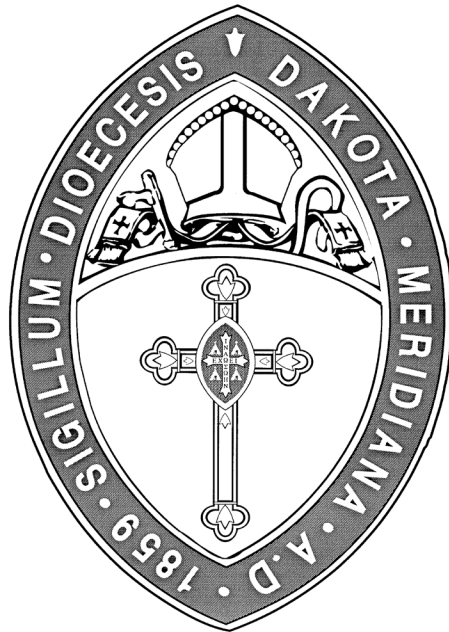


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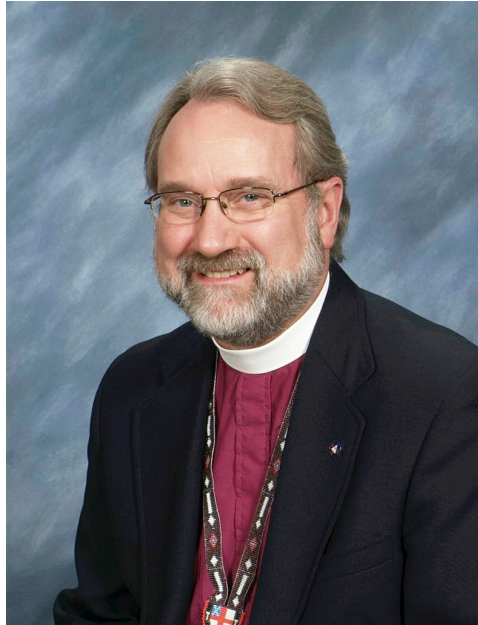
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ANNUAL CONVENTION

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PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA

September 25 & 26, 2015

together with the Constitution, Canons,
And Rules of Order



The Right Reverend
John T. Tarrant
X Bishop of South Dakota

**MISSION STATEMENT
OF THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

The Mission of the Diocese of South Dakota is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ through the ministry of all.

**VISION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN SOUTH DAKOTA**

The Episcopal Church in South Dakota is a sacred circle gathered around Jesus in prayer, loving and serving God and our neighbor in Jesus' name.

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Diocesan Bishops

The First Bishop

The Right Reverend William Hobart Hare, 1883-1909

The Second Bishop

The Right Reverend Frederick Foote Johnson, 1910-1911

The Third Bishop

The Right Reverend George Biller, Jr., 1912-1915

The Fourth Bishop

The Right Reverend Hugh Latimer Burleson, 1916-1931

The Fifth Bishop

The Right Reverend W. Blair Roberts, 1931-1954

The Sixth Bishop

The Right Reverend Conrad H. Gesner, 1954-1970

The Seventh Bishop

The Right Reverend Walter Heath Jones, 1970-1983

The Eighth Bishop

The Right Reverend Craig Barry Anderson, 1984-1992

The Ninth Bishop

The Right Reverend Creighton Leland Robertson, 1994-2009

The Tenth Bishop

The Right Reverend John Thomas Tarrant, 2010-

Bishops Suffragan

The Right Reverend William P. Remington, 1918-1922

The Right Reverend W. Blair Roberts, 1922-1931

The Right Reverend Harold S. Jones, 1971-1976

Bishops Coadjutor

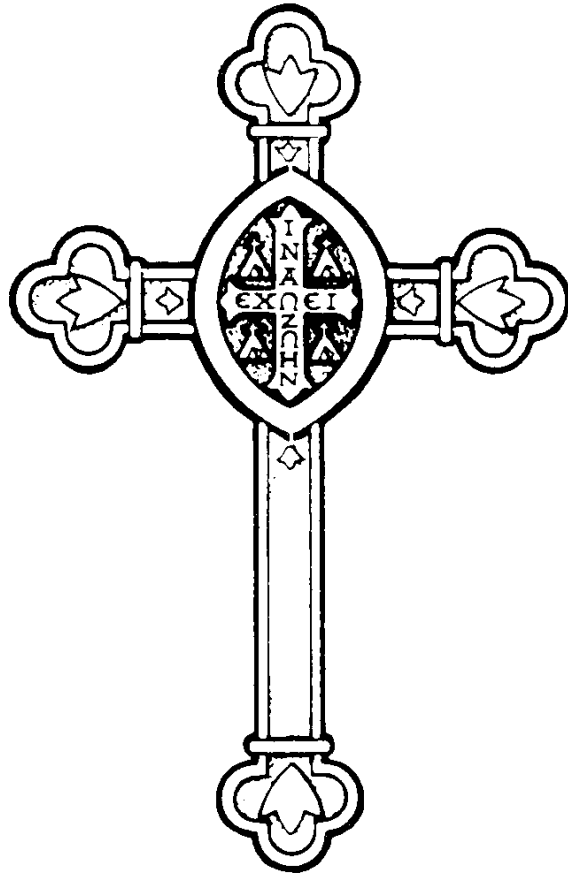
The Right Reverend Conrad H. Gesner, 1945-1954

The Right Reverend Lyman C. Ogilby, 1964-1970

The Right Reverend John T. Tarrant, 2009

Bishops Assistant

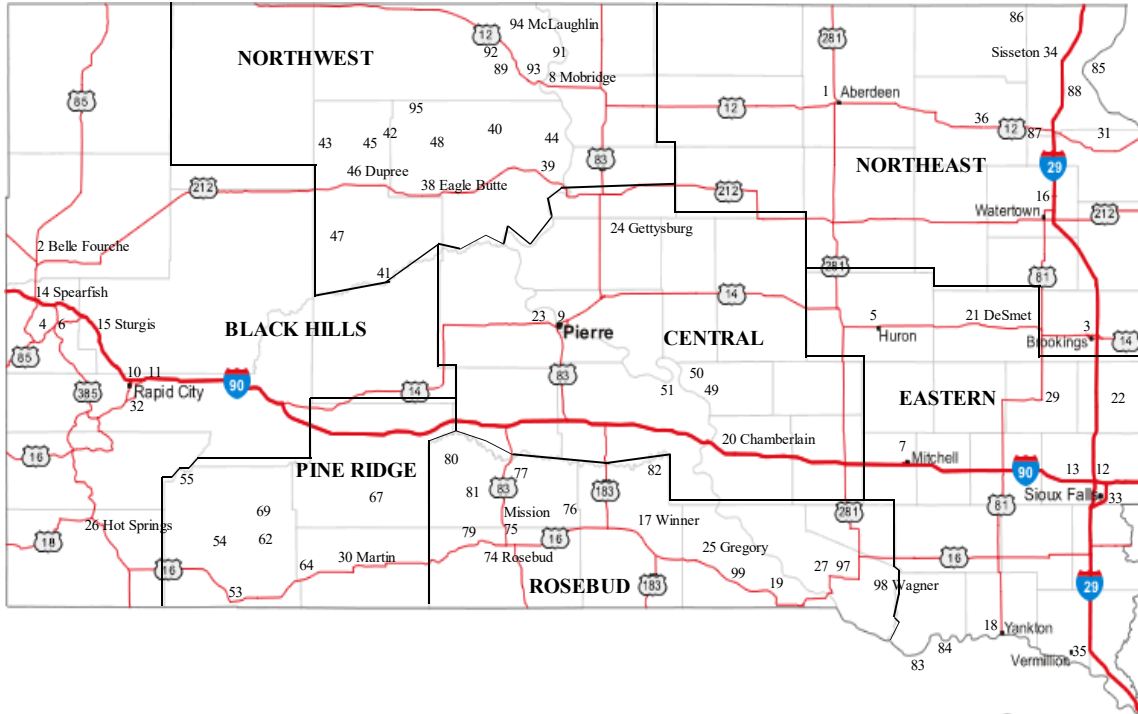
The Right Reverend Frederick Foote Johnson, 1905-1909



DIRECTORY

Deaneries + Churches + Vestries

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Deaneries

Black Hills Deanery

The Reverend Kathy Monson-Lutes, Convener

Belle Fourche, St. James
Deadwood, St. John's
Hot Springs, St. Luke's
Lead, Christ Church
Red Shirt Table, Christ Church

Rapid City, Emmanuel
Rapid City, St. Andrew's
Rapid city, St. Matthew's
Spearfish, Church of All Angels
Sturgis, St. Thomas

Central Deanery

The Reverend Mercy Hobbs, Convener

Chamberlain, Christ Church
Crow Creek, St. John the Baptist
Ft. Pierre, St. Peter's
Ft. Thompson, Christ Church

Lower Brule, Holy Comforter & St. Albans
Iron Nation, Messiah & Ft. Hale, Holy Name
Pierre, Trinity

Eastern Deanery

The Rev. Christina O'Hara, Convener

DeSmet, St. Stephen's
Flandreau, St. Mary's & Our Blessed Redeemer
Howe Creek, NE, Blessed Redeemer
Huron, Grace
Madison, Grace
Mitchell, St. Mary's

Santee, NE, Our Most Merciful Savior
Sioux Falls, Calvary Cathedral
Sioux Falls, Good Shepherd
Sioux Falls, Holy Apostles
Vermillion, St. Paul's
Yankton, Christ Church

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Northwest Deanery

The Reverend Margaret Watson, Convener

Bear Creek, St. James	Bullhead, St. John the Baptist
Blackfoot, Ascension	Firesteel, Holy Spirit
Cherry Creek, St. Andrew's	Little Eagle, St. Paul's
Dupree, St. Philip's	Little Oak Creek, Good Shepherd
Eagle Butte, St. John the Evangelist	McLaughlin, St. Peter's
Iron Lightning, St. Luke's	Wakpala, St. Elizabeth
On The Tree, St. Thomas	Mobridge, St. James
Promise, St. Mary's	
Thunder Butte, St. Peter's	
White Horse, Emmanuel	

Northeast Deanery

The Reverend Charley Chan, Convener

Aberdeen, St. Mark's	Old Agency, St. Mary's
Brookings, St. Paul's	Sisseton, Gethsemane
Browns Valley, MN, St. John's	Watertown, Trinity
Enemy Swim Lake, St. James	Webster, St. Mary's
Milbank, Christ Church	

Pine Ridge Deanery

Twilla Two Bulls, Convener

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

Rosebud Deanery

The Reverend Annie Henninger

Corn Creek, St. Thomas	Soldier's Creek, Grace
Ideal, Holy Spirit	Gregory, Incarnation
Mission, Trinity	Herrick, All Saints
Norris, St. Paul's	Lake Andes, St. Philip's
Okreek, Calvary	Wagner, Holy Spirit
Parmelee, Holy Innocents	Winner, Trinity
Rosebud, Church of Jesus	

CHURCHES and OFFICERS

PARISHES:

- | | | | |
|-------------------|---|------------------|--|
| Aberdeen (1) | St. Mark's Church
(Zephier) | Mobridge (8) | St. James' Church
(Fonder interim) |
| | Senior Warden: Linda Simon | | Senior Warden: Julie Weninger |
| | Junior Warden: Leona Volk | | Junior Warden: Rick Jolly |
| | Treasurer: Erin Doering | | Treasurer: Jill Jolly |
| | Clerk: Barbara Ingerson | | Clerk: Sheila Moser |
| Belle Fourche (2) | St. James' Church
(Weaver/Williams/Weaver/Ministry Team) | Pierre (9) | Trinity Church
(Hobbs/Flagstad/Walker) |
| | Senior Warden: Mary Buchholz | | Senior Warden: Kelli Buscher |
| | Junior Warden: Mike Reade' | | Junior Warden: Scott Hipple |
| | Treasurer: Pat Deering | | Treasurer: Ann Holzhauser |
| | Clerk: Fay Hersey | | Clerk: Samantha Hynes |
| Brookings (3) | St. Paul's Church
(Ort) | Rapid City (10) | Emmanuel Church
(Roussell/Hedin/Bird) |
| | Senior Warden: Chuck Berry | | Senior Warden: Steve Flanery |
| | Junior Warden: Lee Kratochvil | | Junior Warden: Keyron Parker |
| | Treasurer: Bob Klein | | Treasurer: Jason Warr |
| | Clerk: Lynn Hublou | | Clerk: Nanette Branch |
| Deadwood (4) | St. John the Baptist Church
(Johnson) | Rapid City (11) | St. Andrew's Church
(Lutes/Garwood) |
| | Senior Warden: Bob Nelson | | Senior Warden: Linda Simmons |
| | Junior Warden: Jerry Cotton | | Junior Warden: Steve Renner |
| | Treasurer: Barbara Allen | | Treasurer: Joan Sutton |
| | Clerk: Donna Cotton | | Clerk: Shelli Vallis |
| Huron (5) | Grace Church
(Mornard) | Sioux Falls (12) | Calvary Cathedral
(Simpson/O'Hara/Pearsall/Pitt-Hart) |
| | Senior Warden: Joanne Groves | | Senior Warden: Kurt Feaster |
| | Junior Warden: Doug BJORKE | | Junior Warden: Douglas Pay |
| | Treasurer: Marie Wheeler | | Treasurer: Ginny Slechta |
| | Clerk: Doug BJORKE | | Clerk: Maureen Fitzgibbons |
| Lead (6) | Christ Church
(Raschke) | Sioux Falls (13) | Church of the Good Shepherd
(Fountain) |
| | Senior Warden: Robert Thrall | | Senior Warden: Steve Albrecht |
| | Junior Warden: William Stone | | Junior Warden: Kristian Malcolm |
| | Treasurer: Diana Mathisrud | | Treasurer: Bill Lenker |
| | Clerk: Susan Medley | | Clerk: Peg Teslow |
| Mitchell (7) | St. Mary's Church
(Schubert) | Spearfish (14) | Church of All Angels
(in transition/Regan) |
| | Senior Warden: David Brooks | | Senior Warden: Marlin Konstant |
| | Junior Warden: Dan Sudrla | | Junior Warden: Bob Mayer |
| | Treasurer: Linda Stokes | | Treasurer: Michael Manning |
| | Clerk: Valarie LaBreche | | Clerk: Liz Manning |

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Sturgis (15) St. Thomas' Church
(Hill after Sept 1)
Senior Warden: John Hughes
Junior Warden: Barbara Oates
Treasurer: Donna Trigg
Clerk: Judy Hughes

Gregory (25) Church of the Incarnation
(Henninger)
Senior Warden: Francie Johnson
Junior Warden: Doug Pochop
Treasurer: Gerrie Soper
Clerk:

Watertown (16) Trinity Church
(Corbin)
Senior Warden: Julie Gonsor
Junior Warden: D.J. Longstreet
Treasurer: Laurie Keller
Clerk:

Hot Springs (26) St. Luke's Church
(Vershure/Valandra/Ministry Team)
Senior Warden: Bethany Cook
Junior Warden: Jerry Kocer
Treasurer: Mary Gonsor
Clerk: Lynn Lundquist

Winner (17) Trinity Church
(Henninger)
Senior Warden: Michael Novak
Junior Warden: Joe Rigney
Treasurer: Patty Novak
Clerk: Betty Weld

Madison (29) Grace Church
(Hall)
Senior Warden: Michele Keppen
Junior Warden: Janice Johnson
Treasurer: Katherine Kringen
Clerk: Linda Parks

Yankton (18) Christ Church
(Pearson/Keyes)
Senior Warden: Carol Smith
Junior Warden: John Keyes
Treasurer: Dick Unruh
Clerk:

Martin (30) St. Katharine's Church
(intransition)
Senior Warden: Janet Speidel
Junior Warden: Steve Livermont
Treasurer: Marva Hicks
Clerk: Ronda Rosane

MISSIONS:

Chamberlain (20) Christ Church
(West)
Senior Warden: Anne Mayer
Junior Warden: Anne Whipple
Treasurer: Ron Zingler
Clerk: Sondra Zingler

Milbank (31) Christ Church
(Paulis)
Senior Warden: Pat Brotzel
Junior Warden: Paul Below
Treasurer: Cliff Dexter
Clerk: Kim Voeltz

DeSmet (21) St. Stephen's Church
(Corbin)
Senior Warden: Ken Tjaden
Treas/Clerk: Sharon Tjaden

Rapid City (32) St. Matthew's Church
(Moore interium/Donovan)
Senior Warden: Gregg Trask
Junior Warden: Conrad Shroyer
Treasurer: JoAnn Barber
Clerk: Marrine Runs Against

Flandreau (22) Church of St. Mary & Our
(O'Hara) Blessed Redeemer
Warden: Margo Zephier
Treasurer: Stuart Zephier
Clerk: Jan Zephier

Sioux Falls (33) Church of the Holy Apostles
(Mayen/Mayom)
Senior Warden: Barb Ebling
Junior Warden: Joseph Dose
Treasurer/Clerk: Laurel Dose

Fort Pierre (23) St. Peter's Church
(Hussey)
Senior Warden: Mary Ashley
Junior Warden: Scott Holley
Treasurer: Connie Carlisle
Clerk: Connie Carlisle

Sisseton (34) Gethsemane Church
(Chan)
Senior Warden: Basil Murry
Junior Warden: Lynette DuMarce
Treasurer/Clerk: Wilma Robertson

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Vermillion (35) St. Paul's Church
(Sneve/Lyman)
Senior Warden:
Junior Warden: Lynn Muller
Treasurer: Mary Berry
Clerk: Susan Evans

Webster (36) St. Mary's Church
Senior Warden: Monte Rougemont
Junior Warden: Jim Kurkowski/
Dominic Dolney
Treasurer: Cheryl Premus
Clerk: Fran Rougemont

CHEYENNE RIVER MISSION:

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

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

White Horse (40) Emmanuel Church
(Watson)
Senior Warden: Don Metcalf
Junior Warden: Virginia Traversie

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROW CREEK MISSION:

Ft Thompson (49) Christ Church
(West)
Senior Warden: Leanne Red Water
Junior Warden: Virgil Crowe
Treasurer: Armond Olson
Clerk: Carole Quilt

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

LOWER BRULE MISSION:

Lower Brule (51) Holy Comforter
2012 (West)
Senior Warden: Joe Abdo
Junior Warden: Jim Langdeau
Treasurer: Heather Collins
Clerk: Tamara Fonder

Fort George (52) Holy Name
(West)
Senior Warden: Richard Thompson, Sr
Junior Warden: Bill Roper
Treasurer: Richard Thompson, Jr
Clerk:

Iron Nation (523) Messiah
(West)
Senior Warden: Sonny Ziegler, Sr
Treasurer: Gayle Ziegler
Clerk: Nikki Ziegler

Fort Hale (524) St. Alban's
(West)
Senior Warden: Jean Bolmon
Junior Warden: Lawrence Thompson
Treasurer: Clarinda Menzie
Clerk: Shonnon Cheney

PINE RIDGE MISSION:

Pine Ridge (53) Church of the Holy Cross
(Tyon)
Senior Warden: Tom Conroy
Junior Warden: Bud Waters
Clerk/Treasurer: Lindy Trueblood

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Calico (54) Church of the Advent
(Tyon)
Senior Warden: Stanley Little Hawk
Junior Warden: Carol Lakota
Clerk: Kim Carpio
Treasurer: Angela American Horse

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

Porcupine (62) St. Julia's Church
(In transition)
Warden: Isaac White Face

Batesland (64) St. Michael's Church
(Red Owl)
Senior Warden: Wilma Standing Bear
Junior Warden: Vincent Two Lance Jr
Clerk/Treasurer: Connie LeBeau

Wanblee (67) Gethsemane Church
(in transition)
Senior Warden: Jason Wilcox
Junior Warden: Floyd Wilcox
Treasurer: Sylvia Brown
Clerk: Geraldine Wilson

Kyle (69) Church of the Mediator
(Red Owl)
Senior Warden: Wilbur Witt
Junior Warden: Mona Vocu
Treasurer: Lavina Red Owl
Clerk: Darla Red Owl

ROSEBUD MISSION:

Rosebud (74) Church of Jesus
(Stanley)
Senior Warden: Rodney Bordeaux
Junior Warden: Judy Compton
Clerk/Treasurer: Karen Eagle

Mission (75) Trinity Church
(Stanley)
Senior Warden: Errol Geboe
Junior Warden: Julie Roubideaux
Clerk/Treasurer: Margaret Figert

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

White River (77) St. Phillip & St. James Station
(Two Hawk)
Senior Warden: Wilma Janis
Treasurer: Phyllis Cadue
Clerk: Berdine Yellow Eagle

Soldier Creek (78) Grace Church Station
(Stanley)
Senior Warden: Brian Sharpfish
Treasurer/Clerk: Leandra Sharpfish

Parmelee (79) Church of the Holy Innocents
(Stanley)
Senior Warden: Meredith Kills In Water
Junior Warden: Richard Kills In Water
Treasurer: Lynette Good Voice

Norris (80) St. Paul's Church
(Stanley)
Senior Warden: Darlene Allard
Junior Warden: Kris Wooden Knife
Treasurer: Lynette Good Voice

Corn Creek (81) St. Thomas' Church
(Stanley)
Contact: Rena Chasing Horse

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

SANTEE MISSION:

Howe Creek (NE) (83) Blessed Redeemer
(White Horse-Carda)
Officer: Lila James

Santee (NE) (84) Our Most Merciful Savior
(White Horse-Carda)
Senior Warden: Priscilla Brandt
Junior Warden: Tom Bartak
Treasurer/Clerk: Cindy Bartak

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SISSETON MISSION:

Clerk: Salina High Elk

Brown's Valley (MN) (85) St. John's Church
(Chan)

Senior Warden: Katie McKay
Treasurer: Vastana/Charles James
Clerk: Donna James

Enemy Swim Lake (87) St. James' Church
2004 (Chan)

Senior Warden: Raymond Rouillard
Junior Warden: Roger Campbell
Treasurer: Valarie Rondell Augustson
Clerk: Sonia Rouillard

Old Agency (88) St. Mary's Church
(Chan)

Senior Warden: Norbit Bellonger
Junior Warden: Clifford LaFontaine
Clerk/Treasurer: Bonnie Bellonger

STANDING ROCK MISSION:

Little Oak Creek (89) Good Shepherd
(Fonder)

Senior Warden: Henry Takes the Gun
Junior Warden: Terrance Red Legs
Treasurer/Clerk: James Porras

Wakpala (91) St. Elizabeth's Church
(Fonder)

Warden: Wayne Jones
Treasurer: Gladys Hawk
Clerk: Margie Hawk

Bullhead (92) Church of St. John the Baptist
(Fonder)

Little Eagle (93) St. Paul's Church
(Fonder)

Senior Warden: Anthony Bobtail Bear
Junior Warden: Yukon Henry
Treasurer: Gale Henry
Clerk: Manuelita Henry

McLaughlin (94) St. Peter's Church
(Fonder)

Senior Warden: Melvin Shoots The Enemy
Junior Warden: Toby Skinner
Treasurer/Clerk: Beatrice Skinner

Firesteel (95) Church of the Holy Spirit
(Fonder)

Senior Warden: Bill Mutchler
Junior Warden: Leon Brown Otter
Treasurer: John Red Bear

YANKTON MISSION:

Lake Andes (97) Church of St. Philip the Deacon
(White Horse-Carda)

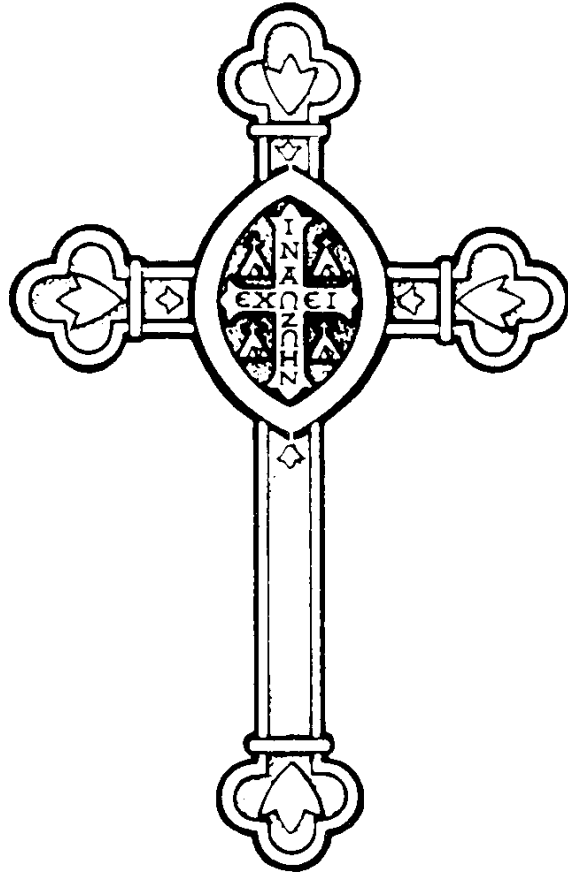
Senior Warden: Sharon Crapeau
Treasurer/Clerk: Maxine Rouse

Wagner (98) Woniya Wakan (Holy Spirit)
(White Horse-Carda)

Senior Warden: Sylvia Moore
Junior Warden: Donald Patterson, Jr.
Treasurer: Ruby White Horse
Clerk: Marilyn Redlightning

Herrick (99) All Saints Church
(Henninger)

Senior Warden: Shirley Cole
Junior Warden: Mike Cole
Treasurer/Clerk: Twila Emme



THE CONVENTION

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CLERGY ROLL
Canonically and Physically Resident in South Dakota
2015 Diocesan Convention

BISHOP		Born	Deacon	Priest
John T. Tarrant, Sioux Falls	Cons. 2009	1952	1983	1984
 PRIESTS AND DEACONS				
Webster Two Hawk, Pierre	Ord. 1957	1930	1957	1958
George Medicine Eagle, Eagle Butte	Ord. 1980	1948	1980	--
Benjamin Tyon, Pine Ridge, Ret 2004	Ord. 1980	1934	1980	1984
Warren Shoberg, Sioux Falls, Ret 2007	Ord. 1981	1941	1981	1982
Allen L. Lewis, Sioux Falls, Ret 2006	Ord. 1983	1941	1983	1984
Mary B. Husby, Sioux Falls, Ret 1998	Ord. 1984	1927	1984	--
Charles Montileaux, Kyle	Ord. 1985	1960	1985	1987
David A. Cameron, Rapid City, Ret 2006	Rec'd 1987	1947	1974	1975
Barry T. Pitt-Hart, Sioux Falls	Ord. 1987	1935	1987	--
Virginia L. Bird, Rapid City	Ord. 1987	1950	1987	--
James T. Pearson, Yankton	Ord. 1988	1954	1988	1989
Charles H. Walker, Pierre	Ord. 1988	1946	1988	--
David G. Potts, Rapid City	Ord. 1988	1946	1988	--
Leslie R. Campbell, Waubay, Ret 2004	Rec'd 1989	1938	1975	1976
R. Julian "Bunker" Hill, Ret 2015	Rec'd 1991	1945	1986	1987
Daniel Makes Good, Allen	Rec'd 1991	1937	1975	1980
Thomas Regan, Spearfish	Ord. 1991	1950	1991	--
Linda Kramer, Hill City	Rec'd 1992	1946	1988	1988
George Parmeter, Retired 2010	Rec'd 1993	1946	1973	1974
Agnes Tyon, Pine Ridge Mission	Ord. 1993	1933	1993	1997
Conrad Ciesel, Lake City, Ret 2007	Rec'd 1994	1941	1977	1978
Mercy G. Hobbs, Pierre	Ord. 1995	1959	1995	1996
James Voorhees, Spearfish	Ord. 1994	1934	1994	--
Judith M. Flagstad, Pierre	Ord. 1996	1950	1996	2004
Thomas Campbell, Retired	Rec'd 1998	1939	1965	1956
Cordelia Red Owl, Pine Ridge Mission	Ord. 1998	1936	1998	2000
Lyle Noisy Hawk, Rapid City, Ret 2002	Rec'd 1998	1942	1973	1974
Paul M. Sneve, Vermillion	Ord. 1998	1961	1998	1999
David Hussey, Canon to the Ordinary/Transitions	Ord. 1998	1945	1998	2000
Vernon J. Raschke, Lead, Ret 2001	Rec'd 1999	1936	1979	1980
Barbara "Bitsey" Ciesel, Lake City, Ret 2007	Ord 2000	1939	2000	--
Arlene E. Pearsall, Sioux Falls	Ord 2000	1943	2000	--
Claude E. Vershure, Hot Springs	Ord 2000	1946	2000	2005
Nancy Donovan, Silver City	Rec'd 2001	1935	1996	--
Marty Garwood, Rapid City	Ord 2002	1953	2002	--
Jo Hedin, Rapid City	Ord 2002	1953	2002	--
		Born	Deacon	Priest

