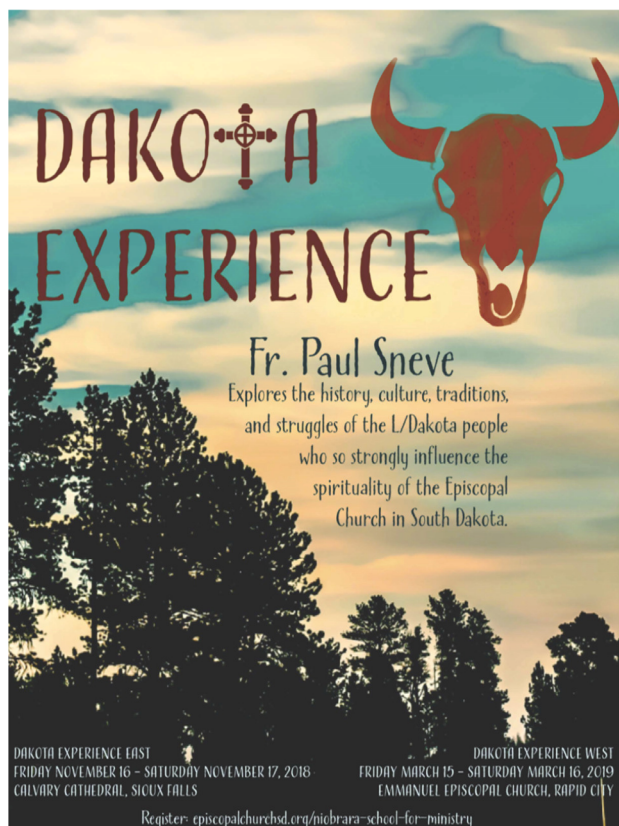
7th 8th Grade Camp: July 14-20

9th 10th Grade Camp: June 9-15

Quilting/Craft Retreat: July 21-28

11th 12th Grade Camp: June 16-22

Woman's Retreat: August 23-25

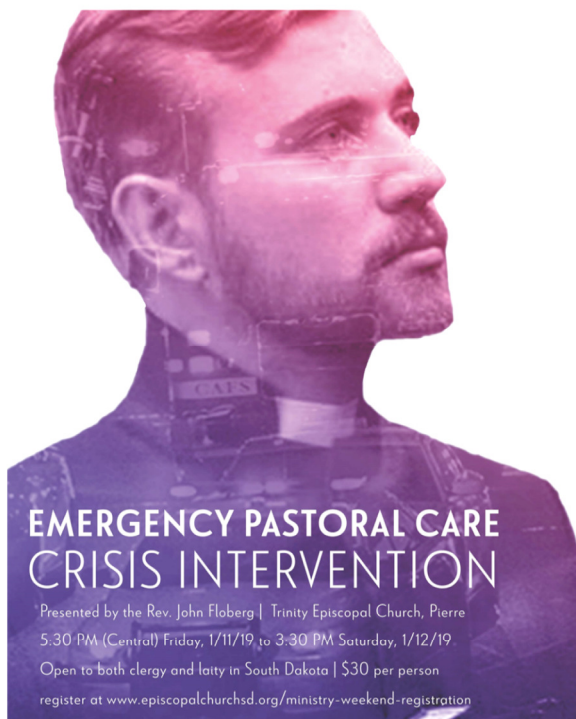


Everyone is welcome to attend a NSM workshop.

To register visit our website at episcopalchurchsd.org/ministry-weekend-registration

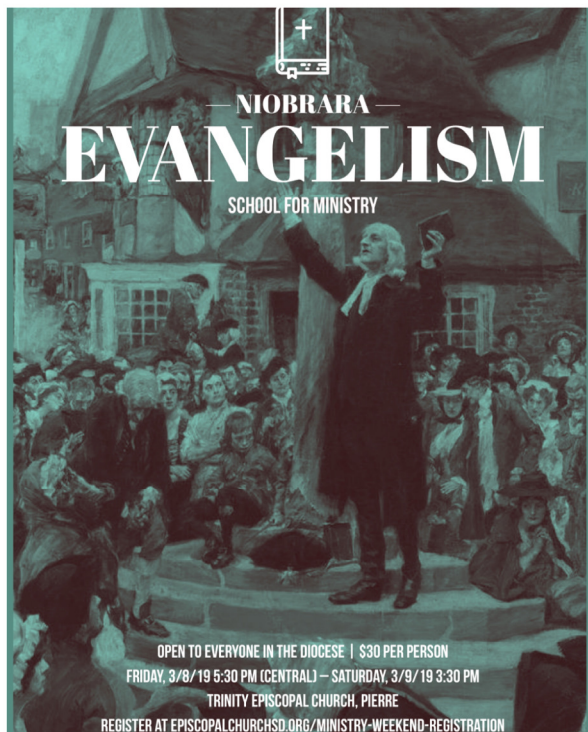
Dakota Experience East
Friday Nov. 16 & Saturday Nov. 17, 2018
Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls

Dakota Experience West
Friday March 15 & Saturday March 16, 2019
Emmanuel, Rapid City



Emergency Pastoral Care
Friday January 11 & Saturday January 12, 2019
Trinity, Pierre

Evangelism
Friday March 8 & Saturday March 9, 2019
Trinity, Pierre



Confidentiality Is No Big Secret

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus is seen performing miracles of all sorts. After many of those miraculous healings, Jesus instructs his disciples, the one healed, and others around him that they are not to tell anyone anything about what they had seen or experienced. This command to keep silent doesn't accompany his many parables and teachings. Though not always obeyed, the command to keep quiet comes with those actions which most clearly reveal the power of God in Jesus. Scholars debate about Jesus' request for privacy. Some believe that he knew human tendencies so that by telling them to keep quiet, they would do the opposite. That seems a bit too manipulative for our Lord, in my opinion. Other scholars suggest that Jesus didn't want to reveal his true identity prematurely since he had more work to do before returning to his Heavenly throne. This theory makes more sense and suggests that the one who participated in the creation of time best understands that 'timing is important.'

It has now been one year since Bishop John Tarrant announced his plan to retire. With that announcement has come an incredible amount of work by the Standing Committee which oversees the process of electing a new bishop. Bishop Todd Ousley who oversees bishop elections for the Episcopal Church met with the Standing Committee and with the diocesan staff.

The Standing Committee then strived for a balanced and well-represented cross section of Episcopalians to serve on the Search/Nominating Committee. They also secured the assistance of a nationally recognized and trained facilitator in The Reverend Thad Bennett who has guided the process from the beginning. The work done by the Search/Nominating Committee has been reported throughout the process and we will continue to keep everyone informed as we are able.

Now that the application and nomination process is closed, it's time that the confidential portion of our work truly begins. We are able to share what we are doing, but can not answer any questions about who has or has not applied nor even offer information about how many have applied. This confidentiality is necessary to protect the integrity of the process as well as respect the need for those who have applied to discern their potential call without the distraction of encouragement or discouragement that could potentially arise. Also, like Jesus, those who have applied may not be quite ready to inform their congregations of their application since revealing their intentions prematurely can cause the kind of anxiety and grief that we felt when Bishop John announced his retirement. And with a candidate, there's no guarantee that they will get through the process, making any announcement in their home parish or diocese an experience of confusing emotions.

At this time, the Search/Nominating Committee has received nominations and applications. Some who were nominated have applied, while others, after having been nominated, chose not to apply. The Search/Nominating Committee has been trained on how to review applications and resumes as well as how to conduct video interviews, in-person interviews, and what to look for as we interact with applicants. We will spend the next several months conducting a host of interviews of applicants.

Once the committee has reduced the applicant pool to a certain number, those remaining in the process will be invited to a discernment retreat in February. The committee will be able to spend several days with the group, interacting with them, getting to know them on a more personal level, and praying with them. This is a closed and confidential retreat so that the work of the Holy Spirit can be discerned without distraction. This is also the point at which a thorough (and required) background check will be conducted on those remaining applicants.

After the retreat is completed, the Search/Nominating Committee will reduce the number of applicants further. This final number of three to five candidates will be given to the Standing Committee for their approval. These final candidates will be the slate from which we will vote for our next bishop. The work of the Search/Nominating Committee will be done and the work of the Transition Committee will be in full swing as they prepare for the Electing Convention on May 4th in Pierre.

The need for confidentiality is confusing to some, just as it was confusing when Jesus requested it after performing a miracle. As with Jesus, confidentiality is not about secrecy, but about granting freedom to the Holy Spirit to move and dwell and have its being within us all. Your prayers are an important part of this process. Please continue to pray for our diocese, the process, and those offering themselves to be our next bishop.

Written by Fr. Chris Roussel
On behalf of the
Search/Nomination Committee.





This year we had 3 workshops for people to attend.

Fr. Chris Russell talked on the Palestine/Israel relationship.

The Rev. Isaiah Brokenleg discussed “Dimensions of Culture: exploring social spectrums and the communications gap.

And The Rev. Portia Corbin along with her husband Dr. Chris Corbin conducted a conversation about young adults in the church.

