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God is with us

On May 29 we heard Jesus' farewell address to his disciples as recorded in the Gospel of John 14:15-21. He spoke to them saying, "I will not leave you orphaned." For later he spoke that an Advocate would be sent to be with them. I can only imagine how they felt at Jesus' announcement. Thoughts of how could he leave them probably led to feelings of vulnerability, desertion and powerlessness.

This Gospel message was a very timely one to be heard by the communities of Pierre and Ft. Pierre who had been preparing for the flooding of the Missouri River. The feelings that the disciples must have felt so long ago were in the uppermost parts of everyone's minds here for the past several weeks. No matter how many sandbags were filled and levees built to protect homes and property, people were encouraged to evacuate their homes if they were located in the projected flood areas.

People are displaced, feeling vulnerable, angry and deserted. These culminated for many into cries of "where is God?! Why have you forsaken us?!" As Jesus spoke with love in his voice those many years ago to his disciples, we who live in the communities that reside along the Missouri River from Montana to the south, hear that same message of love. He will not leave us orphaned for the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, is with us.

When the question of "where is God" arises just travel around the communities that are being affected by the flooding and you will find Him there. People filling sandbags – there is God. People helping their neighbors move their belongings to a safe



place or offering shelter to them – there is God. The National Guard, local and state law enforcement and other folks building levees – there is God. People providing food and delivering meals to the workers – there is God. Donations sent from our Diocese to help those who are affected by the flooding – there is God.

It has been an awfully-wonderful time. Awful due to the damage the flood waters have and will inflict and the knowledge that the cleanup will be a long and arduous process. Yet within the chaos we have experienced the wonderful presence of the Holy Spirit.

The commandment of loving your neighbor as yourself is being lived out here in Pierre and Ft. Pierre.



We have not been abandoned! So with total certainty our hearts can cry out the word
"Immanuel"
for God is with us!

*The Rev. Mercy Hobbs
Trinity Church, Pierre*

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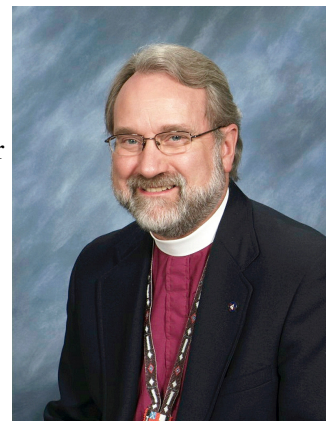
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“Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” Exodus 3:5

Pat, Jessica and I spent two weeks in June at Thunderhead, our Diocesan camp. We took in the work weekend, the first evening of Summer Seminary, Family Camp, Convocation, and part of the High School Camp. What an amazing resource Thunderhead Camp is for the ministry of our Diocese!



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

The beauty of the area and the sacredness of the Hills are pervasive. Equally inspiring is the commitment of people from around the diocese who work hard each year to maintain this property so it will continue to be an instrument of ministry for young and old alike. God is everywhere, but in this sacred place God’s presence is palatable.

At Thunderhead Camp we are, in gentle ways, teaching our children what it means to be ‘the people of God.’ They are asked to take off their shoes before they enter the worship space of the chapel, as a reminder that this is a sacred space. This is like Moses taking off his sandals as he approached the burning bush where he heard the voice of God.

Much of the music used during camp is from the Taizé tradition, teaching our young people that God can be and is praised through a multitude of languages, including English, Latin, German, Lakota and many others. The music is simple and speaks to and for their souls. Silence is kept during each service as a reminder to the campers that sometimes we need to remove all of the noise in order to hear the voice of God. The spiritual depth of the worship at camp is profound in its simplicity.

One of the primary features of the camp experience each year is the building of community. The campers learn that community is hard work. When we bring people together from different parts of the diocese representing different cultures, age groups, gender, and backgrounds, it is not easy to meld into a harmonious community. The campers eat together, work together, play together, worship together and even sleep as groups together. This communal life is intentional. It is grounded in the love of God in Christ Jesus, but it is still ‘hard work.’

The goal of the counselors and staff is to create a safe, rich and holy atmosphere where the camper can grow to gain a deeper sense that they are beloved children of God.

I believe the Thunderhead Episcopal Camp is a worthy investment of our diocesan resources as we strive to be partners with God in advancing the Kingdom in South Dakota.

+John



Bishop ordains three

On April 30, 2011 Bishop Tarrant ordained two persons as transitional deacons during a lovely service at Calvary Cathedral.



With Bishop Tarrant on April 30 at Calvary Cathedral are Christina O'Hara (L) and Marion Paulis (R)

Christina O'Hara is assigned to Church of the Good Shepherd in Sioux Falls, and her ministry includes High School Youth and Spiritual Counseling.

Marion Paulis is the Deacon-in-Charge of Christ Church, Milbank. She also has an active nursing home ministry in Watertown.



On June 19, 2011 at Niobrara Convocation, Bishop Tarrant ordained transitional deacon **Patricia White Horse-Carda** to the priesthood.

Pat is the clergy in charge of the Yankton and Santee Missions, serving the congregations in Wagner, Lake Andes, and Howe Creek and Santee in Nebraska.



Christ Church celebrates 150 years.

150 years ago, The Reverend M. Hoyt and congregants gathered in a small village on the Missouri River for its first worship service on June 30, 1861. What was first called "St. John's Church" grew and developed with that new settlement named "Yankton" after the Dakota native people of the region. The Civil War had begun that spring. The Episcopal Church's mission into Dakota Territory began later that decade as a part of President Grant's "Peace Policy" with the Dakota/Lakota people. While the church made many mistakes and did not always respect the dignity of the indigenous people, we can celebrate that more than half of today's membership of the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota are Dakota/Lakota people."

So began some reflections by the Rev. Jim Pearson, Rector of Christ Church, Yankton as his church, "The Mother Church of the Dakotas," celebrated 150 years of worshiping and glorifying God on June 24-26, 2011.

On Friday, June 24, church members, present and past, and visitors gathered for a welcoming social time and a viewing of the video "The Mother Church of the Dakotas." Commemorative T-shirts, tote bags, cookbooks, and Church note cards were for sale all weekend.

On Saturday morning, the Episcopal Church Women provided refreshments, and tours of the historic Christ Church were given on the hour. The highlight of the day, however, was the "Gala Celebration Banquet" with South Dakota Lt. Governor Matthew Michels as main speaker. People enjoyed roast beef or chicken kiev.

