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Tarrant Elected 10th Bishop of SD

The Very Rev. John Tarrant was elected on May 9 to serve as bishop coadjutor (bishop with right of succession) of the Diocese of South Dakota.

Tarrant, 57, currently rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Pierre, South Dakota, was chosen on the second ballot in an election held in Pierre. Out of a total of 53 clergy and 138 lay votes, Tarrant received 44 clergy votes and 101 lay votes on the last ballot. He will be the 10th bishop of South Dakota.



“It’s a weighty thing to be elected a bishop of this church. My first idea is to get out amongst the folks and listen. My style has never been to go into groups as if I had all the answers,” said Tarrant in a phone interview shortly after his election.

Among the difficult issues he will be facing, he said, are social conditions at some of the 60 Episcopal congregations in the diocese located on Indian reservations. “At one, the suicide rate is epidemic and the church has to be a beacon of hope in those

The other candidates were the Rev. John Floberg, the Rev. Douglas Dunn and the Rev. Peter Stebinger, who withdrew after the first ballot. Results are posted on page 6 and on the diocesan website.

situations,” said Tarrant, who is not from a native background.

One of his priorities, Tarrant said, will be to visit the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, where the current bishop, Creighton Robertson, last year closed nine churches, citing declining contributions and attendance.

Tarrant, who has served in Pierre since 2005, also noted that other issues include effects of the current recession and isolation that many clergy feel in sparsely populated areas. “I’m looking forward to serving,” he said, adding also that he had “mixed emotions” since he will

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God our Father and from the Lord
Jesus Christ.

It has been an interesting month since the election on May 9th. I have become very aware of this being an “in between time”. I am called “bishop coadjutor-elect” which is in itself a mouthful and yet my primary function in the church is still rector of Trinity, Pierre. This is a time ‘in between.’ I still have responsibility to Trinity (although they have been very gracious in sharing me with the Diocese) and yet there is much to do to prepare for the transition to bishop coadjutor. I have needed to get a physical and psychological exam and in July, Pat and I will go to Anaheim for General Convention to have my election confirmed. None of these activities were on my calendar prior to May 9th.



The Very Rev. John Tarrant

Bishop Robertson, the Diocesan staff, and representatives from our National Church have been very helpful as I navigate this new landscape. I have received many cards, notes and calls of support from people throughout our Diocese. These, also, are encouraging. Your prayers and patience are two practices that will support me the most in this “in between time.”

God willing we will gather in Sioux Falls on October 31, 2009 and I will be consecrated bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of South Dakota. I will serve under the direction of Bishop Robertson until his retirement. Without God’s grace I could not be where I am; without God’s loving support I would not want to be where I am. Wherever the road takes us I know that if we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit we will be guided to be the people God is calling us to become.

As I move through this time I have become more aware that all of our earthly pilgrimage is an “in between time.” The time between the womb and the grave is the time in which we learn to trust God. We learn that it is from God that we receive “life and breath and everything.” And we learn that it is through God that we “live and move and have our being.” May the God of peace be with us all during this in between time.

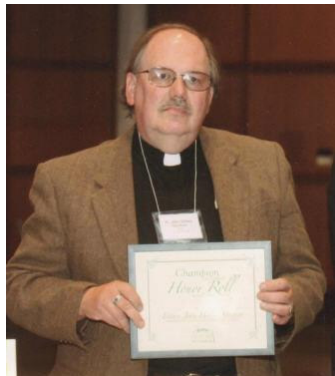
Faithfully yours,

John+



Spruhan awarded for children's advocacy

On April 24, 2009, **The Rev. John Spruhan**, Rosebud Mission, was honored at the Sioux Falls Convention Center by the South Dakota Voices For Children Foundation, in their annual "Champions For Children" Honor Roll awards.



Spruhan was honored for his volunteer work and advocacy on behalf of the state's children in the category of "poverty." Other categories included health care, education, and so on. He is an honoree for his efforts to relieve the poverty of children and their families in SD, namely through working hand-in-hand with Tree of Life (The Spruhan family is a donor, as are Rosebud Mission and the Diocese) and Habitat For Humanity, and for his advocacy at the state and national levels by calling, e-mailing, and dropping by to see Tim Johnson, Stephanie Hersth-Sandlin, and John Thune on behalf of poverty related issues (many of these issues and bills to be voted on were brought to Spruhan's attention through the SD Peace and Justice Center, Bread For the World, and the Episcopal News Service). He was also a regular writer and caller to the White House under the Bush Administration on issues of children and poverty.

Two other individual volunteers were honored along with several professional volunteers, and professional individuals and organizations.

Spruhan's wife, the Rev. Judy Spruhan, also attended the awards luncheon. Daughter Lydia said, "We are very proud of Dad!" Dr. Susan Randall, Executive Director of South Dakota Voices for Children told Spruhan that "we are grateful for your outstanding work on behalf of children in South Dakota! Thank you for your contribution to our children's well being."

Around the Diocese — — at Easter

New Acolytes in Lower Brule

Wade Brings trained Holy Comforter's newest acolytes, **Desmond and Dillion McBride**. They performed their first service as acolytes during Bishop Robertson's visit on Easter Sunday Service at Holy Comforter/Messiah Episcopal Church at Lower Brule.



Picture courtesy of Wade Brings.

Watertown Easter Outreach

Trinity Episcopal Church youth made Easter baskets for the children at the Watertown Resource Center, a safe house for victims of child abuse and domestic violence. Items were obtained by donations from church members.



Shown in the front row are Isabelle Hatch, Anjane Green, Alycia Kirchmeier, Cassie Boettcher, Dylan Shroll and Kayla Piorkowski. In the back row are Parker Piorkowski and Jacob Boettcher.

Bishop visits Cluster at Easter



Bishop Robertson visited the 4 churches at Chamberlain and in the Mni Sose Cluster at Easter, confirming 26 and baptizing 14. Eighteen adults renewed their Baptismal Covenant. There were over 350 folks in attendance at all services.

TRANSITIONS . . .

At 2:30 am on May 22, after a long delivery, Sarah Anne Hall was born in Brookings to parents Rev. Ryan & Mary Hall. Sarah weighed in at 8 lbs, 8 ounces; is "healthy and beautiful."



Congratulations to the parents, and a big welcome to Sarah. We look forward to meeting you!

Fr. Ryan is the Rector of **St. Paul's, Brookings**. He and Mary moved to Brookings from Nebraska and began their ministry there at the end of February, 2009.

A College for Bishops program was introduced in a pilot phase in the fall of 2007. This is a 90-Day Companion program for new bishops and essentially assigns a bishop companion to a newly-elected bishop to serve as a guide and/or resource person for the first 90-days after election. After the new bishop's consecration (which is typically 90 days after election), a bishop peer coach is then assigned to the new bishop for the duration of the three-year Living Our Vows program.

Bishop Frank Brookhart of the Diocese of Montana has agreed to be **Bishop-Elect Tarrant's** 90-Day companion.

New Native/Indigenous Ministries Officer named

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori has named **Sarah Eagle Heart** as program officer for Native American/Indigenous Ministries for the Episcopal Church beginning May 26.

"Sarah brings enormous energy and vision to this work and a capacity for building bridges among and between the diverse constituencies that make up our indigenous membership in the Church," said the Rev. Brian Grieves, director of the Church's Advocacy Center.

Eagle Heart has been serving as a part time consultant to Native American Ministries since October 2008. She has also been the administrator for Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Pensacola, Florida.

"As a Lakota and an Episcopalian, I try to lead by example," Eagle Heart stated in her application letter. "Communication is essential. My hope is . . . (that) I can encourage reconciliation, spiritual formation, and inspire our people into leadership for the future of absolute equality among genders, cultures and countries."



Sarah Eagle Heart

She holds an MBA in global management from the University of Phoenix, San Diego. Eagle Heart is enrolled as a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and was raised on the reservation.

Eagle Heart will be based in Los Angeles, which has the largest population of Native Americans in the United States. From the Los Angeles regional office, Eagle Heart will have access to indigenous commu-

nities in various locales, including Hawaii, Alaska, Navajoland, the Dakotas, Minnesota and Oklahoma. Additionally, she will work part of each summer on the Pine Ridge reservation.

Province VI Letter to GC

To the Bishops and Deputies of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church:

We the members of the Synod of Province VI, gathering in our Annual meeting in Bloomington, MN, prayerfully considered our participation at our next General Convention. With all due respect, we offer the following for your consideration.

We the people of the church in Province VI, Land of Mountains, Lakes and Plains, are thankful for our church and its people. We wonder if we might, as members of the church, see the harm we do to each other because of what is often seen as our need to be right, or our need to win. Perhaps this is the time when we remember the lessons of our elders: instead of answering questions, we might first ask questions; not saying, "I think this is what we should do;" but sitting and listening; and after the listening, remember that everyone is related to each other. We might remember that the establishment of honor and respect is the first item on the agenda of our "to do" list. It is simply good manners to be respectful of our neighbors in our dealings with one another.

Perhaps this is time when we don't make the mistake of behaving like we believe that silence needs to be filled. That listening can come after we have created space for listening.

We recognize that we will share conflict with each other. Perhaps, this is the time when those conflicts rise, or tensions increase, that we might consider turning around and entering into an time of fellowship. Where we might look at how we go about our disagreements, our dynamics in our disagreements, and ask ourselves, "are we being fair?" If we are saying that we recognize the face and voice of Christ in each and every person, then perhaps we might act as if we believed it.

Finally, we have the collective wisdom of scripture and our elders which says that we are connected to the earth and to each other. We have the collective wisdom of scripture and our elders which says that God is with us. We have the collective wisdom of

scripture and our elders which says that love is always victorious.

We have the opportunity as a church to make our life together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, so that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair.

Peace be with you.

Members of the Province VI Synod (June '09)

Tarrant involved in Crow Creek initiative

Bishop-elect John Tarrant was in Des Moines, IA at the end of May attending the Harvest Initiative board meeting. Harvest Initiative is a non-profit economic development group working specifically on Crow Creek Reservation. Fr. Tarrant was invited to join the board about four months ago, and they meet a couple times a year.