Below 2018 Clergy Conference
“Where have all the young adults gone?”



note the bulletin board in the background

2019 Diocesan Convention Quilt Auction



Last Bishop Address from Bishop Tarrant



Have you ever wondered where to find Church or Diocesan information?

Have you perused the Diocesan website to see what information is available?

Did you miss receiving the last edition of the Diocesan **Church News**?

How do I contact the priest in that little town, west river, in the Black Hills, the one with the red door? You know which one I'm talking about right.

Are you **looking for a form** that you received in the mail but you can not find now that you are ready to fill it out?

Are you wondering **“When will the Bishop be coming to visit my congregation?”**

Are you wanting to **purchase a book** or a copy of the BCP or Bible to give to those in your confirmation class.

Maybe your interested in current topics, the question on everyone's mind **“Where are we in the process in the search for our next Bishop??”**

Did you know you are able to find the answers or read the latest up date regarding these questions simply by checking out the **Diocesan Website** at episcopalchurchsd.org

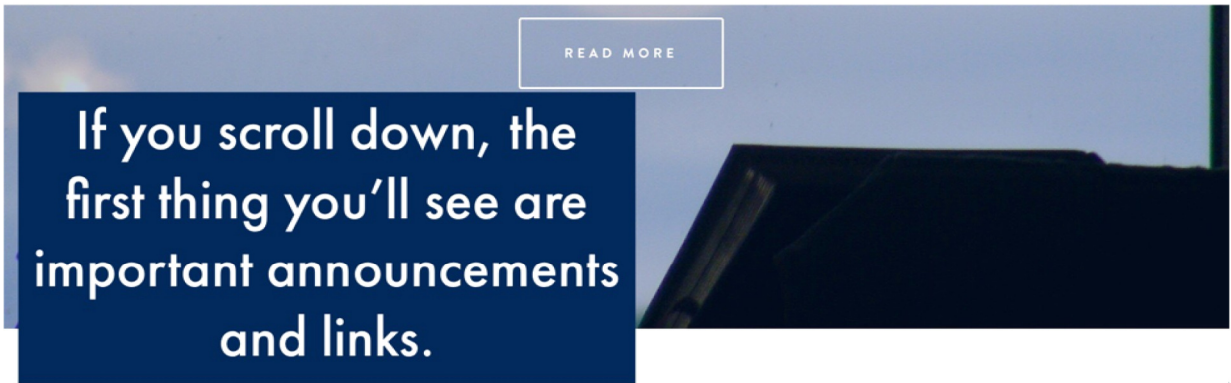
The following are screen shots to better explain where you may find the answer to some of these questions or others you may have.

Thank you Dr. Chris Corbin for the screen shots.



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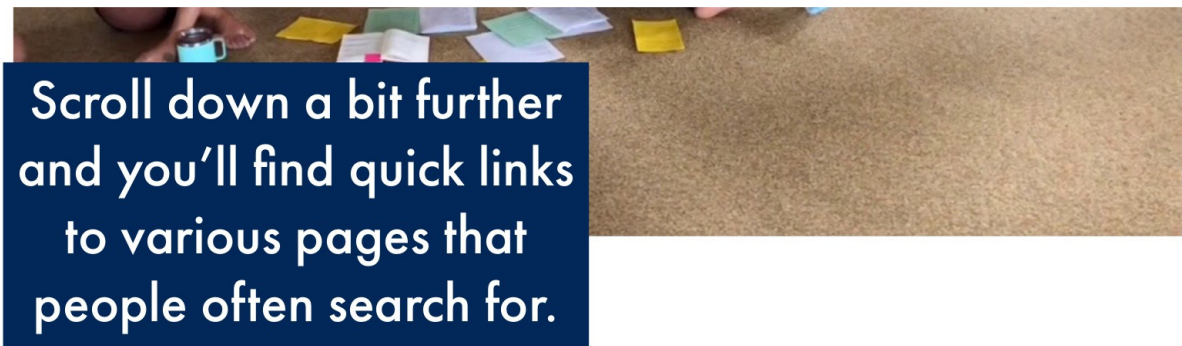


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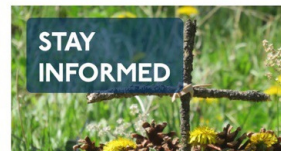


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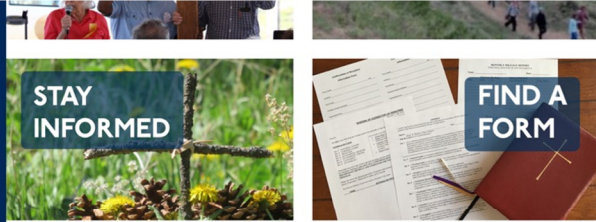
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WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND?