The weekend events culminated on Sunday with a Celebration Eucharist, featuring an Anniversary Choir. This was followed by a barbeque picnic on the church grounds.

Northeast Deanery revives clericus

The clergy of the Northeast Deanery are reviving the Clericus – a monthly meeting over lunch to share good news and ideas and concerns; seek and give advice, feedback, care, and support; and promote activities for the deanery as a whole.

It was restarted in March of this year by a few to help welcome to the deanery the new priest in Watertown, The Rev. Jackie Bernacchi, and newly ordained transitional deacon Marion Paulis of Milbank.

The clergy rotate their meeting spots, so everyone travels a different amount each month.

Clergy members of the NE Deanery:

The Rev. Ryan Hall, Brookings
The Rev. Charlie Chan, Sisseton Mission & Webster
The Rev. Deacon Marion Paulis, Milbank
The Rev. Jackie Bernacchi, Watertown
The Rev. Les Campbell, Cheyenne River Mission
and Enemy Swim
The Rev. Conrad Ciesel, retired supply priest
Deacon Bitsey Ciesel, retired



Education For Ministry is designed by the School of Theology at The University of The South, in Sewanee, Tenn. Known affectionately as simply Sewanee by generations of Episcopalians, it is an Episcopal Seminary that is concerned for lay ministry in the church as well as the ordained ministry.

EFM is designed to give participants a broad understanding of the Old Testament, The New Testament, Church History and Theology.

EFM Seminars combine reading materials with the kind of theological reflection that helps participants to recognize how we are being influenced in our

daily decision making. Ask Episcopalians who have received instruction in the church for Confirmation of their Baptismal Vows and most will tell you that we recognize three authorities in the life of a Christian: Scripture.....Tradition.....Reason.

EFM is a great place to bring your own God given gift of Reason and put it together with Scripture and Tradition for the expression of your faith in Christ and your discipleship in His Name.

EFM provides opportunities for creative worship.

EFM is a four year program where participants commit to one year at a time. Each participant must receive the four years of readings (Old Testament, New Testament, History, Theology) in order. Your seminars may have individual members reading yearly subjects different from your own. You get to benefit from their reflections, thus enriching your own theological reflection and understanding of Scripture and Tradition.

EFM participants meet once a week throughout the school year. The times and dates of the meetings are decided by those who are participating in EFM.

Want to know more? Please contact The Very Rev. Ward Simpson at Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls (605-336-3486) or dean.simpson@calvarycathedral.net

What's it like to have a flat tire? This was just one of the many metaphors the Pierre EFM group explored in its weekly seminars. Using an incident from someone's life, we created a metaphor. For each metaphor we contemplated such questions as: What are the thoughts and feelings you experience? Is there anything to celebrate? Who or what in tradition (scripture, church history, hymns etc) speaks to these same feelings? How does our culture view this experience? Do you have a personal position about being in such a situation? Have you gained any insights for daily living from exploring this metaphor? What implications for ministry can be discovered?

Theological reflection using the above model was central to their weekly meetings. Using the readings from the Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, and Theology as a backdrop, they grew in

their faith, learned much about God's presence in their daily lives, and discovered ways to use their life experiences as tools for doing ministry in the very ordinary aspects of life. They shared many forms of worship ranging from singing to blowing bubbles to traditional forms in the Book of Common Prayer.

Sunday, June 12th was recognition Sunday for their two EFM Graduates, Deb Sheffield and Mary Ashley. These two individuals have now completed the four years of the program. They have been dedicated in their studies and steadfast in their attendance, as has everyone who participated this year. The group consisted of co-mentors Dawn Hurney and Judy Flagstad as well as eight students. Mercy Hobbs and Melinda Gregory studied the Old Testament in Year One, Ralph Bush and Michael Pangburn explored the New Testament in Year Two, Ellen Walker and Cindy Snow learned about Church History in Year Three, and the graduates experienced theology in Year Four.

While EFM is a huge time commitment, everyone in this group agrees that the laughter and joy they experience while learning and growing as God's disciples is well worth it. If you think that studying the Bible and Church history is boring, you haven't experienced the EFM group at Pierre. Find an EFM group near you and be open to what you can learn on your journey as a follower of Jesus.

For the Pierre area—contact The Rev. Judy Flagstad, 605-280-6334 or flagstad1@pie.midco.net

The Black Hills EFM group currently meets at St. Andrew's, Rapid City, on Tuesday evenings September through May. This group is certainly not limited to members of St. Andrew's, though. In Deacon Marty Garwood's 10 - 12 year association with the program as a student, co-mentor with Fr. David Cameron, and as mentor, they have had a number of commuters from Hot Springs, Spearfish, Lead, etc. The class has been a mix of local folks from Emmanuel and St. Andrew's both.

They had two graduates last month: Barry Johnson (St. Andrew's) and Autumn Gregory (Spearfish). This coming fall they will have returning students for Years Two, Three, and Four and have several prospects for Year One.

Deacon Marty would love to visit with anyone who may be interested or have questions. Contact Deacon Marty Garwood at 605-390-2016 or martyj25@rap.midco.net.

Did you know?



There are also on-line EFM groups! Go to the EFM website at <http://www.sewanee.edu> for more information. Jane Hill of Spearfish has been a member of an on-line group this past year.

There will be an EFM mentor training held in Pierre August 4th-6th at Trinity. You don't have to be a graduate of the program to be a mentor. If you are interested in the training, please contact Judy Flagstad at flagstad1@pie.midco.net or 605-280-6334.

Watertown Ministry Wish List

Trinity Church, Watertown is trying some new/old techniques to reach out to their community, to share the Christian joy they experience. The methods are tried and true, so just a little tweaking is all that's needed to offer them today.

Trinity, under the leadership of the **Rev. Jackie Bernacchi**, is offering a late Saturday afternoon service that is youth, young adult, and family-friendly, yet recognizably Episcopalian. Also being planned is a family night movie event, where those gathered can view a "good" movie and discuss it....over snacks!

To help accomplish this, they are looking for a projection screen, laptop computer, and projector (used is fine). The service and music will be projected on the screen, and the equipment will be used for the movie viewing. Jackie could also use a used popcorn machine to help complete a fun movie experience.

Anyone with an extra screen, laptop, projector, or popcorn machine – or an idea of where these might be found – is asked to contact Rev. Jackie Bernacchi

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GRACE HAPPENS

A Summer of Small Miracles

by the Rev. Fred Jessett

The summer of 1959 was full of small miracles. After my first year of seminary I led a summer work project for college age volunteers at Okreek on the Rosebud Reservation. There were ten in the group, mostly from the eastern U.S. Two were foreign students: Sam from Liberia and John, an Episcopal priest from Japan who had been doing graduate work at Union Seminary in New York.