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Rhoda Mesteth, Pine Ridge Mission	Ord 2002	1953	2002	2004
Judith R. Petersen, Brookings, Ret 2013	Ord 2003	1935	2003	--
Timothy L. Fountain, Sioux Falls	Rec'd 2004	1958	1987	1988
Kathleen Monson Lutes, Rapid City	Rec'd 2004	1957	2002	2003
Linda Valandra, Hot Springs	Ord 2005	1953	2005	--
Evelyn Weaver, Belle Fourche	Ord 2005	1945	2005	2006
Michael Weaver, Belle Fourche	Ord 2005	1942	2005	--
Sandra Williams, Belle Fourche	Ord 2005	1956	2005	2006
John Mabiore Mayen, Sioux Falls	Ord 2005	1974	2005	--
Abraham Mabiore Mayom, Sioux Falls	Ord 2005	1977	2005	2006
Elizabeth Bryan, Rapid City, Ret 2011	Rec'd 2006	1945	1990	1991
Judy L. Hollingsworth Graves, Sioux Falls	Ord 2006	1949	2006	--
M. Kay Jennings, Ret 2015	Ord 2007	1942	2007	2007
Beatrice Skinner, McLaughlin	Ord 2007	1937	2007	--
Susan Taylor Lyman, Vermillion	Ord 2007	1943	2007	--
Hazel Red Bird, Eagle Butte	Rec'd 2007	1925	2005	--
Craig West, Martin/Pine Ridge	Rec'd 2007	1950	1994	1995
Ellen D. Lang, Sioux Falls	Rec'd 2007	1939	1990	1991
Elizabeth A. Powers, Ret 2014	Rec'd 2008	1950	2004	2004
Kim M. Fonder, Lower Brule	Ord 2010	1954	2010	2010
Annie Henninger, Rosebud Mission East	Rec'd 2010	1948	2008	2009
John Keyes, Vermillion	Ord 2010	1948	2010	--
Patricia White Horse-Carda, Yankton/Santee Missions	Ord 2010	1951	2010	2011
Christina O'Hara, Sioux Falls	Ord 2011	1968	2011	2011
Marion Paulis, Milbank	Ord 2011	1948	2011	2011
Margaret Watson, Cheyenne River Mission	Rec'd 2012	1956	2003	2003
Jean Mornard, Huron	Rec'd 2012	1955	2011	2012
Larry V. Ort, Brookings	Ord 2012	1947	2012	2013
Lauren Stanley, Rosebud Mission	Rec'd 2013	1960	1997	1998
Michael Johnson, Deadwood	Rec'd 2013	1948	2005	2005
Christopher Roussell, Rapid City	Rec'd 2013	1971		2013
Portia Corbin, Youth & Young Adults	Ord 2013	1987	2013	2013
Richard Zephier	Ord 2014	1938	2014	

CANONICALLY RESIDENT

Jeffrey P. Barnes, Oregon, Retired 2006
 Ryan A. Hall, Nebraska
 Tom F. Newman, Oklahoma, Retired 2006
 John Spruhan, Virginia, Retired 2010

Judy Spruhan, Virginia, Retired 2010
 Marion B. Rectenwald, Tennessee
 Charles M. King, Connecticut
 Richard A. Ressler
 Robert C. Schwarz-Retired 2014

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St. Mark's, Aberdeen

Kaylene Sauer
Judith Sheldon

St. James, Belle Fourche

Dan Subiate
Marie Subiate

St. Paul's, Brookings

Chuck Berry
Peggy Whalen

St. John's, Deadwood

Anne Rogers
Jamie Popejoy

Grace Church, Huron

David Wheeler
Michael Mornard

Christ Church, Lead

Diana Mathisrud
Jo Hartmann

St. Mary's, Mitchell

Jackie Berggren
Tera Morris

St. James, Mobridge

Jill Jolly
Rick Jolly

Trinity, Pierre

Cindy Snow
Melinda Gregory

Emmanuel, Rapid City

Rory Hammerbeck
JoAnn Edstrom
Lee Hammerbeck
Donna Burnap
Lynn Lafferty
MaryLou Riggs
Nyle Hedin

St. Andrew's, Rapid City

Janet Tippet
Eddie Crandall
Bobbi Dunfee
Suzy Braun

Calvary Cathedral

Julie Gehm
Kurt Feaster
Laura Gillis
John Korkow
Ellen Medicine Horn
Lydia Simmons
Opal Stars
David Trefz
Jerry VanderLee
Nancy VanderLee
Robin Shores Foster

Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls

John Daucsavage
Ruth Daucsavage
Hal Perry
Janelle Perry

All Angels, Spearfish

Jane Hill
Diana Regan
Darlene Thompson

St. Thomas, Sturgis

Barb Oates

Trinity, Watertown

Brenda Uses Arrow
Diane Kirchmeier

Trinity, Winner

Lillian Middlesworth
Marla Liggett

Christ Church, Yankton

David Broyles
Carol Smith
Gloria Pearson

Christ Church, Chamberlain

Ann Mayer

St. Stephen's, DeSmet

St. Mary's & OBR, Flandreau

St. Peter's, Ft. Pierre

Wilma Staples

Incarnation, Gregory

Eldon WhitePipe

St. Luke's, Hot Springs

Bekah Gabel
Presston Gabel

Grace Church, Madison

Dave Sanford
Jan Sanford

St. Katharine's, Martin

Carol Livermont
Vernie Arnold

Christ Church, Milbank

Jim Voeltz
Kim Voeltz

St. Matthew's, Rapid City

Carol Cloud Eagle
Verbena McMath

Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls

Abraham Nyok

Gethsemane, Sisseton

Jaime White Thunder
Rachelle Crawford

St. Paul's, Vermillion

Royce Miller
Kelsey Collier Wise

St. Mary's, Webster

Fran Rougemont
Marcia Lefman

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St. John's, Eagle Butte

Shirley Dog Eagle
Valerie Curley
Carol Traversie

Ascension, Blackfoot

Joe LeBeau
Angela LeBeau

Emmanuel, White Horse

Virginia Traversie

St. Andrew's, Cherry Creek

St. James, Bear Creek

St. Luke's, Iron Lightning

St. Mary's, Promise

St. Peter's, Thunder Butte

St. Philip's, Dupree

St. Stephen's, Red Scaffold

St. Thomas, On The Tree

Christ Church, Ft. Thompson

St. John the Baptist, Crow Creek

Holy Comforter, Lower Brule

Tamara Fonder
Sheryl Scott
Shirley Crane

Holy Name, Ft. George

Richard Thompson Jr.

Messiah, Iron Nation

Nikki Ziegler
Gayle Ziegler

St. Alban's, Fort Hale

Jean Bolman
Brandee Bolman

Holy Cross, Pine Ridge

Benita Feather Earring

Christ Church, Red Shirt Table

Mary Belt

St. Julia's, Porcupine

Ben Conquering Bear

St. Michael's, Batesland

Gethsemane, Wanblee

Mediator, Kyle

Kateri Montileaux
Anne Montileaux

Church of Jesus, Rosebud

Karen Eagle

Trinity, Mission

Errol Geboe
Sandi Wright

Calvary, Okreek

Isabelle Wright
Alverna Wright

St. Philip & St. James, White River

Grace Church, Soldier Creek

Phyllis Provencial
LeAndra Provencial

Holy Innocents, Parmelee

Meredith Kills in Water

St. Paul's, Norris

Darlene Allard

St. Thomas, Corn Creek

Holy Spirit, Ideal

Charlie LongCrow
Larry Long Crow

Blessed Redeemer, Howe Creek

Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee

Cindy Whipple
Cheryl Kitto
Sam Kitto

St. John's, Browns Valley

Pauline White Thunder
Katie McKay

St. James, Enemy Swim

Valorie Augustson
Irene Rondell

St. Mary's, Old Agency

Clyde Kampeska
Michael LaFontaine

Good Shepherd, Little Oak Creek

St. John's, Bullhead

St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala

Gladys Hawk
Margie Hawk

St. Paul's, Little Eagle

St. Peter's, McLaughlin

John Red Bear

Holy Spirit, Firesteel

Ayden Alvarado

St. Philip's, Lake Andes

Sharon Drapeau
Judy Kalkowski
Maxine Rouse

Woniya Wakan, Wagner

Deanna Stands
Karen White Horse

All Saints, Herrick

Twila Emme

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**Official Acts of the Bishop
2014-2015
Report to 2015 Diocesan Convention**

Consents:

Election of David Mitchell Reed to be Bishop Coadjutor of Diocese of West Texas (11/25/14)
Election of Peter David Eaton to be Bishop Coadjutor of Diocese of Southeast Florida (2/21/15)
Election of Audrey Cady Scanlan to be Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania (4/14/15)
Election of James Russell Kendrick to be Bishop of the Diocese of Central Gulf Coast (4/14/15)
Election of George Robinson Sumner, Jr. to be Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas (6/16/15)
Election of Moises Quezada Mota to be Bishop of the Diocese of Dominican Republic (9/14/15)

Confirmed/Received: 105 persons (reported to Diocesan Office)

Ordained to the Priesthood:

Sam Adams (by the Diocese of Tennessee) on 12/11/14
Richard Zephier on April 11, 2015

Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate:

Jerry VanderLee on April 22, 2015

Clergy Transferred Out: The Rev. Sam Adams to the Diocese of Tennessee

Clergy Transferred In:

Church Opened:

Church Deconsecrated:

Pastoral Directives: 1

Approval of Re-marriage After Divorce: 4

Licensed 305 Lay Ministers

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**The Diocese of South Dakota
Diocesan Convention
25-26 September 2015
Ramkota Hotel, Pierre, SD**

(Before the formal beginning, Bishop John Tarrant announced that there would be an auction of a star quilt, and that the Rev. Portia Corbin, Diocesan Missioner for Youth and Young Adults, would then make an announcement about two raffle opportunities for Thunderhead Episcopal Camp.)

Portia: There are two very exciting raffle opportunities for this weekend. The first is this very beautiful beaded belt buckle, which belonged to Father Bill Hibberd, who gave this to Deacon Virginia Bird, who was kind and generous enough to pass along to us to raffle specifically for camp because Father Bill loved camp so much. (applause)

There is also a quilt that is hanging out in the main area made out of old camp T-shirts. This also will be raffled to raise money for camp. Tickets are \$1 a piece only. See the Young Adults to buy tickets.

These wonderful young adults are members of Wopila House, which is our Young Adult Intentional Community in Mission. They are Miranda Marks, Taylor Andrade, and Tom Gehring. The Young Adult Intentional Community is a joint partnership of the ELCA Synod of South Dakota and the Diocese of South Dakota.

Please buy some raffle tickets.

Bishop: If Paul Sneve would come forward, and he's going to do the auction.

Paul Sneve: This is Doris White. Tell us about this beautiful quilt.

Doris White: This beautiful quilt has been donated by my two sons, Tyson and Tyrone, raising money for 2016 Convocation, which will be on Cheyenne River. The funds will be dedicated to the Youth during Convocation.

Paul: Runs auction. After spirited bidding, the Rev. Richard Zephier wins with a bid of \$525.

Bishop: Thank you to those who participated either by bidding or by being present and cheering them on. Thank you, Doris, and your sons, for your donation. This is very generous.

Diocesan Convention formally come to order at 7:08 p.m.

Canon Hussey leads the opening prayer.

Bishop: I want to thank you all for your patience this year with registration, especially since we have a new-to-us computer, which has created some challenges. Thank you for your patience. It was a lot easier when we used pencil and paper, on some levels, because they didn't disappear into cyberspace.

I want to thank the hosts of Convention, both the Central and Northwest Deaneries. Thank you for the cookies and manning the tables and all that you have done to make this convention possible.

Let me introduce those of us sitting up on the platform table. Lauren Stanley, who is the secretary; Steve Sanford, who is chancellor; and David Hussey, who is my left-hand man, and Dispatch of Business. Any requests you have for me, it would be extremely helpful if you ask David, if you want them remembered and acted upon. ... The pages (for Convention): They have the yellow T-shirts on. If you need a page, just wave the yellow card, which matches their T-shirt. Thank you all for being here and supporting our work tonight.

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I want to introduce some guests: Bishop John Smylie from the Diocese of Wyoming. (Applause.) John has been instrumental in our partnering with Wyoming with our camp and our youth. John will be our preacher tomorrow.

Lynette Wilsonm, who is editor/reporter for Episcopal Church News and our liaison with New York, will be here tomorrow. Her plane didn't come in to Pierre (shocked!). I met Lynette in DC a year and a half ago at a common event together.

Sandra Squires, who is president of the UTO Board, is with us. And tomorrow she will have an opportunity to say a few words.

I would like to offer you the regrets of the clergy who could not be here for Convention:

- * Cliff Moore, interim, St. Matthew's, Rapid City, for health reasons.
- * George Parmeter, funeral.
- * Cordelia Red Owl, caring for her sister.
- * Pat White Horse-Carda, has a wedding. It's so nice to say that for mission clergy. There are not very many times can we say that.
- * Chris Clem, Treasurer. He can't be with us.
- * Christina O'Hara, who serves on the staff of the Cathedral, her husband, Dave, was in a very seirous boating accident two weeks ago. He has just come home from the hospital, so she is staying at home.
- * Harold Eagle Bull, who was here for clergy conference and is serving as interim on Pine Ridge, has a funeral.
- * Charlie Walker, who was here for clergy conference, has another obligation today and tomorrow.

If you can't be here, please let us know.

Let me introduce clergy in new positions, have a new status or a change in status:

- * Richard Zephier, priest in charge of St. Mark's, Aberdeen, ordained priest April 11.
- * Jerry Vander Lee, ordained to the diaconate April 22, and is at Calvary Cathedral.
- * Michael and Cathy Koch Johnson, who were married June 7.
- * Daryl Schubert started at St. Mary's, Mitchell, & New Home in July. If you remember, he was the interim on the Rosebud (West) for several months.
- * Father Kim Fonder is the interim on the Standing Rock Mission. This is a transitional position now. We hope to name him Priest in Charge after the first of the year.
- * Harold Eagle Bull is interim supervising presbyter on the Pine Ridge.
- * Craig West is the priest in charge of Mni Sose Cluster.

Clergy who left:

- * Sam Adams, ordained to diaconate last May, accepted a position in Nashville, Tennessee.
- * Rob Schwarz, priest in charge on the Standing Rock, retired last January and moved to Pennsylvania.
- * Bunker Hill retired from All Angels, Spearfish, only to find himself at St. Thomas, Sturgis.

Two clergy spouses died this year:

Edith Selevyn died May 13, 104.
Kenneth Lyman died May 17.

For an overview, if you would look at your schedules:

Tonight we will have the Bishop's Address, and that will be followed by compline.
Following those, there is a reception put on by the COM in the Lake Sharpe B Room that is open to all, as well as to those in the ordination process.

We will begin the registration/credentials table tomorrow from 8-10 a.m. Please make sure you have your credentials. Make sure you have this (white card). If you don't have this, you can't vote. Please, it is very important and folks up here will remember to announce that first thing tomorrow.

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Morning prayer will be at 8:30 a.m. in this room.

We will begin sharply at 9 a.m.

Bishop's Address

Bishop says a prayer for Father Les Campbell, who was treated by EMT in the hotel lobby.

Compline led by Lauren Stanley.

Convention recesses at 8:10 pm

Saturday, 26 September 2015

Bishop issues call to gather at 9:11 a.m.

Bishop makes welcoming remarks, and .apologizes for room lateness and the breakfast rush.

Convention is called back to order at 9:12 a.m.

Bishop: A few announcements that we missed yesterday:

Karen Hall has returned to the diocese and is serving at Grace, Madison.

Bishop Creighton Robertson, it was just in October, that he died. The memorial will be at St. Mary's, Old Agency, October 24, 11 a.m.

Kathy Munson Lutes left St. Matthew's, Rapid City, and moved to Janesville, Wisconsin.

Deacon Jo Hadin, Emmanuel Rapid City, is unable to be here; she's on a trip to Pennsylvania.

Also, we have a guest, Rosa Wilson, from North Dakota. (She makes a few remarks thanking South Dakota for inviting her.) She wants to observe how our convention goes before their convention next month.

Credentials Committee:

Marty Garwood, Chair, makes the Quorum Declaration: Out of 146 possible lay delegates, 99 are registered. Out of a possible 71 clergy, 40 are registered.

Chancellor Steve Sanford says that is a quorum.

Parliamentarian Report: Steve Sanford: I came here with stunning detail of the report of the parliamentarian. Noticed on our cheat sheet, where it says report if any. There is none.

We are functioning by the same rules as we have always functioned.

Bishop: The real person leading this convention is right behind this screen (laughter)

It has become our custom in recent years to give voice and vote to clergy canonically resident in other dioceses or synods if they are serving congregations. Those are The Reverends Robert Two Bulls Sr., Charlie Chan, Karen Hall, Harold Eagle Bull, Darryl Schubert (ELCA).

Minutes: Are there any questions or corrections printed in the September/October Church News? If there are no additions or corrections, we will accept them.

Motion to accept moved by Jean Mornard, second Chris Roussell. All in favor, aye. Opposed, none. Passed.

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Motion to accept reports by title as submitted in the July Church News. Moved Ward Simpson. Seconded Bitsy Ciesel. All approved.

Randy Barnhardt makes the Budget Presentation.

Presentation of honoring gift for Mary Armin.

Ward Simpson sings "One for the lady ..."

Bishop: Are there any questions about the budget?

One delegate asked the total value of the endowment.

Barney: Right now, it's probably \$7.5 million. At the high, it was about \$8.2 million.

Bunker Hill: I came here in 1991 from the Diocese of Virginia, and since I've been here, Barney has been the financial steward of our diocesan funds, and I want to say, Barney, you have done a splendid job over those years. There has not been one budget fight, which was a regular course of business in Virginia. Every year we had a budget fight, and usually more than one. Since I've come here, there has not one budget fight, and I attribute that to Barney's stewardship and his transparency. His efforts to be very clear about what the items are and the pre-convention deanery meetings explain the budget to everybody before they get to convention. So thank you, Barney.

Bishop: Seeing no other questions, let us move on to the elections.

Chris Roussell: Point of order: Are we supposed to vote on the budget?

Steve Sanders: In some conventions we present it and then wait so all can reflect on it.

Bishop: I will entertain a motion to approve the budget.

Tom Campbell moves to approve the budget, Jean Lacher second. All approve.

Bishop: Let's move to elections. I will introduce the candidates. They are listed on the ballot, but let's have them stand up. The only elections we have are for Standing Committee. The Lay candidates are Jean Lacher, Pat LeBeau, and M. Joan Sutton. The Clergy delegates are Jo Hedin and Pat White Horse-Carda.

Marty Garwood moves to close the nominations, Gloria Pearson seconds. Approved.

The pages pass out the ballots.

Bishop: Vote for one person in each category.
(Voting takes place.)

Bishop: Just remember that you have UTO boxes on your table. Please remember that. It is always nice to have something in them.

Bishop: Ward, would you do the report from the Resolutions Committee?

Ward Simpson, Clavary, Sioux Falls: The Resolutions Committee reports that we have not received any resolutions.

Bishop: Before we move to having some presentations, if Bishop John Smylie would come forward, please.

(Sends ballot counters out to count.)

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Bishop: My wife has been out of town for some time. We have moved houses from Sioux Falls to Pierre and still are in the process of settling in. I could not find the gift bags that we have except for this one in our closet. I know that some people would go out and purchase a gift bag, but that doesn't make sense to me. I just think you get them and then pass them on to someone else. So, John, as the Bishop of Wyoming, as a token of our appreciation for your being with us and your friendship and partnership and ministry ... we thank you.

Bishop Smylie: We have our convention next week and you may be seeing this bag again! It really is a lovely bag, John. We are so happy that Wyoming and South Dakota, our two dioceses, are engaging in a deep friendship. I have admired his leadership in the House of Bishops, and his contributions to the House of Bishops. I love being at your convention. It's so relaxed. There is a great deal of health. I hope we can do more together. We are so grateful for letting us join you at the camp. Thank you for your warm welcome. We have much to learn from you. We have much more to do, and more deeply. Thank you for your friendship.

Bishop: We're going to have some other presentations. If the representatives of UTO, Sandra Squires and Barb _____ would come up, if there's anything you would like to say. And Diana as well. I do have a small gift for Sandra as well.

Diana Regan, All Angels, Spearfish, newly elected ECW president: Yesterday, we had our meeting, and I want to thank all of those women who came to that meeting, and want to invite all of the women to come to our spring meeting in Oacoma. This is Sandra Squires, UTO president, and Province 6 representative of the ECW. And this our newly appointed UTO chairman, Ann _____, from Milbank. Like to ask Sandra to make some comments.

Sandra Squires: First, thank you, Bishop, for letting me have a couple of moments. UTO has been very good to South Dakota. I have looked at the list of grants, and this diocese has been richly blessed. I am just thrilled when I looked at the list from 1893 to the present. It is a very exciting list to see what has happened. I was just reviewing it, and it is an immeasurable blessing that has been given to you. I bring greetings from the UTO board; I get to meet all of the new people, including Elizabeth Campbell, President of Province 6.

I want to tell you that this little blue box; it is a replica of the original blue box. This one is the box that was designed for the 1928 first blue box. I want you to see that and to appreciate our 125th anniversary that will go to South Dakota's contribution as well.

The grant cycle is coming up again, with a new twist: We have young adult grants – there will be 10 given throughout the country – for young adults 21-30 to be able to do some kind of ministry. That's where we really hope to get connected to younger people in our dioceses and throughout the Episcopal Church. You have your Young Adult Intentional Community, and I look forward to getting one application from them.

Your grant, along with North Dakota's, is one of the most important ones, because you are addressing Human Trafficking. I am hoping you recognize what a wonderful leadership position you have taken on a devastating thing happening in our culture. Thank you!

Ann: If you need information/bags/boxes, come see me where the music is playing.

Diana: I want to reiterate one thing: Every penny in the boxes goes to grants.

Bishop: Lynette Wilson was not able to be with us. But we have another Wilson with us, Rosa Wilson, from North Dakota. I just want to honor her presence with us with a token gift bag.

Rosa Wilson: Thank you very much for the warm welcome. I was not expecting this. I was just called Monday and was asked to come here. I represent NDCIM and serve on the Standing Committee and the Commission on Ministry. I am very thrilled and happy to be here. One of my former friends, Rev. Michael

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Johnson, is here, and that really was a welcome. Thank you, and you are doing a good job. We are going to working on the trafficking of young people, which is getting to be a problem. Thank you for your hospitality and I'm glad I was here.

Bishop: Portia! You're up!

Portia: (2015 Report to Convention. Please ask Portia for an electronic copy. I have the hard copy if you need that.)

Bishop: If Father Tom Campbell will come forward. Fr. Tom will be celebrating his 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on December 20. The Dean of the Cathedral and I have invited him to preach and celebrate on Dec. 20 at the Cathedral, where he was ordained. We're giving him the gift of a weekend in Sioux Falls. We are grateful, and on behalf of the Church and on behalf of God, we give thanksgiving to you for pouring out your life for the sake of the kingdom, much of it in this diocese.

Tom Campbell: Praise God. Thank you. Very few of you are old enough to remember the things that I remember. How many of you were here when Bishop Gessner was the bishop? How many remember Vine DeLoria Sr., who preached at my ordination to the priesthood in Sioux Falls? I was fortunate enough to sing in the Augustana choir and we sang the night before the ordination. I invite those to come and sing. Thank you, Bishop. Bishop and the Dean sprung this on me last night and it brought tears to my eyes, and it still does. (Standing ovation)

Bishop: I just received permission to make this announcement. We received extremely generous gift from the Diocese of Long Island for a curate position on the Cheyenne River. Mikayla Dunfee, who is graduating in May from Berkeley-Yale, has accepted that call and will come to that position. Mother Margaret was asking if it could be made public, and I guess it could be made yes. I ttexted Mikayla to make sure I could make this public.

Bishop: We had scheduled to have the General Convention Deputies do a short presentation here. We will have that done right after lunch and before the workshops. Come back at 1:15 for a short presentation.

Bishop: We Have a couple other announcements:

David Hussey: Father Tim Fountain would like to make an announcement about the table in the lobby.

Tim Fountain: We have almost five full pages of petitions done to cap the short-term interest lending rate, to put this on the ballot. I will be out there on the break. We have four clipboards going. And the other thing we could really use, I have several circulator packets so we can get support all over the state. Plus I have a little prize for the first one to volunteer.

David Hussey: Rev. Annie Henninger would like a brief meeting with those participating in the Eucharist this morning. Meet at altar.

Linda Simon speaks briefly about comfort quilts that are still available.

Linda Simon: We do have some comfort quilts ladies at St. Mark's and Rev. Richard Zephier; we make them every year. We give them to people in need at the beginning of life or end of life. ... Some of the sewers need prayers. Leona and I and Bev Ackerman doing most of the sewing. Please keep all of us in prayers. We are making wheelchair quilts. We are making tiny quilts for the Rosebud. If you need them, call the church or the diocese, and give us a holler.

Also, the Central Deanery has an overabundance of cookies ... eat them.

David Hussey: There are several tables with quilts available to purchase/bid on. Twila Two Bulls has some out there. The quilts to benefit many people; the TEC quilt still up for grabs. As we leave today, if you have any leftover papers, we will have opportunity to recycle those.

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Marty Garwood: You may have notice the art canvasses that are out in the hallway. This was a VBS art project from St. Matthew's and St. Andrews, Rapid City. This curriculum will be available for the asking. If you are interested, contact Marty.

Julie Gehm, Calvary Cathedral: For those of you on Facebook, I encourage you to like SD Episcopalians so we can take care of each other and share prayer concerns.

Fr. Chan: I'm from Sisseton Mission. The mission this year has the honor to host Bishop Creighton's memorial on Oct. 24, Saturday, 11 a.m, then a meal and then a giveaway. All are invited. We will gather together to celebrate his ministry in this diocese and in the Church. The memorial will take place at St. Mary's, Old Agency. And also, a second announcement: Don't forget to bring your honey home. Please support the Sisseton mission.

Bishop: We have election results.

Larry Ort, St. Paul's, Brookings: I happen to be right on the doorstep of SDSU, and I know that there are a lot of churches that have students at SDSU. We would like to start an outreach to all of our Episcopalians. Please get me their names. We want to start a young adult group.

Bishop: The election results: For the Standing Committee, Pat White Horse-Carda has been elected in the clergy order, and in the lay order, Pat LeBeau. Thank all of you who were willing to stand for election. The democratic process by its nature creates those who are not elected. Thanks to all willing to stand for election and willing to serve.

We will recess until 11:15, when the Eucharist will start.

We will come back at 11:15.

Recess at 10:48.

Convention Eucharist.

Bishop: We are called back at 1:54 for quick announcements.

Immediately upon dismissal from the announcements, Standing Committee members are to meet very briefly in front of the altar so that you can determine a time at which you will meet longer.

The workshops: You should have a list: Dakota hymn translation; General Convention delegates offer their insights; How to run a church – basic stuff about a church; Suicide awareness; Creation Care network

Chris Roussell: Bishop, I would like to ask about the origins of the nail crosses.

Portia Corbin: Those crosses were found in a box when we were moving the diocesan office. We found a lot of things. Some things had to go away.