Finally, if you scroll to the bottom of the home page, you'll find the featured upcoming events.



COMING EVENTS



Ministry Weekend: Preaching the Gospels
Nov 2, 2018 - Nov 3, 2018
Trinity Episcopal



Diocesan Council
Nov 3, 2018
Deloria Center



Ministry Weekend: Dakota Experience (East)
Nov 16, 2018 - Nov 17, 2018



Ministry Weekend: Emergency Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention
Jan 11, 2019 - Jan



Ministry Weekend: Evangelism
Mar 8, 2019 - Mar 9, 2019
Trinity Episcopal Church



Ministry Weekend: Dakota Experience (West)
Mar 15, 2019 - Mar 16, 2019



Ministry Weekend: The Book of Common Prayer
May 17, 2019 - May 18, 2019



That they might have life

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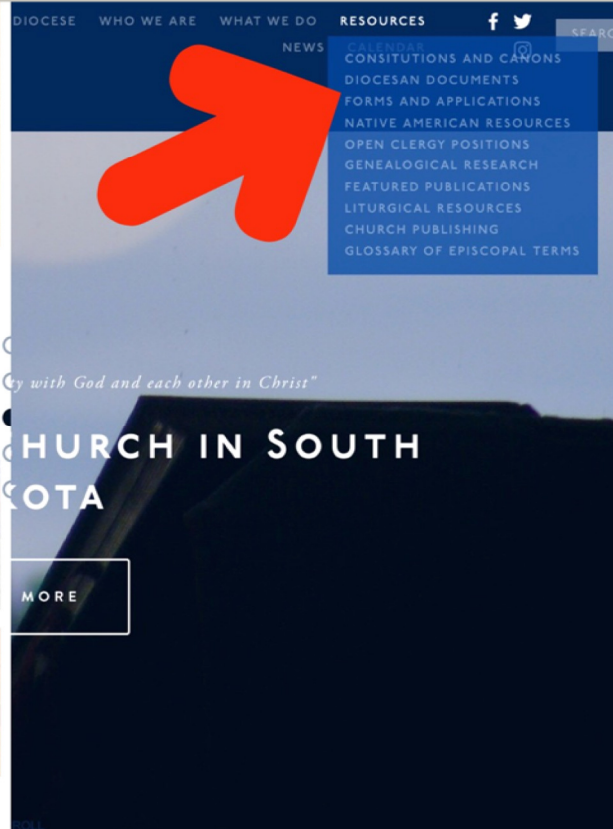
If you're trying to find out where the Bishop will be visiting or when he comes to your church, or if you want to plan a meeting and make sure you don't have any conflicts, go to CALENDAR.

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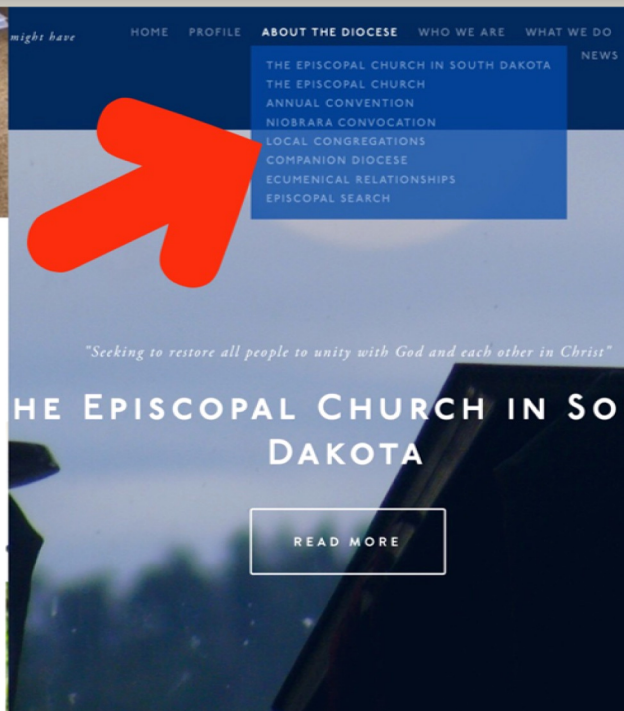
If you're looking for a form, go to **RESOURCES** and then **DIOCESAN DOCUMENTS** or **FORMS AND APPLICATIONS**. Alternatively, you can just go to **FIND A FORM** under "What would you like to find?"

LIKE TO FIND?



If you're traveling and looking for another congregation, go to **ABOUT THE DIOCESE** and then **LOCAL CONGREGATIONS**. Alternatively, you can just go to **FIND A CHURCH** under "What would you like to find?"