The campers were introduced to South Dakota and the churches of Niobrara Deanery at Convocation, held at Little Eagle on the Standing Rock Reservation. After convocation we drove to Okreek to begin our work.

Our living conditions were makeshift. The five young women slept in the church guild hall where we also cooked, ate our meals, worshiped and held meetings. The other four men and I slept in an old army tent pitched behind it. Our "plumbing" was a hand pump from a well beside the hall and two outhouses. The church hall did have electric lights. Our bathing choices were: a) a stock pond, or b) occasional showers in either the public school building, or in a house under construction.

Our main job that summer was to put a new foundation under Calvary Church in Okreek which was located up a hill next to Highway 18. Our work boss for that job wasn't with us at first, so we started by tearing down the old St. George's Chapel at Bad Nation, a place where no one lived. We discovered destruction is dangerous.

First, there were rattlesnakes under the building. We managed to kill one and scare away the rest.

The old church was covered with stucco over wire mesh. When we started pulling the mesh and stucco off, a big chunk ripped loose and knocked one man into the barbed wire fence that surrounded the church, tearing a bad gash in one arm. So off we went to the hospital in Winner. Then someone dropped a hammer on another worker's head. More

blood and another trip to Winner. After that we became very cautious and managed to finish there with no further injuries..

During free time one day, a camper was given the chance to ride a horse owned by a local family. Galloped under a tree, his head hit a tree limb, and back we went to Winner.

A couple of nights we had a prowler around the church hall. When the women saw him and shouted, the men sleeping in the tent would jump up, hoping to catch him. The first time one man ran into a barbed wire fence – another gash, another trip. Fortunately none of these injuries was serious.

Bees lived in the walls of the church hall kitchen. On warm evenings the sun shone in the windows and the room filled up with the buzzing creatures. Those cleaning up after supper sometimes got silly, and started "bee fights," actually putting bees on each other. Of course, there were a lot of stings, but, fortunately, no allergic reactions.

While working on Calvary Church, two campers climbed to the church roof and up onto the 70 foot bell tower to fix the cross on top. They had no safety ropes or gear of any kind. I don't know why anyone thought that was a good idea, but they just did it and nothing bad happened.

Driving back to Okreek late one night toward the end of the project, the car carrying our five young women was sideswiped by a drunken driver. No one was hurt and, after a long wait for the sheriff, we were able to make the car drivable and head on to Okreek. Days later when the car was taken for repairs, the men in the garage just shook their heads. One said, "The man upstairs must have had his arms around you girls that night."

I think God had his arms around all of us the whole summer – so many opportunities for disaster and nothing serious happened.

On the positive side, we actually did jack up the church and get the new foundation under it, a tribute to the skill of our work boss, D. G. Field and his wife, and no small miracle in itself.

We had a number of suppers with local people.

Sometimes women brought us pots of *wojapi* (a fruit pudding usually made with wild plums, buffalo berries or chokecherries) and *wigli oŋ kagapi* (fry bread). The culmination came near the very end of our time when the *Winyan Omniciye* (women's society) put on a feast for the whole village in our honor. The warmth of their hospitality shown to us all through those weeks, especially by society's leaders Harriet Ross, Lucy Little Money, Emma and Daisy Wright and Nancy Lambert, was summed up in that feast, and the gifts they gave us. We were all deeply moved.

That summer I met three people with whom I would work: Fr. Noah Broken Leg and Ray and Beulah Turgeon. They would become great friends and play a very important part in my life and work, and that of my family in the years I served as priest on the Rosebud.

For me 1959 was truly an unforgettable summer of small miracles.

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Ten things I've learned after the first year of seminary

By Portia Hurney

After my first year of Seminary, and three weeks into my internship as a hospital Chaplain, I wanted to share 10 significant things that I have learned. While I have learned and grown in ways much larger than these 10 things, these most clearly come to mind upon reflecting on my first year at Yale Divinity School.

1. Daily morning prayer is insanely early (especially after a long night studying) but it is nonetheless necessary. Missing just one makes the whole week feel off-balance.
2. More reading is assigned than is actually humanly possible to read, and I think I need new glasses!
3. Reading the Old Testament is both more fascinating and more relevant than I ever imagined.

4. Even though I love theological reading more than any other, I often find myself craving to curl up with a good novel.
5. While the study of theology is massively important, daily conversations with classmates on issues of belief, denominational affiliation, and life in general are just as educational and fulfilling. These conversations largely take place over lunch, giving the Eucharistic meal even more meaning.
6. Ministry is a lot like mowing lawns. It's messy, sweaty, and you get dirty, but it is as natural and necessary as the grass that grows.
7. When intellectual delirium sinks in, and spiritual dryness is at hand, there's always someone who lets me cry on their couch and who understands exactly what I'm going through.
8. Doing Clinical Pastoral Education as a hospital chaplain is one of the most exhausting experiences I have ever had, of suffering in others and in myself, but also the most spiritually rewarding. Just as Jesus was vulnerable and human upon the cross, I am daily faced with the human vulnerability.
9. There are actually a large number of people who want to commit their lives to ministry. Even young people! I'm not as weird or alone as I once thought.
10. It is impossible to make it through without the loving support of my home communities. I cannot thank each of you enough for all of your prayers and support throughout this past year.

And now: Let year two begin!



Portia Hurney
Yale Divinity School '13
(Trinity, Pierre)

Attention Women!

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by circumstances and/or the emotions they seem to produce? Do fear, grief, resentment, bitterness, or other feelings seem to loom over your life like giants, leaving you feeling helpless? Or are you bothered by small things that lodge like thorns in your heart or flesh, sinking in deeper the more you try to remove them?

Join Chaplain **René Porter Stewart** and women from around the diocese as we explore the ways we can kill those giants and pull those thorns. Thunderhead Center is a great place to explore such topics, providing a peaceful, quiet space that nurtures the spirit and soothes the soul. Register today!

Bedding and towels are provided. You might want: Comfortable clothing, warm clothing (nights are often cool), cool clothing (days can be warm), comfortable walking shoes, slippers, personal supplies (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, etc.), Bible, a journal, sunhat and sunglasses, your own pillow (we have some).