From their website:

The Harvest Initiative was organized in the spring of 2008 to create and facilitate economic activity on the Crow Creek Sioux Reservation by assisting tribal members, either individually or cooperatively, through training entrepreneurs, providing access to capital and enhanced financial literacy.

The activities of this organization focus on alleviating the effects of poverty on the reservation through the provision of financial literacy education and long term growth of the local economy. In particular, the Harvest Initiative works at the grassroots to assist tribe members in developing a native owned financial institution to meet the needs most critical to the reservation.

The Harvest Initiative resulted from a collaboration between a Des Moines, Iowa business executive and two Drake University law students. The group became involved with the reservation through the Together For Hope campaign organized by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the missions and relief efforts of Ashworth Road Baptist Church in West Des Moines, Iowa.

A major milestone for The Harvest Initiative and the Crow Creek Reservation was achieved recently when

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be leaving a congregation in Pierre of “people that I love.”

Born in Kansas City, Missouri, Tarrant was raised in rural Michigan. He holds a B.A. Degree in political science from Michigan State University, and a Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary.

Before arriving in South Dakota, Tarrant served parishes in Western Massachusetts and Connecticut. He and his wife Patricia are the parents of a combined family of 11 grown children, one deceased. Jessica lives at home with them.

The election must be ratified by the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, set for July 8-17 in Anaheim, California. Tarrant's consecration as bishop is set for October 31 in Sioux Falls.



Bishop-Elect John Tarrant, Pat, and Jessica

Thank You Election Convention Volunteers!

- Ellen Walker (Trinity, Pierre) for coordinating the cookie donations and setup
- The Rev. Judy Flagstad (Trinity, Pierre) for coordinating the pages ahead of time
- Holly Huisken (Calvary Cathedral) for supervising the pages on site
- Don Metcalf (Cheyenne River) for coordinating the Sergeants-at-Arms
- JoAnn Edstrom (Emmanuel, Rapid City) for her keyboard skills and liturgy input
- Deacon Bitsey Ciesel for arranging and performing altar guild duties
- The Revs George Parmeter, Evelyn Weaver, and many others for preparing and participating in the Eucharist
- Deacon Virginia Bird and the Rev. Liam Muller (chaplains to the Nominating and Transition Committees) for their ministry during the election process and their sermon at convention.
- Robert Klein (St. Paul’s, Brookings) for chairing the Ballot Counting Committee and to the team for quick, accurate results.
- Deacon Marty Garwood (St. Andrew’s, Rapid City) and Barbee Hovelson (Brookings) for chairing the Credentials and Registration tables.
- Transition Committee for helping coordinate the election convention and the Nominating and Standing Committees for all the

2009 Special Election

Ballot #	1		2	
	Clergy	Lay	Clergy	Lay
Order				
Total Votes Cast	51	136	53	138
Needed to Elect	34	91	36	93
John Tarrant	27	73	44	101
John Floberg	7	15	3	14
Doug Dunn	5	12	6	23
Peter Stebinger	11	36	withdrew	withdrew
(spoiled ballot)	1			



A blustery stop on the Walkabout

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- work leading up to it.
- Julie Gehm (Calvary Cathedral) for making the press releases.
- Many, many people who helped set up and take down.
- The many others unnamed who volunteered to help and/or stepped in when help was needed or a need identified.

4. Two altar acolytes
5. Sixteen ushers, two from each deanery
6. 4+ oblation bearers
7. Vergers
8. Choir members — lots of them!
9. Volunteers to set up and tear down the worship space
10. Communion vessels and linens

YOU are needed for the consecration of our new bishop!

Plan to attend — better yet — plan to participate, when the 10th Bishop of South Dakota is consecrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, All Hallows Eve (October 31) at the Sioux Falls Convention Center.

Many are needed to help with the service, to be led by **Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori**, and attended by an estimated 2000 to 3000 people. **The Rev. George Parmeter** of Grace Church, Huron, has been named ceremonialist for the service, meaning he has the responsibility of organizing the liturgy according to the protocols of the national church.

“We want broad representation from the entire diocese,” says Father Parmeter, “and we especially want a strong youth presence. This is a rare opportunity to be involved in a very moving, important event in the life of the Church. We hope many individuals step forward to help celebrate the beginning of this exciting next phase.”

Those who can help are asked to submit their names as soon as possible and **no later than July 1** to Father Parmeter. All names need to be submitted far in advance to the national church, which will prepare the order of service.

Here's what's needed:

1. A banner from each congregation, with a designated person to carry it. Also, a stand in which to place the banner.
2. Eleven processional crosses (with stands), and 11 youth acolytes to carry them, with representation from each deanery
3. Twenty-two torches (with stands) and 22 youth acolytes to carry them, with representation from each deanery.

Lodging near the Sioux Falls Convention Center

<i>Motel</i>	<i>Telephone</i> 605-
Sheraton Sioux Falls 1211 N. West Ave	331-0100
Ramada Inn & Suites 1301 W. Russell	336-1020
Brimark Inn 3200 W. Russell	332-2000
Ramkota Inn 3200 W. Maple	336-0650
Motel 6 30098 W. Russell	336-7800
Oaks Hotel 3300 W. Russell	336-9000
Super 8/Knights Inn 1508 W. Russell	339-9330
Arena Motel 2401 W. Russell	336-1470
American Budget Sioux Falls Inn 1300 W. Russell	331-5800
Sleep Inn 1500 N. Kiwanis	339-3992
Kelly Inn 3101 W. Russell	338-6242

If you would like help locating lodging in another part of the city, contact the Diocesan Office.
605-338-9751
office.diocese@midconetwork.com

Work Weekend @ TEC

We had 40 wonderful people total throughout the weekend, helping in one way or another. Besides meetings of the Youth Council and TEC Board, we refastened the siding of SuperTent, finished painting some buildings, cleaned out the camper cabins, gutters, chapel, and grounds, replaced a deck, fed everyone, and generally got the place ready for the summer.

We even managed to have a lot of fun together, though there were threats of hanging someone from the rafter if she won one more card game.....please join us next year - watch for dates early in 2010!

Serving Christ with you,
Holly Huisken, TEC Camp Director

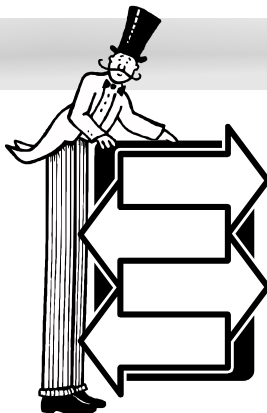
STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP!

Family/ 5th/6th Grade Camp is filling up fast! Don't miss all the excitement! Father **Ryan Hall** will be leading our kids and families in an exploration of faith and fun!

There are still slots available for the middle school girls, boys, and coed camps. Father **Liam Muller's** presentations are **NOT TO BE MISSED!** He will cover scripture and prayer book and sacraments in a way that will thrill one and all! **Sam Robertson's** presentations for the boys will challenge them to consider racism and core values. The girls will explore spirituality and friendship. Plus tons of fun camp singing, campfires, hikes, and games galore...

There are still slots open for the high school camp too! Workshops on different kinds of prayer, singing and sharing of music, performing, dancing, swimming, hiking — and valuable conversations with the young leaders of our Diocese who are serving as Counselors this summer, not to mention with Mother **Mercy Hobbs!**

Why send a kid to camp? Because the camp experience connects fun and joyous memories with church and spirituality. It is a mixture which gives our young people a real chance to grow in faith and strength. Never mind the other school-year type activities out there for them — *this* camp is



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about developing who they are as young people.
It is invaluable.

Meet our counselors!

- **Portia Hurney**, our head counselor, is from Trinity, Pierre, a recent graduate of Creighton University where she won the Theology Department award for making the most valuable contribution!
- **Mikayla Dunfee**, of St. Andrew's, Rapid City, is freshly returned home from a USD semester abroad in Spain and has been traveling all over Europe.
- **Brittany Salisbury**, of Peace Lutheran in Sioux Falls, is niece of our own Tally Salisbury and a rising junior at Gustavus Adolphus College.
- **Carolyn Taratko**, St. Mark's, New Canaan, CT, is a rising sophomore at Trinity College, Hartford, CT, a runner and a philosophy student as well as a Taize pilgrim!
- **Simone Cournoyer**, of Holy Spirit, Wagner, is a TEC veteran and a resilient young woman!
- **Bryan Muller**, of St. Mary's, Mitchell, is a sophomore English major at Dakota State Univ. and son of our very own Father Liam Muller.
- **Jimmy Bloomquist**, a rising sophomore at the USD music program, is a Taize pilgrim and a talented musician. He'll supply the chapel and campfire with music all summer! And teach some to the kids!
- **Tim Murphy**, St. Mark's, New Canaan, CT, is a rising junior at Trinity College in Hartford, CT. He is an amateur rapper, theologian, and DJ, as well as being another Taize veteran.
- **Tyrone White**, St. John's, Eagle Butte, All Angels, Spearfish, is a rising junior at BHSU, a track athlete and an Indian Studies major. He is also about to be a licensed lay reader!

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An Indian Taco lunch fund raiser at Christ Church, Chamberlain on May 28 raised \$600 for TEC from the Mni Sose Cluster. The picture above shows Shirley Crane and Kim Fonder giving Holly Huisken (center) the check at TEC during Summer Seminary.



Niobrara School for Ministry Summer Seminary 2009 at TEC

Back row, l-r: Shirley Crane, Claire Hussey, Mercy Hobbs, Vaud Obermeyer, Mark Marion, Virginia Bird, Evelyn Weaver, Sue Lyman, and Mike Weaver.

Middle row, l-r: John Keyes, Marty Garwood, Pat White Horse-Carda, and Paul Sneve.

Front row, l-r: Professor Richard Leggett, Tatanka, Holly Huisken, Kim Fonder, and Judy Graves.

