



South Dakota Episcopal

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July/August 2015

Bishop's Office to move

Following several years of discernment, the Bishop announced at the 2014 Convention that the diocese would begin the process of moving Diocesan offices to Pierre.

The Diocese has since finalized the purchase a house in Pierre for the Bishop's Residence. The Tarrants will be moved into it by the end of July.

The Vestry of Trinity Church in Pierre and the Diocesan Council have both approved the use of the office wing of Trinity Church for the offices of the Bishop and Diocesan Staff. This summer some remodeling will occur to accommodate the diocesan and parish needs.

The Diocesan Offices will be moved to Pierre gradually.

The Bishop will begin setting up his office sometime in July.

The Canon to the Ordinary will have his office adjacent to the Bishop's which will allow even better communication and coordination.

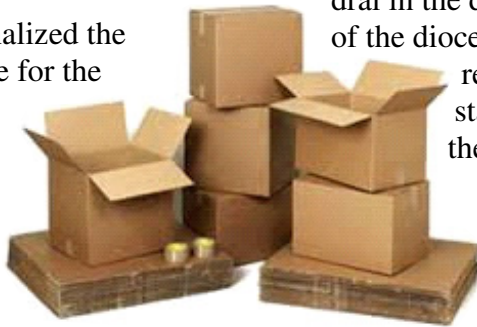
Mary Armin is retiring at the end of August, 2015 and her replacement will be expected to live in the Pierre area. We are hopeful this per-

son will be able to begin in early August to allow adequate training and transition, including packing, moving, and setting up the office and files.

Barney's office will remain at Calvary Cathedral in the diocesan conference room. The rest of the diocesan space at the Cathedral will be rented out to a non-profit agency. The status of Calvary Cathedral remains the same and will not change.

Which office to call and what to send where will become clear over time as we all develop new routines and experiences. Basically everything financial-related goes to Sioux Falls; anything else goes to Pierre. But there will never be a wrong address or wrong phone number as the two offices will be in easy contact. Diocesan staff is here to support you.

This means a very busy summer for many people, but it will have a good result. With the Bishop and diocesan offices centrally located in the diocese, we can be more responsive and better serve the churches and people of this diocese.



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*"At camp I learned that
I am a child of God who
is blessed and loved."*

-- High School Camper

This month I will share some updates and rumor control.

1. The Diocese has purchased a bishop's residence" in Pierre. This house should not only serve us now, but also bishops in the future. We have borrowed the money from our endowment and will pay it back over time. The Diocese will begin to see immediate savings by dropping the bishop's housing allowance. We have received over \$35,000 in pledges toward paying pay back our funds. All contributions are appreciated.
2. My family and I are moving on July 14th.
3. With the concurring agreement of the Trinity Church vestry and Diocesan Council, Diocesan offices will be located in the office wing of Trinity Church, Pierre. Renovations to that space are being done as you read this newsletter.
4. Diocesan offices will move during the month of August. All non-financial records will be moved to Pierre. The Diocesan archives will remain at the Augustana Center for Western Studies in Sioux Falls.
5. Mary Armin will retire on August 31. Her replacement will be from the Pierre area. We hope that person can begin in early August and work together with Mary for that month. Mary will also be available to assist at September's Diocesan Convention. We will honor her for her service at that Convention.
6. Diocesan Administrator, Randy Barnhardt (Barney) will remain in Sioux Falls. He has **no** plans for retirement, despite rumors to the contrary. The financial office, along with financial records, will remain in his office at the Cathedral. All financial concerns, along with checks, should be sent to the current address (500 S. Main Ave, Sioux Falls). UTO and CPC checks should be sent this address as well.
7. All non-financial correspondence should be sent to: The Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota, 408 N. Jefferson, Pierre, SD 57501.
8. All correspondence with the bishop's office, Church News, Niobrara School for Ministry, Canon David Hussey, and general non-financial business should be sent to the Pierre address.



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

9. Canon David Hussey will have an office at Trinity, Pierre. Archdeacon Paul Sneve will continue as vicar of St. Paul's, Vermillion along with his Diocesan duties and he will maintain an office at St. Paul's. The Rev. Portia Corbin, Missioner for Youth Adult Ministry, will continue as vicar of Trinity Church, Watertown along with her Diocesan duties and maintain an office in Watertown. The complete Diocesan staff will meet in Pierre at least monthly.
10. All Diocesan staff will retain the same email addresses. There will be a change of phone numbers eventually, but 605-338-9751 will get you to the right person either directly or with a transfer for a year or so. You will be notified of any new numbers.
11. The Diocese is negotiating with a non-profit to rent our current space at the Cathedral. These resources will help offset office expenses in Pierre. Barney's office will be moved to a different location in the Cathedral building.