Killing Giants & Pulling Thorns

Proposed Women's Retreat Schedule:

Friday, July 15, 2011

2-5:30 pm Arrival and settle in
6:00 pm Supper
7:00 pm Introductions, Ice breakers

Saturday, July 16, 2011

8:00 am Breakfast & Chores
9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Session I
12:00 Lunch & Chores & Rest
2:00 pm Session II
6:00 pm Supper & Chores
7:00 pm Session III
9:00 pm Compline

Sunday, July 17, 2011

8:00 am Breakfast & Chores
9:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:30 am Lunch & Chores, then Depart

Women's Retreat Registration

Please send the \$100.00 fee with this form (or indicate the amount of scholarship needed.) Checks should be made to TEC. Send by July 5 to the address below. Please print.

Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Phone number(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Roommate request: _____

Emergency number during this event (someone to contact):

Name _____ Relationship: _____

Phone(s) _____

Any dietary or medical needs or conditions we should be aware of, including allergies?

Send to: Thunderhead Episcopal Center thunderhead@dakotablue.net
PO Box 890
Lead, SD 57754 605-584-2233

Diocese of South Dakota 2011 Summer Youth Camps

Be a part of the excitement of camp at Thunderhead Episcopal Center this summer! We will sing and laugh and explore and pray in the rich beauty of this remote area of the Black Hills. Without a doubt, you'll make unforgettable memories and lifelong friends. TEC Youth Camps are open to all young people throughout South Dakota. No matter where you come from or where your faith is, *you are welcome*.

Please fill out and return this form so we can prepare to welcome you this summer!

Send forms, checks etc., to:

TEC Registration
500 South Main Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Questions: Contact the Rev. Rita Powell at youth.diocese@midconetwork.com
or 605.659.0110



Camp Schedule

Middle School / Confirmation Camp Tuesday, July 5—Sunday, July 10

Open to all who are entering grades 7-8. This session will have all the camp fun you could want AND it will give you what you need to know about being confirmed in the Episcopal Church. The Spiritual Director will be creating a great time around the classic church topics. **Cost: \$225 per person.**

TEC Schedule

July 15-17 **Women's Retreat**

Aug 8-14 **AVAILABLE** for those attending the Motorcycle Rally; we do have a group that returns every year, so reserve early. Contact thunderhead@dakotablue.net for rates.

Aug 19-21 **Men's Retreat—cancelled**

Sept. 2-5 *tentative* **Alumni Retreat**

About YOU, the Camper; your Parents; & your Health

My name is: _____

I am Male Female

My birth date is: _____

My address is: _____

My e-mail is: _____

My Parent or Guardian is: _____

Their phone is: _____

Their e-mail is: _____

Are they who we should call in an emergency? If not, please list someone else:

Please tell us about your health:

Do you have any dietary restrictions, allergies, or restrictions on activities?

•If you take medication of any kind: Please attach a list of medications with instructions as to the time and dosage for administering them. Medications need to be in their original containers and will be turned over to camp staff upon arrival.

•Please attach a copy of Camper's insurance card, Medicaid card, or IHS number!!!

PARENT/ GUARDIAN RELEASE

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

Parent/ Guardian Signature and Date

***Once you send us your registration form, check your mail for confirmation and for transportation and other camp info!



Cost of camp

The Diocese of South Dakota feels strongly that its youth should have the opportunity to experience the sacredness of the Black Hills within the community of their peers in the church. We want you to come to camp! No one should feel they can not go to camp because they don't have the money. The Diocese subsidizes the operations and staffing of its youth camps to try to keep the camper fees down.

Please check which camp you will attend:

- Family Camp: \$100 per camper, \$250 per family
- Middle School/ Confirmation Camp: \$225
- High School Camp + EYE: \$500
- High School Camp Only: \$150

Camper fees include room and board, all activities.

Check one:

- I will need a full scholarship to come to camp.
- I will need a partial scholarship for camp. I can contribute \$ _____
- I do not need a scholarship to come to camp.

What you need for camp

Please circle which one describes you!

I need/ I have a sleeping bag and pillow.

I need/ I have towel and toiletries.

I need/ I have clothes for outdoor activities.

I need/ I have shoes for outdoor activities.

Behavior Expectations:

When you come to camp, you will be asked to sign a behavior contract that applies to all Diocesan Youth Events. No drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or anything that can be considered a weapon are to be brought to camp. Camp is a place of spiritual community and renewal. Because of this, we will ask you to turn in all cell phones and ipods, mp3 players, electronics so you can be present during your camp time. We will also insist that you refrain from inappropriate sexual or violent behavior while you are here. And, of course, to be respectful of everything here.

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



Rebuilding the Haitian Cathedral

When the earthquake hit Haiti in January 2010, it effectively leveled the most populous diocese of The Episcopal Church. 70% of church buildings were considered a total loss. Diocesan-run schools, clinics, and hospitals that served over 100,000 Episcopalians, as well as countless community members, were wiped out in 35 seconds.



Many of the services we expect from the government – healthcare, education, culture – are provided in Haiti by The Episcopal Church. Many governmental agencies and NGOs have rushed to fill these needs in the aftermath. But there is one thing no one else can rebuild for The Episcopal Church: Holy Trinity Cathedral. Home of the famous murals that depicted the Biblical narrative, the Cathedral was a beacon in a land where strength of faith is inversely proportional to economic development. As the site of Holy Trinity Music School, the Cathedral trained a touring choir and the nation’s only symphony

orchestra, providing both cultural development and income. Holy Trinity Professional School and the primary and secondary schools, also located on the Cathedral grounds, all raised up future leaders in an environment of cultural and spiritual grace. In 35 seconds, it was all reduced to rubble.

Bishop Duracin and the people of Haiti have asked for our help.



Before the walls of a new cathedral can rise, the rubble must be cleared and the land secured.

Workers are already sorting through the ruins for surviving fragments of the church’s famous murals. The Haitian government has granted The Episcopal Church a plot of land that will nearly double our presence in downtown Port-au-Prince. The new Cathedral will serve as an anchor to the expanded Episcopal presence in Haiti’s capital city, offering worship space for 1,000. The Diocese of Haiti has conducted initial strategic planning, and engineers are already at work in Haiti instructing masons in earthquake-safe methods that are no more costly than the masonry that failed.

You can donate online at The Episcopal Church Foundation (www.episcopal.foundation.org/) or Episcopal Relief and Development (www.er-d.org/).



Nets vs. anopheles: fighting against malaria

The Episcopal Church has been actively working to support the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) since 2003. In 2009, the Church renewed its support of the MDGs by endorsing the *NetsforLife*® Inspiration Fund and contributing .07% of its annual budget to this sweeping church wide effort to raise \$5 million.