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**Openings still available
for August & September!**

FOR RESERVATIONS -

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Diocesan office: 605-338-9751

FOR INFORMATION -

Call Tony Gonsor in Custer: 605-673-2205



GRACE HAPPENS

“Mountains Melt Away”

By The Rev. Fred Jessett

On Sunday, May 18, 1952 my brother, Art, climbed Mt. St. Helens with three other University of Washington students. On the way down, Art was carrying the group's only rope when he fell into a crevasse on the north side of the mountain. Rescue efforts by those in his party and others in the area failed. By the time word was finally relayed to the Mountain Rescue Council, and they got to the mountain, it was too late; they couldn't go up until the next morning. They brought Art's body down to the lodge at Spirit Lake where my parents met them.

The funeral service was first set for Christ Church in Seattle where Art had participated as a member of Canterbury Club, but because heavy press coverage of the accident created so much interest, it was moved to St. Mark's Cathedral.

My father planned the service. He chose one hymn, but that night another tune kept running through his mind. He checked the hymnal. Two hymns were set to that tune and he found the less familiar one, words from a poem by Alexander Pope. When Dad read the last verse he knew that was the right hymn.

*The seas shall waste, the skies to smoke decay,
Rocks fall to dust, and mountains melt away;
But fixed his word, his saving power remains;
Thy realm shall last, thine own Messiah reigns.*

The cathedral was packed for the service conducted by Bishops Bayne and Huston. The clergy of the diocese volunteered to be the choir. A priest later told Dad they were sur-

prised at the hymn he had chosen until they read the last verse, and then some were too moved to sing. The hymn was my father's cry of faith in the face of this tragedy. He felt the way he was guided to the hymn after he had originally chosen something else, meant the hymn was a gift from God.

Fast forward 28 years to another Sunday, May 18 in 1980. At about the same time my brother had fallen into that crevasse in 1952, the north side of Mt. St. Helens blew out in the eruption that killed 58 people and stunned the world. The glacier in which Art died melted in an instant, and a huge pyroclastic flow poured down the mountain. Rocks were pulverized into dust that rose in a cloud that would circle the earth.

My family was living in Cheney just outside Spokane and ash from the cloud fell on us that day. Amid the concern and uncertainty about how to deal with the ash, I realized the eruption had done just what the hymn had described. The part of the mountain where Art died had melted away and its rock had turned to dust exactly 28 years later.

The grief and suffering caused by this new tragedy at the mountain gave increased importance to Alexander Pope's words – “Thy realm shall last, thine own Messiah reigns.” No matter what devastation occurs in this world, the final word will always belong to God.

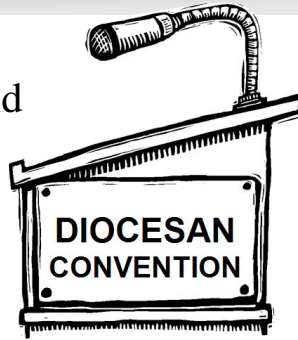
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Annual Diocesan Convention to be held in October

The following positions will need to be filled at the Diocesan Convention, October 2-4, 2009:



Resolutions to Diocesan Convention

All Resolutions to Diocesan Convention are to be submitted in writing to the Committee on Resolutions through the Diocesan Office. They should be clearly typed. The committee requests that resolutions do not begin with “whereas” but simply state the resolution, following by the explanation and rationale. The “whereas” is not part of the resolution. This format for resolutions allows for greater clarity as to what the resolution is attempting to communicate.

Convention Representative to Diocesan Council

- One person for 4 year term

Province VI Deputies

- One clergy for 3 year term
- One lay for 3 year term
- One lay for 2 year term

Standing Committee

- One presbyter for 4 year term
- One presbyter for 3 year term
- One lay for 4 year term

Trial Court

- Three priests
- Two lay persons

See Page 25 for Nomination Form

Diocesan Convention will be held at Cedar Shore, October 2-4, 2009. The Northeast Deanery hosts this year. The Clergy Conference begins October 1.

Resolutions should take the following form.

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

RESOLVED, that the One Hundred Twenty-second Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota (state the resolution).

RESOLVED, (Further resolves may also be stated).

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

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

The deadline for submitting resolutions generated before the pre-Convention deanery meeting is two weeks before those meetings and the deadline for submitting resolutions generated at pre-Convention deanery meetings is no later than the Friday following those meetings.

The first mailing of Convention materials, including pre-registration forms, will be mailed to delegates around the first of August.

Please notify the Diocesan Office before then if your delegation has changed since the May 9th Special Election Convention, so the correct people can get the materials.

A jacket and a light coat were left at the Ramkota in Pierre following the Election Convention.

If you left one, please contact Mary in the Diocesan Office.

MINUTES
124th Annual Convention (2008)
The Diocese of South Dakota
Cedar Shore, Oacoma, South Dakota
October 3 – 5, 2008

“PARTNERS WITH GOD...Forging Ahead”

PLENARY SESSION I – Gathered to Discern

Morning Prayer

Call to Order: The 124th Annual Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota was called to order by Bishop Creighton Robertson at approximately 9:00 AM.

Introductions: Bishop Creighton Robertson introduced the guests;
 The Rev. Bill Graham – Alliance, NE – Province VI;
 Moses Deng Joknhial – South Sudan School Project, who will be leaving in January to build the school. Discussion of the offering going to the Sudan project – needs a motion.
 Fr Webster Two Hawk will be the Lakota language translator.

Transferred to the Diocese since last convention;
 The Rev. Ellen Lang from the Diocese of Connecticut
 The Rev. Robert C. Schwarz from Dioc of Milwaukee
 The Rev. Richard Ressler from Diocese of Oklahoma
 The Rev. Elizabeth Powers from the Diocese of North Dakota (not present at this time)
 The Rev. Wayne McIntosh from the Diocese of Keewatin, Canada
 Ordained since the last convention;
 Kay Jennings as priest
 Charlie King as priest
 Clergy deaths since the last convention
 The Rev. Bill Hibbert
 The Rev. Francis Nickerson

Appointments

Parliamentarian: Steve Sanford
 Pages were introduced and if you need anything raise the yellow card.

Overview of Schedule and Approval of Agenda:

Canon Wagner announced

- a. Nominations will close at 11:00 am today. All nominations will be given to Johnny Wilson or other members of the Nominations Committee.
- b. Deadline for resolutions is at 11:00 am today. All resolutions are to be given to Fr. Bunker Hill or other members of the resolution Committee.
- c. Saturday morning workshops @ 10:30 am;
 Youth Program in the Diocese

Cross Cultural Awareness and conversation
 Transition Time
 God Signs
 Noonday Prayers will be within and at the end of each workshop.

- d. Saturday afternoon
 Presentation, discussion & action on the 2009 budget
 Elections
 Presentation of Resolution
 Other Reports
- e. Sunday morning
 Presentation by Nominating Committee
 Presentation by transition Committee
 Unfinished business
 Closing Eucharist

Housekeeping Announcements were made concerning restrooms, breaks, exhibits, Convention office, Page alert cards, Convention evaluation form, lunch buffet and nametag lanyard.

Credentials Committee Report: Deacon Marty Garwood announced 97 of 124 Delegates were present and 43 of 57 Clergy were present thereby a quorum was declared.

Report of Parliamentarian: Steve Sanford;

- (1) Report Rules of Order
 For Resolutions
 Change of rules of order regarding voting
 Other business
- (1) Method for submitting amendments to resolutions and canons, (forms are in Convention office)
- (2) Movers of motions must go to a microphone and identify themselves, by name and congregation, prior to the introduction of a motion.

Minutes: Call for corrections/additions to the 2007 Diocesan Convention Minutes (contained in the July/August *Church News*) Motion to approve as printed by The Rev. George Parameter, seconded by Nyle Hedin, all in favor, motion carried.

Johnny Wilson announced that nominations cease at 11:00 AM

Call for Motion to Accept Reports by Title: Motion by The Rev. Tim Fountain to accept the Reports by Title as printed in the *ChurchNews*, seconded by Nyle Hedin, all in favor, motion carried.

UTO – Sharon Van Doren informed UTO funds helped

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with construction projects for three churches, also supports ministry of the Diocese.

Barbee Hovelson – six Pages were introduced.

Workshops & Noonday Prayers:

Youth Program in the Diocese

Cross-Cultural Awareness & Conversation

God Signs

Transition Time in the Diocese

The convention recessed for lunch.

PLENARY SESSION II – Gathered to Plan & Decide & Fund

Announcements by the President: Canon Wagner informed Complaine will be in the Convention Center, a reception for those in the Ordination Process, banquet & program, Eucharist.

Deacon Peterson – ECW fall meeting on October 3, ECW project to assist Moses by having a Statewide Bake & craft sale for the Sudan School, second week in November.

Sandy Magnavito announced ECW Scholarships went to Twila Two Bulls, Jesse McCormick & Megan Conway.

Bernice Jones will be honored @ General Convention; she is 98 years old and is an active member of the Church. The Diocese of South Dakota applauds her achievements.

Jean Lacher announced which quilts were for sale.

David Wheeler – Nominating Committee announced meeting in the glass room.

Liam Muller – thank those for putting together the convention and recognized staff and host of the Eastern Deanery & Convention.

Credentials Report: Deacon Marty Garwood announced those 123 out of 128 delegates and 46 out of 57 Clergy were present thereby declaring a quorum.

Budget: Chuck Bahnson introduced the Budget review committee. The 2009 budget was presented.

Motion by Chuck Bronson to accept the 2009 budget, seconded by Jean Lacher. No discussion, all approved, motion carried unanimously.

Elections: Johnny Wilson introduced the Nominating Committee.