WHAT WOULD YOU





Report by the Anti-Bullying Committee to the
134th Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota

Definition of Bullying

In order to determine if bullying has occurred, a definition is needed. Often bad or dysfunctional behavior is put under the "umbrella" of bullying. Bad or dysfunctional behavior may be a onetime occurrence or perhaps more. Bullying however is defined as:

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally excluding someone from a group on purpose <https://www.stopbullying.gov/>

We are a people of the Baptismal Covenant. *"We are called to strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human person."* Bullying has no place in our ministry of building up the Kingdom. Unfortunately, this behavior exists and persists. A diocesan protocol must be developed and implemented to address this behavior. The committee still has more work to do.

Survey Response

Eighty-four surveys were received. A breakdown of the survey questions is as follows:

*67.3%'of respondents were laity and 32.7% were clergy.

*Gender: 67.9% were female and 32.1% were male.

*Age groups: 6% - 19-30; 11.9% - 31 - 50; 57.1% - 51 - 69; and 25% - 70+.

*Do you feel safe at church? 71% almost always; 5% often; 6% sometimes; 1% once in a while and almost never.

*How often have you been bullied at CHURCH in the past year? 66% have not been bullied at church; 9% it has only happened once or twice; 8% two or three times; 1% once a week.

*How often are you afraid of being hurt or mistreated, either physically or verbally, in your church? 57% never; 20% sometimes; 3% fairly often; 2% very often; 1% both fairly often and never.

*In what circumstances or activities in the life of the Church have you been bullied? #1 vestry/mission council; #2 fellowship and church social events; #3 both one on one encounters and at meetings.

*If bullied, did you tell anyone that you have been bullied in the past year? 38.9% I have NOT told anyone about it; 61.1% I have told someone about it.

*To whom did you report the bullying incident? 17.6% was reported to lay leadership, member of the congregation and ordained leadership.

*Did you think your issue was heard? 47.1% No, I was not heard; 35.3%. Yes, I was heard; 17.6% I'm not sure if I was heard.

*Please identify by who you have bullied. Majority of respondents identified being bullied ordained leadership; lay leadership or a member of the congregation was in the minority.

*Which best identifies you? 67.3% lay persons; 32.7% ordained leadership.

The committee felt that with only eighty-four respondents to the survey, an accurate picture of how often bullying occurs or not cannot be adequately perceived. Despite this a protocol must be set up in order to address any bullying that is reported.

Proposed Anti-Bullying Protocol The committee will be presenting protocol policy to be reviewed and approved by the Diocesan Council.

*Awareness and communication of such experiences needs to be raised within our congregations. Invite speakers and/or trainers to meet and help congregations to recognize behaviors. It is important to differentiate whether the behavior reported is actually bullying or is just bad or dysfunctional behavior. Both are a concern, but our response will be different.

* With guidance from the Diocese, vestries and mission councils need to establish protocol that will address and take appropriate action. This should include how to address bullying complaints. In addition, an avenue is needed that encourages the reporting of bullying in the congregation and to whom the report should be given.

*Response protocol needs to include if the aggressor is clergy or laity. If clergy, a meeting with vestry or mission council is necessitated. Next step would to report to the diocesan intake officer or Bishop who would serve as mediator. If laity, consult clergy.

The women of the Episcopal Church met for our annual meeting in conjunction with our Diocesan Convention in Pierre September 28, 2018. I thank you all for your attendance and truly missed those who could not attend.

I am disappointed to announce there was only one applicant for a scholarship and one was awarded. ECW offers two \$750.00 each year. All active Episcopal women are eligible to apply. Information is available from your Priest and is also on the ECW Webpage. If you are still unsure of who and how to apply, please call Sandy Magnavito at 605-390-7698. Sandy will have an article naming our recipient.

It's time for our Fall United Thank Offering In-gathering. Church Periodical and UTO offerings are to be sent to The Diocesan office by the end of November so that they can be included in this year's totals. Our new chairwoman for UTO and CPC is Linda Simmons, St. Andrews, Rapid City.

UTO has been very generous to South Dakota again this year. We received a Grant of \$45,000. to facilitate the development of a Lakota Prayer Book. How wonderful that is. We also received a Grant of \$43,230 in conjunction with the Diocese of North Dakota. This Grant has been used to buy a 12-seat van to be used especially for transportation for Thunderhead Center. How exciting for our young people.

The women of the church are proud to announce Margaret Vranish has been chosen for our Honored Woman for 2018. There are so many women worthy of this honor. Please nominate them. The information is on our webpage or please call Vicki Sweet at 605-390-8558.