Since 2008, *NetsforLife*® has delivered more than 4.8 million nets across 17 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, directly and indirectly reaching nearly 35 million beneficiaries, resulting in less sickness, fewer deaths and stronger communities. By partnering with churches and faith-based groups in remote communities, *NetsforLife*® combats malaria by training community agents (more than 43,000 so far), educating community members about proper net use and maintenance, delivering life-saving nets, and providing on-going monitoring and evaluation of net use.



Working at the grassroots level within the Episcopal community, the Inspiration Fund will help *NetsforLife*® deliver upon its promise to distribute 7 million nets by 2013. Combined with education and training, this work will better millions of lives in 30,000 communities across the continent.



Through the *NetsforLife*® Inspiration Fund, we will:

- Unite and engage local Episcopal communities to help shape a better world;
- Fight malaria through grassroots efforts in dioceses, schools, universities and seminaries;
- Build leadership capacity at all levels of the church through local organizing efforts;
- Contribute to *NetsforLife*® goal to deliver 7 million life-saving mosquito nets.

Educational and Faith Formation Resources

Episcopal Relief & Development has produced a wealth of educational resources to engage your church or social group members and planning tools to help you develop a solid plan for your local efforts. We have brochures, curricula, liturgy, fact sheets, photo slideshows, and more. All of these items are on our campaign website at www.inspirationfund.org.

JOIN US in the fight against malaria. Questions? Contact Joy Shigaki, Director of the *NetsforLife*® Inspiration Fund and Church Campaigns, at (212) 922-5257 or jshigaki@er-d.org

Convention coming up soon

The Diocese of South Dakota meets in Convention on September 9-10 at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center in Pierre.

Each congregation in the diocese is to elect Convention delegates during its own Annual Meeting. Be sure your church has submitted the name(s) and address(es) of its convention delegation. Committee members are selected from this list, and detailed information will be mailed out soon.

Many details are still being worked out, but this issue of *ChurchNews* contains a sneak peak. Changes, schedules, specifics, and updates will be noted in the convention mailing, so it is important that delegates get on the mailing list.

Also included in this issue is the first portion of the Reports to Convention from Diocesan Boards, Committees, Commissions, etc. The remainder will be published in the next issue, which comes out just before Convention.

Positions Open

The following positions will need to be filled by election at the 2011 Diocesan Convention:

Standing Committee

- 1 Presbyter 4 year term (expires 2015)
- 1 Presbyter 3 year term (expires 2014)
- 1 Lay 4 year term (expires 2015)
- 1 Lay 1 year term (expires 2012)

Province VI Deputy

- 1 Clergy 3 year term
- 1 Clergy 2 year term
- 1 Clergy 1 year term
- 1 Lay 3 year term
- 1 Lay 2 year term
- 1 Lay 1 year term

Historiographer/Registrar

- 3 year term (expires 2014)

Nomination Form is on Page 15.

Exhibit Tables

As in previous years, there will be tables set up to display ministry information, merchandise, fund raising opportunities, etc. To reserve one or more tables, please contact the Diocesan Office.



St. Augusta's Bookshop

will have 2012 Ashby Calendars for sale, and will have bundled all advance orders. So be sure to pre-order calendars for your church and make sure your delegates pick up your order.

Church Periodical Club (CPC) will have a table especially for good children's books to distribute where needed or requested around the Diocese. Please feel free to bring books to add to this table, or to take those your children might enjoy.

- There is usually a table for displaying and passing along theological books or vestments or other church-related items. PLEASE—if you bring items of this sort to pass along, be sure to dispose of any remainders or take what is left back with you.

Workshops

We plan to have at least 5 workshops to choose from—each being offered only once on Saturday. Plans and schedules are still being worked out, but here is what we have so far:

- Youth Coordinator Rita Powell will meet with all congregational or regional Youth Ministers and other interested parties to plan 2012 Youth Conventions and other youth activities.
- Church Records Retention—Learn which records to keep and for how long.
- Two workshops will explore aspects of Native culture. Gladys Hawk will be one presenter. Other specifics are still pending.
- Make a Joyful Noise: Humor & Laughter in our Worship, by the Rev. Liam Muller

Pre-Convention Deanery Meetings

The seven Diocesan Deaneries meet prior to Diocesan Convention to review the proposed diocesan budget for the following year and any other business that may come before the Convention. It would be a time to discuss resolutions submitted to date, and recruit nominees to run for diocesan office.

It is also a time for deaneries to elect, if needed, their representative to Diocesan Council.

Here are the scheduled dates for the 2011 Deanery Meetings:

August 20	2:00 pm	Trinity, Pierre
August 21	2:00 pm	St. Thomas, Sturgis
August 28	4:00 pm	St. Paul's, Brookings

Miscellaneous

- Convention Hospitality Funds (\$100 is asked from each congregation) may be sent to
Diocese of South Dakota
500 S. Main Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814

These funds help pay for the welcoming reception and other expenses of convention not covered by registration fees.

- Reminder—Those who are chairs or secretaries of diocesan boards, commissions, committees, councils, and such are asked to submit a report of activities and plans since the 2010 convention. Send to the Diocesan Office by August 10, for inclusion in the next issue of *ChurchNews*.
- **PRE-REGISTRATION** for Convention is **CRUCIAL** for planning purposes. Payment is preferred in advance, but can be made on-site at the registration table. However, it is **VERY** helpful if you send at least the registration form in advance.

- Some alternate lodging in the Pierre area:

MOTELS

AmericInn Hotel, Ft. Pierre	223-2358 800-634-3444 (nat'l)
Budget Host/State Motel	224-5896 800-283-4678 (nat'l)
Capitol Inn	224-6387 800-658-3055
Comfort Inn	224-0377 800-424-6423 (nat'l)
Days Inn	224-0411 800-329-7466
Ft. Pierre Motel	223-3111 800-286-0895
Governor's Inn	224-4200
Holiday Inn Express, Ft. Pierre	223-9045 800-315-2621 (nat'l)
Kings Inn	224-5951 800-232-1112
Pierre Inn	224-5981 888-315-2378
Ramkota Hotel	224-6877
River Lodge	224-4140 866-457-0088
Super 8 Motel	224-1617 800-800-8000 (nat'l)

Nomination Form
2011 Annual Diocesan Convention

DEADLINE: August 26 (return the form by August 10 to be included in *ChurchNews*)

Diocesan Office
500 S. Main Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814