Standing Committee: 1 Presbyter, 4 year term;

The Rev. Marion Rectenwald, The Rev. George Parmeter, The Rev. Tim Fountain, The Rev. Ellen Lang

1 Lay, 4 year term;

Dennis Potter, Donna Douville, Pat White Horse-Carda, Richard Zephier

Province VI Deputies & Alternates: 1 Clergy, 3 yr term;

Kathryn Costas...**Rule of Order***

1 Clergy, 1 year term unexpired...None

1 Lay, 3 year term... None

Trial Court: 1 Presbyter, 3 year unexpired term...None

1 Presbyter, 5 year term...None

1 Lay, 2 year term...None

1 Lay, 4 year term...Norm Nelson...**Rule of Or-**

der

Historiographer/Registrar.....Dr. April Brooks... Rule of Order

*If only one nomination has been received for the above offices, then announce for each office, “Mr. President, pursuant to **Rule of Order 7.3** of this Convention, there being only one nominee for the office of _____, the Secretary shall cast a unanimous ballot for _____ as “_____”. The President replies: “So ordered.”

Call for First Ballot: only nominations for Standing Committee; 1 Clergy, 1 Lay

Response to Bishop’s Charge – The Rev. John Tarrant, Chair; Bishop Robertson gave us a view of where we have been as a Diocese and where we are going. He emphasized that the “Partners with God” plan has been the framework for our ministry. He began by offering thanks for everyone helping with the Convention. He offered appreciation for the Nomination and Transition Committees’ tireless efforts in the process of electing a bishop coadjutor.

Bishop Robertson spoke of the work of the Lambeth Conference as it moved toward the goal of healing and reconciliation. He mention the Presiding Bishop’s emphasis on the millennium Development Goals, but also her recognition of the poverty and need here in South Dakota as was witnessed to her during her visit to the Niobrara Convocation.

Bishop Robertson will be working with the Commission on Ministry as we continue to exercise Mutual Ministry; yet sharpen the discernment process for those called to ordained ministry.

He also spoke of another transition the Diocese is experiencing through church closings, a process that begin under Bishop Anderson. He reminded us that in all things God calls us to work together as partners and friends.

And finally, Bishop Robertson emphasized to us that all of our work of this Convention is for God... We are not here to serve ourselves, our own bias, but God... It is for God and in God and through God that we live and move and have our being.

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Thank you Bishop Robertson for your leadership, your service and your faithfulness.

Motion for Action: Capital Campaign: Canon Wagner read A Motion for Action - *Partners with God – Enabling Our Stewardship Our Momentous Tasks*. Fr Wagner made a motion that this 2008 Annual Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota call upon the Bishop to:

1. Establish a stewardship commission to address these objectives consistent with that outlined in *Partners With God*,
2. Arrange for the appointment of appropriate persons to serve and staff it, and
3. Charge the commission to begin this program as immediately as possible and in a way that best serves the diocese and its congregations.

Seconded by The Rev. Tom Campbell, call for the vote, majority in favor of the motion, 1 nay, motion carried.

Report of Tabulation of Ballots

Standing Committee, 1 Presbyter, 4 year term; The Rev. Marion Rectenwald; 1 Lay, 4 year term- Pat White Horse-Carda

Presentations of Resolutions: The Rev. Bunker Hill, Chair introduced the Resolutions Committee. Five Resolutions plus Resolution referred from 2006 General Convention (no action required).

Two Resolutions were Rejected #01 and #02

#01 – Request for Accounting of Episcopal Church Lawsuits

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-fourth Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota requests that the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church provide the documentation with the following information:

- a. the dollar amount spent by TEC on litigation against dioceses, parishes, groups of churches and individuals since GENERAL Convention 2006;
- b. a list of the church accounts and/or budget items from which these funds were taken;
- c. an accurate comparison of dollars spent on litigation versus dollars spent on Millennium Development Goals since General Convention 2006;
- d. the proposed amount of money for litigation to be presented to the 2009 General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

OMIT: *Resolved, that the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of South Dakota communicate this request to the Presiding Bishop no later than November 5, 2008.*

Resolved, that the Presiding Bishop's response (or lack thereof) be reported to the clergy and people of the Diocese of South Dakota prior to the Bishop Coadjutor elec-

tion in 2009.

No recommendation

#02 – Request that the Episcopal Church Replace Lawsuits With Negotiations and/or Mediation Where Possible

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-fourth Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota requests that the Episcopal Church adopt a policy of negotiations and/or mediation prior to initiating lawsuits over property.

Resolved, that the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of South Dakota communicate this request to the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council of the Episcopal Church no later than November 5, 2008.

Resolved, that the Ecclesiastical Authority of this diocese report the national church's response (or lack thereof) prior to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor in 2009. No recommendation

Two Resolutions were Adopted #03 and #04

#03 – Establish the First Sunday of lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday

Resolved, that the Diocese of South Dakota dedicate the first Sunday in lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday and that congregations and individuals be encouraged to support Episcopal Relief & Development's life-saving work through prayer and a special offering that will help heal a hurting world.

Resolved, that the Diocese of South Dakota submit the following resolution to be considered and adopted by Province VI.

Resolved, that the Diocese of South Dakota submit the following resolution to the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal, meeting in Anaheim, California, July, 2009.

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, this 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church dedicate the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday and that congregations and individuals be encouraged to support Episcopal Relief & Development's life-saving work through prayer and a special offering that will help heal a hurting world.

Recommend adoption

#04 – Formation of a Diocesan Outreach Budget Line Item Oversight Committee

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-fourth Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota recommends to the Bishop to authorize the formation of a volunteer custodial committee responsible for the Diocesan budget Outreach line item.

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Resolved, that this committee be charged

- a. Define guidelines for the use of the Outreach line-item in response to the Bishop's charge
- b. Define and implement a grant process, covering identification of needs and oversight of use of Outreach line-item monies
- c. Report on status and use of Outreach funds to the Diocese within the Diocesan Annual Report

Recommend adoption

Referred back to the Constitution and Cannons Committee for further work.

#05 – Amendment of Diocesan Constitution

Resolved by the One Hundred Twenty-Fourth Annual Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota that Article VII, Section I of the Constitution of the Diocese of South Dakota be amended to read as follows [amending language highlighted]:

Section I. Memberships.

The Standing Committee shall consist of eight members made of up four canonically resident presbyters or deacons and four confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing.

No recommendation

Discussion on 5% reduction in Capital Campaign, No on going lawsuits in South Dakota with the Diocese of South Dakota. Question regarding source of money, amount and where it's going, all cuts to the budget were restored in June 2008. Use audits to review budget. Pension is not used; it would be illegal to do that. Diocese would pay for a lawsuit, not coming out of other budget line items.

Motion by Deacon Marty Garwood to amend Resolution #01 by removing 2nd & 3rd Resolves, that information is available, the information be found and distributed in *ChurchNews*, seconded by Sandy Magnavito, All in favor of amending Resolution by excluding 2nd & 3rd Resolves, call for a card vote: 62 in favor, 57 opposed, Resolution is amended.

Vote to approve the amended Resolution:
37 in favor, 87 opposed, Resolution failed.

Motion by Bunker Hill to approve Resolution #2, seconded by Tim Fountain, 47 in favor, 79 opposed, resolution failed.

Resolution #3 Motion by Bunker Hill moved to adopt Resolution #3, seconded by Katherine Costas, All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution #4 Motion by Bunker Hill to adopt Resolution

#4, seconded by Kathy Lutes all in favor, motion passed.

Resolution #5 Motion by Bunker Hill to approve & no recommendations, seconded by Brent Fawn, discussion on the resolution, Resolution was referred back to the Constitution and Cannons Committee for further work.

Katherine, Episcopal Relief and Development information, Emergency relief & Development, provides recovery and development; request \$30,000.00 to Brown County.

Barbara Oates, province VI representative gave a report on the Province VI meeting.

Next convention – Election of the next Bishop

Sunday, October 5, 2008

PLENARY SESSION III – Gathering to Consider

Call to order: at approximately 9:11 am by Bishop Robertson

Dispatch of Business: Canon Wagner announced on May 9, 2009 Electing Convention @ Ramkota in Pierre at 9:00 AM Delegates need to be on time, after 20 ballots convention will recess and reschedule another convention.

Presentation by Nominations Committee: Rodney Freeman, Chair, Standing Committee members were introduced by Jean Lacher, mission of the Nominating Committee, described what a Bishop does.

Presentation by Transition Committee: The Rev Mercy Hobbs, informed convention what Transition Committee is working on; Communications, support for Bishop Robertson & Diocesan staff, electing Convention on May 9, 2009, support for Bishop Elect, election, consecration of the Bishop elect on October 31, 2009 & celebrating Bishop Robertson & Ann's ministry. Walk About Committee introduced by Dennis Potter

Report of place of next Convention: October 1 – 4, 2009 at Cedar Shore Resort in Oacoma. Bishop elect will be here for the convention. Northeastern Deanery are the hosts

Other Reports: The 2009 (137th) Niobrara Convocation will be held June 25-28, 2009 at the Bishop Hare Center, hosted by the Rosebud Mission.

Adjourn: Sine die

Respectfully submitted by,
Karen White Horse
124th Diocesan Convention Secretary

**CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE FUND
2008 ANNUAL REPORT**

One loan applications was considered and approved in 2008. This was for the construction of a new church building for St. Mary's and Our Blessed Redeemer in Flandreau.

The Rosebud Episcopal Mission paid off their loan early.

As of December 31, 2008, seven loans were being repaid, with interest rates that ranged between 3.0% and 8.25%. Loan balances to be repaid total \$169,014.59.

Other assets in the Centennial Challenge Fund are invested in cash and Frank Russell Lifepoints Growth Stat-egy Fund – Class A. The market value of these invest-ments was \$228,550.60.

the lot & building of the old church near the Flan-dreau Indian School, and seeking bids for new church construction at the demolished site.

2. Approved amendment to Policy 6 (Supply Clergy) regarding mileage reimbursement rates.

Reports Received

1. Treasurer addressed the state of the endowment in light of the economic crisis.

**December 5, 2008
Sioux Falls, South Dakota**

Motions Approved/Actions Taken

1. Appointed the Rev. George Parmeter to a one-year term on the Standing Committee to fill the va-cancy following the resignation of one clergy member.
2. Lack of a quorum precluded much action.