JC Huckins, Sturgis: These crosses started in 1981 with Cursillo movement.

Bishop: We WILL come back at 3:30.

In the election, just so you know, Pat LeBeau received 85 out of 143 ballots. Pat White Horse -Carda received 110 votes out of 139.

We will regather at 3:30

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There are copies of the bishop's address on the altar. The Protocol for dealing with sex offenders is here also. Remember, this is meant to be adapted by congregations when you discover you have a sex offender who wants to attend your congregation. The temptation is to ignore this, but that is not fair to anyone. The Protocol had some really good people from Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls, spend a lot of time to develop that. It is available in the office, and in time it will be on the web site.

We have two drawings to do.

Portia: First we draw for the belt buckle that belonged to Father Bill Hibberd. Father Paul Sneve wins!!!

And for the quilt: Carol Smith, Christ Church, Yankton!

Carol Smith: We are on vacation right now, and are going to Wyoming to go camping. We saw Don Metcalf in the hospital, and are taking the TEC quilt to Don in the hospital.

Portia Corbin: Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and thank you to all who support youth ministry in this Diocese. I will count the tickets to discover how much money was raised.

Bishop: Is there any other business? Hearing no other business, the convention stands adjourned because we have completed our agenda.

Final blessing by bishop.

Convention adjourns at 3:40 p.m.

The Rev. Lauren Stanley
Secretary of Convention

Bishop's Address to Convention

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John T. Tarrant

I want to begin tonight by thanking the committed members of diocesan staff: Barney, Mary, David, Paul, Portia, Don and now Marlys and all of the clergy and lay leaders serving our 79 congregation in our diocese. Thank you! Thank you for your commitment to making God's kingdom more visible. Your faithfulness gives shape to the hope of the world. We are a team that values mutual respect, mutual accountability, and a desire to be servants in the midst of God's people.

We will honor Mary Armin during the Eucharist tomorrow as she retires after fifteen years of service to the Diocese of South Dakota. After serving nine years with Bishop Creighton, Mary has been gracious in accepting and supporting me in my role as bishop. It is difficult to see Mary leave, but I am thankful for Marlys Fratzke's willingness to accept this position.

The move of the Diocesan offices from Sioux Falls to Pierre is still somewhat in transition. We are still in the 'settling in' stage. I ask for your patience. Our move to the geographic center of the Diocese has already made it easier for me to attend several activities and services I would not have otherwise been able to attend

I miss regular contact with Barney whose ministry remains in Sioux Falls; I appreciate more regular contact with David here in the Pierre office. I miss my close connection with the congregations in Sioux Falls; I appreciate the opportunity to connect more frequently with the West River Congregations. As in most decisions in life there are trade offs. I believe from a mission strategy standpoint, it was important to move the Center of the Diocese to the center of the Diocese.

Of course, like many decisions, there have also been surprises. We had more storage space in Sioux Falls, so things are a bit cramped right now. This becomes an opportunity for downsizing.

The new phone and internet systems and new to us computer have not always co-operated. This is an opportunity for patience.

The cost of the move and all that it entailed including the purchase of a bishop's residence was more than we had projected. This becomes an opportunity for giving. We have borrowed the money from our endowment and will pay it back over time. The Diocese will begin to see immediate saving by dropping the bishop's housing allowance. We have received over \$40,000.00 in donations and pledges toward paying down this debt. We are hoping to raise a total of \$350,000. This will not only add to the assets of the diocese, but it will free up more funds for ministry.

I will begin my three-month sabbatical on October 1st. The Rt. Rev. Michael Smith, bishop of the Diocese of North Dakota, will be attending to three visitations while I am away. I will be focusing on three areas of ministry.

I will be updating the Diocesan canons and policy handbook. This is a project that will take focused and extended time. I hope at next year's diocesan convention to have the results of this effort for presentation. There will be some formal action the 2016 Convention will need to take in regards to canonical revisions.

I will spend time researching sustainable energy possibilities and granting opportunities for some of our properties around the Diocese. The Bishop Jones Building on Rosebud and St. John's Church in Eagle Butte are likely prospects for this type of ministry. It is important to understand that our care for creation is ministry to both the present generation and generations to come.

We have just been awarded a grant for St. John's Eagle Butte to replace all interior lighting with energy efficient fixtures and bulbs. This is the first step in reducing our energy use in this facility. Once

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this is done we will seek proposals and granting opportunities for the installation of solar or wind powered energy to further reduce our fossil fuel footprint.

- “ The final aspect of my sabbatical will be in strengthening and developing relationships. I will be attending and preaching at the Diocesan Convention in Wyoming first weekend in October. We have partnered with Wyoming through our camp and young adult ministry.

The third weekend in October I will be attending the Diocesan Convention in North Dakota. We continue to partner with them on many aspects of our common ministry. They are offering a seminar and workshops on the topic of human trafficking. I will use this both as a time of education and relationship building. The Diocese of South Dakota sponsored the UTO grant that is funding this very important program.

In November I will be attending and speaking at the Diocesan Convention in Long Island. Long Island has been one of our partners in ministry over the past six years. We received a significant grant from them earlier this year, which will enable us to fund a second position on the Cheyenne River Mission for at least the next three years. The wooden crosier I use was a gift from their bishop and my friend, Larry Provenzano.

I will be attending the investiture of our new Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, on All Saints Sunday at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. This will be an opportunity for me to affirm our partnership with the Episcopal Church Center, which for over 140 years has shared in the important ministry we offer in South Dakota. I received word this week that our new Presiding Bishop will be attending our Niobrara Convocation in 2017.

The other relationships I will be strengthening are within my family. Pat, Jessica and I will spend both Thanksgiving and Christmas with some of our grown children and their children. This will be the first Christmas with most of them in over ten years. Family is also an important relationship to be nurtured.

I look forward to this time and yet I know I will miss the part of my ministry that I enjoy the most; being with you in our many different church settings as we offer worship and praise to the living God.

This past year the Church of the Good Shepherd in Sioux Falls developed a protocol for congregations to have in place when dealing with the issue of registered sex offenders who are attending or wish to attend one of our churches. This protocol was developed by a group of skilled parishioners who have worked in this or related areas. This project was the result of taking what could have been a very negative experience within their congregation and turning into an opportunity to address this difficult issue.

Our children are important and ignoring potentially dangerous situations will not keep them safe. Copies of this protocol are available at this convention or can be requested through the diocesan office

It is intended to support your ministry and can be adapted to meet local need.

General Convention was an interesting time. You will be hearing more about it from your deputies tomorrow. Although, I enjoy connecting with friends from around the church I do not find it a particularly spiritually uplifting time, although, the worship services were meaningful. During these large and tightly scheduled gatherings there is little time for deep discernment in the face of the hundreds of resolutions that come before the convention. The church, the body of Christ, is not at her best as a legislative body. It continues to create “winners and losers” around opposing political positions, held by good faith filled followers of Jesus on both sides of issues. Enough said.....

I believe in these times of social media, Skype, and rapid communication incarnational ministry is even more important. All of these mediums can be helpful when distance or time prevent us from being with someone, but Facebook or Skype or teleconferencing should not be seen as an equivalent to face to face contact.

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Jesus healed the Syrophenician woman's daughter without ever seeing her, but it was important that he be looking into the eyes of young rich man who came to him seeking to inherit eternal life when Jesus told him, "sell what you own and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come follow me." It was while he was in community with the people that Jesus was able to embrace the outcast, eat with sinners and challenge the self-righteous. It was through moving among the people that Jesus receive the five loaves and two fish from the young boy and made it enough for all who were hungry.

Our physical presence is important. This summer's camp sessions are evidence of this truth. We had one of the largest camp seasons in many, many years. Portia will tell you more when she reports to convention tomorrow. But, I can tell you this; it made a difference in the lives of the campers and the camp counselors. Jesus was experienced in real ways. The church, the Episcopal Church, was the body of Christ to those who participated. God's Kingdom has drawn near.

This profound growth in our camp ministry invites us to extend our camps season, invest more resources in our camp program, and prepare ourselves to be transforming agents with power of the Holy Spirit moving through and in us in God's mission with our Wyoming partners, which we call Thunderhead Episcopal Camp.

Henri Nouwen in his book The Wounded Healer tells this familiar story:

One day a young fugitive, trying to hide himself from the enemy, entered a small village. The people were kind to him and offered him a place to stay. But when the soldiers who sought the fugitive asked where he was hiding, everyone became very fearful. The soldiers threatened to burn the village and kill every man in it unless the young man was handed over to them before dawn.

The people went to the minister and asked him what to do. The minister, torn between handing over the boy to the enemy or having his people killed withdrew to his room and read his Bible, hoping to find an answer before dawn. After many hours, in the early morning his eyes fell on these words: *"it is better that one man dies than that the whole people be lost."*

Then the minister closed the bible, called the soldiers and told them where the boy was hidden. After the soldiers led the fugitive away to be killed, there was a feast in the village because the minister had saved the live minister did not celebrate. Overcome with a deep sadness, he remained in his room.

That night an angel came to him, and asked, *"what have you done?"* he said: *"I handed over the fugitive to the enemy."* Then the angel said: *"But don't you know that you have handed over the Messiah?"* *"How could I know?"* the minister replied anxiously. Then the angel said: *"if, instead of only reading your bible, you had visited this young man just once and looked into his eyes, you would have known."*

We are the body of Christ!

Yes, that is our charge, to live as Christ would live; to pour out our church for the sake of the world.

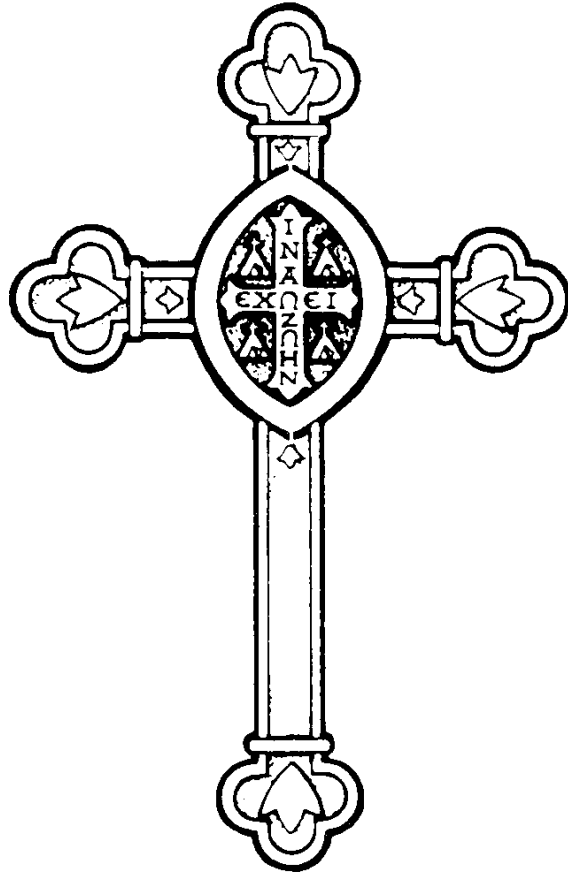
God's peace be with you, +*John*

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

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

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

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



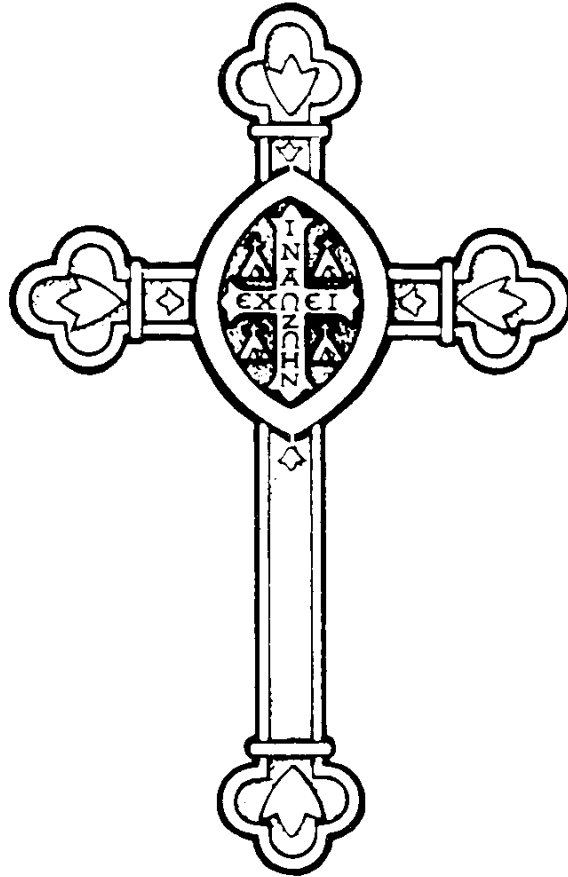
THE NIobrARA CONVOCATION

Niobrara Deanery Convocations

1. 1870 Santee Agency, NE
2. 1871 Santee Agency, NE
3. 1872 Santee Agency, NE
4. 1873 Santee Agency, NE
5. 1874 Yankton Agency, Dakota Territory
6. 1875 Yankton Agency, D.T.
7. 1877 Yankton Agency, D.T.
8. 1878 Yankton Agency, D.T.
9. 1879 Yankton Agency, D.T.
10. 1880 Yankton Agency, D.T.
11. 1881 Yankton Agency, D.T.
12. 1882 Yankton Agency, D.T.
13. 1883 Lower Brule Agency, D.T.
14. 1884 Yankton Agency, D.T.
15. 1885 Crow Creek Agency, D.T.
16. 1886 Yankton Agency, D.T.
17. 1887 Ft. Bennett, Cheyenne River Reserve, D.T.
18. 1888 Pine Ridge Agency, D.T.
19. 1889 Crow Creek Agency, D.T.
20. 1890 St. Elizabeth's Church, Standing Rock Reserve
21. 1891 Near St. Mary's School, Rosebud Reserve
22. 1892 Cheyenne Agency
23. 1893 Santee Agency, NE
24. 1894 Pine Ridge Agency
25. 1895 Lower Brule Agency
26. 1896 St. Elizabeth's Church, Standing Rock Reserve
27. 1897 Near St. Mary's School Rosebud Agency
28. 1898 Sisseton Agency
29. 1899 Yankton Agency
30. 1900 Ascension Chapel, Cheyenne River Reserve
1901 No Convocation
31. 1902 Black Pipe Creek, Rosebud Reserve
32. 1903 St. John Baptist Chapel, Crow Creek Reserve
33. 1904 Bear Creek Cheyenne River Reserve
34. 1905 St. Philips, White Swan, Yankton Reserve
35. 1906 Santee Agency, NE
36. 1907 Trinity Chapel, Rosebud Reserve
37. 1908 St. Mary's Chapel, Pine Ridge Reserve
38. 1909 Messiah, Lower Brule
39. 1910 Yankton Agency
40. 1911 St. Elizabeth's Church
41. 1912 Christ Church, Ft. Thompson
42. 1913 St. Mary's Church, Sisseton Agency
43. 1914 Emmanuel Church, White Horse
44. 1915 Trinity Chapel, Rosebud
45. 1916 Holy Comforter, Lower Brule
46. 1917 Inestimable Gift Church, Allen
47. 1918 Holy Fellowship Church, Greenwood
48. 1919 St. Elizabeth's Church, Wakpala
49. 1920 Our Most Merciful Savior Church, Santee, NE
50. 1921 Calvary Church, Okreek
51. 1922 St. James Church, Waubay
52. 1923 Emmanuel Church, White Horse
53. 1924 Holy Cross Church, Pine Ridge
54. 1925 Holy Fellowship Church, Greenwood
55. 1926 Christ Church, Ft. Thompson
56. 1927 Holy Cross Church, Pine Ridge Agency
57. 1928 Good Shepherd Church, Glencross
58. 1929 Trinity Church, Mission
59. 1930 Holy Comforter Church, Lower Brule
60. 1931 St. Mary's Church, Sisseton
61. 1932 Ascension Church, Promise
62. 1933 1934 Inestimable Gift Church, Allen
63. Holy Fellowship Church, Greenwood
64. 1935 St. Elizabeth's Church, Wakpala
65. 1936 Holy Innocents Church, Parmelee
66. 1937 Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee, NE
67. 1938 Holy Cross Church, Pine Ridge Agency
68. 1939 St. John's Chapel, Pukwana, Crow Creek
69. 1940 St. John the Baptist, Sisseton Mission
70. 1941 Emmanuel Church, Cheyenne River Mission
71. 1942 Inestimable Gift Church, Allen, Pine Ridge Mission
72. 1943 St. James Church, Rosebud Mission
73. 1944 Holy Fellowship Church, Greenwood
74. 1946 Good Shepherd Chapel, Standing Rock Mission
75. 1947 Messiah Chapel, Pine Ridge Mission
76. 1948 Holy Comforter, Lower Brule
77. 1949 Holy Innocents Church, Parmelee
78. 1950 St. Barnabas, Kyle
79. 1951 St. Elizabeth's School, Wakpala
80. 1952 Our Most Merciful Savior Church, Santee, NE
81. 1953 Christ Church, Ft. Thompson
82. 1954 St. Peter's, Pine Ridge Mission
83. 1955 St. John's, Cheyenne River Mission
84. 1956 Calvary Church, Rosebud Mission
85. 1957 St. Mary's, Sisseton Mission
86. 1958 Holy Comforter, Lower Brule
87. 1959 St. Paul's, Little Eagle, Standing Rock Mission
88. 1960 Holy Fellowship, Greenwood, Yankton Mission
89. 1961 Messiah, Wounded Knee, Pine Ridge Mission

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90. 1962 St. John's, Browns Valley, Sisseton Mission
91. 1963 St. Mary's, Promise, Cheyenne River Mission
92. 1964 St. Peter's Crow Creek
93. 1965 Holy Innocents, Parmelee, Rosebud Mission
94. 1966 Our Most Merciful Savior Church, Santee Mission, NE
95. 1967 Inestimable Gift, Allen, Corn Creek District, PR Mission
96. 1968 St. James, Waubay, Sisseton Mission
97. 1969 Holy Comforter, Lower Brule Mission
98. 1970 Holy Cross Church, Pine Ridge Mission
99. 1971 Holy Innocents, Parmelee, Rosebud Mission
100. 1972 St. Thomas on the Tree, Cheyenne River Mission
101. 1973 St. John the Baptist, Sisseton Mission
102. 1974 St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala, Standing Rock Mission
103. 1975 Mediator, Kyle, Corn Creek District, Pine Ridge Mission
104. 1976 Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee, NE
105. 1977 Christ Church, Ft. Thompson
106. 1978 St. Luke's, Porcupine
107. 1979 St. Barnabas, Kyle
108. 1980 Holy Innocents, Parmelee
109. 1981 St. Mary's Old Agency, Sisseton Mission
110. 1982 St. James', Cheyenne River Mission
111. 1983 St. Julia's, Porcupine, Pine Ridge Mission
112. 1984 St. Julia's, Porcupine, Pine Ridge Mission
113. 1985 St. James', Enemy Swim, Sisseton Mission
114. 1986 Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee Mission, NE
115. 1987 Bishop Hare Home, Rosebud Mission
116. 1988 Gethsemane, Wanblee, Corn Creek District, Pine Ridge Mission
117. 1989 St. Mary's Promise, Cheyenne River Mission
118. 1990 St. John's, Browns Valley, Sisseton Mission
119. 1991 Holy Spirit, Firesteel, Standing Rock Mission
120. 1992 St. Mary's, Peever, Sisseton Mission
121. 1993 Bishop Hare School, Mission, Rosebud Mission
122. 1994 Lake Andes PowWow Grounds, Yankton Mission
123. 1995 St. Andrew's Wakpamni Lake
124. 1996 St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala, Standing Rock Mission
125. 1997 St. Mary's, Old Agency, Sisseton Mission
126. 1998 Holy Comforter Church, Lower Brule, Lower Brule Mission
127. 1999 St. John the Evangelist, Eagle Butte, Cheyenne River Mission
128. 2000 Trinity Church, Mission, Rosebud Mission
129. 2001 Tiospaye Wakan, Sioux Falls, Flandreau
130. 2002 Pine Ridge Mission, St. Michael's, Batesland
131. 2003 Thunderhead Episcopal Center
132. 2004 Yankton Mission, Pickstown/Lake Andes
133. 2005 Standing Rock Mission, Mobridge
134. 2006 Sisseton Mission, St. James, Waubay
135. 2007 Crow Creek Mission, Christ Church, Ft. Thompson
136. 2008 Cheyenne River Mission, St. John's, Eagle Butte
137. 2009 Rosebud Mission, Bishop Hare Center
138. 2010 Sisseton Mission, St. Mary's, Old Agency
139. 2011 St. Matthew, Rapid City @ TEC
140. 2012 Standing Rock Mission, North Dakota
141. 2013 Holy Comforter, Lower Brule
142. 2014 Santee Mission, Santee, Nebraska
143. 2015 Standing Rock Mission-South Dakota



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP & REPORTS

The Diocese of South Dakota

(A Corporation)

President—The Right Reverend John T. Tarrant
Vice-President—Mr. Steven W. Sanford, Chancellor
Treasurer—Mr. Chris Clem
Secretary—Mr. Randy Barnhardt

The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral

(The holding corporation for the Diocese of South Dakota)

President—The Right Reverend John T. Tarrant
Vice-President—Mr. Steven W. Sanford, Chancellor
Secretary—Mr. Randy Barnhardt
Treasurer—Mr. Chris Clem

The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral is the corporation for holding the funds and real estate of the jurisdiction.

The members of the Diocesan Council constitute the Board of Directors of the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral.

Diocesan Council

Chairman—The Right Reverend John T. Tarrant
Vice-Chairman—Mr. Steven W. Sanford, Chancellor
Treasurer—Mr. Chris Clem

Members:

The Rev. Kim Fonder	2017
The Rev.. Chris Roussell	2018
Marlys Fratzke	2015
Carol Smith	2017
Pat LeBeau	2015
The Rev. Richard Zephier	2018
Don Metcalf	2017
Pete Haukaas	2017

Standing Committee

The Rev. Les Campbell	2015
The Rev. Margaret Watson	2016
The Very Rev. Ward Simpson	2017
The Rev. Annie Henninger	2018
Jean Lacher	2015
Jan Sanford	2016
Tamara Fonder	2017

**Summary of Diocesan Council Actions
Since 2014 Convention**

Summary of Diocesan Council Actions
Since 2014 Convention

November 7, 2014
Pierre, SD

Action Taken

1. Reimburse mission clergy for actual documented miles to the end of 2014 and devise better formula for 2015.
2. Chancellor will research investment proposal by Touchmark re: Waterford at All Saints.

Reports Received

1. Financial report though end of October, 2014
2. DeSmet church building and parish hall were sold.
3. Transitional Ministry report
4. Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls is working on a protocol for churches that learn of a registered sex offender in their congregation.
5. Grant coming to help fund a second clergy position for Cheyenne River Mission.

February 21, 2015
Pierre, SD

Action Taken

1. Approved changes to the 2015 budgets.
2. Approved changes to the diocesan meal reimbursement policy
3. Approved amendment to Policy 36
4. Repealed Policy 26

Reports Received

1. Year end financial reports
2. Updates on proposed move of Bishop and Diocesan Offices to Pierre
3. Updates from Transitional Officer, Niobrara School, and Camp Director
4. Reports on status of Capital Campaign and the AT&% cell towers at Okreek and Parmelee.

May 9, 2015
Pierre, SD

Action Taken

1. Approved the sale of a modular house on the Bishop Hare campus.

Reports Received

1. Financial Report
2. Update of Bishop's Residence in Pierre. Purchase made with closing on June 1, 2015
3. Update on moving diocesan offices to Pierre
4. Mary Armin (Administrative Assistant) will be retiring at the end of August, 2015.
5. Jill Christopherson has been hired to assist and back up Randy Barnhardt (Administrator).
6. Updates on former Trinity Watertown building, on Summer Camp and a Young Adult Retreat, the collaboration between the Dioceses of North Dakota and South Dakota, and a proposed amendment to the vacation policy for mission clergy.

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June 2, 2015
Single Agenda Email Conference

Action Taken

1. Set the 2015 Diocesan Convention registration fee at \$60.

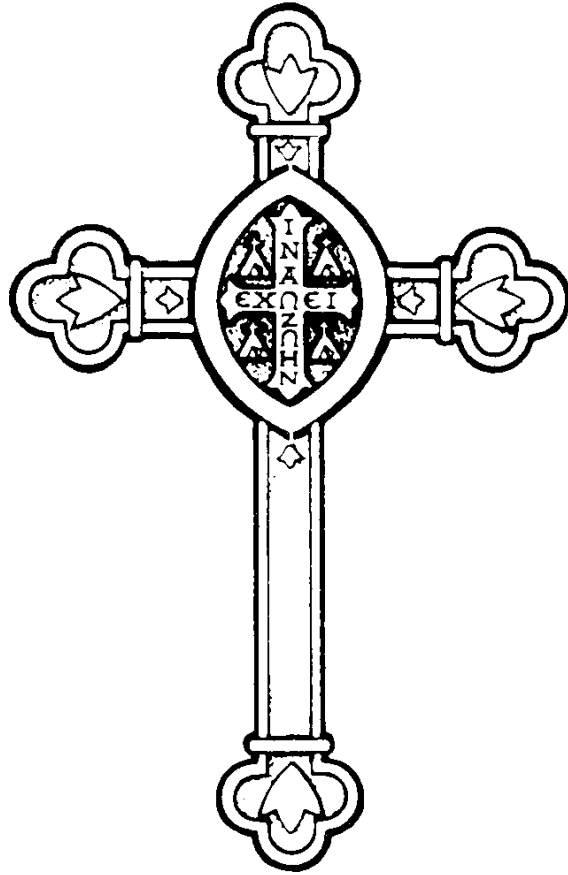
August 8, 2015
Pierre, SD

Action Taken

1. Approved proposed 2016 budgets for Chapter of Calvary Cathedral and Diocese of South Dakota
2. Approved sharing expense of new air conditioner and furnace with Trinity, Pierre
3. Approved amendment to Policy 32 (Vacation)

Reports Received

1. Audit report of Chapter, Diocese, Foundation, Centennial Challenge Accounts
2. Report on General Convention
3. Update on Diocesan Office move to Pierre
4. Report of sale of former Trinity, Watertown church building
5. Report on Summer Camp and Young Adult Retreat



**COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES
MEMBERSHIP & ANNUAL REPORTS**

2015 General Convention Delegates

Lay Deputies

Tamara Fonder
Don Metcalf
Twillia Two Bulls
Carol Traversie

Clergy Deputies

Rev. David Hussey
Rev. Kim Fonder
Rev. Paul Sneve
Rev. Annie Henninger

Thunderhead Episcopal Camp Board

David Wheeler, Chair	Jan Sanford
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Julie Gehm	Doris White
Gladys Hawk	
The Rev. Mercy Hobbs	The Rev. Portia Corbin
Pat LeBeau	Don Metcalf

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Wilma Standing Bear
Carol Traversie
The Rev. Pat White Horse-Carda

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The Rev. Portia Corbin	Dottie LeBeau, Co-Chair
Carol Cloud Eagle	The Rev. Jean Mornard
Shirley Crane	Linda Simon
The Rev. Judy Flagstad, Co-Chair	Barb Simpson,
Barbee Hovelson	The Ven. Paul Sneve
The Rev. Michael Johnson	Marlys Fratzke- Secretary

Canon to the Ordinary

Report to Diocesan Convention - 2015

Congregations and Clergy in Transition

- **St. Matthew's, Rapid City** - Fr. Cliff Moore of the Diocese of Wyoming continues his successful Interim Ministry as we continue with the ELCA Synod to look for a Priest/Pastor to serve both congregations on a permanent basis.
- **St. Mark's, Aberdeen** - Richard Zepher was ordained Priest and installed by Bishop Tarrant on April 11, 2015 as Priest in Charge as St. Mark's continues to move forward into a new era of growth and opportunities for mission.
- **St. Mary's, Mitchell** - The Rev. Daryl Schubert, ELCA began serving as Rector of St. Mary's and Pastor of New Home Lutheran Church in July, with his being formally installed at St. Mary's on August 16, 2015.
- **All Angel's, Spearfish** - Following the retirement of Fr. Bunker Hill in May, All Angel's is well into their search process, having completed their Self-study and having developed their Parish Profile, are advertising Nationally and have begun receiving names and interviewing candidates.
- **Standing Rock Mission** - As of May 2015, Fr. Kim Fonder is now serving as Priest in Charge of the Mission and is residing in the rectory at Wakpala. Fr. Rob Schwarz and his wife retired in January 2015 to Eastern Pennsylvania.
- **St. Thomas, Sturgis** - Is now being served on a part-time basis by Fr. Bunker Hill. The Rev. Kay Jennings has retired and relocated to Alpine, TX where she is serving two small churches on the Big Bend Episcopal Mission.
- **The Pine Ridge Mission** - Fr. Harold Eagle Bull is now serving as Interim Priest in Charge of the Mission.
- **St. Andrew's, Rapid City** - The Rev. Kathy Monson-Lutes has accepted a call to Janesville, WI in the Diocese of Milwaukee, with her last Sunday at St. Andrew's being August 23, 2015. Bishop John and I met with the Vestry and leaders of the Parish on August 5, 2015 to offer our support, encouragement and guidance as they begin their Search process and this time of transition.
- **The Mni Sose Cluster** - The Rev. Craig West has moved to Chamberlain, SD where he is serving as Priest in Charge of the Mission.
- **Trinity, Winner & Holy Spirit, Ideal** - These two congregations have been included in **The Rosebud East Episcopal Mission** and are being served by the Rev. Annie Henninger, who has been serving them as Interim since May 2015.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Report to 2015 Convention

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

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COM Activities

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

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

There are currently 6 persons in the discernment phase, 11 postulants and 1 candidate. Since convention last year, there have been 2 recommendations for ordination.