Please fill in all areas

Print Name of Nominee: _____*

Address: _____

e-mail: _____

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

Congregation/City: _____

Nominated by: _____
(Signature)

____ Yes, I accept this nomination: _____
(Signature)

I nominate this person for:

____ Historiographer/Registrar
____ 1 Person to fill 3 year term (term expires 2014)

____ Standing Committee
____ 1 Presbyter (Priest) to fill 4 year term (term expires 2015)
____ 1 Presbyter (Priest) to fill 3 year term (term expires 2014)
____ 1 Lay person to fill 4 year term (term expires 2015)
____ 1 Lay person to fill 1 year unexpired term (term expires 2012)

____ Province VI Deputy
____ 1 Clergy (presbyter or deacon) to fill 1 year term (term expires 2012)
____ 1 Clergy (presbyter or deacon) to fill 2 year term (term expires 2013)
____ 1 Clergy (presbyter or deacon) to fill 3 year term (term expires 2014)
____ 1 Lay person to fill 1 year term (term expires 2012)
____ 1 Lay person to fill 2 year term (term expires 2013)
____ 1 Lay person to fill 3 year term (term expires 2014)

* a photo (head shot) of the nominee would be appreciated
Mail or send digitally

Position Descriptions

Standing Committee

- ___ 1 Presbyter (Priest) to fill 4 year term (term expires 2015)
- ___ 1 Presbyter (Priest) to fill 3 year term (term expires 2014)
- ___ 1 Lay person to fill 4 year term (term expires 2015)
- ___ 1 Lay person to fill 1 year unexpired term (term expires 2012)

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 1 year term (term expires 2012)
- ___ 1 Clergy (presbyter or deacon) to fill 2 year term (term expires 2013)
- ___ 1 Clergy (presbyter or deacon) to fill 3 year term (term expires 2014)
- ___ 1 Lay person to fill 1 year term (term expires 2012)
- ___ 1 Lay person to fill 2 year term (term expires 2013)
- ___ 1 Lay person to fill 3 year term (term expires 2014)

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.

Registrar/Historiographer

- ___ 1 person to fill 3 year term (term expires 2014)

The Registrar is a Diocesan Officer who is charged with gathering and preserving journals, pamphlets, reports and all other documents belonging to the Diocese and to act as the diocesan historiographer.

INSTRUCTIONS

PRE-REGISTRATION

- Please use only one (1) name per form.
- **Return registration forms (and payment - check or money order) by August 26 to:**
*The Diocese of South Dakota
500 S. Main Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104*

Call (605) 338-9751, or email office.diocese@midconetwork.com if you have any questions.

- Payment is preferred in advance, but can be made on-site at the registration table. However, it is VERY helpful if you send at least the registration form in advance.
- Registrants need to check in at the Convention Registration table at the Ramkota to receive packet of materials.
- Delegates must also check in at the Credentials table after registering.

MEALS

- Registration fee for Delegates, Alternates, and Visitors includes Sat Lunch, Breaks, and Materials.
- Breakfast is on your own.
- Meals for unregistered guests —use Meals Only portion.

HOUSING:

- Our room block rate at **Ramkota** is guaranteed through **August 10**. Call 605-224-6877 to book; tell them you're with "The Diocese of SD Convention."
Rates: \$80.99/night (for 1-4 people) plus tax.
- Alternate lodging is available at area motels & campgrounds.

**Church Periodical Club
Report to 2011 Convention**

CPC (Church Periodical Club) is an independent affiliated organization of the Episcopal Church. Since its pioneering beginning, CPC has depended entirely on voluntary contributions to carry out its unique ministry. Your contribution is worth more than words. There is an unending list of mission projects: juvenile facilities, prisons, alcohol/drug abuse centers, retirement homes, seafarers institutes, companion dioceses; and we have used some of our funds locally for the Niobrara School of Ministry and for children's Sunday School materials.

CPC functions at all levels – parish, diocesan, provincial and national. Through the National Granting Program, grants are allocated worldwide based on contributions available in two funds. Applications are processed through the CPC Office at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City.

The National Book Fund is the first national granting fund of the Church Periodical Club. Since 1922, this fund has helped meet religious and secular needs by providing printed and audio-visual materials to individuals, churches and organizations affiliated with the Anglican Communion.

The Miles of Pennies Fund became the second national granting Fund of the Church Periodical Club in 1989. This separate fund is for children only, pre-school to grade 12. In addition to providing printed or taped books and related materials, Miles of Pennies gives grants for the shipping costs of recycled children's books.

Deacon Judy L. Graves, CPC Diocesan Coordinator

**Church Periodical Club
Account Activity
April 30, 2011**

January 1, 2011 Beginning Balance		1,669.00
Miles of Pennies	492.46	
Reservation Church Sunday School	350.00	
National Book Fund	<u>826.54</u>	
Total		<u>1,669.00</u>
	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Income:		
National Book Fund:		
Grace ECW - Huron	0.00	17.53
Belles of St. Mary's-Mitchell	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total National Book Fund Income	0.00	67.53
Miles of Pennies:		
Total Miles of Pennies Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	0.00	67.53
Expenses:		
CPC	0.00	67.00
Total Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>67.00</u>
April 30, 2011		<u><u>1,669.53</u></u>
Miles of Pennies	492.46	
Reservation Church Sunday School	350.00	
National Book Fund	<u>827.07</u>	
Total		<u>1,669.53</u>

The Diocese of South Dakota
Restricted Fund
Grant Activity Report
12/31/2010

SOURCE AND PURPOSE

	<u>12/31/2009 Balance</u>	<u>2010 Receipts</u>	<u>2010 Disbursement</u>	<u>12/31/2010 Balance</u>
D & FMS - Ad Campaign	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
D & FMS - Niob. Deanery				
New Opportunities	6,827.64	0.00	4,107.05	2,720.59
D & FMS - Native Leadership	885.74	0.00	885.74	0.00
D & FMS - CRM - St. Philips	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
ERD - Storm Relief	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
UTO - CCM - St. Johns Foundation	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
UTO - South Sudan Well Project	0.00	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00
TOTALS	<u>9,713.38</u>	<u>53,000.00</u>	<u>44,992.79</u>	<u>17,720.59</u>

Summary of Diocesan Council actions since 2010 Journal

August 27-28, 2010

Thunderhead Episcopal Camp

Motions Approved/Actions Taken

1. Approved the 2011 Proposed Program Budget
2. Approved an amended Diocesan Policy #5: Maternity/Paternity Leave.
3. Approved a new Diocesan Policy #31: Diocesan Credit Cards
4. Approved a new Diocesan Policy #32: Annual Leave/Vacation – Diocesan Employees
5. Approved a new Diocesan Policy #33: Sick Leave
6. Approved a new Diocesan Policy #34: Deacon Reimbursement
7. Approved an amendment to Diocesan Policy #13: Reimbursement of Business Expenses which divides it into two separate policies – Amended Policy #13: Accountable Reimbursement Policy – Diocesan Staff Travel; and new Policy #35: Accountable Reimbursement Policy – Mission Clergy Travel.
8. Dropped life insurance coverage from clergy pay packages.
9. Approved the appointment of Gary Conradi to the position of Diocesan Treasurer until Diocesan Convention when he will run for election. Approved him to be an authorized check signer.
10. Accepted the appointment of the Rev. Mercy Hobbs, Pat LeBeau, and Jan Sanford to the TEC Board.
11. Approved the application by St. Andrew's, Rapid City, for a Centennial Challenge Loan.