We continue to raise funds for our annual project which is the Diocese of Puerto Rico to aid in the recovery from Hurricane Maria. Your funds need to be sent to Lisa Kautz, 3612 W St. Patrick St. Apt 5 Rapid City, SD 57702 I met the honored woman and delegate from Puerto Rico at the Triennial Convention. I told them of our efforts and they are so appreciative of you all.

Elections were held for a new secretary and treasurer at our meeting. Irene Rondell graciously volunteered to be our secretary. Lisa Kautz volunteered to be our treasurer. Thank you so much to both of you. Cora Koss served as treasurer for 4 years and between Elizabeth Campbell, Michelle Feiszli, and Jennifer Hamilton our secretary duties were covered. Thank you to you all. Next year we will need a new President and Vice President. (Don't everyone jump at once.)

President Diana, Michelle Feiszli and Jennifer Hamilton attended the ECW Triennial in Austin, Tx. What a wonderful gathering of Episcopal Women. I pray you all could have that experience. Work was done, fun was had and we thank you for allowing us to represent the Diocese of SD.

With the election of the Bishop to be May 4,2019, and our Spring meeting was to be held that day, we will have to meet at another date. If you any suggestions, please let me know. We will announce that date in the next Church News.

We are the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.

President,
Diana Regan



OUR CHANGE CHANGES LIVES
Linda Simmons - South Dakota Diocese UTO
Representative

This may be an old slogan for The United Thank Offering, but I think it pertains strongly to South Dakota. SD has received so many Blessings from the “change” given around the world.

In the Gospels we read about the Feeding of the Thousands and how a few baskets of bread and fish miraculously fed thousands, when Jesus prayed over them. I think this is how UTO has Blessed SD.

At the July 6, 2018, Triennial UTO Ingathering ceremony held at the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Austin TX brought in a total of \$3,738,989.47. Province Six support of that total was \$196,791.36. SD Diocese portion of Province Six donation was \$25,000.

2018 SD received a grant of \$45,000 for a Niobrara Prayer Book in Lakota language. This will be translations from the 1979 English Book of Common Prayer as well as some liturgies that are unique to the Diocese of SD. The Niobrara Prayer Book will be used by all nine tribes in SD.

Another grant, \$43,230 is shared with North Dakota for the Thunderhead Episcopal Center Transportation. A 12-seat van was purchased to increase accessibility and expand youth ministry access on reservations. More than 60 percent of SD are Lakota/Dakota and Sudanese. TEC has proven that bringing youth of all backgrounds together in a loving and educational setting has built relationships of healing and the youth have been able to explore other cultures.

“Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow” whether said in any language has flowed in South Dakota. Thank God for the little Blue Boxes.



*I have seen the face of
 Jesus Christ!*

Yes, I have seen Jesus’ face. Let me tell you about it.

After finishing the last step coming from the alter I looked up and was greeted with Jesus’ radiant, glowing, and shining face giving an aura of happiness and peacefulness that not only enveloped and shone through eleven year old Ben who had been baptized but encircled my soul as well. Such a glorious moment will remain with me forever and should be shared.

I believe that newly baptized Ben is the epitome of how we all should look and beam over being a soldier for Christ.

Dear Lord, Let our Light Shine.

Lois Howe

Emmanuel Church, Rapid City, So.Dak.



DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**2018**

**Episcopal Church Women
Scholarship Committee
Fall Report**

We had (2) scholarships (\$750.00 each) available this year. We had four (4) inquiries but only **one person** completed the application process with excellent letters of recommendation.

The scholarship committee met on August 10, 2018 and reviewed all the information we had received. The committee reviewed the scholarship guidelines that was approved on April 27, 2013. Number 7 states, "The scholarship can be used at any public, private, or vocational school in South Dakota. **Exceptions may occur if approved by the scholarship committee.**" Her plan of study "Fashion Business Marketing" at LIM college in New York City would give her the best opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is the center of the fashion industry. We believe this case qualified as an exception because South Dakota colleges do not offer the exposure to the fashion industry compared to New York City.

Therefore, we awarded the scholarship to Cecilia Christian Wynde, an active member of St. James Episcopal Church in Sisseton Mission, South Dakota. She graduated from Waubay High School and has completed her 4th semester at Sisseton Wahpeton college at Agency Village, South Dakota. She wants to transfer to LIM College in New York to receive her Bachelor's degree, and also receive the experiential learning opportunities with the industry's partnership with this college. This exposure will be a life changing experience for her and we (the committee) have high hopes for this ambitious young woman to succeed.