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

**Episcopal Church Women
Report to 2015 Convention**

2015 Diocese ECW International Ministries Project

At the Spring ECW meeting, members present chose to designate the Al Ahli Hospital as its international ministries project for 2015. The hospital is owned and operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The following article provides information about the hospital and its special calling. Please give prayerful consideration for support of this ECW project.

Al Ahli Hospital is not only the oldest hospital in Gaza, it is also the only remaining full service Christian hospital. (continue with rest of article)

EDIT - First paragraph, line 4: after the word "bombing" insert the words "last year".

First paragraph, last line, end of sentence: after the word "July" insert the year "2014".

Delete last paragraph and insert new paragraph:

Donations should be mailed to the SD Diocese ECW Treasurer, Cora Koss, 23044 Palamino Lane, Rapid City, SD 57703. Cora will forward funds to the SD Diocese and from there the contributions will flow to the Diocese of Jerusalem. MANY THANKS AND GOD BLESS TO YOU ALL!!!

One more edit...I missed it.

Paragraph 2, line 1: omit the word "recent" before the word "fighting" since it was not recent this year, but last year.

Niobrara School for Ministry 2015 Diocesan Convention Report for the Niobrara School for Ministry

The 2014-2015 school year has seen continued progress by our students working towards ordination as they work through the new curriculum. This season we presented Ministry Weekends that taught Pastoral Care for the Sick, Lay Lead Seasonal Liturgies, Secrets to Good Liturgy and Deacon Craft. A Ministry Weekend was planned for Weddings, but was canceled due to scheduling conflicts, but will be held at another date. This year's Summer Seminary was taught by our own Bishop John Tarrant who taught a great class on preaching. Students learned to begin their sermon work with good Biblical study and then experimented with various styles after listening to a number of great preachers via video and audio presentations. Dakota Experience was held in Sioux Falls and Rapid City with good participation from all walks of life in the church.

Our students in the Ordination Process that participated in the Ministry Weekends and Summer Seminary numbered 11 with most studying in the Niobrara Curriculum with two using Seminary Curriculae. 14 others have participated in our classes that are not in the Ordination Process.

Another new development for Niobrara School was the Niobrara Benefit which was a fund raising event held May 1st. This event featured donated Artwork that was auctioned off at the event as well as online. Music was provided by the "Johnson Brothers" and food was catered by Mary Dobier-Soukup. Julie Nelson-Gehm, Deb Husby and Mary Dobier-Soukup worked very hard as they organized this event. Discussions are underway for a second Niobrara Benefit which will be held at another location in 2016. The money raised by this event will be dedicated to student expenses not covered by any financial aid.

This next year we will present Ministry Weekends on Suicide Prevention, Self Care, and Introduction to the Canons including Title IV Training. Other Weekends will be scheduled that are not part of the Ordination Curriculum that will appeal to those Lay Folk interested in learning more about the Bible and the Church. Summer Seminary will be a introductory course on Theology with special consideration to Lakota Spiritual Thought. We are also participating in a number of combined educational events with the Diocese of North Dakota and will continue to find ways that our two Dioceses can share other resources.

In Christ's Love,
The Venerable Paul Sneve,
Director of the Niobrara School for Ministry.

Thunderhead Episcopal Center Board Report to 2015 Convention

The TEC Board is a separate non-profit organization but is subject to the approval of elections and decisions made from the Bishop and the Diocesan Council. The Board meets on a quarterly basis. The members of the Board are David Wheeler (chair) , Pat LeBeau (vice-chair), The Rev. Portia Corbin, Tamara Fonder, Julie Gehm, Gladys Hawk, Don Metcalf, Jan Sanford, Chris Soukup, Doris White and The Rev. Mercy Hobbs (secretary).

The Board met this year to discuss and participate in the following:

1. **TEC Facility**
 - a. Don Metcalf, TEC facilities manager, reported on the needs of and work being done. Seven of the eight cabins have been insulated. Snow stops will be installed on roofs of cabins. The remaining cabin will be insulated and all cabins painted at the next TEC work weekend which is scheduled for May 2016.
 - b. Supertent's roof will be reshingled. Carpet on main floor will be replaced by congoleum.
 - c. Trees on property have been thinned out due to infestation of pine beetles. Existing slash piles will be burned and buried.
 - d. A new washing machine was purchased.

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- e. Two TEC signs were placed next to the highway on the east and west side of the camp.
2. **2015 Camping Season.** The Rev. Portia Corbin, TEC program director, reported the following:
 - a. 2015 is the biggest camping season so far with 139 campers. Junior Counselors will be reinstated to help out at the camp.
 - b. Campers from Wyoming attended due to joint program with the Diocese of Wyoming.
 - c. Camping sessions were High School, 5th/6th grades and Family and Middle School/Confirmation camps. New camping sessions will be added during the 2016 season.
 - d. Portia and counseling staff attended Niobrara Convocation at Wakpala.
 - e. Young Adult Retreat will be held August for 18 - 35 year old adults. This is a joint program with the Diocese of Iowa.
3. **Transportation:** The Revs. Mercy Hobbs and Christina O'Hara served as transportation coordinators and drivers. They and the TEC Board would like to thank the following people and congregations for their generous support and prayers:
 - a. Calvary Cathedral for providing rental vans, drivers and gas money
 - b. Mni Sosa Cluster for obtaining vans from the Tribe
 - c. Countless individuals who used their own vehicles
 - d. Campers who attended
4. **Fundraising**
 - a. Donations were received from congregations throughout the Diocese from offerings given on TEC Sunday.
 - b. Marketing TEC through advertisements in ecumenical groups, Website, Facebook, emails and SD ChurchNews.
 - c. Income was received through outside groups and individuals, leasing of TEC land and renting camp for retreats, weddings and family reunions.
 - d. TEC endowment and legacy giving
 - e. 2016 bed and breakfast camp will be available during Sturgis Rally.
5. **Wish List:** Donation of following items and volunteering time will greatly improve the maintenance and well-being of the camp:
 - a. Attend work weekends at TEC.
 - b. Bigger tractor is needed to do more efficient mowing and other projects at TEC.
 - c. Front end loader
 - d. 30 hp weed whackers
 - e. Full-sized basketball court

A wish list will be available at the TEC booth during the 2015 Diocesan Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Mercy Hobbs, secretary

UTO Report for Convention 2015

United Thank Offering (UTO) is an important ministry of The Episcopal Church with its root firmly connected to the Episcopal Church Women. This year UTO is celebrating its 125th Anniversary.

The basic idea of UTO is to practice a theology of thanksgiving. Each time you thank God for your many blessings, we ask you to make that thanksgiving tangible by dropping pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and even dollar bills in your UTO Blue Box.

If someone has a beautiful new baby in your family, drop a coin in the Little Blue Box and thank God for the baby's health. Every time you get good news, drop a coin in the box. Every blessing, every challenge, every time you are thankful for being alive, in a free country, and have the ability to worship how and where you wish—drop a coin in the box.

The beauty of those thanksgivings is the collection of change and bills that you give at your parish Ingathering because every penny goes for grants in this country and overseas. Your parishes' giving is

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combined with other parishes and given from each diocese. Last year UTO gave \$1.5 million dollars in grants.

UTO has funded pre-schools, kitchen repairs to feed people who are homeless, bicycles for clergy in the Sudan, a wood ministry in Montana in the winter, recycling projects, programs to help both inner city and rural kids learn to read. You name it, you can bet UTO has probably funded it.

So take this opportunity to start dropping those coins of thanksgiving in your Little Blue Box, and bring them to your parish for Ingatherings once or twice a year.

The greater your thanksgiving, the greater the gifts to those in need. Your change, changes lives.

**The State of Youth and Young Adult Ministry in South Dakota
Report to 2015 Convention**

“This is the year that changes everything.”

This phrase found itself in our hearts and minds as we entered 2015. Little did we know, how overwhelmingly true that statement would be. It has never been more clear: The primary youth and young adult ministry in this diocese is that of Thunderhead camp. This year was indeed the year that changes everything.

Last year, we reported that there had been a significant increase in participation at TEC—as we saw the highest numbers in nearly a decade with 90 campers in the 2014 season. This year, the ministry of TEC saw the highest numbers of all time—with a grand total of 147 campers in only three camp sessions.

High School camp alone held 51 campers. 5th/6th/Family camp brought us to physical capacity—where every room in Super Tent, and every single cabin was occupied.

This year we were blessed to enter into a partnership with the Diocese of Wyoming. A number of Wyoming campers and adult helpers attended TEC this season. Together, we are already planning and preparing for the 2016 camp season. We are excited about this new friendship and are thrilled that the Diocese of Wyoming played a role in this year that changes everything!

The 2015 season program focused on storytelling. High School campers learned how to use both their words and bodies to share their stories and dreams. Charlie Gillespie of Philadelphia helped the campers to connect their own dreams and stories to those of God’s. 5th/6th/Family Camp explored creation stories and the care of God’s creation with the help of Carol Smith of Yankton and The Rev. Kay Flores of the Diocese of Wyoming. 7th & 8th grade camp used portions of the GLORY program to connect traditional Native stories to the Biblical creation narratives, thanks to The Rev. Christina O’Hara.

I could not be more thrilled to say that TEC has been utterly resurrected and transformed. It is not, however, purely about the large numbers. The success of TEC is rooted in God’s ability to transform the lives of all who enter the gates of camp. TEC’s ministry is not merely about the youth campers, but also the young adult staff who share God’s love with the campers and each other. Camp has been transformed in large part because of their commitment and presence. A very special thank you to Taylor Andrade, Miranda Marks, Cassie Boettcher, Alycia Kirchmeier, Joe Skinner, Kyle Hawk Bear, Kennen Block, and Will Longworth. These young adults made “the year that changes everything” possible.

As the year that changes everything draws to a close, we look forward to the new possibilities to come. 2016 will indeed see changes, as we expand the camp season to fit our new and growing needs. Thank you, to each of you, for your commitment to TEC and our young people.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Portia Corbin

Standing Committee

**Annual Report
The Standing Committee
The Diocese of South Dakota
For the year ending June 30, 2015**

The Standing Committee is elected by the Diocesan Convention. Each year the Diocesan Convention elects one lay person and one clergy person to serve a four year term. The canons allow up to two of the clergy seats to be occupied by deacons.

The current membership of the Standing Committee (terms expire with the election of a successor at the Diocesan Convention in the year indicated):

2015: The Rev. Les Campbell, Jean Lacher
2016: The Rev. Margaret Watson, Jan Sanford
2017: The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Tamara Fonder
2018: The Rev. Annie Henninger, Deanna Stands

Annually at the first meeting following the election of new members, the Standing Committee elects a president and secretary who serve until the next Diocesan Convention.

During the year ending June 30, 2015 the Standing Committee took the following actions:

Elected the Very Rev. Ward Simpson as President of the Standing Committee.

Elected the Rev. Margaret Watson as Secretary of the Standing Committee.

Consented to the following elections of bishops:

- The Rev. R.S. Skirving, Bishop Diocesan for the Diocese of East Carolina
- The Very Rev. Peter Eaton, Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Southeast Florida

Actions relating to the ordination process:

- Approved of the application of Jerry Vanderlee as a Candidate for Holy Orders under Canon III.6
- Approved of the application of Carol Traversie as a Candidate for Holy Orders under Canon III.6
- Consented to the Ordination of Sam Adams as a priest under Canon III.8
- Consented to the Ordination of Richard Zephier as a priest under Cnaon III.8
- Consented to the Ordination of Jerry Vanderlee as a Deacon under Canon III.6

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Pres.

**Board of Examining Chaplins The Diocese of South Dakota
For the year ending June 30, 2015**

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

The Examining Chaplains are appointed by and serve at the will of the Bishop. As a body we provide a review of the academic progress of people in the ordination process. Our findings are reported to the Bishop and the Commission on Ministry. Because of the small number of candidates being examined at any one time, the Examining Chaplains work from a standard set of questions, but tailor each examination to the circumstances of the individual being examined. For example, while the examinations are typically in written essay format, we have also performed oral examinations and taken examples of work already

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completed as evidence of a particular person's level of expertise. The standards to which people are examined are dictated by the canons of the church. The standards of examination and the areas of academic study set by the canons are listed below.

When a person is examined the Examining Chaplains will either certify that this person has met the standard set by the canons or that there is a deficiency in some area. If a deficiency is found, the Examining Chaplains then work with the individual, the Commission on Ministry, the Bishop and others to determine an appropriate means of correcting the deficiency and then follow up on this until such time as the person is able to meet the required standard. It is worth noting that much of the preparation for ordination is non-academic in nature and is therefore beyond the scope of the Examining Chaplains.

The disclosure of individual exam results in this setting would be inappropriate. The members of the diocese may rest assured that all persons being ordained in the Diocese of South Dakota meet the standards set by the canons prior to ordination.

Areas of academic study and standards of examination as set by the canons

For those being ordained as a deacon under Canon III.6:

Canon III.6.5(f) Before ordination each Candidate shall be prepared in and demonstrate basic competence in five general areas:

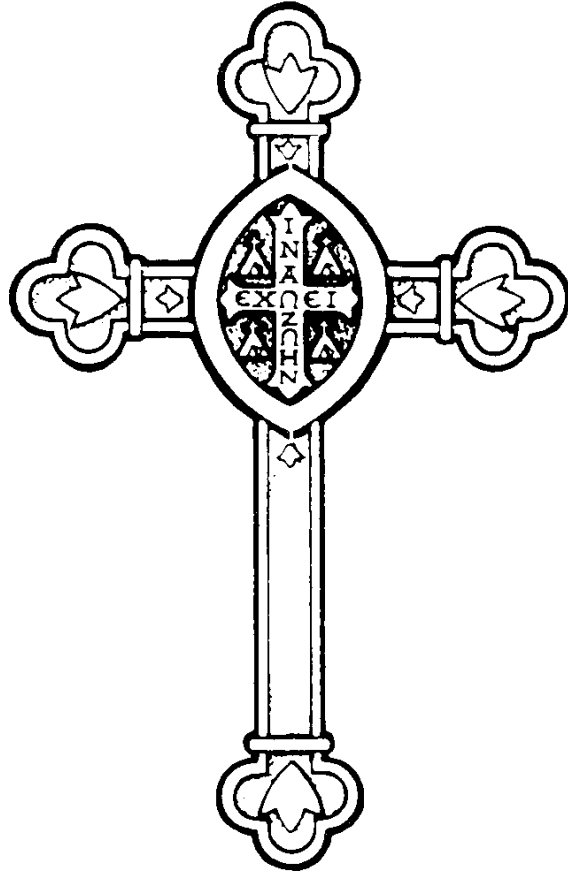
- (1) Academic studies including, The Holy Scriptures, theology, and the tradition of the Church.
- (2) Diakonia and the diaconate.
- (3) Human awareness and understanding.
- (4) Spiritual development and discipline.
- (5) Practical training and experience.

For those being ordained as a priest under Canon III.8 the Commission on Ministry must certify that the person has demonstrated proficiency in the areas of academic study set forth in Canon III.8.5(g). The Commission on Ministry relies on the report of the Examining Chaplains in making this determination. The seven areas of study set forth in Canon III.8.5(g) are:

- (1) The Holy Scriptures.
- (2) Church History, including the Ecumenical Movement.
- (3) Christian Theology, including Missionary Theology and Missiology.
- (4) Christian Ethics and Moral Theology.
- (5) Studies in contemporary society, including the historical and contemporary experience of racial and minority groups, and cross-cultural ministry skills. Cross-cultural ministry skills may include the ability to communicate in a contemporary language other than one's first language.
- (6) Liturgics and Church Music; Christian Worship and Music according to the contents and use of the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal, and authorized supplemental texts.
- (7) Theory and practice of ministry, including leadership, and the ministries of evangelism and stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Chair



FINANCIAL REPORTS

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2015 Revenue and Expenditure Statement			12/31/2015	2015
			ACTUAL	BUDGET
Page 1	12/31/2015	2015		
	ACTUAL	PROGRAM		
		BUDGET		
			Page 2	
			Youth and Young Adult Ministry:	
			Rosebud Young Adult Community	28,665 30,000
			Taize	0 30,000
			Thunderhead Episcopal Camp	74,486 82,250
			Youth Ministry	650 3,000
EXPENDITURES				
			Ministry Support:	
MISSION CLERGY AND SUPPORT:			Ministry Support-Sudanese Program	7,171 5,000
			Ministry Support Other	2,498 5,000
			Education:	
Salary and Housing	377,713	470,578	Theological Education/Board of Chaplains	0 500
Medical Insurance	115,623	171,060	Continuing Education	1,025 2,000
Less Employee Share	(16,707)	(25,197)	Education for Ministry	3,056 3,500
Travel	90,085	96,250	Seminarian Assistance	3,750 3,000
Housing & Utilities	71,942	72,350	Seminarian Expenses	154 2,000
Pension	86,198	118,022	Education Other	20 1,250
Moving and Interview	10,233	12,000	St. Mary's School/Leadership Development	25,292 25,000
Payroll Taxes	566	1,568		
TOTAL MISSION CLERGY AND SUPPORT	735,653	916,631	Community Engagement:	
			Jubilee/Anti-Racism	0 1,000
THE LARGER CHURCH SUPPORT:			Stewardship:	
Episcopal Church Center Support	78,670	78,670	Stewardship	500 5,000
General Convention Deputies	5,513	7,350	Total Partners in Ministry	174,993 232,900
Provincial Support	1,000	1,000	Miscellaneous Program:	
Provincial Synod Deputies	467	750	Remington Retreat Center	4,464 4,500
Lambeth Conference Reserve	0	0	Other Conferences	915 750
TOTAL LARGER CHURCH SUPPORT	85,650	87,770	Diocesan Companion Relationships	0 600
			Outreach	4,627 5,000
DIOCESAN PROGRAM SUPPORT			Total Miscellaneous Program Support	10,006 10,850
Commissions and Committees:			TOTAL DIOCESAN PROGRAM SUPPORT	193,574 255,350
Aging	0	250	EPISCOPATE SALARY AND HOUSING	
Commission on Ministry	897	2,500	Salary	50,362 50,362
Episcopal Women's Council	2,000	2,000	Housing/Utilities	19,628 19,628
Liturgy and Music	0	500	Bishop's Residence Support to Chapter	0 0
Niobrara Council	3,600	3,600	Total Episcopate Salary and Housing	69,990 69,990
Standing Committee	578	1,250	EPISCOPATE BENEFITS	
Total Commissions and Committees	7,075	10,100	Medical Insurance	15,504 15,504
Ecumenical Relations:			Less Employee Share	(2,326) (2,326)
Association of Christian Churches	500	500	Pension	12,598 12,598
Flandreau Chaplaincy Program	1,000	1,000	TOTAL EPISCOPATE BENEFITS	25,776 25,776
Total Ecumenical Affiliations	1,500	1,500	TOTAL EPISCOPATE	95,766 95,766
Communications:			CANON TO THE ORDINARY, ADMINISTRATOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	140,953 139,236
Communications/Website	748	900	Payroll Taxes	6,821 6,826
South Dakota Churchnews	4,694	6,500	Pension	23,830 25,063
Ministry Development:			Medical Insurance	29,154 25,880
Clergy Conferences	9,918	9,000	Less Employee Share	(1,783) (1,163)
Niobrara School for Ministry	10,407	8,000	Total Canon, Admin. & Admin. Asst. Benefits and Expenditures	58,022 56,606
Ministry Development	1,959	10,000		

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Page 3	ACTUAL	BUDGET
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES		
Hospitality	2,604	3,000
Audit & Professional Fees	6,483	6,500
Travel	35,182	38,000
Convention	9,261	10,000
Telephone	9,381	9,000
Office Space	6,916	4,800
Supplies	7,889	9,500
Postage	3,453	4,000
Equipment Maintenance	943	1,250
Equipment	170	1,000
Archives	750	750
Dues & Subscriptions	721	1,500
Production & Printing	848	1,000
Insurance	8,441	11,000
Diocesan Council	1,165	2,750
Diocesan Office Move	27,409	0
New Bishop Election Fund Escrow	5,000	5,000
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	126,616	109,050
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,436,234	1,660,409
REVENUE		
CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT:		
Parish and Missions	310,387	311,147
Late Payments	509	509
Total Congregational Support	310,896	311,656
CHAPTER ENDOWMENT SUPPORT	174,500	283,966
GEN. CONVENTION BLOCK GRANT	700,000	700,000
YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:		
Rosebud Young Adult Community	20,313	30,000
Taize	126	30,000
Thunderhead Episcopal Camp	58,690	45,000
Youth Ministry	0	1,000
Total Youth and Young Adult Ministry	79,129	106,000
EDUCATION:		
Niobrara School for Ministry Registrations	9,935	6,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE:		
Gifts	24,067	20,000
Remington Retreat Center	3,305	4,000
Convention Fees & Registrations	11,394	11,000
South Dakota Churchnews	5,807	6,000
Clergy Conference/Retreat Registrations	1,725	3,000
Undesignated Income	35,645	30,000
Designated Income	79,924	178,777
Other Interest	9	10
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	161,876	252,787
TOTAL REVENUE	1,436,336	1,660,409
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	102	0

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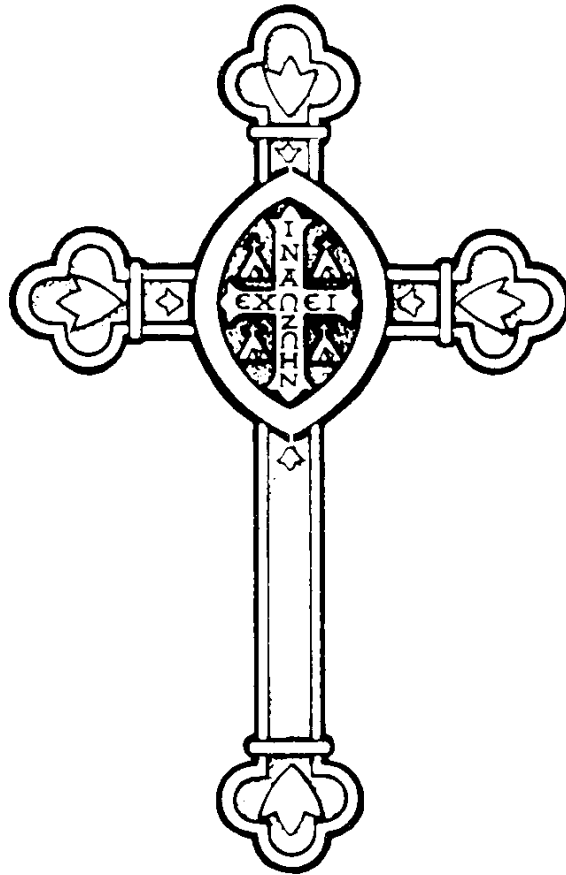
2015 PLEDGE TO THE DIOCESE						
December 31, 2015						
	Pledge	Paid To Date	Balance	Churchnews	Paid To Date	Balance
PARISHES:						
Aberdeen - St. Mark's	12,642.00	12,642.00	0.00	30.00	30.00	0.00
Belle Fourche - St. James'	3,456.00	3,456.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
Brookings - St. Paul's	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	215.00	215.00	0.00
Deadwood - St. John's	5,528.00	5,528.00	0.00	95.00	95.00	0.00
Huron - Grace	15,500.00	15,500.00	0.00	185.00	185.00	0.00
Lead - Christ Church	6,616.00	6,616.00	0.00	105.00	105.00	0.00
Mitchell - St. Mary's	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	70.00	70.00	0.00
Mobridge - St. James'	1,927.00	1,927.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	30.00
Pierre - Trinity	9,000.00	9,000.00	-	110.00	110.00	0.00
Rapid City - Emmanuel	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	325.00	325.00	0.00
Rapid City - St. Andrew's	25,128.00	25,128.00	0.00	180.00	180.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Calvary	63,982.00	58,650.13	5,331.87	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00	20.00	20.00	0.00
Spearfish - All Angels	22,112.00	22,112.00	0.00	305.00	305.00	0.00
Sturgis - St. Thomas'	4,098.00	4,098.00	0.00	105.00	105.00	0.00
Watertown - Trinity	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	90.00	0.00
Winner - Trinity	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	95.00	95.00	0.00
Yankton - Christ Church	21,974.00	21,974.00	0.00	320.00	320.08	(0.08)
TOTAL PARISHES	267,263.00	261,931.13	5,331.87	3,380.00	3,350.08	29.92
Chamberlain - Christ Church	3,200.00	3,200.00	0.00	105.00	105.00	0.00
Cheyenne River Mission	1,240.00	1,240.00	0.00	290.00	290.00	0.00
Crow Creek Mission	1,845.00	1,845.00	0.00	210.00	210.00	0.00
Flandreau - St. Mary's	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	70.00	71.00	(1.00)
Gregory - Incarnation	300.00	300.00	0.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
Herrick - All Saints	320.00	320.00	0.00	55.00	55.00	0.00
Hot Springs - St. Luke's	4,016.00	4,016.00	0.00	145.00	145.00	0.00
Lower Brule Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	40.00
Madison - Grace	2,150.00	2,150.00	0.00	30.00	30.00	0.00
Martin - St. Katharine's	4,213.00	4,213.00	0.00	205.00	205.00	0.00
Milbank - Christ Church	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00	105.00	105.00	0.00
Pine Ridge Mission	2,529.00	2,047.75	481.25	320.00	286.00	34.00
Rapid City - St. Matthew's	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00	95.00	110.00	(15.00)
Rosebud Mission	6,107.00	5,957.00	150.00	120.00	0.00	120.00
Santee Mission	2,346.00	2,346.00	0.00	140.00	140.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
Sisseton - Gethsemane	500.00	506.25	(6.25)	60.00	0.00	60.00
Sisseton Mission	3,614.00	3,114.00	500.00	60.00	40.00	20.00
Standing Rock Mission	412.00	312.00	100.00	150.00	90.00	60.00
Vermillion - St. Paul's	7,220.00	7,220.00	0.00	140.00	140.00	0.00
Webster - St. Mary's	1,321.00	1,321.00	0.00	40.00	40.00	0.00
Yankton Mission	448.00	448.00	0.00	175.00	175.00	0.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	49,681.00	48,456.00	1,225.00	2,775.00	2,457.00	318.00
TOTAL PARISH AND MISSIONS	316,988.00	310,387.13	6,600.87	6,155.00	5,807.08	347.92