Reports Received

1. Reports of an independent auditor (KMWF & Associates, PC) for the 2009 financial records of the Diocese and the Chapter.
2. The Rev. Paul Sneve appointed Archdeacon for the diocese.
3. A report of the endowment monies invested through Raymond James Financial Services.
4. Dean Ward Simpson made a presentation of the revised National Canon IV: Clergy Discipline which goes into effect July, 2011.

January 29, 2011

Pierre, South Dakota

Motions Approved/Actions Taken

1. Approved the 2010 budget for the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral and the 2011 budget for the diocese of South Dakota.
2. Appointed Carol Traversie to fill the lay position vacated by Pat White Horse-Carda when she was ordained.
3. Approved an amendment to Diocesan policy to comply with Federal law by including adult children up to age 26 on an employee's policy.
4. Approved negotiating a lease with the City of DeSmet to take over the church property, renovating the buildings for one or more civic purposes.
5. Approved asking each congregation for \$100 hospitality funds for Diocesan Convention as well as for Niobrara Convocation.

Reports Received

1. 2011 Financial statements for the Diocese, and the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral budget.
2. Draft vision for TEC
3. Report by the Medical Insurance Task Force, that diocesan employees are going to have to contribute a portion to their medical insurance premiums.
4. An update on the Youth Pilot Project.

April 8, 2011

Pierre, South Dakota

Motions Approved/Actions Taken

1. Approved hiring of Brandon Maui as Youth Minister on Standing Rock.
2. Approved Diocesan Policy #36—Health Care.
3. Approved a Centennial Challenge Fund grant to Trinity, Pierre.
4. Accepted the resignation of The Rev. Liz Powers from Council. The Rev. Kim Fonder will replace.
5. Set the registration fee for the 2011 Diocesan Convention at \$50.

Reports Received

1. Investment Committee report
2. Youth Pilot Project Update
3. Report on the revision of the mission of the Liturgy Commission.
4. Deployment report of six continuing church openings and their interim or supply provisions, and one position filled.
5. Report on a possible ELCA/Episcopal Young Adult Ministry on Rosebud.

ECW SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE SPRING MEETING REPORT

There are three (3) scholarships for \$500.00 each available this year.

The committee has not received any inquiries for scholarships for FY 2011. The March/April Diocesan newsletter contained information about other scholarships (60) being offered by the National church. This article, on page 19, provided a great deal of useful information for minority students. For the academic year 2010-2011, this scholarship committee awarded \$275,000 for 80 students. A copy of the article is available upon request.

I would like to ask the women of ECW to consider the idea of a special request in honor of Dr. Ruth Alexander, who passed away February 1, 2010. She researched and published Patches in a History Quilt: Episcopal Women in the Diocese of South Dakota in 2003. We owe her a lot for archiving many documents that reflect the fact that women are part of South Dakota history. Can ECW raise money to provide another \$500.00 scholarship in her name every year? This would give a non-traditional student the opportunity to apply. We have not turned down a non-traditional applicant so far.

Thanks to two donations of \$250 and \$300, we were able to offer a third scholarship again this year. Several copies of applications were given out at the Spring meeting. For more information, contact Sandy at 348-1678, or email her at ahedlupus@aol.com.

Sandra Magnavito, M.Ed.,
Committee Chair

Historiographer's Report 2011 Convention

There have been no inquiries this year from persons asking for information about family members or priests who may have served on the reservations or elsewhere in South Dakota. My work this past year has mainly concentrated on moving records from the overflowing basement of the Cathedral to the archives at Augustana College. Mary Armin and I moved quite a few boxes of records last summer, and the work of weeding out what needs to be kept goes on whenever Mary finds time to do it.

Aside from that, the archives have been fortunate enough to receive several surprises! Margaret Smith, Archival Assistant for the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, sent me four photos found in a book she was placing in their archives. They were taken after a storm, probably a tornado, in which a Bishop's chair either from Holy Name or St. Alban's, Lower Brule, ended up in a field a mile away from the church! Both churches were hit in the storm and the pictures show complete ruin.

Father Frederick Jessett, the writer of that wonderful column "Grace Happens" which appears in our diocesan paper, contacted me last summer. He is cleaning out his archives and has begun sending me things from his time in South Dakota. He has sent some pictures of early army meat giveaways, and a glorious picture of Vine Deloria's grandfather! His last batch of photos and records are from Wounded Knee II. Included in the packet are pictures of the graffiti from the inside of the church headquarters. Father Jessett commented that, as the building was destroyed after the incident was over, these are probably the only photos in existence! By the time you read this, Wounded Knee will be in the archives and accessible. In fact, since he is doing a wholesale cleanout, there might be more from his storehouse of memorabilia.

Thanks to Father Jessett and the Diocese of Connecticut, we are adding to our information about the early church and the reservation. I am happy to report that one of my colleagues is a Western historian and now knows of a great place to dig for information about South Dakota history. He really didn't realize that a diocese might care about history. If anyone has old pictures, newspapers or items that pertain to church history and you wish to donate them to the archives, you should contact either Mary Armin at the Diocesan office or me at the address below. We will take good care of your contributions, and the Archives at Augustana treat them with both care and respect.

April Brooks
Professor and Head,
Department of History and Political Science
South Dakota State University
Historiographer, the Diocese of South Dakota
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605-688-6042 (day)

United Thank Offering Report to 2011 Convention

125 years ago the United Thank Offering was begun by a group of women who were determined to involve themselves in the life and service of the Church.