**SUMMARY OF ACTION OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL
SINCE 2008 JOURNAL**

**July 11, 2008
Sioux Falls, South Dakota**

Motions Approved/Actions Taken

1. To present a capital campaign proposal to the 2008 Diocesan Convention.
2. Approved the working 2009 budgets as presented.
3. Set 2008 convention fees at \$60.
4. Approved the sale of additional Rosebud Mission land to the Todd County School District.
5. Approved adoption of Policy 29 on Equipment Capitalization.

Reports Received

1. 2007 Reports of the Audit of the records of the Diocese, the SD Episcopal Foundation, and the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral
2. TEC Board reorganization update.
3. Deployment report of 3 vacancies/searches, one filled interim position, and evaluation of a NE/SD cluster ministry for Valentine and Winner.
4. Chancellor's report on a Pine Ridge suit, the TEC 501(c)3 status, and proposed lease of Rosebud Mission land.
5. Bishop Nominating Committee report to date

**October 3, 2008
Oacoma, South Dakota**

Motions Approved/Actions Taken

1. Approval of proposal for the demolition of the Flandreau church building downtown, the sale of

Reports Received

1. TEC: the Articles of Incorporation for the 501(c)3 have been signed and filed. The Chancellor will work on by-laws. An appraisal and valuation of TEC property was received and reviewed.
2. The Partners With God initiative has progressed in the areas of the Capital Campaign, Youth & Young Adult ministry, Communication, and Dean-ery structure and involvement.
3. The new church in Flandreau is almost completed and will be consecrated by the Bishop on Christ-mas Eve.
4. Deployment report on two continued openings, one additional opening, and one position being filled.

**March 20, 2009
Pierre, South Dakota**

Motions Approved/Actions Taken

1. To change diocesan health care coverage from Da-kotaCare to the Church Medical Trust plan through Blue Cross/Blue Shield, effective July 1.
2. To sell the vicarage at Incarnation, Gregory.
3. To approve the electrical re-wiring at St. Philip's, Lake Andes.
4. To begin the formal process to sell excess TEC property, subject to later Council approval of price, easements, covenants, etc.
5. Approved an adjusted 2009 budget lowering the deficit from about \$200,000 to about \$22,000.

Reports Received

1. Preliminary information relating to increasing ac-cess to virtual meetings for the Diocese.

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2. Updated report on Partners With God initiatives and goals.
3. The Chancellor brought Council up to date on Pine Ridge suits and proposed lease of Rosebud and Pine Ridge land.
4. Youth Coordinator report of summer youth activities and events, including Youth Conference, Camp, and Niobrara Convocation.

**The Diocese of South Dakota
Grant Activity Report
December 31, 2008**

SOURCE AND PURPOSE	12/31/2007 Balance	2008 Receipts	2008 Disbursements	12/31/2008 Balance
D & FMS - Ad Campaign	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
D & FMS - Niobrara School for Ministry	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
D & FMS - Native Leadership	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
UTO - St. Mary's - Flandreau	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00
D & FMS-ERD-Flood Relief	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
D & FMS - TEC	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
TOTALS	31,000.00	16,000.00	37,000.00	10,000.00

**HISTORIOGRAPHER/REGISTRAR
Report to 2009 Convention**

Not much going on in historiography this year:

- One request from Vernon Ashley of Pierre for an early photograph of Ft. Thompson, and info on The Reverend David Clark. Found archival photos, no other info and communicated that to Mr. Ashley.
- Also assisted the national church archivists in choosing St. James, Belle Fourche, for the 2010 calendar.

Respectfully submitted,
April Brooks
Historiographer
Diocese of South Dakota

**UNITED THANK OFFERING
Report to 2009 Convention**

The mission of the United Thank Offering is to continue expanding the circle of thankful people. I hope all of you were able to achieve this mission at your spring Ingatherings and are already making plans for fall.

At the recent national UTO meeting sixty-three grants were recommended for a total of \$2,037,303.15. The grants will now have to be approved at the Triennial meeting in July.

I will again be at Diocesan Convention with my "supply table" and look forward to seeing you there. Remember you may order blue boxes (at no cost) by calling 800-903-5544 or place your order on line at www.episcopalchurch.org/uto

Enjoy the summer.

Sherry Van Doren
UTO Coordinator

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Income and Expense Statement
December 31, 2008

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	12/31/2008	2008
	ACTUAL	PROGRAM
	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
		<u>EXPENSES</u>
PARTNERING WITH GOD		
EXPENSES		
MISSION CLERGY AND SUPPORT:		
Salary and Housing - Note 1	403,198	462,923
Medical Insurance - Note 2	109,870	153,051
Travel	54,856	67,150
Utilities	11,495	34,300
Pension	78,799	96,408
Moving and Interview	26,494	0
Payroll Taxes	1,303	3,827
TOTAL MISSION CLERGY AND SUPPORT	686,015	817,659
THE LARGER CHURCH:		
General Church Program	49,204	49,204
General Convention Deputies - Note 3	6,750	6,750
Provincial Assessment	2,651	2,651
Provincial Synod Deputies	490	1,500
Lambeth Conference Reserve	750	750
TOTAL LARGER CHURCH SUPPORT	59,845	60,855
DIOCESAN PROGRAM SUPPORT		
Miscellaneous:		
Remington Retreat Center	5,949	4,000
Other Conferences	5,492	5,400
Deanery Programs	380	3,500
Diocesan Companion Relationships	973	2,000
Outreach	18,825	49,204
Total Miscellaneous Program Support	31,619	64,104
Ecumenical Relations:		
Association of Christian Churches	1,531	1,531
Flandreau Chaplaincy Program	1,000	1,000
Total Ecumenical Affiliations	2,531	2,531
Commissions and Committees:		
Aging	0	250
Commission on Ministry	1,435	4,500
Episcopal Women's Council	2,000	2,000
Ecumenical Relations	1,044	1,750
Liturgy and Music	275	750
Niobrara Council	3,600	3,600
Standing Committee	1,917	2,000
Total Commissions and Committees	10,271	14,850

THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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12/31/2008**ACTUAL
EXPENSES****2008****PROGRAM
BUDGET**

Partners With God - New Initiatives:

Achievement Management Goal:

Communications	1,937	1,500
South Dakota Churchnews	7,055	8,000
Achievement Management Other	0	5,000

Ministry Development Goal:

Clergy Conferences	5,610	10,000
Deacon's Conferences	0	1,000
Christian Formation	161	1,000
Lay Ministry Formation	900	2,500
Niobrara School for Ministry	7,774	10,000
Dakota Experience	0	2,500
Ministry Development Other	0	5,000

Ministry Support Goal:

Ministry Support Other	1,037	10,000
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Education Goal:

D.C.O.T.E.	0	2,000
Thunderhead Episcopal Camp	63,124	65,000
Continuing Education	713	2,000
Education for Ministry	2,635	3,500
Youth & Young Adult Ministries	3,849	3,000
Education Other	0	5,000
St. Mary's School/Leadership Development	21,855	15,000

Evangelism Goal:

Evangelism	850	10,000
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Community Engagement Goal:

Jubilee/Anti-Racism	1,260	2,000
Community Engagement Other	0	5,000

Stewardship Goal:

Stewardship	74	10,000
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Total Partners With God-New Initiatives	118,834	179,000
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TOTAL DIOCESAN PROGRAM SUPPORT	163,255	260,485
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THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA	12/31/2008	2008
Page 3	ACTUAL	PROGRAM
	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
		<u>INCOME</u>
EPISCOPATE, EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF	205,036	206,066
DIOCESAN OPERATIONS		
Hospitality	3,180	3,000
Payroll Taxes	6,339	6,216
Pension	28,686	28,686
Medical Insurance - Note 2	43,515	41,835
Travel	60,932	61,500
Discretionary Fund	8,185	4,000
Audit & Professional Fees	6,205	4,750
Convention & Journal	11,444	10,000
Telephone	7,772	6,500
Office	16,721	16,721
Supplies	9,970	9,000
Postage	4,575	5,500
Equipment Maintenance	1,201	2,500
Equipment	1,122	3,000
Archives	750	750
Dues & Subscriptions	2,078	2,500
Production & Printing	1,163	1,100
Insurance	13,204	18,000
Diocesan Council	2,832	12,000
Miscellaneous	30	125
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	229,904	237,683
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,344,055	1,582,748
INCOME		
CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT:		
Parish and Missions - Note 4	308,575	307,072
Late Payments	7,547	5,000
Total Congregational Support	316,122	312,072
CHAPTER ENDOWMENT SUPPORT - Note 5	220,000	308,675
GEN. CONVENTION BLOCK GRANT - Note 6	567,648	567,648
Miscellaneous Income:		
Gifts	36,459	24,000
Remington Retreat Center	5,470	4,000
Thunderhead Camp	36,451	35,000
Conference Fees & Registrations - Note 7	14,264	16,000
South Dakota Churchnews	8,365	9,000
Youth & Young Adult Ministries	0	1,000
Undesignated Income	27,367	25,000
Designated Income - Note 8	78,611	62,550
Other Interest	64	200
Total Miscellaneous Income	207,051	176,750
TOTAL REVENUE	1,310,821	1,365,145
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	(33,234)	(217,603)

2008 UTO REPORT					
#	Church Name	City	2008 SPRING	2008 FALL	2008 TOTAL
1	St. Mark's	Aberdeen		10.00	10.00
2	St. James'	Belle Fourche		75.15	75.15
3	St. Paul's	Brookings	45.40		45.40
5	Grace Church	Huron	248.90	168.32	417.22
7	St. Mary's	Mitchell	247.00		247.00
8	St. James'	Mobridge	113.84		113.84
10	Emmanuel	Rapid City	760.74		760.74
11	St. Andrew's	Rapid City		425.79	425.79
12	Calvary Cathedral	Sioux Falls	486.30	482.25	968.55
14	All Angels	Spearfish	327.00	672.80	999.80
16	Trinity	Watertown	396.03		396.03
17	Trinity	Winner	117.66		117.66
18	Christ Church	Yankton	445.58	639.84	1,085.42
23	St. Peter's	Ft. Pierre	91.30	50.12	141.42
26	St. Luke's	Hot Springs	113.24		113.24
29	Grace Church	Madison	192.48		192.48
31	Christ Church	Milbank	40.00	83.00	123.00
35	St. Paul's	Vermillion	199.40		199.40
36	St. Mary's	Webster	274.69		274.69
39	Ascension	Blackfoot	295.00		295.00
51	Holy Comforter	Lower Brule	216.34		216.34
74	Church of Jesus	Rosebud	8.73	91.10	99.83
87	St. James'	Enemy Swim	92.10	171.62	263.72
	Diocesan Convention			157.84	157.84
	Individual Donations		52.00	5.00	57.00
	TOTALS		4,763.73	3,032.83	7,796.56
	2003 Totals				7,039.60
	2004 Totals				11,851.24
	2005 Totals				9,825.74
	2006 Totals				7,358.23
	2007 Totals				11,590.79
	2008 Totals				7,796.56
	Balance Forward				33.18
	TOTAL INCOME				7,829.74
	Checks to National UTO			7,800.00	7,800.00
	Balance as of 12/10/08				29.74

MINUTES
2009 Special Election Convention
Election of a Bishop Coadjutor
May 9, 2009

Holy Eucharist, Part I

CALL TO ORDER: Steve Sanford, delegated to preside, call the meeting to order. He reviewed the election rules, ringing of the bell to notify the ballot results will be announced, adopting a formal resolution after the final count, Delegates sign a Canonical Testimonial form and conclude the services.