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SOURCE AND PURPOSE

	12/31/2014 Balance	2015 Receipts	2015 Disbursement	12/31/2015 Balance
UTO - Dakota Territory Human Trafficing	0.00	54,800.00	30,981.71	23,818.29
D & FMS - CRM - St. Philips	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
D & FMS - CRM Youth Project	4,626.51	0.00	0.00	4,626.51
D & FMS - CRM - Environmental	0.00	5,690.00	0.00	5,690.00
D & FMS - Sudanese Congregation	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
D & FMS - GLORY Program	6,204.72	5,000.74	6,205.46	5,000.00
D & FMS - Mending Broken Hearts	7,000.00	0.00	3,018.92	3,981.08
D & FMS - Storm Relief	1,895.66	0.00	1,895.66	0.00
TOTALS	20,726.89	75,490.74	52,101.75	44,115.88



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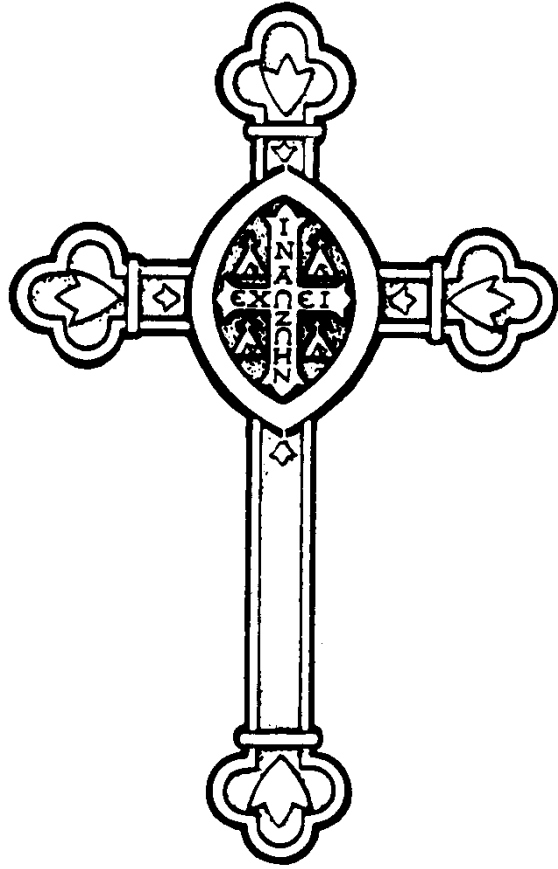
Name	City	Established	Plate/Pledge Income	Operating Revenues	Total Revenues	To the Diocese	Outreach	Operating Expenses	Total Expenses
St John's	Browns Valley								
Our Most Merciful Savior	Niobrara	1866							
Blessed Redeemer	Niobrara	1866							
St Mark's	Aberdeen	1883	\$60,543.00	\$89,218.00	\$90,023.00	\$12,000.00	\$432.00	\$114,409.00	\$114,841.00
St Michael's	Batesland		\$1,035.00	\$1,035.00	\$1,035.00	\$208.00	\$0.00	\$1,782.00	\$1,782.00
St James	Belle Fourche	1901	\$21,071.00	\$22,889.00	\$28,764.00	\$3,456.00	\$5,400.00	\$21,300.00	\$26,300.00
St Paul's	Brookings	1893	\$75,818.00	\$80,095.00	\$145,252.00	\$12,000.00	\$9,480.00	\$80,095.00	\$93,277.00
St John's	Bullhead								
Advent	Calico								
Christ Church	Chamberlain	1883	\$8,921.00	\$24,606.00	\$24,606.00	\$4,307.00	\$32,437.00	\$10,397.00	\$41,468.00
St Thomas	Corn Creek	1892							
St Stephen's	De Smet	1901							
St John's	Deadwood	1876	\$38,267.00	\$38,267.00	\$39,973.00	\$5,523.00	\$0.00	\$77,715.00	\$77,715.00
Cheyenne River Mission			\$3,125.00	\$3,125.00	\$3,125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Holy Spirit	Firesteel			\$2,140.00	\$2,140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St Mary's & OBR	Flandreau	1870	\$3,176.00	\$10,785.00	\$10,785.00	\$600.00	\$6,997.00	\$5,048.00	\$12,025.00
Holy Name	Fort George	2010	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
St Peter's	Fort Pierre	1895	\$6,286.00	\$14,185.00	\$14,185.00	\$2,152.00	\$78.00	\$11,858.00	\$11,858.00
Christ Church	Ft Thompson	1895	\$7,269.00	\$8,349.00	\$183,459.00	\$1,080.00	\$6,480.00	\$6,193.00	\$12,873.00
Incarnation	Gregory								
All Saints	Herrick								
St Luke's	Hot Springs	1892							
Grace	Huron								

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Holy Spirit	Ideal	1929	\$593.00	\$593.00	\$593.00	\$342.00	\$0.00	\$1,210.00	\$1,210.00
Mediator	Kyle		\$2,197.00	\$2,197.00	\$2,197.00	\$460.00	\$2,449.00	\$0.00	\$2,449.00
St Phillip	Lake Andes		\$487.00	\$787.00	\$787.00	\$88.00	\$0.00	\$460.00	\$460.00
St James	Landry		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Church	Lead	1886	\$24,014.00	\$27,664.00	\$24,664.00	\$6,616.00	\$0.00	\$37,396.00	\$37,396.00
St Paul's	Little Eagle		\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Good Shepherd	Little Oak Creek								
Holy Comforter	Lower Brule	1897	\$2,720.00	\$2,720.00	\$2,720.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,913.00	\$4,913.00
Messiah	Lower Brule		\$2,360.00	\$2,480.00	\$2,480.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,870.00	\$1,870.00
Grace	Madison	1885	\$14,590.00	\$1,558.00	\$1,558.00	\$2,150.00	\$0.00	\$1,287.00	\$13,577.00
St Katharine's	Martin	1916	\$11,939.00	\$21,161.00	\$21,608.00	\$5,986.00	\$1,262.00	\$18,056.00	\$19,237.00
St Peter's	McLaughlin	1971	\$2,369.00	\$2,369.00	\$2,369.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Christ Church	Milbank	1883	\$27,000.00	\$28,100.00	\$28,100.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,151.00	\$25,354.00	\$28,100.00
Trinity	Mission	1899	\$3,618.00	\$11,800.00	\$11,800.00	\$1,375.00	\$3,400.00	\$9,952.00	\$13,352.00
St Mary's	Mitchell	1875	\$60,178.00	\$69,026.00	\$71,273.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,397.00	\$51,736.00	\$54,912.00
St James	Mobridge		\$10,715.00	\$13,043.00	\$12,043.00	\$1,964.00	\$0.00	\$10,948.00	\$10,948.00
St Paul's	Norris	1933	\$1,159.00	\$1,159.00	\$1,159.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$1,854.00	\$1,854.00
Calvary	Okreek	1910							
Holy Innocents	Parmelee	1893	\$1,778.00	\$1,938.00	\$1,938.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,183.00	\$1,183.00
St Mary's	Peever		\$3,770.00	\$15,948.00	\$17,948.00	\$3,692.00	\$5,471.00	\$9,552.00	\$9,552.00
Trinity	Pierre	1884	\$93,205.00	\$103,903.00	\$112,266.00	\$9,000.00	\$6,730.00	\$103,312.00	\$111,006.00
Holy Cross	Pine Ridge		\$1,362.00	\$5,222.00	\$5,222.00	\$257.00	\$0.00	\$4,574.00	\$4,574.00
St Julia's	Porcupine		\$393.00	\$893.00	\$893.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$876.00	\$876.00

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St John	Pukwana		\$1,320.00	\$1,320.00	\$1,320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,004.00	\$1,104.00
Emmanuel	Rapid City	1887	\$346,551.00	\$353,369.00	\$459,369.00	\$45,000.00	\$57,311.00	\$351,979.00	\$445,268.00
St Andrew's	Rapid City	1957	\$143,252.00	\$180,009.00	\$186,192.00	\$25,128.00	\$8,044.00	\$157,632.00	\$165,916.00
St Matthew's	Rapid City	1952	\$12,140.00	\$35,809.00	\$35,809.00	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$12,992.00	\$12,992.00
Christ Church	Red Shirt Table		\$1,844.00	\$1,844.00	\$18,960.00	\$1,389.00	\$100.00	\$5,351.00	\$5,351.00
St Alban's	Reliance		\$7,423.00	\$7,423.00	\$7,423.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church of Jesus	Rosebud	1878	\$6,238.00	\$6,937.00	\$7,687.00	\$1,320.00	\$1,763.00	\$7,278.00	\$8,241.00
Calvary Cathedral	Sioux Falls	1872	\$289,799.00	\$403,509.00	\$507,258.00	\$63,982.00	\$71,710.00	\$411,255.00	\$497,247.00
Good Shepherd	Sioux Falls	1956	\$126,714.00	\$152,482.00	\$265,003.00	\$14,000.00	\$17,116.00	\$153,302.00	\$170,418.00
Holy Apostles	Sioux Falls	1910	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gethsemane	Sisseton	1900	\$696.00	\$1,530.00	\$1,530.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,350.00
Grace	Soldier Creek	1915	\$537.00	\$587.00	\$587.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$683.00	\$683.00
All Angels	Spearsfish	1895	\$108,360.00	\$138,996.00	\$163,996.00	\$22,412.00	\$13,672.00	\$150,324.00	\$163,996.00
St Thomas	Sturgis	1887	\$26,483.00	\$26,483.00	\$29,073.00	\$4,098.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,098.00	\$5,098.00
St Paul's	Vermillion	1867	\$46,380.00	\$52,381.00	\$57,628.00	\$7,220.00	\$0.00	\$47,170.00	\$47,417.00
Woniya Wakan	Wagner		\$3,091.00	\$3,091.00	\$3,091.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$4,071.00	\$4,071.00
St Elizabeth's	Wakpala	1929	\$1,117.00	\$8,055.00	\$8,055.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gethsemane	Wamblee		\$696.00	\$1,530.00	\$1,530.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,350.00
Trinity	Watertown	1882	\$20,251.00	\$21,169.00	\$255,470.00	\$0.00	\$7,972.00	\$19,297.00	\$27,429.00
St James	Waubay		\$4,301.00	\$8,975.00	\$9,975.00	\$2,000.00	\$100.00	\$8,706.00	\$8,706.00
St Mary's	Webster	1900	\$9,989.00	\$10,991.00	\$11,269.00	\$1,321.00	\$900.00	\$10,500.00	\$10,778.00
Sts Philip and James	White River		\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Trinity	Winner	1949	\$2,863.00	\$25,045.00	\$25,045.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$19,631.00	\$19,631.00
Christ Church	Yankton	1861	\$98,716.00	\$128,097.00	\$147,927.00	\$21,974.00	\$7,546.00	\$127,773.00	\$130,457.00



**THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS
OF THE
DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
WITH THE RULES OF ORDER**

PREAMBLE

WE, THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
AS CHRISTIANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC,
AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH, WISHING TO PROPAGATE THE FAITH
AND DESIRING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORSHIP OF GOD
AND THE CORPORATE LIFE OF OUR BRANCH OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION,
DO HEREBY ESTABLISH AND ORDAIN THIS CONSTITUTION AND THESE CANONS
AS AND FOR THOSE OF THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

September, 2015

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CONSTITUTION OF THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

ARTICLE I
TITLE AND BOUNDS OF THE DIOCESE

This Diocese shall be known as The Diocese of South Dakota and shall comprise all of the State of South Dakota and the Santee Mission in the State of Nebraska.

ARTICLE II
ACCEDING TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

The Church in this Diocese hereby accedes to the constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and acknowledges its authority as duly represented in the General Convention.

ARTICLE III
DIOCESAN CONVENTIONS

Section 1. Annual

There shall be an Annual Convention of the Diocese at such time and place as may be designated by the preceding Annual Convention. If no designation shall have been made, then the Ecclesiastical Authority, in consultation with the Diocesan Council, shall designate the time and place of such Convention.

Section 2. Change of Time and Place

The Ecclesiastical Authority with the consent of the Diocesan Council, shall have power to change either the time or the place of the Annual Convention, or both, provided that notice is given to the delegates at least thirty days before said Convention.

Section 3. Special

A Special Convention may be called by the Ecclesiastical Authority with the consent of the Diocesan Council. Notice shall be given to the delegates at least thirty days before the said Convention. In the event that said Special Convention is held within the first seventy-five days of the calendar year and the names and addresses of the lay delegates are not yet known it shall be sufficient notice if the notice is mailed to those individuals in charge of congregations where the names and addresses are not yet known, with direction to distribute the notice to the lay delegates. However no lay delegates may be certified as such unless the completed certification form shall have been filed with the diocesan office at least ten days prior to said convention or in the alternative filed with the Committee on Credentials at the time of the Convention.

Section 4. Quorum

A majority of lay delegates who are certified as provided by Canon and a majority of the Clergy entitled to vote as defined by Canon, when duly assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP IN CONVENTION

Section 1. Clerical Delegates

The Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, Suffragan Bishops, Assistant Bishops, Presbyters and Deacons, canonically and physically resident in the diocese shall have seat and vote.

Section 2. Lay Delegates

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The Convention, by Canon, shall provide the method of election, qualification and number of lay delegates. It may further provide, by Canon, for the suspension of lay delegates for good cause.

ARTICLE V
OFFICERS OF CONVENTION

Section 1. President

The Bishop shall be the President of the Convention and may either preside at the meetings or designate a delegate to preside at any part thereof. If there be no Diocesan or Coadjutor present, then the Standing Committee, with the consent of the Diocesan Council, shall appoint a President of the convention.

Section 2. Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar

At an Annual Convention, a Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar shall be elected. The term of office and duties of these officers shall be set by Canon.

Section 3. Chancellor

At an Annual Convention the Bishop shall nominate for confirmation by the Convention as Chancellor, a lay communicant in good standing who is learned in both ecclesiastical and secular law and whose duties shall be set by Canon.

Section 4. Other Officers

The Convention by Canon or Resolution may provide for such other officers, deputies and assistants as it may from time to time determine necessary for the administration of the Diocese.

ARTICLE VI
ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITY

Section 1. Vested in the Bishop

Ecclesiastical Authority of the diocese is vested in the Bishop in accordance with the General Convention Constitution and Canons. When the Diocese is without a Bishop or the Bishop is unable to act as such, or without a Bishop Coadjutor, then the Standing Committee of the diocese shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority as provided by the General Convention Constitution and Canons.

Section 2. Powers of Bishop

As Ordinary, the Bishop shall have original jurisdiction in all ecclesiastical causes, except such as are reserved to other authority.

The Bishop is vested with specific authority to determine all controversies between clergy, clergy and their congregations, and persons adversely claiming to be a Warden or Vestryperson of a Parish and shall have total authority on all matters concerning Organized Missions, Aided Parishes, and Stations.

The Bishop is vested with appellate jurisdiction over the proceedings of all religious and benevolent organizations of the Church within the diocese and all such other authority as is granted by the General Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons.

ARTICLE VII
STANDING COMMITTEE

Section 1. Membership

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The Standing Committee shall consist of eight members made up of four confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing and four canonically resident members of the clergy, of which no more than two shall be deacons.

Section 2. Tenure

Election shall be made by the diocesan Convention for a term of four years. Members shall be entitled to election for two terms. Thereafter no person shall be entitled to re-election until one year has elapsed after the expiration of the second term.

Section 3. Officers

The Standing Committee shall select from its membership a President and Secretary within ninety days after the annual Convention.

Section 4. Meetings

Meetings may be had upon the call of the president, the Bishop or two members. A quorum shall consist of a majority of qualified members, or as otherwise prescribed by the General Convention Constitution and Canons.

Section 5. Vacancies

Vacancies occurring in the membership shall be filled by the Diocesan Council between meetings of the Annual Convention. At the succeeding Annual Convention such vacancy shall be filled by election for the unexpired term. Service in the filling of an unexpired term shall not restrict such person from serving two regular terms.

Absence from two successive meetings of the Standing Committee shall be deemed to create a vacancy and shall be filled as herein provided.

Section 6. Duties

Duties of the Standing Committee shall be as prescribed by the General Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons.

ARTICLE VIII
ELECTION OF BISHOP

Section 1. Manner of Election

The election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, Suffragan Bishop or Assistant Bishop of this Diocese shall be made at an Annual Convention or by a Special Convention called for that purpose.

Section 2. Method of Voting

The selection shall be made by a concurrent vote of the clergy and laity, with the two orders voting separately by ballot. A concurrence of a majority of both orders is required for an election.

Section 3. Special Provisions

Prior to the balloting, the Convention, either Annual or Special, may by resolution provide for additional requirements not in conflict with the General Convention Constitution and Canons. The Convention may increase the percentage of each order required to elect a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, Suffragan Bishop or Assistant Bishop.

ARTICLE IX
ADMISSION OF PARISHES AND ORGANIZED MISSIONS

Section 1. Admission

Parishes and Organized Missions may be admitted, after organizing as provided by Canon, into union with the Convention.

Section 2. Procedure

The Convention, by Canon, shall establish the procedure by which Parishes and Organized Missions shall submit their request for admission and the requisites to be met before the consideration of the application for admission.

Section 3. Change in Status and Penalties

The Convention may set conditions and procedures for a change in designation for failure by a congregation to comply with the constitution and Canons of this Diocese and may prescribe, by Canon, such other penalty as it deems necessary for the enforcement of the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese.

ARTICLE X
FINANCES

Section 1. Raising of Money

The Convention shall have power to raise money as prescribed by Canon or Resolution of the Convention.

Section 2. Penalties

The Convention by Canon, may provide penalties for neglecting to pay moneys promised or prescribed by Canon.

ARTICLE XI
DIOCESAN CANONS

The Convention may, from time to time, enact Canons which shall stand as law of the Diocese provided that they are not in conflict with this Constitution and the General Convention Constitution and Canons.

ARTICLE XII
THE CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL

Section 1. Purpose

The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral, a South Dakota Corporation, is hereby designated as the holding corporation for the property of the Diocese. It shall have such powers as are granted by law and Diocesan Canons which are not in conflict with the General Convention Constitution and Canons.

Section 2. Governance

The Convention by Canon shall establish the governing body of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XIII through XIX
[Reserved for future Articles]

ARTICLE XX
AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS

Amendments and alterations to this Constitution, except as hereinafter provided, must be approved by two successive meetings of the Annual Diocesan Convention by a majority vote of each order present. Notice of the same shall be given by mailing a copy of the proposed amendments or alterations to the delegates, if known, at least 15 days prior to the opening date of the Convention to which the amendment is presented for its first consideration. Such notice shall be considered sufficient when a copy for each delegate is mailed to the person in charge of the congregation or organization entitled to representation at the Diocesan Convention, who must distribute the same.

All amendments and alterations must be considered by the Committee on Canons of the Convention to determine whether such are consistent with the General Convention Constitution and Canons and report to the Convention accordingly.

CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

CANON I DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION AND PROVINCIAL SYNOD

Section 1. Deputies to General Convention

At the Annual Convention in the calendar year preceding the General Convention by at least twelve months there shall be elected as many clerical and lay deputies as is prescribed by the General Convention Constitution and Canons. Such Convention shall also elect a like number of clerical and lay alternates.

Section 2. Deputies to Provincial Synod

The three elected clerical and three elected lay deputies to General Convention who received the most votes shall also serve as deputies to Provincial Synod for the same term and the fourth deputy to General Convention in each order and the alternates to General Convention shall serve as alternates to Provincial Synod.

Section 3. Resignation or Disability of a Deputy

In the event of a resignation or disability of a deputy the Bishop shall designate the successor from the alternate deputies either clerical or lay, depending where the vacancy occurred, in the order of their election. In the event that there not be sufficient alternates to fill a vacancy in the office of deputy, then, if the vacancy occurs in the clerical order the remainder of the clerical deputies shall select a qualified person in that order to so serve. In the event that the vacancy occurs in the lay order then the remainder of the lay deputies shall select a qualified person in that order to so serve. During the course of a General Convention the chairperson of the deputation is authorized to certify the transfer of credentials of a deputy to an alternate as the same may be authorized by General Convention Canons and Rules of Order of the House of Deputies.

Section 4. Term of Office

All clerical and lay deputies and their alternates to General Convention shall assume their office at the time of the commencement of the General convention to which they were elected and continue in office until the commencement of the next General Convention.

Section 5. Duties of General Convention Deputies

- 1) It shall be the duty of each seated Deputy to General Convention from the Diocese, to communicate the actions and the positions established by the General Convention and to see that the appropriate bodies, commissions, committees and officers carry out those actions and positions directed by General Convention. All bodies, commissions, committees and officers shall report their actions in such manner as requested by the Deputation so that the Deputation can determine if the actions and positions established by the General Convention are being enabled.
- 2) The Diocese shall provide a forum at the Annual Convention, Region Deanery Assemblies and in such other places and manner as the Deputies shall determine necessary to carry out their duties.
- 3) The General Convention Deputies shall from time to time develop procedures and guidelines, in writing, which will better enable them to carry out their responsibilities under General Convention and Diocesan Canons and Resolutions.

CANON 2
THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Section 1. Membership

1) Clerical:

Within one week prior to the convening of any Convention the Bishop shall prepare a list of all clergy canonically and physically resident in the Diocese. Such list shall be presumptive evidence of those whose names appear thereon to membership in the Convention. The Convention may correct and revise the list at any time.

All resigned Bishops of this Diocese who continue to reside in this Diocese shall have the right to vote in all Diocesan Conventions.

2) Lay:

i) Parishes, Organized Missions, Parochial Missions and Mission Stations shall be entitled to representation by lay delegates at the rate of one lay delegate for each twenty-five, or fraction thereof, attendees as shown in the average attendance figure for the First Sunday in Lent; Easter Day; Pentecost Sunday; First Sunday in Advent or such other Sundays that would be used by the clergy in charge

ii) Parishes, Organized Missions, Parochial Missions and mission Stations shall be entitled to representation by lay delegates at the rate of one lay delegate for each 25 attendees, or fraction thereof, based on the average Sunday attendance for the year.

iii) In any case, using either Canon 2-1-2-I or 2-1-2-ii as a method of determining membership, the greater number of membership count will constitute the basis for lay delegate representation, though each congregation (regardless of size) shall be entitled to send up to two delegates.

3) Other:

Lay members, including ex-officio, of the Diocesan Council and Standing Committee; active Church Army Officers and principals of active Church Schools operating under diocesan authority after being so designated as such by the diocesan Council; the President and Second Vice-President, who is the Niobrara Episcopal Church Women President, of the South Dakota Episcopal Women's Council or, if unable to so serve, then such persons as may be appointed by the governing board of the South Dakota Episcopal Women's Council; two youth selected at the annual youth convention and one youth elected by each Region Deanery and the Niobrara Deanery all of whom shall be of the age of 14 years or more and who are baptized members of this Church in good standing; and the Niobrara Convocation Officers as set out in Canon 12-2-5.

Section 2. Selection of Lay Delegates

1) Lay delegates and alternates must be elected at a meeting of the congregation of each parish, organized mission, and parochial mission.

2) In the event that there are not sufficient alternate delegates then the Vestry or Bishop's Committee shall appoint such alternate delegates.

3) Certification of lay delegates and alternates must be mailed to the Diocesan Office not less than thirty days prior to the Convention by the priest in charge or in his absence by a warden. In the event that an Annual or Special Convention shall be held within the first seventy-five days of the calendar year such completed certification form shall have been filed with the Diocesan Office at least ten days prior to said convention or in the alternative filed with the Convention Committee on Credentials at the time of the said Convention before any lay delegate can be certified to participate in the said Convention.

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- 4) Emergency appointment of lay delegates may be made in the event there are insufficient delegates or alternates, by the remaining delegates, clerical or lay, of the congregation involved.
- 5) Certification of the election or appointment of lay delegates shall be in the form prescribed by the Diocesan Council.
- 6) All lay delegates must be confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing, unless otherwise specifically provided in this Canon.
- 7) In the event that the certification of lay delegates and alternates is not mailed or filed as required by Canon 2-2-3, the lay delegates from that congregation will not be admitted to the convention floor as such, until approved by majority vote in each order of all remaining certified and registered delegates present and voting.
- 8) In the event that any congregation has failed to file a current parochial report as required by General Convention canons, the lay delegates from that congregation will not be admitted to the convention floor as such until approved by a three-fourths majority vote in each order of all remaining certified and registered delegates present and voting.

Section 3. Voting

1) Denial of Right to Vote:

Failure of any Parish, Organized Mission, Parochial Mission or Mission Station to pay its pledge or assessment for the previous year, may result in the denial of the right to vote to delegates from such Parish, Organized Mission, Parochial Mission, or Mission Station. Such matter may be brought before the convention by the Diocesan Council in the form of a resolution which may be voted upon by all delegates including those from the affected Parish, Organized Mission, Parochial Mission or Mission Station.

2) Vote by Orders:

Upon the request of at least two members of the lay order from two or more congregations and at least two members of the clerical order, any question before the convention shall be submitted for a vote by orders which shall then require a majority of each order present and voting for approval.

Section 4. Rules of Order

Rules of Order shall be adopted by the Convention for its governance. They shall be proposed by the Chancellor for both annual and special conventions as the circumstances require and prior to adoption may be amended by the convention adopting. Any subsequent convention may amend the Rules of Order.

Section 5. Decorum of Delegates

The Rules of Order adopted by the convention may set forth rules of decorum for the conduct of delegates.

Section 6. Expenses of Delegates

Each parish, organized mission, parochial mission, mission station, and body which is authorized under this canon to send delegates to any diocesan convention is directed to pay the expenses of those delegates attending. The Diocesan Council shall establish guidelines to be followed in the making of such payments together with the minimum amount of expense reimbursement allowable.

Section 7. Assistance to Pay Registration Fees

The Diocesan Council is directed to establish a restricted fund from which it may authorize payments to assist those parishes and organized missions to meet the minimum delegate expenses reimbursement

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required under Section 6 of this Canon. The Council shall utilize as a source of income for this restricted fund, any surplus left in all annual and special convention accounts together with any other funds available to it for such purpose.

Section 8. Setting Amount of Registration Fee

The Diocesan Council shall set the registration fee for all conventions in such amount as is necessary to meet the costs and needs of conducting that convention.

CANON 3
THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Section 1. Membership

- 1) The Diocesan Council shall consist of the Bishop, one person, either lay or cleric, elected from each Region Deanery, the Diocesan Convention, the Niobrara Convocation, the Chancellor and the Treasurer.
- 2) The following shall be designated as ex-officio members with seat and voice, but not vote: other Bishops of the Diocese, Archdeacon of the Diocese, Canon to the Ordinary and Administrator.
- 3) All voting members must be confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing, eighteen years of age or over.
- 4) No voting member of the Diocesan Council shall be a member of any other committee, board, commission and the like, which receive funding either directly or indirectly from the diocesan budget or are responsible directly or indirectly to the diocesan Council, with the exception of convention committees established by the Diocesan Convention Rules of Order or as shall be otherwise provided by General Convention or Diocesan Constitutions and Canons.

Section 2. Duties

The Diocesan Council shall implement actions assigned to it by the Diocesan Convention; review diocesan, regional and local programs and goals; administer legal functions of the Diocese; control the property of the Diocese when acting as the Board of Directors of The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral; determine budget policies of the Diocese; recommend programs to the Diocesan Convention; determine priorities and conceive, implement, fund and execute programs for the Diocese; and perform all such other programs and matters as in the judgment of the diocesan Council would be of benefit to the Diocese which would not be in conflict with the General Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons.

Section 3. Term of Office for Elected Members

- 1) The term of office shall be for a period of four years. They shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed.
- 2) Members shall be eligible for election to two consecutive terms. Appointment to fill an unexpired term shall not restrict election for two consecutive terms.
- 3) Newly elected members of the Diocesan Council shall take office at the first regular meeting of the Council held after the annual Convention, the date of which shall be set by the by-laws of the Diocesan Council.