Their purpose was to involve others in the recognition that giving thanks is a “good and joyful thing” and to communicate the ministry of daily thankful prayer, stemming from the recognition that no matter how little we think we have, God provides inordinate abundance in each of our lives. Their mission was to expand the circle of thankful people.

Out of their effort came the United Thank Offering – the familiar Blue Box. Out of their efforts grew the United Thank Offering grant which uses our offerings of love and gratefulness to answer the prayers of so many around our diocese and around the world. Every cent offered in thanksgiving is granted each year. The Diocese of South Dakota has often been the recipient of grants, as well as the South Sudan Education Project.

UTO encourages daily prayers and the awareness of the abundance of God’s blessings. A daily coin in the Blue Box is a tangible token of our offering of prayer and thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for that our Blue Boxes should be full to overflowing.

Congregations are encouraged to have Ingatherings of these offerings twice a year, traditionally in the spring and fall. Send a check or money order for the total amount to the Diocesan Office. If you need Blue Boxes or other UTO supplies, contact:

Diana Regan
708 Sawyer Street
Lead, SD 57754
605-722-2718
gmaregan@knology.net

Thanks to all and may God bless and keep you.
Diana Regan

2010 UTO REPORT					
#	Church Name	City	2010 SPRING	2010 FALL	2010 TOTAL
1	St. Mark's	Aberdeen	81.00		81.00
2	St. James'	Belle Fourche		121.10	121.10
3	St. Paul's	Brookings	54.00		54.00
4	St. John's	Deadwood	86.79	182.68	269.47
5	Grace Church	Huron	168.75	134.35	303.10
6	Christ Church	Lead	55.00		55.00
7	St. Mary's	Mitchell	212.00		212.00
10	Emmanuel	Rapid City	1,076.27	1,126.68	2,202.95
11	St. Andrew's	Rapid City	692.71		692.71
12	Calvary Cathedral	Sioux Falls	585.81		585.81
16	Trinity	Watertown	224.85	204.38	429.23
17	Trinity	Winner	145.18	164.81	309.99
18	Christ Church	Yankton	557.40	232.23	789.63
23	St. Peter's	Ft. Pierre	98.89		98.89
25	Incarnation	Gregory	12.50		12.50
26	St. Luke's	Hot Springs	80.95		80.95
30	St. Katharine's	Martin	105.00	83.83	188.83
31	Christ Church	Milbank	112.53	140.00	252.53
35	St. Paul's	Vermillion	91.03		91.03
38	Cheyenne River		15.00		15.00
38	St. John's	Eagle Butte	20.00		20.00
39	Ascension	Blackfoot	105.00		105.00
53	Holy Cross	Pine Ridge	20.88		20.88
74	Church of Jesus	Rosebud	62.09	79.34	141.43
87	St. James'	Enemy Swim	173.00	125.20	298.20
	Diocesan Convention			282.14	282.14
	Individual Donations		33.68	5.00	38.68
	TOTALS		4,870.31	2,881.74	7,752.05
	Balance Forward				14.30
	TOTAL INCOME				7,766.35
	Checks to National UTO			(7,750.00)	(7,750.00)
	Balance as of 12/15/10				16.35
	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
	2009 Totals				10,264.30

CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE FUND Report to 2011 Convention

No loan applications were received in 2010.

As of December 31, 2010, six loans were being repaid, with interest rates that ranged between 3.0% and 8.25%. Loan balances to be repaid total \$133,806.02.

Other assets in the Centennial Challenge Fund are invested in cash and Frank Russell Lifepoints Balanced Strategy Fund – Class A. As of December 31, 2010, the market value of these investments was \$351,895.83.

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Name.....

NEW Address.....

City, ST, Zip

Effective Date

Church we will attend after move

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Bishop's visitation dates
in bold letters

Diocesan Calendar

JULY

Jul 5-10 Middle School/Confirmation Camp
Jul 10 St. Luke's, Hot Springs
Jul 15-17 Women's Retreat, TEC
Jul 17 Incarnation, Gregory
Jul 24 Christ Church, Red Shirt Table
Jul 31 Yankton/Santee Missions

AUGUST

Aug 3 Diocesan Staff Working Retreat
Aug 4-6 EFM Mentor Training, Pierre
Aug 7-15 Bishop on Vacation
Aug 20 Deanery Mtg, Trinity, Pierre
Aug 21 St. Thomas, Sturgis
Aug 21 Deanery Mtg, St. Thomas, Sturgis
Aug 26-27 Diocesan Council, Pierre
Aug 28 Deanery Mtg, St. Paul's, Brookings

SEPTEMBER

Sep 5 Diocesan Offices Closed
Sep 9-10 Diocesan Convention, Pierre
Sep 11 St. Peter's, Ft. Pierre
Sep 14-21 House of Bishops
Sep 25 Grace Church, Madison
Sep 30-Oct 1 Commission on Ministry, Pierre

OCTOBER

Sep 30-Oct 1 Commission on Ministry, Pierre
Oct 2 Sisseton Mission
Oct 8 Consecration of Nebraska Bishop
Oct 10 Diocesan Offices Closed
Oct 16 Rosebud Mission West
Oct 30 Pine Ridge Mission
Oct 31 Begins 3rd Year of Consecration

NOVEMBER

Nov 4-5 Dakota Experience
Nov 6 Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls

2012

May 7-10 Clergy Retreat, Blue Cloud
June 21-24 Niobrara Convocation
July 5-12 General Convention, Indianapolis
ECW Triennial
Sept 27-28 Diocesan Convention, Pierre
Oct 12-13 Planning For Tomorrow Conference

Camp Remington Rustic Cabins In The Black Hills

Owned by the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota on land leased since 1922 from the Black Hills National Forest.

Located off the Needles Highway (#87):
South of Sylvan Lake—3 m. north of
Playhouse Road.

3 screened cabins sleeping 4-6 +, each with
an outhouse.

Use 1 cabin or more for a minimum
donation of \$30 per night per cabin.

Provided: beds, mattresses, pots, pans,
plates, cups, silverware, propane stove
and refrigerator, fireplace. Water can be
carried from nearby covered spring.

Bring your own: bedding or sleeping bags,
blankets, towels, food and beverages, and
lighting - fluorescent lanterns, propane
lamps, Coleman lanterns with fuel, etc.

Episcopal services at the quaint Chapel of
the Transfiguration on Sundays in July
through Labor Day at 10:30 a.m.



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FOR RESERVATIONS -
Call Randy Barnhardt at
605-338-9751

FOR INFORMATION -
Call Tony Gonsor at
605-673-2205

***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.