For discussion and possible vote at the Fall Meeting:

We ask that a sentence be added to # 7 of the Guidelines to clarify the "exceptions" rule. We also ask the members of ECW to discuss the following: if we receive only one applicant for the year, can we give the entire \$1,500.00 or just the \$750.00 and let the other half roll over to the following year? Committee members are: Carol Cloud Eagle, Vaud Oberlander (Secretary), Cora Koss, and Sandra Magnavito, (Chair).

Sandra Magnavito, M.Ed.
Chair

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of South Dakota are asking for nominations to consider in the selection of the Honored Woman of the Year in 2019. **Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2019.**

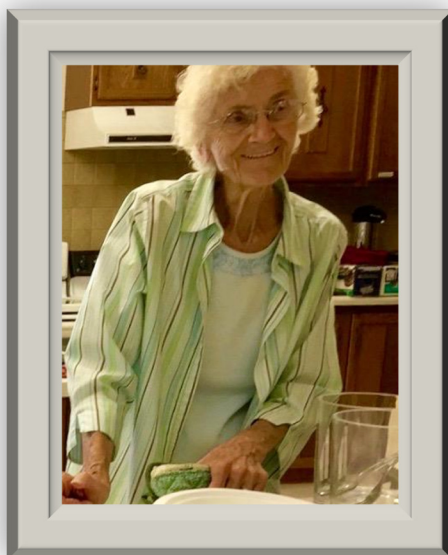
We are encouraging ALL congregations throughout the Diocese of South Dakota to consider nominating a woman from their congregation for this honor. There are many women throughout the Diocese who give much of their time and of themselves in serving the needs of their community, their church, their family, and throughout the world they encounter outside their communities. Please take some time in the next few months to present a name and resume for your nomination and send this recommendation to:

Vicki Sweet (State ECW Vice-President)
2910 Stockade Dr. , Rapid City, SD 57702
 or you may email to: sweetmomsd@gmail.com.
 Or call 605-390-8558.

All nominated women will be presented and voted on at the Spring ECW Meeting that will be held at Trinity Church, Pierre. This meeting will take place in April or May so please watch for the specific date and time. If you have nominated someone in the past, please present your nomination for 2019.

Margaret Vranesh, St. Andrews Rapid City, ECW Honored Woman of 2018.

The Honored Women of 2019 and 2020 will join Margaret as being an ECW Honored Woman. One of these women will represent South Dakota at the Triennial Convention to be held in Baltimore, Maryland in July 2021.



ECW Quilt

In April 1987 the State Episcopal Church Women of South Dakota voted to make a quilt for the State Centennial that year. Each block on the quilt was made to depict something representative of their church. A book, "Patches in a History Quilt" by Ruth Alexander explains the history of the making of the quilt and much of the history of the Episcopal Church in South Dakota. A copy of the book is available, free of charge, if you would like to have one for your library. Please contact Vicki Sweet (sweetmomsd@gmail.com or 605-390-8558) and a copy can be sent to you.

You may have noticed that the "Quilt" has been displayed at many ECW functions and displayed every year at the Diocesan Convention. It is currently displayed at St. James Church, Belle Fourche.

The "Quilt" will be available at the Diocesan Convention next Fall to rotate to another church. If you have a celebration of any kind **before** next fall and you would like to have the "Quilt" to display, please contact Vicki Sweet. Arrangements for you to have the "Quilt" can be done.

We need to continue telling the story of those who have gone before us who made this beautiful work of art. The next time you have the opportunity to see the ECW Quilt, have a look at the quilt block from your church and give thanks for the women who so lovingly have given us this gift.



Registration Form 2019

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 (Jun 9-15)
 11th & 12th Grade Camp: \$150 (Jun 16-22)
 5th & 6th Grade Camp: \$150 (July 10-13)
 7th & 8th Grade Camp: \$150 (July 14-20)

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

Seek a worshipping community that will help you form a deeper connection with God. By Steven Woolley of Grace Episcopal Church May 6, 2018

A clergy friend observed how often people have told him they don't go to church because there are so many denominations.

They all disagree about what to believe, so why bother. There are a lot of denominations, and the stories of how that came to be are not always good ones. But I want to suggest that they don't disagree as much about what to believe as how to express what they all believe.

What unites all Christian denominations is faith in Jesus as the earthly manifestation of God, whom we call Son of God. He is, as scripture says, the good shepherd who unites all of us in one flock of sheep. In fact, it goes a little further than that. It says there are other flocks of other sheep we don't know about, and he will gather them as well. We may be one flock under one shepherd, but there are strangers among us.

To be honest, none of us likes to be told we are sheep in a flock of other sheep. Sheep are said to be stupid critters who exist to be sheared, eaten or both. In the meantime, they're not very good at taking care of themselves, which is why they need shepherds. Who wants that? Not me. However, there are some redeeming qualities to the metaphor.