Section 4. Officers

The officers of The Diocese of South Dakota, a corporation, shall be the Bishop, Chancellor, Treasurer and Administrator who shall also serve as the officers of the Diocesan Council. The Bishop shall be the

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presiding officer. In his absence the Chancellor shall preside. The officers shall be responsible to conduct the affairs of the Corporation and the Council in accordance with the directives of the Diocesan Council.

Section 5. Committees

The Diocesan Council is empowered to establish such committees and commissions as it deems necessary to carry out the work of the Diocese. The duties, responsibilities and powers of such committees and commissions shall be as set forth in the by-laws or a statement adopted by the Council. No such committee or commission shall be funded unless the said by-laws or statement have been adopted by the Council.

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

Section 6. Vacancies

1) Vacancies occurring in the membership shall be filled within forty-five days. Such appointment shall be done by the Region Deanery Council for the Region Deanery until the next meeting of the Region Deanery Assembly, by the Standing Committee for the Diocesan Convention until the next meeting of the Diocesan Convention, or by the Niobrara Council for the Niobrara Convocation until the next meeting of the Niobrara Convocation. An election shall then be held in the Assembly, Convention, or Convocation where the vacancy has occurred for the balance of the unexpired term. If appropriate body shall not fill a vacancy within six months after the occurrence of the vacancy then the Standing Committee shall appoint a person from the area concerned to serve the balance of the term.

2) A vacancy shall be created if the representative moves out of the Region Deanery or Diocese.

3) Absence from two successive meetings, either regular or special, of the Council shall be deemed a vacancy and that vacancy shall be filled as provided herein. Absence from three successive meetings of a committee of the council to which the member has been assigned shall be likewise deemed a vacancy on the Diocesan Council which shall be filled as herein provided. The Diocesan Council shall provide in its by-laws how much of the meetings, either Council or committee, must be attended in order to qualify the Diocesan Council member as attending and permitting him to receive remuneration for expenses for that meeting.

Section 7. Annual Reports

The Diocesan Council shall submit to the Diocesan Convention annual reports on budget and finance, its activities for the past year and proposed programs and planning.

Section 8. Meetings

The Diocesan Council shall meet not less than three times annually. Special meetings may be called by the bishop, Vice-Chair or upon the request of three voting members upon twenty day written notice. A majority of voting members shall constitute a quorum.

All meetings of the diocesan Council shall be open to members of the Diocese. They may be given voice at the discretion of the Council.

Section 9. By Laws

The Diocesan Council shall adopt By-Laws for its own governance and in said By-Laws shall establish the powers, duties and responsibilities of all committees, commissions, boards and organizations acting within the diocese providing such is not in conflict with the General Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons.

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DIOCESAN OFFICERS

Section 1. Whom Constitutes

The Diocesan Officers shall be the bishops, Treasurer, Registrar, and Secretary.

Section 2. Terms of Elected Officers

At an Annual Convention the Registrar, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a three-year term. The Secretary elected may also, at the option of the Bishop, serve as Secretary of Annual and Special Conventions.

Section 3. Limitation on Membership

No clerical or lay person shall be a member of more than one of the following: Diocesan Council and Standing Committee.

CANON 5
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Registrar

The Registrar shall gather and preserve journals, pamphlets, reports and all other documents belonging to the Diocese and shall act as the diocesan historiographer.

Section 2. Secretary

The Secretary shall record and publish the proceedings of Diocesan Conventions, attend public acts of the Diocese, issue required notices, prepare the Diocesan Journal, preserve records, and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Bishop, Diocesan Convention and Council. The Secretary may appoint such assistants as necessary to carry out the prescribed duties.

Section 3. Treasurer

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

Section 4. Suffragan and Assistant Bishops

The Suffragan or Assistant Bishop, if any, shall act as assistant to the Bishop and shall have such duties and responsibilities as may be prescribed by the Bishop.

Section 5. Chancellor

The Chancellor shall be the legal authority of the Diocese. He shall be the advisor to the Bishop, Convention, Council and all other diocesan organizations and staff and shall have such other responsibilities as may be prescribed by the Bishop, Convention and Diocesan Council. Whenever any matter affecting ecclesiastical or secular is being considered the Chancellor must be advised and shall, if necessary, give opinions on the same.

CANON 8
CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE FUND BOARD

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Section 1. Membership

There shall be a Centennial Challenge Fund Board consisting of the Bishop, Archdeacon and four members appointed by the bishop, subject to confirmation by the Diocesan Council.

Section 2. Term

The term for appointed members shall be four years. The appointed members shall take office after confirmation by the diocesan Council.

Section 3. Vacancy

- 1) A vacancy occurring in the appointed membership shall be filled by the Bishop for the unexpired term, subject to confirmation by the Diocesan Council.
- 2) Absence from two successive meetings of the Board shall be deemed a vacancy and filled as herein provided.

Section 4. Duties

- 1) The Board shall have general supervisory power over the assets of the Centennial Challenge Fund; to make loans therefrom to qualified parishes, organized missions, institutions and other diocesan groups, boards, committees and commissions as may be appropriate.
- 2) The specific powers of and limitations upon the Board in the carrying out of its duties shall be set forth by the Diocesan council in its council by-laws.
- 3) The Board shall report to the Diocesan Council in such form and at such times as the Diocesan Council may direct.
- 4) The Chancellor shall be an ex-officio member of the Board and shall be its advisor on all legal matters coming before the Board.

CANON 9
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Section 1. Membership

There shall be an Investment Committee which shall consist of the Bishop, Administrator or Archdeacon of the Diocese, as the case may be, Treasurer and Chancellor. In addition there shall be four members appointed by the Bishop subject to confirmation by the Diocesan Council.

Section 2. Term

The term for appointed members shall be four years. The appointed members shall take office after confirmation by the Diocesan Council.

Section 3. Vacancy

- 1) A vacancy occurring in the appointed membership shall be filled by the Bishop for the unexpired term, subject to confirmation by the Diocesan Council.
- 2) Absence from two consecutive meetings of the Investment Committee shall be deemed a vacancy and filled as herein provided.

Section 4. Advisors

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The Bishop, with the concurrence of the diocesan Council, may appoint other persons as advisors to the Investment Committee who shall serve at the pleasure of the bishop.

Section 5. Duties

- 1) The Investment committee shall have general supervisory investment powers over the cash assets of the diocese, except for those which by canon are to be otherwise handled.
- 2) The specific powers of and limitations upon the investment Committee in the carrying out of its duties shall be set forth by the Diocesan Council in the council by-laws.
- 3) The Investment Committee shall report to the Diocesan Council in such form and at such times as the Diocesan Council may direct.

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CANON 10
BUSINESS METHODS

Section 1. Of Business Methods in Church Affairs

The Diocese, and every Parish, Organized Mission, Parochial Mission, Mission Station, Mission Council, Institution, Committee and Commission of the Diocese must observe the standard business methods as set forth in General Convention Canon I.7.

Section 2. Finance Committee

- 1) A Finance Committee shall be appointed by the diocesan Council. Its membership and governance shall be as specified by the by-laws of the diocesan Council. It is vested with the authority prescribed by General Convention canons, Section 1. of this Canon and the Diocesan Council.
- 2) The Finance committee shall set forth the audit procedure to be followed by all Parishes, Missions and other institutions. All audits shall be performed by an independent Certified Public Accountant or an independent Public Accountant or a person authorized by the Finance committee. As with accountants, members of the audit committee must be independent, that is to say, they can not be members of the congregation that they are auditing.
- 3) Audits shall be done annually on report forms prescribed by the finance committee. These audits shall include a general examination of the financial condition of the Church and shall include, but not be limited to: examination of financial reports of all funds; the sufficiency of all related financial records; and the adequacy of insurance of all types. The audit reports must be submitted to the diocesan office on or before September first of each year.
- 4) The failure of a parish to comply with the audit requirement shall constitute grounds upon which the Bishop and Diocesan Council may invoke appropriate procedures to enforce compliance including, as a last resort, the procedures set forth under Sections 13 and 14 of Canon 18 of these canons. The failure of an institution to so comply will subject that institution to Section 10 of Canon 17 of these canons.

Section 3. Insurance

The Finance Committee of the Diocese shall see that all vestries and bishop's committees keep their properties adequately insured.

Section 4. Report to Diocesan Council

Annually the Finance Committee shall report to the Diocesan Council on all matters covered by this canon. In the event that the report shall set forth any areas of non-compliance with this canon, then the Diocesan Council shall take such steps as are necessary to correct the non-compliance.

Section 5. Alienation of Property

- 1) No vestry, bishop's committee, trustee or other body shall encumber or alienate any real property without the prior written consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee. This section shall not apply to property owned by The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral unless it is a consecrated and dedicated church or chapel used solely for Divine Services.
- 2) The Standing Committee, in conjunction with the Diocesan Council, shall establish guidelines and procedures to be followed when applications for encumbrance or alienation of property are being considered in order to assure that the proposed encumbrance or alienation is in the best interest of the congregation and Diocese.

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3) The provisions of this Canon shall not apply to the re-financing of existing loans which do not increase the amount of principal indebtedness.

4) The Diocesan Council may establish a Commission to study and investigate any proposed construction of buildings or additions to existing buildings for the use of a congregation. The reports of said Commission shall be made available to the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council and congregations involved.

Section 6. Lay Pensions

The Diocese, and all parishes, organized missions, and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of the Diocese, shall provide all lay employees who work a minimum of 1,000 hours annually, retirement benefits through participation in the Episcopal Church Lay Employees Retirement Plan or an equivalent plan as approved by the Finance Committee of the Diocese congruent with the guidelines established by the General Convention and Church Pension Fund.

CANON 11
THE CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL

Section 1. Purpose

The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral, a South Dakota corporation, is the holding corporation of the property of the Diocese. Its powers are as delineated by the Articles of Incorporation and the statutes of the State of South Dakota.

Section 2. Governance

1) The officers of the corporation shall be the Bishop, Chancellor and Treasurer. They shall be the Executive Committee of the corporation and, as such, are specifically empowered to transact the legal affairs of the corporation and shall have such other duties as may be specified in the by-laws adopted by the Board of Directors. The executive committee, as such, is authorized to appoint such agents as may be necessary to assist them in the performance of their duties.

2) The officers of the corporation and the Diocesan Council shall constitute the Board of Directors of the corporation which is authorized to adopt such by-laws as necessary for its governance.

Section 3. Annual Report

The officers of the Corporation shall submit to each Annual Convention, a report of the financial condition of the Corporation and any transactions outside the usual course of Corporation business.

CANON 12
THE NIOBRARA DEANERY

Section 1. Niobrara Deanery

The Niobrara Deanery shall include all congregations which are a part of the following Missions: Cheyenne River Mission, Crow Creek Mission, Lower Brule Mission, Pine Ridge Mission, Corn Creek Mission, Rosebud Mission, Santee Mission, Sisseton Mission, Standing Rock Mission, Yankton Mission, plus the following congregations: St. Matthew's, Rapid City; Yankton City, Yankton; St. Mary's and Our Blessed Redeemer, Flandreau; Trinity, Winner; St. James', Mobridge; St. Peter's, Fort Pierre; St. Paul's, Sioux City, Iowa; St. Barnabas, Denver, Colorado; and Prairie Island, Minnesota. In addition, any congregation may petition the Niobrara Deanery for admission thereto or withdrawal therefrom, and if approved by a majority vote of the Niobrara Deanery in convocation, the same shall be submitted to the next succeeding Annual Convention of the Diocese for approval, at which time such congregation shall be added to or deleted from the roll of mission fields or congregations of the Niobrara Deanery.

Section 2. Annual Niobrara Convocation

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- 1) There shall be an annual Convocation of all congregations of the Niobrara Deanery, at such place as may be designated by the preceding Niobrara Convocation based upon rotation to each Mission. The Niobrara Convocation Officers shall set the time with the consent of the Bishop and the host church. In the event that the Convocation cannot, for any reason, be held at either the time or the place previously set, then the Convocation Officers change the time or the place or both with the consent of the Bishop.
- 2) The Niobrara Convocation shall meet for worship, fellowship, consideration of resolutions, development of policies, planning, training, ordinations, discussion and decision-making, and of other matters pertinent to the people of the Niobrara Deanery and shall act on any major policy or program affecting the people of the Niobrara Deanery.
- 3) Delegates to the Niobrara Convocation from each congregation of the Niobrara Deanery shall be elected by those congregations. Those delegates shall be the official delegates to the Niobrara Convocation. Whenever a Mission or Congregation is admitted to membership in the Niobrara it may be represented by delegates to the three Men, Women and Youth meetings.
- 4) All resolutions which are to be considered official actions of the Niobrara Convocation shall first be presented to the Resolutions Committee, which shall prepare the same for presentation to the Convocation in such form that is not in conflict with any canon or resolution of the General Convention or Diocese.
- 5) Any Canon or resolution to be submitted by the Convocation to the Diocesan Convention shall be submitted in the manner provided by canon.
- 6) The Convocation shall elect one representative to the Diocesan Council for a four year term.

Section 3. Officers

The Niobrara Convocation Officers shall be the Itancan, Vice-Itancan, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms. The terms of the officers shall be set out in the by-laws of the Niobrara Convocation. If any office shall become vacant, the Niobrara Council shall appoint a successor to serve until the next Niobrara Convocation, whereupon a successor shall be elected for the balance of the vacant term.

Section 4. Duties of Niobrara Convocation Officers

- 1) The Itancan shall preside at joint sessions of the Niobrara Convocation, all meetings of the Niobrara Council, and all meetings of the Niobrara Convocation Officers. The Itancan shall appoint the membership of all committees and groups created by the resolutions of the Niobrara Convocation and Council, subject to confirmation by the Niobrara Council, provided, that between meetings of the Niobrara Council, such confirmation shall be by the Niobrara Convocation Officers.
- 2) The Vice-Itancan shall assume the duties of the Itancan during the absence or disability of the Itancan.
- 3) The secretary shall keep the minutes of all joint sessions of the Niobrara Convocation, the meetings of the Niobrara Council and the Niobrara Convocation Officers and shall keep records of all correspondence and other items of business.
- 4) The Treasurer shall keep all moneys and make all disbursements of the funds of the Niobrara Convocation, Niobrara Council and Niobrara Convocation Officers and shall keep records of the same and prepare financial reports as requested by the Niobrara Convocation, Niobrara Council or Diocesan Council. The local treasurer appointed by the local convocation committee shall be responsible to the Treasurer and shall make such financial reports as the Treasurer, Niobrara Council or Diocesan Council may request. Such local treasurer shall be responsible to follow such accounting procedures as may be required by the Treasurer in accordance with General Convention and Diocesan Canons.

5) The Sergeant-at-Arms shall assist the Itancan in keeping order at all joint sessions of the Convocation and at all meetings of the Niobrara Council and shall see that all business is accomplished in accordance with the rules of order approved by the Convocation or the Council, act as interpreter at all meetings and shall be responsible for the counting of all votes taken at all meetings. The Sergeant-at-Arms can appoint additional persons to assist in the performance of the duties of the office.

6) The Niobrara Convocation Officers shall transact the business of the Convocation and the Niobrara Council between all meetings thereof, and shall have such other responsibilities and duties as may be imposed by the Niobrara Convocation and Niobrara Council. They shall set the agenda for the Convocation and Council as may be necessary.

Section 5. Meetings of Men, Women and Youth

Separate meetings of the Men, Women, and Youth may be held at the Convocation. Officers of those separate meetings shall be elected by those meetings. The presiding officer may be designated as Itancan of that particular meeting. The same shall be true of the other officers of that meeting. However, when the term Itancan is used by itself, it shall refer only to the Convocation Itancan. The same distinction shall be true of the other Niobrara Convocation Officers.

Section 6. The Niobrara Council

1) The Niobrara Council shall be established and will act on behalf of the Niobrara Convocation and the congregations and Missions within the Niobrara Deanery between Convocations.

2) The Niobrara Council shall be comprised of the Niobrara Convocation Officers, the Diocesan Council representative from the Convocation, all clergy serving the Niobrara field, and two lay persons and one alternate lay person elected by those Missions and congregations listed in Section 1 of this canon, and the Men's Itancan, Women's Itancan, and Youth Itancan.

3) The Niobrara Convocation Officers shall be the officers of the Niobrara Council.

4) The Niobrara Council shall meet not less than twice each year. Special meetings may be called by the Itancan, Niobrara Convocation Officers or the Bishop. The time and place for meetings of the Niobrara Council shall be set by the Niobrara Convocation Officers. Notice of the time and place of all meetings must be given to the members not less than fifteen days prior to the date of the meeting.

5) The Niobrara Council shall be responsible to the Niobrara Convocation and shall represent the Niobrara Convocation in such actions, determinations of policy and other decisions as may be appropriate between sessions of Niobrara Convocation and shall be its representative, as needed, to the Diocesan Council and Convention. The Niobrara Council can initiate and execute new programs it deems necessary and its income shall warrant. Such interim programs may be modified by the Convocation.

6) The Niobrara Council shall serve as the planning Committee in consultation with the host mission, for the annual Niobrara Convocation.

Section 7. By-Laws

The Niobrara Convocation Offices may propose by-laws and amendments thereto for the governance of the Niobrara Convocation, the Niobrara Council, and the Niobrara Convocation Officers, which before becoming effective shall be considered by the respective bodies who may amend, alter, reject or adopt the same. Such by-laws shall be submitted to the Chancellor for examination as to their canonical form and acceptability.

Section 8. Mission Council

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- 1) Each Mission Field with the Niobrara Deanery may establish a Mission Council or other comparable structure on each mission to enable the separate congregations to work together.
- 2) The Mission Council, or other comparable structure, shall be composed of lay representatives from the congregations and the clergy and staff serving that particular Mission.
- 3) The Mission Council, or comparable structure, shall be concerned with the planning and programs of the Mission, along with the financial resources, staff arrangements, land and properties, priorities and other powers and duties as determined by the Niobrara Convocation or Diocesan Council.

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CANON 13
REGIONAL DEANERY

Section 1. Number and Composition

The Diocese shall be divided into geographical regional deaneries. The Diocesan Council, in consultation with the Regional Councils affected, shall determine from time to time, the number of Regional Deaneries, together with their boundaries and names.

Section 2: Membership and Leadership

Each Deanery will have a Regional Council.

- 1) The Bishop shall appoint a Convener every two years for each Regional Deanery.
- 2) Lay delegates to Diocesan Convention (or Alternate should a delegate be unable to attend), elected each year, will also be delegates to the Regional Council in the deanery of which their congregation is a member.
- 3) All clergy in the Deanery shall be delegates to the Regional Council of that Deanery.
- 4) The deanery-elected representative to Diocesan Council shall be a member of the Regional Council.
- 5) In the event that a Regional Deanery shall encompass no more than one mission council as defined in Canon 12-5 and no more than two other congregations, that Regional Deanery may combine Regional Council and Mission Council into one body providing that the Mission Council and vestries or Bishop's committees of the other congregations concur.

Section 3: Duties

- 1) The Regional Council shall elect a representative to Diocesan Council for a term of four years.
- 2) The Regional Council shall be responsible to see that the programs of the Church and Diocese are being carried out in the Regional Deanery.
- 3) The Regional Council may develop a strategy of church work, church extension and activities, ministry development and related endeavors in the Regional Deanery and administer the programs and directives to attain it. After the development of such plans the same shall be presented annually to the Diocesan Council. The Regional Council may generate funding within its own Regional Deanery for the support of such previously approved plans.
- 4) Rules or activities of the Regional Council shall not be in conflict with the General Convention or Diocesan Constitution and Canons.

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CANON 14
COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Section 1. Membership

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There shall be a Commission on Ministry consisting of at least nine members, of which of the total, at least half shall be canonically resident clergy. The members shall be nominated by the Bishop and confirmed by the Diocesan Council.

Section 2. Term

The term of a member shall be for a period of four years and that member shall take office at the first meeting of the Commission after election.

Section 3. Duties

The Commission on Ministry shall have such duties as are designated by General Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons and the Diocesan Council. After approved by the Bishop the Commission shall adopt such rules as necessary to carry out their duties. The Commission shall have authority to establish a Board of Examining Chaplains and such other committees as necessary to carry out its duties subject to the prior approval of the Bishop.

Annually the Commission shall submit to the Diocesan Council its plans for ministry development for approval. As the same are approved, the Diocesan Council may implement such plans as far as is feasible.

The Commission shall be responsible for the correlation and supervision of all training programs, involving ordination and canonically authorized lay ministries and may, from time to time, establish standards for such training programs.

The Commission shall develop a program for the development, training, utilization and affirmation of lay ministries including the identification of gifts, skills training, theological education and spiritual information. Annually the commission shall report to the diocesan Council on the program.

Section 4. Officers and Quorum

The Commission shall have a Chair or Co-Chairs from its membership selected by the Bishop or if the Bishop so desires, by the membership itself. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the total membership.

Section 5. Vacancies

- 1) A vacancy occurring in the membership shall be filled by the Bishop for the unexpired term subject to confirmation by the Diocesan Council.
- 2) Absence from two successive meetings of the commission on Ministry shall be deemed a vacancy and be filled as herein provided.

CANON 15
ECCLESIASTICAL DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Title IV of General Canons. Those provisions of Title IV of the General Canons which are applicable to the Diocese are hereby incorporated as part of this Canon. The provisions of Title IV and those of this Canon shall be interpreted harmoniously to give effect to all such provisions, wherever possible. In any instance where Title IV prohibits modification or variance, to the extent, if any, that any of the provisions of this Canon are in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of Title IV, the provisions of Title IV shall govern.

Section 2. Discipline Structure.

- 1) Disciplinary Board. The Board shall consist of fifteen persons eight of whom shall be priests or deacons and seven of whom shall be laypersons.

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- (a) The Bishop shall select the members of the Disciplinary Board in the following manner. From among the voting members of the Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee members, the Bishop shall eliminate from consideration any person who is prohibited from serving on the Disciplinary Board. From the persons remaining the Bishop shall select by lot eight (8) persons who are priests or deacons and seven (7) persons who are lay people. If there are not a sufficient number of eligible people to fill out the Disciplinary Board, then the Bishop shall appoint the required number of additional persons of the appropriate order to fill out the Disciplinary Board. These additional appointees must not be prohibited under Title IV from serving on the Disciplinary Board and must be either lay persons who are adult communicants in good standing in a congregation of this Diocese or priests or deacons who are canonically resident in this diocese. This selection shall be made annually within ten (10) business days of the close of the Diocesan Convention.
- (b) Once selected, members of the Discipline Board shall continue in office until the next annual selection except as noted below.
- (c) Once a case has been referred to the Reference Panel, the members of the Reference Panel shall continue to serve as the Reference Panel for that case and members of the Disciplinary Board for that case until such time as that case reaches final resolution or they are disqualified as required by this Canon or Title IV.
- (d) Once Impaneled for a case the members of the Conference Panel and Hearing Panel assigned to that case shall continue to be members of the Disciplinary Board for that case and members of their respective Panels for that case until such time as the case reaches final resolution or they are disqualified as required by this Canon or Title IV.
- (e) If at any time a clergy member of the Disciplinary Board shall cease to be canonically resident in the diocese or a lay member of the Disciplinary Board shall cease to be a communicant in good standing of a congregation in this diocese, that member shall be automatically disqualified from any current case and shall cease to be a member of the Disciplinary Board and the President of the Disciplinary Board shall proceed to fill the vacancy as directed by this canon.

2) Vacancies. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled as follows:

- (a) Upon the determination that a vacancy exists, the President of the Board shall notify the Bishop of the vacancy and request the appointment of a replacement member of the same order as the member to be replaced.
- (b) If any members of the Diocesan Council or Standing Committee who were randomly removed from consideration as members of the Disciplinary Board are of the same order as the member to be replaced, then the Bishop shall randomly select one of these persons to serve on the Disciplinary Board.
- (c) If no person of the required order remains to be selected from the Diocesan Council or the Standing Committee, then the Bishop shall select a person of the required order who must be eligible for election to the Diocesan Council who, upon confirmation by the Reference Panel, shall serve on the Disciplinary Board.
- (d) With respect to a vacancy created for any reason other than pursuant to a disqualification or a challenge as provided below, the term of any person selected as a replacement Disciplinary Board member shall be until the next annual selection. With respect to a vacancy resulting from a disqualification or a challenge, the replacement Disciplinary Board member shall serve only for the proceedings for which the Disciplinary Board member is not serving as a result of the disqualification or challenge.

3) President. The Bishop shall appoint a President, a first Vice President, and a second Vice President of the Disciplinary Board from among the membership thereof. If the President is disqualified from serving on any case, the first Vice President shall immediately assume the duties of the President for that case. If the first Vice President shall be disqualified from the same case, then the second Vice President shall assume the duties of the President for that case. If one of the two Vice Presidents is selected to serve on either the Conference Panel or the Hearing Panel, the other Vice President may not serve on either of those panels for that case.

4) Intake Officer. The Intake Officer shall be appointed from time to time by the Bishop. The Bishop may appoint one or more Intake Officers according to the needs of the Diocese. The Bishop shall publish the name(s) and contact information of the Intake Officer(s) throughout the Diocese.

- 5) Investigator. The Bishop shall appoint an Investigator in consultation with the President of the Board. The Investigator may, but need not, be a Member of the Church.
- 6) Church Attorney. Within sixty (60) days following each annual Convention, the Bishop in consultation with the Standing Committee shall appoint an attorney to serve as Church Attorney to serve for the following calendar year. The person so selected must be a Member of the Church and a duly licensed attorney, but need not reside within the Diocese.
- 7) Pastoral Response Coordinator. The Bishop may appoint a Pastoral Response Coordinator to serve at the will of the Bishop in coordinating the delivery of appropriate pastoral responses provided for in Title IV.8 of the General Canons and this Canon. The Pastoral Response Coordinator may be the Intake Officer, but shall not be a person serving in any other appointed or elected capacity under this Canon.
- 8) Advisors. In each proceeding under Title IV, the Bishop shall appoint an Advisor for the Complainant and an Advisor for the Respondent. Persons serving as Advisors shall hold no other appointed or elected position provided for under this Canon, and shall not include chancellors or vice chancellors of this Diocese or any person likely to be called as a witness in the proceeding.
- 9) Clerk. If one has not been previously appointed, the President of the Disciplinary Board shall appoint a Board Clerk to assist the Board with records management and administrative support within two business days of the delivery of an intake report to the Reference Panel. The Clerk may be a member of the Board. The Clerk serves at the will of the President of the Disciplinary Board.
- 10) Impanelment When directed to do so by Canon IV.6.7, the President of the Disciplinary Board shall randomly select three members of the Disciplinary Board, at least one of whom shall be a lay person and at least one of whom shall be a priest or deacon, to serve on the Hearing Panel for that case. The President shall then randomly select three members of the Disciplinary Board to serve as the Conference Panel for this case. The President of the Disciplinary Board shall then select a president for each Panel from the membership of that Panel. The selection of presidents for the Panels is left to the discretion of the President of the Disciplinary Board. All these selections shall be made in the presence of the Clerk of the Disciplinary Board who shall assure that they are properly recorded and the impaneled members notified.
- 11) Preserving Impartiality. In any proceeding under this Canon or Title IV, if any member of a Conference Panel or Hearing Panel of the Disciplinary Board shall become aware of a personal conflict of interest or undue bias, that member shall immediately disqualify himself or herself, notify the President of the Disciplinary Board, and request a replacement member of the Panel. The Respondent and the Church Attorney shall have the right to challenge any member of a Panel for conflict of interest or undue bias by motion to the Panel for disqualification of the challenged member. The members of the Panel not the subjects of the challenge shall promptly consider the motion and determine whether the challenged Panel member shall be disqualified from participating in that proceeding. These provisions are in addition to those found in Canon IV.19.14. If there are not a sufficient number of members of the Disciplinary Board remaining to fill vacancies in any Panel, then the President shall request that the Bishop appoint additional members to the Disciplinary Board who shall serve for this case only under the provisions for filling vacancies found in this canon.