Overview of the "Proposed Rules of Order for A Convention Electing A Bishop: was reviewed and the changes. Motion to adopt the revised Proposed Rules Of Order For A Convention Electing A Bishop was made by The Rev. Tom Campbell, seconded by The Rev. Tim Fountain, All in favor, no nay, motion carried.

Credentials Committee Report: Deacon Marty Garwood announced of the 154 Lay delegates 138 was present, of the 78 Clergy, 55 were present thereby a quorum is present.

First vote: Ballots were distributed; visitors were requested to leave the room and a prayer by The Rev. George Parameter. At 9:41 AM first ballot count started. Jean Lacher spoke about the Walk about, questions for the Bishop elect, and the total number of people who attend the Walk About. 10:11 AM Steve Sanford rang the bell. At 10:18 AM Steve announced of the total votes cast; Clergy 50 of 55 and Lay 136 of 138 & 1 spoiled ballot

The Rev Peter Stebinger will not be on the second ballot as per his request. Standing Committee members were informed by him.

Votes needed for the 2/3 vote: Clergy 37 of 55 and 92 of 138

Credentials Committee Report: Deacon Marty Garwood announced of the 154 Lay delegates 139 was present, of the 78 Clergy, 56 were present thereby a quorum is present.

Second vote: Ballots were distributed; visitors were requested to leave the room and a prayer by The Rev. Liam Muller. At 10:29 AM second ballot count started. 10:52 AM Steve rang the bell and announced of the total votes cast; Clergy 53 of 55 and Lay 139 of 139 voted. Number needed to elect is 36 Clergy and 93 Lay.

The Rev John Tarrant 44 Clergy, 101 Lay votes
The Rev John Folberg 3 Clergy, 14 Lay
The Rev Doug Dunn 6 Clergy, 23 Lay

#1 Adopt a Resolution; Request for Bishop to Exercise Jurisdiction

Motion to adopt Resolution to Request for Bishop to Exercise Jurisdiction was made by The Rev Tom Campbell, seconded by The Rev Allen Lewis All in favor, no nay, motion carried.

#2 Delegates sign Canonical Testimonial; every person who voted in seconded ballot needs to sign in order to be an official document. Canonical Testimonial was read.

The Rev John Floberg sent an e-mail which was read congratulating The Rev John Tarrant. The Rev Bunker Hill said a prayer. One Lay delegate withdrew name for the second vote of 138 instead of 139.

Holy Eucharist, Part II

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by,
Karen White Horse,
124th Diocesan Convention Secretary

Niobrara Council
The Report to 2009 Convention

The Niobrara Council of the Diocese of South Dakota is administered by an elected body with representatives from the Niobrara Deanery. The members are both ordained clergy and laity.

NIOBRARA COUNCIL MEMBERS

Itancan: Rev. Les Campbell

Vice-Itancan: Johnny Wilson

Treasurer: Kim Fonder

Secretary: Patricia White Horse-Carda

Sergeant-At-Arms: Don Metcalf

NIOBRARA COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The 136th Niobrara Convocation was held June 19-22, 2008 hosted by the Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission Churches at Eagle Butte, SD. The Pledge Sheets were revised and used for the first time to reflect all non-pledge items for men, women and youth. Bishop Creighton Robertson introduced The Most

Reverend Katherine Jefferts Schori, the twenty-sixth Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, as a special guest.

In regard to building ministry, Fr. Paul Sneve, Rev. Mercy Hobbs and Fr. Les Campbell explained their roles in providing programs to expand ministry in South Dakota and what has been planned for the Niobrara School for Ministry. Fr. Sneve spoke of Summer Seminary at Thunderhead Episcopal Center and Diocesan Ministry weekends are ongoing. Contact either Fr. Paul Sneve or Rev. Mercy Hobbs to register for classes, anyone who has an interest is urged to register and attend the classes.

The Five Year Plan for the Niobrara Deanery will consist of:

1. Real involvement with action steps, which includes everyone.
2. Record keeping for committees that could include By-Laws and the process for planning.
3. Building up Lay Ministry throughout the missions.
4. Reaching out to the youth by developing programs and reorganizing the Niobrara Youth Council and the Young People's Fellowship.

One of the main topics was the Election of a Bishop, the roles of the Standing, Nominating and Transition Committees in the process, the Election Convention and the Consecration. A delegation from Rosebud Mission requested the 137th Niobrara Convocation be held there in 2009 which was a formality and unanimously approved. The following missions will host the Niobrara Convocation in the future: 2010 at St. Mary's Church, Old Agency, Sisseton Mission; and 2011 at St. Matthews, Rapid City. The Laity Licenses were distributed to the clergy or representatives from the mission churches to present to their members.

Several Niobrara Council meetings were held throughout the 2008-2009 year to take of business matters.

- We met August 15-16, 2008 St. Peter's Church, Ft. Pierre, SD. Pat LeBeau discussed dividing money from *Wopila* to lay readers for mileage. Standing Rock does this and Sisseton will do the 5th Sunday, all the churches will come together and divide the money. A motion was made and

passed to transfer \$500 from *Wopila* to be used at the 137th Niobrara Convocation and divide it among the lay readers.

- The Standing Rock North Dakota representatives are recognized at the Niobrara Convocation when members attend. They requested the Natives confirmed in North Dakota be able to wear the Niobrara cross. Bishop Hare designed the cross specifically for Natives confirmed by the Episcopal clergy. This will be referred to Bishop Robertson.
- The Standing Committee recommended the Niobrara Council draft a letter to be provided to funeral directors a protocol to follow when someone dies and the family makes a request for a particular cemetery. This letter will be put on the Diocesan website in the near future.

We met at the Diocese of SD Annual Convention on October 3, 2008 Cedar Shore Resort, Oacoma, SD. Johnny Wilson commented about youth attending events, we need more media coverage sent throughout the missions. Fr. Les invited Rita Powell to speak about the Youth Ministry Council. She had a handout, Young Adult Leadership Workshop. She will submit a tentative budget to the Niobrara Council at the March meeting. There were recommendations for vacant positions on Diocesan Committees, and the registration and forms completed for submission.

The next meeting was March 27-28, 2009 at St. Peters Church, Fort Pierre, SD.

- Rita Powell announced TEC has a full staff of SD college students to staff the summer sessions. She will be at Rosebud during Holy Week to meet with camp counselors and Niobrara Convocation planning committee. She anticipates the activities offered will be exciting to the youth. The goal is to promote youth ministry, her job is to find them and ask them to reach out and let them know the church is there for them and with them. Johnny Wilson had two ideas: 1) to ask if the BCU-St. Andrew will start a vegetable garden at TEC to promote an awareness of our connection to mother earth, and 2) have the youth complete an interest inventory/survey to determine what they want to learn about and do in accordance with the goals at TEC. A motion

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was made and passed to give \$3,500 to the youth group, which is a matching funds challenge from the St. Mary's Board, and \$1,000 to the Sisseton lay readers conference.

- There was clarification regarding the Niobrara cross and Policy 1 was adopted by the Niobrara Council. The Niobrara Council bought the small crosses and the Diocese bought the large crosses.
- The nominees for the election of a bishop and their spouses will visit the Diocese of South Dakota April 29 through May 3, participating in a series of five forums around the state. A special election convention will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the Ramkota Convention Center in Pierre with voting delegates from each of the churches in the Diocese.
- The formation of a Province VI Native Network Formation Team met March 4-6, 2009 at Blue Cloud Abbey. A plan is in progress for the first Province VI Native Ministry Gathering which would be attended by Native clergy and Native lay readers ministering in Native congregations.
- Vern led a discussion of a grant proposal in regard to Niobrara Deanery, which was written two years ago and still on the books at the Diocese. He has written a new proposed New Opportunities Grant for 2009 in the amount of \$10,000.00. A cover letter from Fr. Les Campbell and Bishop Robertson is needed to submit to the Office of Native American Ministries.
- Fr. Spruhan discussed the 137th Niobrara Convocation Planning Committee report, the tentative schedule and roles of the Bishop Coadjutor and Bishop Robertson at Convocation. The planning committee will send flyers regarding the 137th Niobrara Convocation to all churches in SD. The theme is, *Let the little children come to me...* **Matthew 19:14.**

If anyone has questions about our work or would like to attend a meeting, please give one of our members a call. Hopefully we'll see many of you at the 137th Niobrara Convocation at Mission, SD June 26-28, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia White Horse-Carda
Secretary of the Niobrara Council

South Sudan Education

Moses Joknhial II's dream of helping the children and adults receive an education in his na-

tive village in South Sudan is being fulfilled, thanks to the generosity and fundraising efforts of many parishioners in the Diocese of South Dakota. **Construction of the school building is well underway** with plans for the school to be completed during the next dry season (January - April, 2010).