We may be called to be one flock under one shepherd, but we are not called to become identical sheep. We are each different: different breeds, colors, ways of living life, just plain different. Some of us are civilized, some are wild, some need a shepherd, some live on their own, some are in pastures, some on mountain sides, some like wandering off on their own, and some prefer the company of others.

What unites us into one flock as Christians is we each recognize the voice of our shepherd, even if we don't always recognize each others' voices. Different denominations have different ways to expressing the shared faith we have in our one shepherd. As an Episcopalian, I am confident that the Anglo-Catholic traditions of my church provide the best possible way for me to hear the voice of the one shepherd, to share in worship and ministry with others, and to learn how to follow him, not into safety, but into harm's way. But Chuck finds that confidence in the Methodist Church, Dave finds it in a nondenominational Evangelical Church, Pat finds it in the Roman Catholic Church. Mark is Lutheran, Dorothy is Presbyterian and Todd is from one of those other flocks that is not our flock.

If everyone could sensibly agree to become an Episcopalian, that would be great, but it doesn't work that way. I would be uncomfortable as a Congregationalist or Baptist, not because they're wrong, but because something essential to my understanding of the faith would be missing. In like manner, they might be equally uncomfortable as Episcopalians because what is essential for them would not be there. So where does this leave you?

Searching for Christian spiritual nourishment and truth? Think about how you express yourself in the things you hold dear now.

Use that as a starting place for discovering the tradition and customs in a worshipping community that will help you build on that to form a deeper connection with God as God is known in Christ Jesus.

Steven Woolley is a retired Episcopal priest in Dayton. Reach him at sewoolley@mac.com.

NEW DIRECTION FOR HOMELESS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Services to assist homeless persons in South Dakota are undergoing some changes with the goal of improving both the efficiency and the effectiveness of the service system. The Coordinated Entry System (CES), which officially started August 2018, is designed to make it easier for those experiencing homelessness to request assistance and find housing for themselves and their families, and thus help to minimize the time that they are homeless.

The South Dakota Housing for the Homeless Consortium (SDHHC) is the oversight body for CES. Consortium members include agencies that provide housing services, as well as those who provide support services such as case management, education, job training and similar assistance. While housing and associated services have been available for quite some time, the system has lacked a central entity to help coordinate services statewide.

CES has both physical access points listed below and a virtual access toll-free phone number that is available statewide. When a person requesting assistance visits one of the physical access points or calls the toll-free number, trained staff will first determine whether the person is actually homeless. If the person is not considered homeless, they will be referred to other available assistance. If the person is homeless, staff will proceed with an application and assessment process. The assessment process will be used to understand the person's needs and prioritize them with the appropriate housing and services. Due to rural remoteness of South Dakota and lack of available housing options in some communities, the person may be placed on a locally-based waiting list. The person's case will then be prioritized, reviewed by a team of service providers, and referred to appropriate agencies when housing and services become available.

The goal of CES is to provide consistency for individuals and help document unmet needs so resources can be better allocated across the state. The agencies initially participating in CES are the agencies which receive funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It is the goal of CES to expand the partnerships and have all homeless service providers participate.

For more information on the Coordinated Entry System or South Dakota Housing for the Homeless Consortium please visit www.housingforthehomeless.org or contact Davis Schofield at davis@sdhda.org.



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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.

Diocesan Calendar

NOVEMBER

- Nov 2 & 3 Exegesis for Preaching (NSM Ministry Weekend)
- Nov 4 **St. Mary's & Our Blessed Redeemer, Flandreau**
- Nov 11 **Grace, Huron**
- Nov 18 **St. Andrews, Rapid City**
- Nov 22-25 Diocesan office closed

DECEMBER

- Dec 2 **St. Lukes, Hot Springs**
- Dec 9 **Grace, Madison**
- Dec 24 **Christmas Eve**
- Dec 31 **New Years Eve**

January 2019

- Jan 6 **St. Marks, Aberdeen**
- Jan 11-12 NSM Ministry Weekend:
Emergency Pastoral Care and Counseling

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIMES

Ends: November 4, Clocks Fall Back
1 hour

Begins: March 10, Clocks Spring ahead
1 hour

Save the Date!

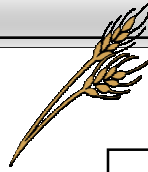
UTO Annual Grant Materials will be released on the first Friday of December!

Be sure to check our webpage, Facebook, and other social media platforms for all of the information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Clergy Retreat

February 18—21, 2019
Abbey of the Hills,
46561 147th St, Marvin, SD 57251



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 special election for the XI Bishop of
 South Dakota May 4th.

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