Section 3. Costs and Expenses.

The reasonable costs and expenses of the Board, the Intake Officer, the Investigator, the Church Attorney, the Board Clerk, the Advisors and the Pastoral Response Coordinator shall be the obligation of the Diocese, subject to budgetary constraints as may be established by Diocesan Convention and Diocesan Council.

Section 4. Records.

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1) Records of Proceedings. Records of active proceedings before the Disciplinary Board, including the period of any pending appeal, shall be preserved and maintained in the custody of the Clerk, if there be one, otherwise by the Diocesan offices.

2) Permanent Records. The Bishop shall make provision for the permanent storage of records of all proceedings under this Canon at the Diocese and the Archives of the Episcopal Church, as prescribed in Title IV of the General Canons.

Section 5. Transitional Provisions

The effective date of this canon shall be July 1, 2011. Any matter which is pending under the predecessor to this canon on that date shall proceed as directed in the transitional provisions of Title IV. Except as required for the purpose of addressing matters pending upon that date, the predecessor to this canon shall stand repealed on the effective date of this canon. The Bishop shall make such initial appointments as are necessary to implement this canon on or before June 30, 2011 using the methods provided in this canon.

CANON 17
OF DIOCESAN INSTITUTIONS

Section 1. Diocesan Institutions Must Qualify as Such

No Institution shall represent itself to be an institution of the Church within the boundaries of this Diocese for any purpose whatsoever unless it shall qualify and shall continue thereafter to qualify as a Diocesan Institution as provided herein.

Section 2. Method of Qualification

To qualify as a Diocesan Institution, any institution of the Church within this Diocese shall secure the written consent to such qualification from the Bishop and Diocesan Council, shall be incorporated as a charitable nonprofit corporation of the State of South Dakota, shall duly maintain such corporate status, shall adopt Articles of Incorporation and by-laws which are in accord with and expressly accede to the Constitutions and Canons of the General Convention and the Diocese of South Dakota, shall secure the written approval of the Chancellor with respect to the form of its Articles of Incorporation and by-laws, and shall be accepted as a Diocesan Institution by a majority vote of the Convention.

Section 3. Amendment to Articles and By-laws

No Diocesan Institution shall amend or restate its Articles of Incorporation, seek Articles of Dissolution, or amend, alter or repeal its by-laws without the written consent of the Bishop and Diocesan Council, nor unless the form of the amendment, restatement, alteration or repeal of either the Articles or by-laws shall have been approved in writing by the Chancellor.

Section 4. Required Provisions in Articles

The Articles of Incorporation of Diocesan Institutions and the Charters of their auxiliaries shall contain the following provisions:

- 1) The Bishop shall be a member ex-officio of the Board of Directors of the Diocesan Institution.
- 2) No less than a three-fourths majority of the Board of Directors of the Diocesan Institution and its auxiliaries must be confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing eighteen years of age or over and canonically or physically resident in this Diocese.
- 3) The Diocesan Institution shall not alienate or encumber nor incur any indebtedness nor enter into any undertaking or contract which might tend to alienate or encumber any real property belonging to it without

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first obtaining the written consent of the Bishop and the Diocesan Council and if the property involves a consecrated and dedicated church or chapel used solely for Divine Services, the consent of the standing committee must in addition, be obtained.

4) Unless specially exempted therefrom, the Diocesan Institution shall submit to the Diocesan Council semi-annual statements of financial condition in such form as the Diocesan Council shall specify.

Section 5. Bishop is Visitor of Diocesan Institutions

The Bishop shall be the Visitor of all Diocesan Institutions with Ordinary jurisdiction over the Chapels and Houses of Worship belonging thereto, provided, however, that severally and by rescript, the Bishop may delegate the faculty to bishops and priests canonically resident in the diocese.

Section 6. Use of Clergymen Not Canonically Resident

No Diocesan Institution shall employ the services of an extra diocesan bishop or priest nor invite the same to officiate in this Diocese without first obtaining the consent of the Bishop.

Section 7. Annual Reports

Each Diocesan Institution shall make a written report to the Annual Convention setting forth its financial status and activities during the preceding year. No institution shall receive funding or support, directly or indirectly, from the Diocese unless it shall be in compliance with this Canon.

Section 8. Recognition of Status of Diocesan Institutions

Upon the qualification of a Diocesan Institution pursuant to this Canon, the Bishop shall formally recognize its status and declare its affiliation with the Church as a Diocesan Institution.

Section 9. Diocese Not Responsible for Institutional Obligations

The fact that an organization is, is recognized as, or is declared to be a Diocesan Institution shall not be taken to mean, nor shall it in any manner imply, that the institution is financed or supported by the Diocese, or that the Diocese, the Bishop, or the Diocesan Council is in any manner liable or responsible for its debts or obligations.

Section 10. Dissolution of Diocesan Institutions and Conveyance of Property

1) The Bishop, with the advice of the Convention, and the consent of a two-thirds majority of those members and delegates present and voting at any meeting thereof, may dissolve the organization of any Diocesan Institution, provided that written notice of the intention so to do shall have been given to the members of the Convention as provided for notice in the amendment of canons.

2) At the time of such dissolution, the appropriate offices of the Diocesan Institution shall forthwith execute any and all documents necessary to convey and transfer all of its property, both real and personal, to The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral, a corporation, and shall commence and carry to conclusion all steps necessary to dissolve the corporate structure of the institution under the laws of the State of South Dakota.

CANON 18
PARISHES

Section 1. Formation

The formation of a parish is vested in the Diocesan Convention upon recommendation of the Diocesan Council.

Section 2. Requirements for Establishing a Parish

An Organized Mission which has been in existence for five years or more and has demonstrated to the diocesan Council its ability to support itself adequately for the two years last past, including the payment of full stipend to its Vicar in an amount not less than that paid to mission clergy, who have served a comparable length of time, or the ability to pay the same, the payment of all pension and medical insurance payments, satisfactory provision for the housing of the Vicar, and for all other normal benefits, the payment to the Diocese of an amount for diocesan and general church support satisfactory to the Diocesan Council, the provision of a suitable place of worship, the defrayment of its other operating expenses together with a suitable place of worship, the defrayment of its other operating expenses together with a suitable contribution to the missionary program of the Diocese and the General Church from its own local resources without assistance from diocesan funds may be organized into a Parish in the manner provided by the provisions of this Canon.

Section 3. Application to Bishop

A petition, in such form as is prescribed by the diocesan Council, shall be submitted to the Bishop signed by not less than thirty persons who shall be adult members of the Church in good standing. If the Diocesan Council is satisfied that such congregation meets all of the requisites for establishing a parish it shall submit the same to the next annual Convention for approval.

Section 4. Combining Two or More Congregations

A petition, in such form as is prescribed by the Bishop, and confirmed by the Chancellor, for two or more congregations to form into one parish, shall be submitted to the Bishop signed by not less than ten persons from each congregation of the age of majority of whom at least five shall be members of the Church in good standing.

If the Diocesan Council is satisfied that there has been full accord between the congregations as to governance and any matter affecting the relationship between the congregations and that it otherwise meets the requisites for establishing a parish, it shall submit the same to the next annual Convention for approval.

Section 5. Failure to Remain Self-Supporting

1) When a parish ceases to be self-supporting the vestry must consult with the Diocesan Council, and if it is necessary, in the decision of the Diocesan Council, shall have its designation changed by the Diocesan Council to an Organized Mission. At such time as such congregation becomes again self-supporting the Diocesan Council may change its designation to a parish. The Diocesan Council shall establish such guidelines as it deems necessary for the change of designation to an Organized Mission or the return to a parish designation.

2) If the parish shall fail to pay the rector the salary as required in Section 2 of this canon for three consecutive years, the Convention may, if recommended by the diocesan Council, change the parish designation to an Organized Mission. For the purposes of this section dual parishes shall be considered as a single parish and non-stipendiary clerical income from all sources shall be included in calculating the salary paid by the parish.

Section 6. Title to Property

Title to property shall be vested in the parish subject to such restrictions as may be placed thereon by General Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons.

Section 7. Governance

The governance of a parish shall be in the vestry, consisting of the rector, wardens and vestrypersons.

Section 8. Selection of Rectors and Assistant Clergy

- 1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of Rector of a parish it shall be the responsibility of the Wardens to promptly notify the Bishop and seek his counsel. If the authorities of the Parish shall, for thirty days, fail to make provision for services of public worship, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to take such measures as may be deemed expedient for the temporary conduct of public worship.
- 2) No election of a Rector shall be made by a vestry until the name of the Priest proposed to be elected has been submitted to the Bishop. The Bishop shall, within thirty days, communicate with the Vestry thereon. No election shall be held until that communication has been considered by the Parish or Vestry at a meeting duly called and held for that purpose.
- 3) Written notice of the election, signed by the Wardens, shall be forwarded to the Ecclesiastical Authority, and if satisfied that the person chosen is a duly qualified Priest and has accepted the office, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall forward the notice of election to the Secretary of the Convention who shall record it, which record shall be sufficient evidence of the relation between the Priest and the Parish.
- 4) Assistant clergy shall be selected by the rector subject to the approval of the vestry. The name of the proposed assistant shall be submitted to the Bishop who shall within thirty days communicate with the rector and vestry thereon as to Bishop's position on the same.
- 5) No Deacon, except one in training for the Priesthood, and no Suffragan Bishop, while acting as such, shall be in charge of a Parish or Congregation.

Section 9. Incorporation of Parishes

Any parish may incorporate pursuant to the laws of the State of South Dakota but no parish shall file Articles of Incorporation without the written consent of the Bishop and the diocesan council, not unless such Articles of Incorporation be in accord with and accede expressly to the general Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons, and shall have received the written approval, with respect to form, of the Chancellor. No parish shall amend or restate its Articles of Incorporation without the written consent of the bishop and the Diocesan Council nor unless the form of the amendment or restatement be approved in writing by the Chancellor.

Section 10. Requirements in Articles

Any parish incorporating under the provisions of these canons shall include in its Articles of Incorporation a declaration that all acts of the corporation and the receiving, holding and disposition of all the property of the corporation and all the objects, purposes and powers of the corporation and their exercise shall be subject to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of The Episcopal Church and to its Constitution and Canons, and to the Constitution and Canons of The Diocese of South Dakota, as now in effect and as hereafter, from time to time, may be amended, revised or adopted.

Section 11. Duties of the Parish Treasurer

The Treasurer of each parish shall submit to the vestry a monthly statement of receipts, disbursements and cash or equivalent on hand in such form as the vestry may direct. In addition the Treasurer shall submit to the Bishop and the Diocesan Council all such reports and other financial information as may be required from time to time.

Section 12. Voluntary Reversion to Mission Status

A Parish may revert to mission status in the following manner:

- 1) The parish shall present to the Bishop a petition, which shall set forth the reasons why mission status is desired, and shall be signed by the rector, if there be one, and by a majority of the vestry.

- 2) Upon receipt of any such petition, the Bishop shall refer the same to the Finance Committee which shall prepare and file with the Bishop a report in writing.
- 3) The Bishop shall forward copies of all such reports to the Rector of the parish, if there be one, or if not to the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Clerk of the Vestry and to the Diocesan Council and thereafter the diocesan Council shall fix a time and place for hearing the petition, giving due notice thereof to the Rector, if there be one, the Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Clerk of the Vestry, and, in such manner as appears reasonable under the circumstances, to the congregation of the parish.
- 4) At the hearing the Bishop and the Diocesan Council shall jointly consider the petition, the report of the Finance Committee, and all other information which may then be presented, and thereafter the Bishop shall, with the advice and consent of the diocesan Council enter a judgment reverting the Parish to mission status or refusing such reversion.

Section 13. When Bishop May Dissolve a Parish

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

- 1) When in the preliminary opinion of the Bishop a parish has ceased or may have ceased to meet any one of the requirements of parish status as set forth in Canon 18-2, and such opinion together with the facts upon which it is based has been set forth in writing by the Bishop, the Bishop shall refer the writing to the Finance Committee who shall prepare and file with the Bishop a report in writing.
- 2) The Bishop shall forward copies of all such reports to the Rector of the parish, if there be one, or if not, to the Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Clerk of the Vestry, and to the Diocesan Council, and thereafter the Diocesan Council shall fix a time and place for hearing the matter, giving 90 days notice thereof to the Rector, if there be one, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden and Clerk of the Vestry, and in such manner as appears reasonable under the circumstances, to the congregation of the parish.
- 3) At the hearing the Bishop and Diocesan Council shall jointly consider the matter, the report of the Finance Committee and all other information which may then be presented and thereafter the Bishop shall, with the advice and consent of the Diocesan Council, enter a judgment dissolving the parochial organization or refusing such dissolution.

Section 14. Transfer of Title and Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of a parish:

- 1) If the dissolved parish has been incorporated and if the Bishop has organized it as a mission, title to all of its property, both real and personal, shall remain in the corporation, but the directors of the corporation shall forthwith adopt or see to the adoption of such amendments to its Articles of Incorporation, by-laws and name as shall be requisite to reflect the change in status from parish to mission.
- 2) If the dissolved parish has not been incorporated and if the Bishop has organized it as a mission, and if the parish held title to any personal property with the consent of the Bishop pursuant to these canons then, if the Bishop shall continue to so consent, the mission may continue to hold title to such personal property. Under the foregoing circumstances, if the Bishop shall withdraw or fail to renew his consent, title to all such personal property shall be forthwith transferred and conveyed to The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral.
- 3) If the dissolved parish has not been organized as a mission by the Bishop, title to all property, both real and personal, held by and for it shall be forthwith transferred to The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral. Under the foregoing circumstances, if the dissolved parish was incorporated, the officers and directors or trustees of the corporation shall forthwith take such steps as shall be requisite to wholly dissolve corporate existence.

CANON 19
ORGANIZED MISSIONS AND MISSION STATIONS

Section 1. Establishment

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

Section 2. Governance

The governance of an Organized Mission shall be in the Bishop and a Bishop's Committee. After consultation with the Bishop's Committee, the Bishop shall appoint a Vicar who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Bishop.

Section 3. Bishop's Committee

At the annual meeting, a Bishop's Committee shall be elected subject to confirmation by the Bishop. It shall consist of the Vicar, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and not less than one nor more than eight other persons. The Bishop's Committee shall appoint a Clerk and Treasurer who are not members of the Bishop's Committee, but who shall be in attendance at its meetings. Meetings of the Bishop's Committee shall be held with the Vicar present, except that they can be held in the Vicar's absence if the Vicar has been previously notified of the meeting and has given approval for its holding. All members of the Bishop's Committee must be confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing. The congregation shall establish terms for the various members of the Bishop's Committee not to exceed three years in length.

Vacancies in the membership of the Bishop's Committee shall be filled by the remaining members of the Bishop's Committee.

Section 4. Financial Responsibilities

- 1) The congregation through the Bishop's Committee will raise such sums as are sufficient for the payment of the repairs, maintenance, insurance, and utilities of the church property used by the congregation together with its equitable share, considering its available income, for the support of the Diocese and its programs.
- 2) Services must be held by the Vicar, a deacon assigned, or a licensed lay reader, not less than once each month.
- 3) The Bishop's Committee, when undertaking any business or course of action, beyond its ordinary activities, must first receive the approval of the Bishop.

Section 5. Title to Property

Title to the property of an Organized Mission shall be vested in The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral.

Section 6. Mission Stations

Any congregation which is unable to comply with the financial or service requirements of an Organized Mission shall be considered to be a Mission Station. The governance of a Mission Station shall be vested in the Mission Council of which the Mission Station is a member, but it may have, in the discretion of the Mission Council, a treasurer. In the event that a Mission Station is not a member of a Mission Council, then the supervision of the Mission Station shall be vested with the Bishop. Mission Stations shall hold services not less than four times each year and in addition shall be available for instruction, preaching, and

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administration of the sacraments. All mission Stations shall be responsible, considering its available income, to provide its equitable share for the support of the Diocese and its programs.

Section 7. Responsibility of Treasurer

The treasurers of all Organized Missions and Mission Stations that are a part of a Mission Council shall, in addition to the monthly reports to the Bishop's Committee, submit quarterly reports to the Mission Council showing all income received and disbursements made during the period. In the event the treasurer of the organized Mission or Mission Station shall not make such reports in a timely manner, the Mission Council may authorize the treasurer of the Mission Council to assume the duties of the treasurer of the Organized Mission or Mission Station until such matter has been resolved. In the event that the Organized Mission or Mission Station is not a member of a mission council, the treasurer shall submit such quarterly reports to the diocesan Finance Committee. In the event that such reports are not made in a timely manner, the Finance Committee may authorize a different person to act as treasurer until the matter has been resolved.

CANON 20
PAROCHIAL MISSIONS

Section 1. Establishment

Upon the recommendation of the Rector and Vestry, a Parish Meeting may approve establishment of a Parochial Mission.

Section 2. Requirements

Before submission to a Parish Meeting, the Vestry must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Prepare a plan for the organization, structure, and governance of the Parochial Mission, its method of financial support, the relation of the Parochial Mission and its communicants to the parish, its location, and such other items as may be requested by the Bishop and Diocesan Council.
- 2) Submit the plan to the Region Deanery Council and the Standing Committee for their recommendations to the Bishop and Diocesan Council.
- 3) Secure the approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council of the plan acting in consultation with the Standing Committee.

Section 3. Method of Amendment of Plan

Once the plan has been approved by the Bishop and Diocesan Council, it may be amended or modified only with the consent of the Vestry and the approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council.

Section 4. Clergy in Charge

The Vicar of the Parochial Mission, if any, together with all other clergy serving the Parochial Mission shall be deemed assistants to the Rector of the Parish.

Section 5. Recognition by and Representation to the Convention

A Parochial Mission which has been established as herein provided, may be recognized by the Annual Convention as such, and if so recognized, shall be entitled to representation to the convention to the same extent as Organized Missions of the Diocese.

Section 6. Title to Property

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Title to Parochial Mission Property, both real and personal, shall be vested in the Parish. A Parochial Mission shall not be incorporated. It may subsequently be admitted as an Organized Mission, subject to such conditions regarding title to the property as may be agreed upon between the Diocese and the Parish.

Section 7. Parish Responsible for Obligations

The Parish shall at all times be responsible and liable to the Diocese and to third parties for the obligations of the Parochial Mission.

Section 8. Powers of Annual Convention

The Annual Convention may, if recommended by the Diocesan Council, by action applicable to all Parochial Missions, make such changes in their organization, structure, status or representation in the Annual Convention, as it may deem proper; or it may terminate, if recommended by the Diocesan Council, the existence as a separate entity any Parochial Mission.

CANON 21
ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1. Time and Place

An annual meeting of every parish and organized mission must be held in November, December or January or at any other time to which such may be adjourned. Special meetings may be called by the Bishop, the Rector or Vicar, a Warden or two Vestrypersons or Bishop's Committee members.

Section 2. Notice of Meeting

Notice of the time, place, qualification of voters and purpose of the meeting shall be given at two or more regular Sunday services preceding the date of the meeting, unless other notice be directed by the Bishop.

Section 3. Presiding Officer

The Bishop, Rector or Vicar shall preside at such meetings except that they may designate a Warden to preside. In their absence a Warden, or a Vestry or Bishop's Committee member, in order of seniority, shall preside.

Section 4. Order of Business

The items of business which must be transacted at the annual meeting of the congregation are:

- 1) Minutes of last annual and all intervening special meetings.
- 2) Financial report of the church.
- 3) Reports of Secretaries and Treasurers of organizations.
- 4) Election of Wardens and Vestrypersons.
- 5) Election of Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Region Deanery Assembly. This election may also be held at any meeting of the congregation.

Section 5. Qualifications of Voters and Election Contest

- 1) Qualified voters must be adult communicants of this Church in good standing.

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2) In the event of a contest, an election shall be by secret ballot.

CANON 22
VESTRIES OF PARISHES

Section 1. Composition

A vestry shall consist of the Rector, two Wardens, and not less than three nor more than eleven Vestrypersons as shall be set by the by-laws.

Section 2. Qualifications of Wardens and Vestrypersons

Wardens and vestrypersons must be confirmed adult lay communicants of this Church in good standing sixteen years of age or over and regular contributors to the support of the congregation by pledge or otherwise.

Section 3. Elections

1) The wardens and vestrypersons shall be elected at the annual parish meeting. Wardens shall be elected for a one year term and vestrypersons for three year terms. In the election of vestrypersons, one third of the membership, or as close thereto as feasible, shall be elected annually, in order to facilitate a rotating vestry. If the present articles of incorporation of a parish direct election in a different manner, not in conflict with General Convention canons, the same is hereby permitted.

2) If the by-laws of the parish so provide, it shall be permissible for one Warden to be nominated by the rector. This nomination is subject to confirmation by the annual meeting.

Section 4. Vacancies

1) Vacancies in the office of warden or vestryperson may be filled by the remaining members of the vestry. If the by-laws have permitted the nomination of a warden by a rector and a vacancy has occurred in that office then the rector shall nominate the successor which is subject to confirmation by other members of the vestry.

2) In the event of three successive absences to meetings of the vestry by a warden or vestryperson, the same is deemed a vacancy in that office and shall be filled as herein provided for other vacancies. Said vacancy shall not be filled by the same person who previously held the position.

Section 5. By-Laws

By-laws shall be adopted by the annual meeting or by the vestry for the conduct of the affairs of the parish. A copy of such by-laws together with the articles of incorporation and any revisions thereto must be filed with the diocesan office, and are to be done in accordance with canons 18-9 and 18-10.

Section 6. Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held not less than bi-monthly at a time and place fixed by the vestry. Special meetings may be called by the Bishop, the Rector, a Warden, or two Vestry members. The method of notice for these meetings shall be provided in the by-laws. All meetings must be held with the rector present, except that they can be held in the rector's absence if the rector has been previously notified of the meeting and has not objected to the meeting being held.

CANON 23
ANNUAL REPORTS AND RECORDS

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Section 1. Financial Reports

At the annual meeting of every parish, organized mission or parochial mission, a financial report must be submitted by the Treasurer showing receipts and disbursements and assets and liabilities. Treasurer of other church organizations must submit like reports.

Section 2. Fiscal Year

The calendar year shall be the fiscal year for all in this Diocese.

Section 3. Parochial Reports

Annual parochial reports shall be submitted by every parish, organized mission and parochial mission, and if necessary mission stations, to the diocese in the manner and form prescribed by General Convention Canons.

In the event that all parochial reports have not been filed as required under General Convention Canon I.6.1 prior to an annual or special convention, the delegates from that church shall not be certified as delegates until all such reports have been filed.

Section 4. Parish Register

Every parish, organized mission, mission station, and parochial mission shall have and maintain a permanent parish register.

CANON 24
FINANCE

Section 1. Annual Assessment

It is the obligation of each parish, organized mission, mission station and parochial mission to pledge to the diocese each year a specific amount for the support of the diocese. In the event of the failure to pledge its fair share of the amount necessary for the support of the diocese, the Diocesan Council is empowered to assess such parish, organized mission, parochial mission, or mission station in such year a specific amount for diocesan support and extra diocesan purposes.

Section 2. Payment to Diocese

- 1) It is the duty of each parish, organized mission, parochial mission, or mission station to make payment of its pledge or assessment on a pro-rated monthly basis and to make provision for its payment by canvass or other proper method.
- 2) All payments on the pledge or assessment shall be sent to the diocesan office. All special offerings shall be so designated.

CANON 25
PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE LAITY

Section 1. Absence from Holy Eucharist

Any communicant willfully absent from Holy Eucharist for one year may be requested by the clergy person to give a reason for such absence; and the clergy person shall use all possible means to secure the return of the delinquent to duty. Such communicant, however, shall not be repelled from the Holy Eucharist for such cause; nor shall the name be stricken from the list of communicants, but the lapse from the Church shall be noted on the Parish Register opposite the name.

Section 2. Abandonment of the Communion of this Church

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A lay person who abandons the Communion of this Church by formal admission into a body not in communion with this Church and who receives sacramental ministrations habitually or as a matter of practice from a body not in communion with this Church, shall forfeit the rights and privileges of communicant status in this Church. Such person shall be recorded as lapsed in the Parish Register, and reported to the Bishop who may have the person removed in accordance with the procedures contained in this Canon.

Section 3. Restoration of Lay Person

A lay person who has been removed from the Communion of this Church and seeks to be restored to full communion and fellowship in this Church shall apply to his parish priest for re-admission. The priest shall inform the Bishop of this desire, and proceed according to the instructions of the Bishop.

Section 4. Notice To Be Given

At least fourteen days before any lay person can be denied the sacraments or receive other discipline of the Church a notice in writing shall be delivered to that lay person in person or by mail which shall set forth the reasons for the denial or discipline. The said writing shall include in its information the rights of the lay person to appeal to the Bishop. The fourteen day period shall commence on the day after personal delivery or mailing.

Section 5. Appeal To Bishop

A lay person who has received notice of the denial of sacraments or other discipline as set forth under Section 4. hereof may appeal in writing to the Bishop. Such appeal must be made within seven days after receipt of the said notice. If the appeal is made the discipline to be imposed shall await the decision of the Bishop.

The Bishop shall constitute a Board of Inquiry consisting of one presbyter and two lay persons, with the Chancellor as advisor, who shall inquire into the matter and make appropriate recommendations to aid the Bishop in the decision. In no instance shall the sacraments be refused to a penitent at the point of death.

CANON 26
PASTORAL CARE OF CLERGY, VESTRIES AND CONGREGATIONS

When an issue arises which imperils the pastoral relationship through disagreement or dissension between the Rector and the Vestry, or members of the congregation, and the issue is deemed serious by the majority of the Vestry or by the Rector, the party deeming it serious may petition the Ecclesiastical Authority, in writing, to intervene and assist the parties to attempt to resolve the disagreement. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall initiate proceedings as said Authority deems appropriate for that purpose, which may include the appointment of a consultant. The parties to the disagreement, following the procedures established by the Ecclesiastical Authority, shall work in good faith so that the parties may be reconciled. Whenever the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority, it shall request the Bishop or a neighboring Diocese to perform the duties of the Ecclesiastical Authority under this Canon.

CANON 27
OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE PASTORAL RELATION
AND OF DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN CLERGY AND CONGREGATIONS

Section 1. Relationship Between Rector and Vestry

Except upon mandatory resignation by reason of age, a Rector may not resign as Rector of a parish without the consent of its Vestry, nor may any Rector, who is canonically and lawfully elected and in charge of a

Parish, be removed therefrom by the Vestry against the Rector's will, except as hereinafter provided in the Canon.

Section 2. Notice to the Ecclesiastical Authority

Whenever there shall be any serious difference or protracted controversy between a Rector or settled clergyperson and the Vestry or Bishop's Committee which cannot be amicably settled between themselves or if for any urgent reason a Rector or Vestry desires a dissolution of the pastoral relation, upon which the parties cannot agree, then in either such instance either party shall give notice in writing to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the diocese. In the event that the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority, then it shall request the Bishop of another Diocese to perform the duties of the Bishop under this Canon.

Section 3. Mediation and Appointment of Advisory Committee

Within thirty days of receipt of the written notice the Ecclesiastical Authority shall appoint one Presbyterian and one Lay Person, neither of whom may be members of the Congregation involved, with the Chancellor as an advisor, who shall make a written report to the Bishop stating the nature of the dispute, and the respective positions of the Vestry and the Rector. Such report shall be delivered to the Bishop, the Rector and the Vestry as soon as possible, but in no case later than thirty days after their appointment. Within ten days of the receipt of the report, the Bishop shall initiate mediation proceedings and each of the parties shall participate in such mediation in good faith and labor for an amicable resolution of differences. Each party shall be entitled to have representation in such mediation proceedings.