Beginning last January, Moses spent three months in his native village implementing and overseeing his project's activities. Reuniting with his father, family, and villagers for the first time since he was forced to flee from his village and country in 1987 was celebrated for days with praises to God for his safe return.

Upon returning to Sioux Falls in April, Moses was pleased to report the school foundation has been completed and half of the concrete blocks for constructing the walls have been made. Under Moses's supervision,



Additional photos available on diocesan website.

construction of the school will resume in January with completion expected in April and costing \$35,000. A water well at the site of the school was completed on February 20, 2009, with funds generously provided by the community of Watertown, SD. Additional water wells are needed to serve the size of his community at \$13,000 per well. Two automated corn grinding mills have been provided through the generosity of two families and are key in helping girls attend school. A third grinding mill is being sought at a cost of \$2500.

With joyful singing, dancing, and prayers, the Christians of his community expressed their gratitude to their brothers and sisters in the United States for providing them with educational opportunities and improvements for their future. 2009 is a memorable year to them as they see hope of a better life for the first time in decades. 2009 is a memorable year for Moses as he reunited with his father and family for the first time in decades and sees his mission of helping provide a better life for his people being fulfilled.

We also express our gratitude to all of you for your support of Moses's project. Every gesture of help from you makes a world of difference to them. Please let us know if you would like additional project information or would like to have Moses visit your church, school, or service organization.

Nomination Form
2008 Annual Diocesan Convention
Please fill in all areas, and return the form BY SEPTEMBER 10* to
Diocesan Office
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Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814

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Telephone: (Day) _____ **(Eve or Cell)** _____

Congregation/City: _____

Nominated by: _____
(Signature)

___ **Yes, I accept this nomination:** _____
(Signature)

I nominate this person for:

___ **Diocesan Council Convention Representative**
___ 1 Person to fill 4 year term (term expires 2013)

___ **Standing Committee**
___ 1 Presbyter (Priest) to fill 4 year term (term expires 2013)
___ 1 Presbyter (Priest) to fill 3 year term (term expires 2012)
___ 1 Lay person to fill 4 year term (term expires 2013)

___ **Province VI Deputy**
___ 1 Clergy (presbyter or deacon) to fill 3 year term (term expires 2012)
___ 1 Lay person to fill 2 year term (term expires 2011)
___ 1 Lay person to fill 3 year term (term expires 2012)

___ **Trial Court**
___ 1 Presbyter (Priest) for 3 year term (term expires 2012)
___ 1 Presbyter (Priest) for 5 year term (term expires 2014)
___ 1 Presbyter (Priest) for 1 year term (term expires 2010)
___ 1 Lay Person for 2 year unexpired term (term expires 2011)
___ 1 Lay Person for 4 year unexpired term (term expires 2013)

Please send the candidate's brief biographical information and a recent photo. Background information should include information that demonstrates the skills, experience and commitment the nominee would bring to this position.

***Return form by August 10 for nomination to be included in *ChurchNews*.

Diocesan Council

1 person to fill 4 year term (term expires 2013)

The Diocesan Council consists of the Bishop and one person elected from each Region Deanery, the Diocesan Convention, the Niobrara Convocation, the Chancellor, and the Treasurer. The Council implements actions assigned to it by the Diocesan Convention; reviews diocesan regional and local programs, administers legal functions of the Diocese; controls the property under the Chapter; determines budget policies; recommends programs, and more. It meets 4 times a year or as necessary. Council members are voting delegates to Annual Convention.

Standing Committee

1 Presbyter (Priest) to fill 4 year term (term expires 2013)

1 Presbyter (Priest) to fill 3 year term (term expires 2012)

1 Lay person to fill 4 year term (term expires 2013)

With a Bishop in charge of the Diocese, the Standing Committee shall be the Bishop's Council of Advice. When the Diocese is without a Bishop...the Standing Committee of the diocese shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority as provided by the General Convention Constitution and Canons. The Standing Committee also plays a part in the ordination process. The Standing Committee consists of eight members, and election shall be made by the diocesan convention for a term of four years. Members are entitled to election for two terms. The Standing Committee meets 3-4 times a year, or as needed. A member of Standing Committee is a voting delegate to Annual Convention.

Province VI Deputy

1 Clergy (presbyter or deacon) to fill 3 year term (term expires 2012)

1 Lay person to fill 2 year term (term expires 2012)

1 Lay person to fill 3 year term (term expires 2013)

Each Province has a Synod which meets regularly (generally yearly around the Province) for the purpose of organizing and carrying out the responsibilities of the Province. The Provincial Synod can enact ordinances for its own regulation, elect judges of the Provincial Court of Review, perform such duties as may be committed to it by the General Convention, and deal with other matters within the Province, as directed and limited by Canon. Annual Diocesan Convention elects one clerical and one lay deputy and alternates to the Provincial Synod for a term of 3 years.

Trial Court

1 Presbyter (Priest) for 3 year term (term expires 2012)

1 Presbyter (Priest) for 5 year term (term expires 2014)

1 Presbyter (Priest) for 1 year term (term expires 2010)

1 Lay Person for 2 year unexpired term (term expires 2011)

1 Lay Person for 4 year unexpired term (term expires 2013)

Trial Court is an elected body consisting of five members (3 presbyters and 2 lay persons) for terms of five years for the trial of any priest or deacon subject to its jurisdiction. The Trial Court shall be governed by the Rules of Procedure set forth in Appendix A to the General Convention Title IV and by Federal Rules of Evidence.



Introduction to General Convention

By Gregory Straub

With few precedents for a republican form of church governance the first General Convention met in 1785 in Philadelphia. That convention began work on a constitution and a revision of the Book of Common Prayer, the church's book of worship. Within ten years the General Convention had agreed on its form of governance and its pattern of worship, both of which endure to the present day.

Uniquely for its time, the first General Conventions determined on a bicameral house in which elected (rather than royally appointed) bishops would make up one house, and lay and ordained deputies (equally represented) would make up the other house.

All bishops of the Episcopal Church, active and retired, are entitled to seat, voice and vote in the House of Bishops (unless deprived of the privilege). Each of the Episcopal Church's dioceses (and the Convocation of Churches in Europe and the Navajoland Area Mission) is entitled to elect eight deputies, four lay persons and four priests and/or deacons, to the House of Deputies. (The diocesan electors of deputies are themselves elected representatives from local parishes.) Deputies are not delegates; that is, they are not elected to represent the electing dioceses.

Deputies vote their conscience for the good of the church. They cannot be instructed to vote one way or another, for to do so would preclude godly debate and preempt the work of the Holy Spirit. Deputies are expected to serve on committees, if appointed, to attend forums and hearings, to read the reports to the church from its commissions, committees, agencies and boards, to listen to, and if so moved, to respond to resolutions on the floor of the house.

The House of Bishops and House of Deputies meet, deliberate and vote separately. To be enacted resolutions must pass both houses in the same language. Both houses have the right to amend legislation, but the amendment must be accepted by the other house. Resolutions presented to convention come from four sources: committees, commissions, agencies and boards of the church; bishops; dioceses and provinces; and deputies.

In the House of Deputies three lay or clerical deputations may request a vote by orders. In a vote by orders each diocesan deputation has two votes: one lay vote and one clerical vote. To cast that vote the deputation is polled. If a majority of a deputation is in favor, the diocesan lay or clerical vote is cast as a "yes." If a majority of a deputation is opposed, the vote is cast as a "no." Tied deputations count as "divided" and, in effect, as additional "no" votes.

The House of Bishops is chaired by the Primate of the Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, and, in her absence, by the Vice Chair, Bishop Richard S. O. Chang. They are assisted by the Secretary of the House of Bishops, Bishop Kenneth L. Price; a Parliamentarian, Bishop John Buchanan; and a Chair of the Committee on Dispatch, Bishop Wayne Wright.

The House of Deputies is chaired by the President of the House, Bonnie Anderson, and, in her absence, by the Vice President, The Rev. Brian Prior. They are assisted by the Secretary of the House of Deputies (myself); a Parliamentarian, Polly Getz.

Much of the work of convention is carried out by legislative committees. The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies determine the number of persons who serve on committees and their membership. Deputies are asked to indicate their preference for membership on committees, and the presiding officers make their choice considering previous experience, expertise and interest, ensuring the committees represent diverse points of view, geographic, ethnic and gender diversity and participation by younger deputies.

Resolutions proposed for discussion at convention are referred to legislative committees, which consider, amalgamate and perfect them before presenting them on the floor of convention. Legislative committees hold hearings on legislation at which the following can speak: deputy, registered alternate or registered visitor. These are held in convention hotels near the Convention Center.

In 2009, the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church will meet in Anaheim, California from Wednesday, 8 July through Friday, 17 July. General Convention meets prayerfully. Each day



bishops, deputies, registered alternates and delegates to the ECW Triennial gather for Bible study and Holy Eucharist. At this year's General Convention the themes for these gatherings will reflect the theme of General Convention: Ubuntu.

Both the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops have chaplains, who lead their houses in regular prayer at the beginning and end of sessions and daily at noon. Chaplains are also asked to pray before the enactment of important legislation. Organizations within the church sponsor additional worship services, while volunteers staff a prayer room in which there is continual intercession for the work of convention.

A highlight of every General Convention is its festival Eucharist at which the United Thank Offering is presented. (The United Thank Offering is taken up in parishes twice each year for the mission of the church.)

Debate on the floor is governed by the Constitution and Canons of the church, Rules of Order for each house, Joint Rules of Order (that apply to both houses) and Roberts' Rules of Order. Deputies are expected to listen respectfully to the views of others and to adhere to the rules, which require, for example, that persons of different points of view alternate at microphones.

Convention is more than legislation. One of the most interesting parts of convention is the Exhibit Hall. The Exhibit Hall reminds me of an oriental souk: it is a marketplace of goods and ideas in which the organizations and interest groups within the church present their wares, recruit members and do their best to influence legislation. It is a colorful part of convention, and it would not be General Convention without it.