Section 4. Procedures if Differences Not Resolved

If the differences after the completion of the mediation process are not resolved, as evidenced by written notice thereof to the Bishop from either of the parties, then the Bishop shall proceed as follows:

- 1) Within thirty days after such notice, the Bishop shall conduct a hearing with regard to the differences between the parties. The Bishop shall fix a date, time and place therefore, shall notify the parties thereof or a representative thereof and shall conduct such hearing by allowing each party thereof or a representative thereof, to present a statement of position and the reasons therefore. No testimony or other evidence shall be presented at such hearing, unless allowed by the Bishop for compelling reasons and in the interest of justice.
- 2) As soon as reasonably possible, but in no case later than thirty days after the conclusion of the hearing as provided in Section 4.2 above, the Bishop shall render a Godly judgment, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee.
- 3) A copy of the judgment shall be furnished to each of the parties, and shall be available for public inspection.
- 4) In the instance of a Parish, if the pastoral relation is to be continued, the Bishop shall require the parties to agree on definitions of responsibility and accountability for the parties.
- 5) In the instance of a Parish, if the relation between the parties is to be dissolved:
 - i) The Bishop shall direct the Secretary of the Convention to record the dissolution.
 - ii) The judgment shall include such terms and conditions, including financial settlements as shall seem to the Bishop compassionate and just.

Section 5. Bishop to Provide Supportive Services to Parties

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In the instance of either dissolution or otherwise the Bishop shall offer appropriate supportive services to the Priest and the Parish.

Section 6. Imposition of Penalties

In the event of the failure or refusal of either party to comply with the terms of the judgment, the Bishop may act as follows:

- 1) In the case of a Rector of a Parish, inhibit the Rector from the exercise of the priestly office until the Priest shall comply with the judgment.
- 2) In the case of a Vestry, invoke any sanctions afforded by the Canons of this Diocese including, with the approval of the Diocesan Council, that the Parish be placed under the supervision of the Bishop as an Organized Mission church until it has complied with the judgment.

Section 7. Extension of Time Periods

For cause, the Bishop may extend the time periods specified in this Canon, provided that all be done to expedite the proceedings. All parties shall be notified in writing of the length of any extension.

Section 8. Limitations on Matters in Proceedings

- 1) Statements made during the course of proceedings under this Canon are neither discoverable nor admissible in any proceedings under General Convention Canon IV provided that this does not require the exclusion of evidence in any proceedings under the canons of the General Convention or the Diocese which is otherwise discoverable and admissible merely because it was also presented in proceedings under this Canon.
- 2) In the course of proceedings under this Canon, if a charge is made by the Vestry against the Rector that could give rise to a disciplinary proceeding under General Convention Canon IV.1, all proceedings under this Canon shall be suspended until the charge has been resolved or withdrawn.
- 3) All provisions in this Canon that relate to dissolution shall apply only to Rectors and Parishes and their Vestries. Nothing in this Canon shall in any way limit the authority of the Bishop in the operation of the ministry in the mission churches and congregations of the Diocese.

CANON 28
DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these Canons where the following terms are used they are defined as follows:

- 1) “Vicar” – denotes a minister in charge whether ordained as a priest or deacon. In the event that the minister in charge is a lay person then he shall be known as a “lay minister.”
- 2) “Ecclesiastical Authority” – denotes the Bishop, but if that office is vacant, the duties shall be performed by the Standing Committee of the Diocese in consultation with the Diocesan Council.
- 3) “Cleric” – shall include all ordained bishops, priests and deacons.
- 4) “Member” – a person who has received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, whether in this Church or in another Christian Church, and whose baptism has been duly recorded in this Church, is a member thereof.
- 5) “Adult Member” – a member sixteen years of age or over.

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- 6) “Communicant” – a member of this Church who has received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding year.
- 7) “Adult Communicant” – a communicant sixteen years of age or over.
- 8) “Communicant in Good Standing” – a communicant who has been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and has been faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.
- 9) “Confirmed Member” – is
 - i) Any person who is baptized in this Church as an adult and receives the laying on of hands by the Bishop at Baptism is to be considered as both baptized and confirmed, or
 - ii) Any person who is baptized in this Church as an adult and at some time after the Baptism receives the laying on of hands by the Bishop in the Re-affirmation of Baptismal Vows, is to be considered as both baptized and confirmed, or
 - iii) Any baptized person who received the laying on of hands at Confirmation by any Bishop in apostolic succession and is received into the Episcopal Church by a Bishop of this Church is to be considered as both baptized and confirmed, or
 - iv) Any baptized person who receives the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church at Confirmation or Reception is to be considered as both baptized and confirmed.

CANON 29
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1. The Church Pension Fund

This Diocese does hereby accede to and adopt the Church Pension Fund as established by the General Convention Constitution and Canons and that such fund so far as it affects this Diocese shall be conducted in accordance with the same.

Section 2. Appointment of Archdeacons and Canons

- 1) Archdeacon of the Diocese: The Bishop may appoint one Archdeacon of the Diocese. He shall have those powers and duties specified in these canons and such other responsibilities as may be specified by the Bishop in consultation with the Diocesan Council. In the event that there is not an Archdeacon of the Diocese then, in those Canons, where the term Archdeacon or Archdeacon of the Diocese appears, the Bishop, with the concurrence of the Diocesan Council, may appoint another person, either clerical or lay, to so act.
- 2) Archdeacon of a designated purpose: The Bishop may appoint one or more Archdeacons and shall specify in their appointment their designated purpose.
- 3) The Bishop may appoint one or more Canons of the Cathedral who shall be vested with such ecclesiastical position as shall be specified by the Bishop in the appointment.
- 4) The Bishop may appoint one or more Canons of the Diocese who shall be vested with such authority as may be specified by the Bishop in the appointment. The authority so granted shall be as set forth in the by-laws of the Diocesan Council.

Section 3. Oversight of Parochial Organization

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The Rector of every parish and the Vicar of every organized mission or station shall be an ex-officio member and advisor of every organization of that parish or mission.

Section 4. Church Records

The Rector or Vicar shall be the custodian of the Parish Register. If the Cure is vacated, the Parish Register shall be delivered to the Senior Warden.

Section 5. Cathedral of the Diocese

Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is hereby recognized as the Cathedral of the Diocese and the prerogatives, powers and privileges granted to the bishop of the diocese of South Dakota in that Indenture dated February 28, 1891 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Minnehaha County, South Dakota, in Book 51 of Deeds on page 236 are recognized, confirmed and approved.

Section 6. Resolution to Convention

The Procedure for submission and consideration of resolutions to any Diocesan Convention including the method of notice on the same shall be set forth in the Convention Rules of Order. The Convention Committee on Resolutions shall have authority to initiate resolutions. No notice is required for a resolution submitted by a Region Deanery Assembly, the Niobrara Convocation and the Convention Committee on Resolutions.

Section 7. Vacancy Created by Absence

Absence by appointed members of any diocesan commission, committee, board or other group from two consecutive meetings, unless otherwise specified by these canons, shall create a vacancy which may be filled by the Bishop and confirmed by the Diocesan Council. The Diocesan Council, in its by-laws shall provide what percentage of a meeting must be attended by an appointed or elected person in order to permit that person to be counted as attending and allow him to receive remuneration for expenses incurred by him for attendance at that meeting.

Section 8. Meetings Held By Telephone Conference Calls

Unless otherwise provided by General Convention and Diocesan Canons, the Diocesan Council may permit such committees, commissions, boards and the like as it deems advisable to hold meetings by telephone conference call. The method, notice required and conditions for such meetings shall be set forth by the Diocesan Council by its by-laws. Unless otherwise provided by canon the failure of a member to participate in such telephone conference call shall not be deemed an absence from a meeting so as to create a vacancy.

Section 9. Requirements for Committee Membership

Unless it is otherwise provided in these canons, all members of committees, commissions, boards, and the like, of this Diocese, unless exempted therefrom by the Diocesan Council, must be confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing.

Section 10. Establishing Guidelines for Conduct

The Diocesan Council may adopt with the consent of the Bishop and the concurrence of the Chancellor and with a three-fourths majority vote of all of the remaining voting members, such guidelines as it deems appropriate for the membership on all committees, commissions, boards, and the like to avoid conflicts of interest and other like matters and the members of all such committees, commissions, boards, and the like shall thereafter comply with such guidelines.

Section 12. Clergy employment Not Permitted By Any Entity

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No parish, organized mission, mission council, and the like, through its governing bodies or otherwise, shall enter into any employment contracts as such with any members of the clergy. The establishment of such contractual relationships is deemed a violation of General Convention and Diocesan Canons and Anglican theology. Parishes, organized missions, mission councils and the like shall develop and adopt appropriate job descriptions for the member of the clergy involved setting forth the expected relationship between the congregation and the clergyperson. The Diocese, through the Clergy Deployment Officer and Chancellor, and with the approval of the Bishop, shall develop guidelines on job descriptions for use by the various vestries, bishop's committees and councils.

Section 13. Inform Standing Committee of Letters Dimissory Request

At such time as the Bishop shall receive a request for the acceptance of Letters Dimissory, the Bishop shall inform all members of the Standing Committee. In the event that any member shall have credible information concerning the member of the clergy which would form a proper ground of canonical inquiry and presentment, such member shall, within twenty days, inform the Bishop of such information.

CANON 30
AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS

Canons may be enacted, amended or repealed in whole or in part, at any Annual or Special Diocesan Convention by a majority of the delegates, and if a vote by orders is called for, by a majority of delegates in each order. Such proposals must be received in writing by the diocesan Office at least 30 days prior to the upcoming Diocesan Convention.

Notice of the same shall be given by mailing a copy of the proposed amendments and alterations to the delegates, if known, at least 15 days prior to the opening date of the upcoming Convention. Such notice shall be considered sufficient when a copy for each delegate is mailed to the person in charge of each congregation or organization entitled to representation at the Diocesan Convention, who must distribute the same.

The Convention Committee on Canons and the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons shall have authority to initiate amendments and alterations to the Canons. They shall have authority to examine and, if necessary, rewrite any proposed amendment and alteration submitted to bring it into conformance with General and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons. No notice is required on Amendments and Alterations which are submitted by Region Deanery Assemblies, the Niobrara Convocation, the convention Committee on Canons, and the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, except that proposals submitted by either the Region Deanery Assemblies or the Niobrara Convocation shall have been submitted to the Diocesan Office to be referred to the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons at least 15 days prior to the opening date of the Convention.

Any Canon which is enacted or any amendment or repeal of any Canon in whole or in part shall take effect upon the adjournment sine die of the Convention adopting, unless that Canon or amendment or repeal thereof shall in its terms, provide otherwise.

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RULES OF ORDER for the Convention of The Diocese of South Dakota *Amended 2009*

Rule 1 The Rules and Governing Law

- 1.1 The rules of order of the Convention (the "Rules") are subordinate to the Constitutions and Canons of the General Convention and the Diocese of South Dakota ("Diocese"). Any issue of procedure not covered by the foregoing shall be determined by the Chair, subject to appeal of the meeting as provided below.
- 1.2 None of these rules, after adoption, may be suspended without a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.
- 1.3 The Rules shall be in force from Convention to Convention until they are amended by a majority vote of a subsequent Convention at the time of its organization.
- 1.4 In the event of the election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan at any Convention, special rules of order in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention and the Diocese, shall be proposed by the Chancellor to the electing Convention.

Rule 2 Convention Committees

- 2.1 Not less than 60 days in advance of the opening date of the Convention, the President, with the concurrence of the officers of the Diocesan Council, shall appoint from the names of the delegates reported to the diocesan office, except for the Committee on Ballot Tabulation, the following committees of the Convention and shall designate the chair and vice chair thereof, who shall be delegates:
- (a) Constitution and Canons
 - (b) Credentials
 - (c) Dispatch of Business
 - (d) Finance and Budget
 - (e) Nominations
 - (f) Place of Next Convention
 - (g) Resolutions
 - (h) Tabulation of Ballots
- 2.2 The President may appoint such special committees as he deems desirable or as may be directed by the Convention.
- 2.3 The size of all committees shall be determined by the President. In the selection of the membership, consideration must be given to prior service in the Convention and to balanced representation of all members of the Diocese.
- 2.4 A list of the members of each committee shall be distributed to the delegates as soon as may be done

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after appointment.

2.5 The Diocesan Office shall arrange meeting rooms for each committee.

2.6 During the Convention a specific time shall be set when committee hearings and meetings shall be held and no other activities shall be scheduled during those times.

2.7 In the event that a chair shall not call a meeting of the committee or consider a matter properly before it, then the vice chair or a majority of the membership of the committee may call a meeting.

2.8 The time and place of any meeting of a committee shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the floor of the Convention or adjacent thereto by the chair. Also, there shall be noted what items of business are to be considered by the committee.

2.9 The chair of each committee shall appoint from the membership of the committee a secretary who shall record the actions of the committee.

2.10 Within 30 days after the adjournment of the Convention, the chairperson of each committee shall file a report together with all of the records of that committee of the actions and activities of that committee which affected the work of the Convention with the diocesan office. Within 45 days after the adjournment of the Convention, the Secretary of the Convention shall file with the Diocesan Office the minutes of the said Convention together with all pertinent documents.

2.11 The Niobrara Convocation Officers are designated as a continuing Convention committee for the purpose of receiving all resolutions and other related matters concerning the Niobrara Deanery working in conjunction with other Convention committees.

2.12 General Convention Deputies will be a continuing Convention committee and will be given seat and voice at such times as General Convention items are under discussion.

2.13 The President may, in consultation with the officers of the Diocesan Council, authorize any diocesan committee, commission or board to meet in joint session with a committee of the convention on any matter properly before that convention committee, to be referred to as a Joint Committee. The President shall specify what matters that the Joint Committee as such can consider. All members of the Joint Committee shall have voice and vote in those matters. Such committee may make recommendations on those said matters to the Convention. The Joint Committee report shall be made by the Chair of the Convention committee and non-delegate members of the Joint Committee may appear on the floor for the purpose of answering questions put by the delegates but shall not be entitled to make motions, debate or vote.

2.14 The reports of all committees shall be in writing, and shall be received in course, and without motion for acceptance, unless recommitted by a vote of the Convention. All reports recommending or requiring an action or expressions of opinion by the Convention shall be accomplished by resolution of the action of the Convention thereon.

Rule 3
Order of Business

3.1 The order of business shall include the following:

- (a) Opening Prayer
- (b) Report of Committee on Credentials
- (c) Election of Secretary of Convention
- (d) Approval of minutes of prior Conventions
- (e) Communications from President
- (f) Report of Chancellor on Rules of Order
- (g) Report of Dispatch of Business
- (h) Reports of other legislative committees
- (i) Other business

3.2 The order of business may at any time be modified by the Chair, in consultation with the Committee on Dispatch of Business, to accommodate scheduling, timing or other convenience of the Convention, subject to the right of appeal.

Rule 4 Decorum and General Rules of Procedure

4.1 When the President takes the chair, no member shall stand except to address the chair or do other business of the Convention.

4.2 When the Chair is putting a question, the delegates shall continue in their seats and not hold private discourse.

4.3 When a delegate is to speak to the Convention the delegate shall state the delegate's name and address the chair and be confined to the point under debate or a parliamentary procedure.

4.4 Any member of the diocesan staff, who is not a delegate, may be on the floor of the Convention for the purpose of answering questions put by the delegates or performing such other duties as prescribed by the chair, but shall not have the right to make motions, debate or vote. Such persons shall be registered as members of the diocesan staff.

4.5 The Chair may allow any person or persons even though not a delegate, to appear before the Convention for the purpose of addressing the Convention, or making a report and answering questions thereon, unless otherwise directed by the Convention.

4.6 Issues that require consideration of the Convention may be discussed with or without formal motion. An issue may be resolved by recording (a) the general consensus or "sense of the Convention," or (b) by a formal motion.

4.7 Discussion of any issue is subject to regulation by the Chair to assure adequate consideration of relevant points of view in the best interests of the Convention. The objectives of discussion are to:
(a) determine the will of the Convention and to articulate decisions for conduct of business;
(b) assure sufficient discussion and consideration of issues so that all pertinent points of view are considered;

- made (c) maintain at all times the dignity of the meeting so that each recognized speaker's views are known to voting participants and to ensure that appropriate respect is accorded all persons; and (d) present the consideration of business in a manner understood by all participants.

4.8 When the delegates embrace a course of action by a clear consensus, the Chair may, if there is no objection, state that action upon the issue is resolved by "general consensus" or the "sense of the Convention." A ruling as to general consensus or the sense of the Convention shall be recorded in the minutes as the decision of the Convention.

4.9 Where a sense of the meeting cannot be determined with reasonable certainty, or where by reason of importance of the matter formal approval or a count of the vote is desired, the Chair or any delegate may state the proposal as a motion under these Rules.

4.10 The rules of motion practice shall be applied as a guide to the Chair in disposition of formal motions, which are resolved by a vote of the Convention.

Rule 5 Motion Practice and Precedence

5.1 Under these Rules, motions should be limited to those set forth below. They are grouped into categories and listed in order of precedence. When any motion is pending, any motion listed above it in the list is in order, but those below it are out of order.

5.2 MEETING CONDUCT MOTIONS

(1) Point of Privilege

Characteristics:

- May interrupt a speaker
- Second not required
- Not debatable
- Not amendable
- Resolved by the chair, no vote is required

(2) Point of Procedure

Characteristics:

- May interrupt a speaker
- Second not required
- Not debatable
- Not amendable
- Resolved by the chair, no vote is required

Similar Motion Included: Point of order, point of inquiry

(3) To Appeal a Ruling of the Chair

Characteristics:

- May not interrupt a speaker
- Second required
- Not debatable
- Not amendable
- Majority vote required

Special Note: If a ruling of the Chair is based on governing law (e.g., not a proper subject of the meeting or a matter requiring prior notice), it is not appealable.

(4) To Recess or Adjourn the Meeting

Characteristics:

- May not interrupt a speaker
- Second required
- Debatable
- Amendable
- Majority vote required

5.3 DISPOSITION MOTIONS

(1) To Withdraw a Motion

Characteristics :

- May interrupt a speaker
- Second not required
- Not debatable
- Not amendable
- Resolved by the chair, no vote is required

(2) To Postpone Consideration

Characteristics:

- May not interrupt a speaker
- Second required
- Debatable
- Amendable
- Majority vote required

Similar Motion Included: To table; to postpone indefinitely

(3) To Refer

Characteristics:

- May not interrupt a speaker
- Second required
- Debatable
- Amendable
- Majority vote required

(4) To Amend

Characteristics:

- May not interrupt a speaker
- Second required
- Debatable
- Amendable
- Majority vote required

(5) To Limit, Extend or Close Debate

Characteristics:

- May not interrupt a speaker
- Second required
- Debatable
- Amendable
- Two-thirds vote required

Similar Motions Included: To move the question; to call the previous question

(6) To Count the Vote

Characteristics:

- May not interrupt a speaker
- Second required
- Not debatable
- Not amendable
- Mandatory when seconded, no vote required

5.4 MAIN MOTIONS – TO TAKE ACTION OR RECONSIDER ACTION TAKEN

Characteristics:

- May not interrupt a speaker
- Second required
- Debatable
- Amendable
- Majority vote required unless a greater vote is prescribed by preempting law

Rule 6
Special Rules for Certain Motions

6.1 No proposed resolution may be submitted for consideration after the close of the first plenary session.

All proposed resolutions shall be referred to a Convention committee by the Chair, in consultation with the Dispatch of Business Committee. Such reference may be appealed in the same manner as a procedural decision of the Chair.

6.2 The budget for the upcoming year shall be presented to the Convention on the first day and any amendments, deletions, additions and final adoption may after presentation be considered. Any motion to amend the budget which increases any item of expense must make provision to reduce in like amount items of the expense side of the budget. Any resolution or motion which would impact the budget must have received the prior approval of the Convention committee on Diocesan Finance and Budget.

6.3 All motions to amend, substitute, initiate or otherwise alter any report, action, or recommendation of any Convention committee or the Diocesan Council must be submitted at the hearings held by the committee, and if no hearings, to the chair of the committee prior to the presentation to the floor.

6.4 When any motion on the floor concerns either directly or indirectly the Constitutions and Canons of the General Convention or the Diocese, the matter shall have received prior approval of the Convention Committee on Constitution and Canons, in consultation with the Chancellor.

6.5 If any motion under discussion contains several distinct propositions the same may, in the discretion of the Chair, be divided at the request of any delegate and a vote taken separately except that a motion to strike out or insert shall be indivisible.

**Rule 7
Elections**

7.1 All elections shall be conducted as provided in these Rules of Order unless otherwise provided by the Constitution and Canons of this diocese.

7.2 On or before March 1st of each year the positions open for election at the upcoming annual Convention shall be made available to the clergy and the *South Dakota ChurchNews*. Prior to August 1st of each year nominations may be submitted to the diocesan office only by Region Deanery Assemblies, the Niobrara Convocation, or a certified Convention delegate, for any position open for election. Such nominations and applicable information shall be made on a form prescribed by the Chancellor. Such nominations shall be reviewed by not less than three members of the Convention Nominating Committee, none of whom may be nominees, who shall, for elections for Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, and Deputies to General Convention and Provincial Synod review the nominating form and if the same is in compliance with the requirements of the nominating form cause the same to be distributed to the delegates prior to the opening session on the second day of the Convention.

7.3 In the event that there are no more nominations than necessary to fill an office, the Secretary shall cast a unanimous ballot for the persons so nominated.

7.4 In the event that there are more nominations than necessary to fill an office, the Committee on Nominations shall cause a ballot to be printed and each delegate shall check the names of the persons whom the delegate desires to select on the various ballots. The order for the placement of nominees on the ballot shall be by lot. No cast ballot shall be valid on which a delegate has voted for more or for less than the number to be elected on that ballot.

7.5 Where only one person may be elected for a particular office, a majority vote is required for election. In the event no candidate receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the person receiving the least number of votes shall be eliminated and the remaining nominees shall be submitted to another ballot, which shall continue in succession until a nominee is elected.

7.6 For offices or positions to be held by multiple persons at one time (such as General Convention deputies), the nominees of the required number receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected in order. If alternates are required, they shall be chosen from those not elected in the order of the most number of votes.

**Rule 8
Voting**

8.1 On motions the Chair shall have the discretion to call for a vote by voice or by hands. All elections, however, shall be done by written ballot.

8.2 Upon the request of any delegate, before or after a voice vote, a hand vote may be requested on any motion before the Convention. Upon the request of any two delegates any matter before the Convention shall be submitted to a secret written ballot, except that any member of that committee whose name appears on the ballot or who is a movant of a motion being counted is excluded from such counting.

8.3 A vote by orders may be had upon the request of at least two members of the lay order and two members of the clerical order. All votes by orders shall be by secret ballot.

8.4 The counting of all votes, by ballot or otherwise (except by voice) shall be done by the Tabulation Ballot Committee.

Rule 9 Adjournment

Upon completion of the meeting's agenda, if no further business is indicated, the Chair shall adjourn the meeting. Adjournment may be accomplished by motion or announcement of the chair. A motion to adjourn, before or after completion of the agenda, is always in order.

Rule 10 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting shall be recorded by or under supervision of the secretary and be submitted for approval at a subsequent meeting. In the absence of the secretary, the chair shall appoint a special secretary of the meeting.

RULES OF ORDER FOR A CONVENTION ELECTING A BISHOP

A. PROCEDURE

1. These Special Rules of Order shall become effective upon their adoption by a majority of the certified delegates voting in each order.
2. All General Rules of Order as adopted by prior conventions are hereby adopted and shall be followed except as otherwise herein provided by these Special Rules of Order. In the event that any other business, other than the electing process shall be under consideration then the General Rules of Order shall be followed.
3. These Special Rules of Order may be amended or suspended after their adoption by the Convention by a two-thirds majority of the certified delegates voting in each order by secret ballot. If the balloting has commenced for the election of a Bishop then no Special Rule of Rules of Order may be amended or suspended without the unanimous consent of the delegates in attendance.
4. These Special Rules of Order shall be continuing for any future election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop except that at the commencement of any future electing convention they may be amended or modified by a simple majority of the certified delegates voting by secret ballot in each order.
5. When any voting is done by orders, other than by secret ballot the laity shall vote first, and then the clergy.

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6. All forms, ballots and other written instruments as required under these Special Rules of Order shall have been previously approved by the Chancellor as to form.

B. CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES:

No delegate or alternate can be registered as such unless his name shall have been previously certified on the proper diocesan forms from the congregation or group that the delegate or alternate represents in compliance with Canon 2-2-3 and 2-2-5. If an emergency appointment is required it must be done in accordance with Canon 2-2-4 and 2-2-5. Thereafter when a delegate is so certified the Committee on Credentials is authorized to issue such delegate or alternate the proper card. For the purpose of specificity, clerical delegates, lay delegates, and alternates will be issued different colored cards. No alternate can be in the voting area, unless permitted by the Chair, while balloting is under way. Likewise no alternate can vote as a delegate until the Committee on Credentials has approved the transfer of voting cards. The transfer back to the original delegate must likewise be approved. The procedure for handling the process of transfer shall be established by the Committee on Credentials and announced at the Convention.

C. NOMINATION PROCESS:

1. Any delegate may nominate any priest or bishop qualifying under General Convention and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons. No delegate may make more than one nomination. Three minutes shall be allowed to a delegate nominating for the presentation of the nomination.
2. All persons nominated must submit their responses to the questionnaire submitted to them and execute an approved consent form. The date for returning the questionnaire and consent form shall be set by the Diocesan Council.
3. The Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee may, at their option, act as a nominating committee, and submit nominations to the floor in such capacity and shall have three minutes to present each nomination.
4. After all nominations shall have been made, the Chair shall declare the nominations closed, announce the names of the nominees and thereafter no further nominations shall be accepted. All nominations which shall have been made from the floor, other than those submitted by the Diocesan Council and Standing Committee, shall be submitted to the Diocesan Council and Standing Committee to determine if such nominee, is, under Canon and by reputation qualified to so serve. In the event that they should determine that such nominee is not qualified to serve this shall be reported to the convention and the convention shall then decide by majority vote in each order whether to retain the person nominated on the ballot. Such vote shall be by secret ballot.

D. BALLOTS AND COUNTING

1. The Committee on Credentials shall print all ballots. The sequence of the names shall be decided by lot for each separate ballot.
2. There shall be separate ballot boxes provided for each order, and the ballots for each order shall be printed on different colored paper.
3. After balloting has commenced, no motions, points of order and the like shall be made from the floor. All such inquiries shall be made privately to the parliamentarian.
4. After sufficient time has been allowed to the delegates for marking their ballots the delegate shall go to the proper ballot box for that delegate's order, display his credential card to the member of the credential's committee and hand over the ballot which that the credential committee member shall place in the box. The

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chair may determine, in order to avoid confusion, that after a member has voted the member should leave the chamber until all ballots for that vote have been cast.

5. At the counting of the first through the third ballot, inclusive, the name of any nominee who fails to receive at least two votes in each order shall be dropped off all succeeding ballots. At the counting of the fourth ballot and all subsequent ballots the name of any nominee who fails to receive at least four votes in each order shall be dropped off all succeeding ballots.

6. In the event that the total number of ballots cast in either order shall exceed the number of certified delegates in that order, the ballot shall not be announced, and the order in which the excessive ballot or ballots shall have been cast, shall ballot again.

7. Any nominee is permitted to withdraw prior to the commencement of the printing of the next ballot. Said nominee or his authorized representative may withdraw by notifying the Chair on the form provided for the same. In the event that the nominee is not going to be present, he may designate, in writing a representative who shall have full authority to withdraw the name of the nominee.

8. A nominee who shall receive two-thirds vote of the certified delegates voting in each order shall be declared by the Chair as elected.

E. DECORUM

1. The floor shall be restricted to those holding delegate credentials by the Credentials Committee. Prior to the commencement of the voting on each ballot the Chair shall assure itself that only delegates are on the floor except for those which the Chair shall have otherwise permitted. The ballots shall thereafter be distributed.

2. No nominee, if a delegate, may be a member of the Committees on Credentials, Dispatch of Business, involved with the collection or counting of ballots, speak to the convention as to the nominee's candidacy, or withdrawal from the same, or announce to the convention assembled after withdrawal, support of any other nominee.

3. It shall be deemed inappropriate for presentations on the floor by any delegate beyond the nomination process.