Many church-related organizations hold meetings in conjunction with convention, and there are lunches and dinners hosted by seminaries, provinces, societies, boards and staff offices of the church. One gathering not to be missed is the triennial meeting of the Episcopal Church Women. The ECW meeting has changed over the past several decades; it focuses on the mission and service of the church, and many of the church's most distinguished members are invited

to address this body.

General Convention is a combination of legislative assembly, bazaar of goods and services and family reunion. It is one of the most exciting and, truth be told, one of the most awe-inspiring gatherings in the world.

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Different voices to preach at daily worship services

Eight preachers – ranging from the Presiding Officers and the Archbishop of Canterbury to a popular TV correspondent and an internationally-known activist – will be among the many voices at the daily worship services during General Convention 2009 of The Episcopal Church.

A theme has been designated for each daily Eucharist, with a bishop of The Episcopal Church as celebrant. Additionally, a different preacher will address the daily theme. The Eucharists will be held daily at 11:30 am (Pacific); Sunday Eucharist will be held at 10 am (Pacific).

All the sermons will be available for viewing through the innovative Media Hub (*see related article following*), presented by the Office of Communication to bring the actions of General Convention to those who are there and those who can't be there.

Celebrants and Preachers

- **Wednesday, July 8**
 - Celebrant/preacher Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop
- **Thursday, July 9**
 - Theme: God's People.
 - Celebrant: Bishop J. Jon Bruno, Los Angeles.
 - Bible Study: Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams



- **Friday, July 10**
 - Theme: Unity
 - Celebrant: Bishop Steve Miller of Milwaukee
 - Co-celebrant: a Moravian clergy
 - Preacher: Bonnie Anderson, President of the House of Deputies

- **Saturday, July 11**
 - Theme: Hospitality
 - Celebrant: Bishop Frank Brookhart, Montana;
 - Preacher: Ray Suarez, PBS's NewsHour with Jim Lehrer and formerly of NPR's Talk of the Nation

- **Sunday, July 12**
 - The main General Convention Eucharist and the Ingathering for the United Thank Offering
 - Celebrant/Preacher: Presiding Bishop Jefferts Schori

- **Monday, July 13**
 - Theme: Domestic Poverty
 - Celebrant: Bishop Prince Singh of Rochester
 - Preacher: Courtney Cowart, Director of Advocacy and Community Affairs for the Office of Disaster Response in the Diocese of Louisiana

- **Tuesday, July 14**
 - Theme: Millennium Development Goals
 - Celebrant: Bishop Rob O'Neill of Colorado and chair of Episcopal Relief & Development
 - Preacher: Abigail Nelson, Senior Vice President of Programs for Episcopal Relief & Development

- **Wednesday July 15**
 - Theme: Creation and Environment.
 - Celebrant: Bishop Greg Rickel of Olympia
 - Preacher: Bishop Steve Charleston, former Dean of Episcopal Divinity School who offers a focus on environmental issues

- **Thursday, July 16**
 - Theme: Evangelism
 - Celebrant: Bishop Wilfrido Ramos of the Diocese of Ecuador Central
 - Preacher: Brian D. McLaren, speaker, activist, and author

- **Friday, July 17**
 - Closing Eucharist
 - Celebrant/Preacher: Presiding Bishop Jefferts Schori

Innovative Media Hub provides round-the-clock look at General Convention 2009

You will be able to follow, watch, understand, experience and enjoy the Episcopal Church's General Convention 2009 no matter where you are, thanks to an innovative addition to this year's event, the Media Hub.

Produced and presented by the Episcopal Church Office of Communication, the Media Hub will utilize cutting edge technology including videos, blogging, twitter, flickr, and live webcasting to deliver the full story in real time.

The Media Hub

Seven distinct areas will be featured on the Media Hub: calendar, video stream, flickr photos, activity area, legislative tracker, twitter feed, and resources.

1. A complete **calendar** of events detailing the daily GC09 schedule as well as special events during both the day and evening hours. On each item in the calendar there will be an icon to indicate if the event will be covered live, or if video on-demand is available.
2. The largest area will be the **live video stream** of many wide-reaching events occurring at GC09, such as briefings, legislative hearings, and special events. The live stream will vary every day but the programming will all be listed in the calendar. There will also be a library of videos on-demand, including all the sermons presented at the Daily Eucharists.
3. The **flickr** gallery of photos will feature continually updated snapshots of the widespread aspects of life GC09. Deputies, alternates, bishops and visitors will be able to easily upload their own photos to this site at the Church Center booth in the exhibit hall.



4. The **Activity** area will aggregate content that is relative to GC09 from a wide array of sources, including Episcopal News Service; articles from diocesan publications, religious and secular press; comments from people on Twitter and Facebook; and other sources.
5. The **legislative tracker** will enable viewers to follow the life of a resolution and ties directly into the actions and votes of GC09 through the GC database.
6. Media Hub's **twitter** feed will be a source for quick announcements—a way of letting people know offsite or in the hall when an event is about to begin, if a room has changed, when something goes live.
7. The **resource section** will list links to maps, things to do in Anaheim, directions, and other information.

The Media Hub will go live shortly before General Convention, tentatively July 1.

Follow the Media Hub at tecmediahub09. To connect, go to: www.episcopalchurch.org.

Coming before General Convention this summer will be the proposed commemoration of **William Hobart Hare** and inclusion in *Holy Women, Holy Men* (the revised *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*)

Here is the proposed liturgical portion:

Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints
(Proposed commemoration date) *May 17*

William Hobart Hare

Bishop of Niobrara, and of South Dakota, 1909

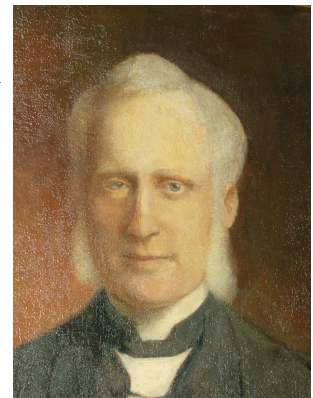
I. Wakantanka, Holy God, who didst call thy servant William Hobart Hare to bear witness to thee throughout the vast reaches of the Niobrara Territory, bearing the means of grace and the hope of glory to the peoples of the Plains: We offer thanks for the devotion of those who received the Good News gladly, and for the faithfulness of the generations who have succeeded them. Strengthen us with thy Holy Spirit that we may walk in their footsteps and lead many to faith in Jesus Christ, in whom the living and the dead are one; and who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Wakantanka, Holy God, you called your servant William Hobart Hare to bear witness to you throughout the vast reaches of the Niobrara Territory, bearing the means of grace and the hope of glory to the peoples of the Plains: We give you thanks for the devotion of those who received the Good News gladly, and for the faithfulness of the generations who have succeeded them. Strengthen us with your Holy Spirit that we may walk in their footsteps and lead many to faith in Jesus Christ, in whom the living and the dead are one; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm
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Lessons
Isaiah 40:3-11
Romans 10:12-17
John 4:7-15

Preface of a Saint (2)



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Harvest Initiatives . . .

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Hunkpati Investments, Inc. was formally created to become a certified Native Community Development Financial Institution (NCDFI) which will serve the Crow Creek Reservation market. Assisting with the creation of a NCDFI is one of the central purposes of The Harvest Initiative and the creation of Hunkpati Investments is a big step down that path.

Hunkpati Investments currently has an eight member board of directors which is developing the programs and policies that will be the economic development tools used by the organization. Seven of the eight board members are Native American and five of the board members reside on the Crow Creek Reservation. The institution is still being developed, but products are likely to include financial literacy offerings for both adults and youth. Loan products are also being developed.

The Harvest Initiative will continue to provide support and assistance to Hunkpati Investments, Inc. as it develops in the form of consultation services, networking, administrative support, and capitalization assistance.

The Harvest Initiative was founded in 2008 to invest locally in native grown ideas and support socially responsible business development to move Crow Creek Sioux Reservation toward a commercially viable, self-sustaining economic environment.

Diocesan Calendar

JULY/AUGUST

Jul 8-17	General Convention, Anaheim, California
Aug 8	Diocesan Council, Pierre
Aug 10	<i>ChurchNews</i> deadline (Sept/Oct issue)
Aug 21-23	Youth Event, Watertown
Aug 22	Ministry Training (<i>Prevention of Sexual Abuse</i>), Aberdeen

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Sep 18-19	COM, Pierre
Sep 13	Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, Brookings
Sep 19	Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, Ft. Pierre
Sep 20	Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, Black Hills TBA
Oct 1-2	Clergy Conference, Cedar Shore
Oct 2-4	Annual Convention, Cedar Shore
Oct 10	<i>ChurchNews</i> deadline (Nov/Dec issue)
Oct 17	Ministry Training (<i>Prevention of Sexual Abuse</i>), Chamberlain
Oct 31	Consecration of Bishop Coadjutor

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Nov 6-8	Dakota Experience (tentative)
Nov 21	Ministry Training (<i>Christian Education</i>), Sioux Falls
Dec 4-5	Diocesan Council

2010

Jun 6-11	Summer Seminary, TEC
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DON'T FORGET THE YOUTH CONVENTION!

If you haven't already marked your calendars, now is the time to do so!

August 21-23, at Lake Poinsett near Watertown. Featuring a big concert by Christian band, Bread of Stone! There will also be youth presentations and discussion about how faith matters to us, as well as water games and more music by the fire!

Look for the registration forms at your local church or online at www.lumencordium.com and www.diocesesd.org Call or email Rita Powell with any questions!

THUNDERHEAD EPISCOPAL CAMP SUMMER 2009

JUN 29-JUL 2	FAMILY AND 5TH AND 6TH GRADE CAMP
JULY 6-13	HIGH SCHOOL CAMP
JULY 16-19	MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS RETREAT
JULY 19-25	CONFIRMATION CAMP
JULY 25-28	MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS RETREAT
AUG 14-16	MEN'S RETREAT
SEPT 4-7	ALUMNI RETREAT
TBA	WOMEN'S RETREAT

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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.

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.