I hope this information is helpful. Transitions are never easy and it will take time to figure out the glitches, but it seems like an important strategy to move the "center" of the Diocese to the center of the Diocese.

Your support and patience will be appreciated.

+John



MORE TRANSITIONS

- **The Rev. Bunker Hill** retired and, after a free summer, will begin serving St. Thomas, Sturgis on September 6.
- **The Rev. Kay Jennings** will begin serving two congregations in Alpine and Terlinguq, Texas in August.
- **Pastor Daryl Schubert** accepted the call to serve St. Mary's Episcopal Church and New Home Lutheran Church in Mitchell beginning July 1.
- **Mary Armin**, Diocesan Administrative Assistant, is retiring effective August 31 after 15 years in the position. She will be serving in other capacities and at a more relaxed pace.
- **The Rev. Liz Powers** and Sam Robertson moved to Portland, OR at the end of June.
- **The Rev. Michael Johnson**, St. John the Baptist in Deadwood, married Cathy Jo Koch on Sunday, June 7 at the church.

Clergy Spouses:

- **Lucille Gibbons**, widow of the Rev. Harold Gibbons, died on March 12, 2015.
- **Edith Selwyn**, widow of the Rev. George Selwyn, died at the age of 104 on May 13, 2015.
- **Kenneth Lyman**, husband of Deacon Susan Lyman, died on May 17, 2015.
- **Betty Weld**, widow of the Rev. Robert Weld, moved to Iowa at the end of May.

Deanery Conveners selected

At the 2014 Convention, Canon 13 on Regional Deaneries was revised and simplified. Pursuant to its new provisions, the Bishop appointed Conveners for each Deanery, effective Pentecost, for two year terms – though several were appointed for one year in order to stagger the terms.

Black Hills Deanery

- The Kathy Monson Lutes through 2017

Central Deanery

- The Rev. Mercy Hobbs through 2016

Eastern Deanery

- The Rev. Christina O'Hara through 2016

Northeast Deanery

- The Rev. Charley Chan through 2016

Northwest Deanery

- The Rev. Margaret Watson through 2017

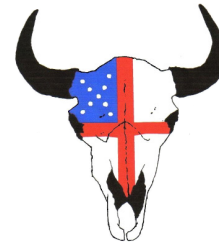
Pine Ridge Deanery

- Twilla Two Bulls through 2017

Rosebud Deanery

- The Rev. Annie Henninger through 2017

NIORARA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

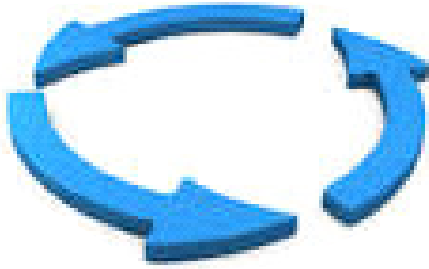


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Ministry Weekends Scheduled for Fall 2015

Mark your calendars!

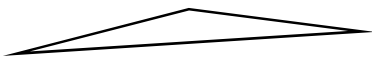
- Sept 11-12 Suicide Prevention
- Oct 2-3 Hospital/Home Visits: Practical Guide
- Nov 20-21 Holistic Self Care: Mind, Body, Spirit
- Dec 12 Introduction to the Canons & Title IV Training



AROUND THE DIOCESE

The combined Rapid City Episcopal Churches will have a picnic on July 26 at Old Storybook Island – 2911 Canyon Lake Dr. This picnic was scheduled as a result of an effort to become better acquainted with our fellow Episcopalians and work together for the good of our community.

The Episcopal churches of Rapid City are also getting together for Vacation Bible School this year at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, starting on July 19. Children can experience 5 days inspired by *Caring for Creation*. Ryan the Rhino will be their guide through themes like creation, healing the earth, saving water, and God's Promise.



In Sioux Falls, Good Shepherd is joining Calvary Cathedral for Vacation Bible School this July, learning about *Hometown Nazareth – Where Jesus Was a Kid*. The 3 Sioux Falls churches will also have Church in the Park followed by a picnic in August.



St. Paul's in Brookings is a certified member of the National Wildlife Federation. They were notified that their Ralph Town Garden is certified as a Garden for Wildlife, meaning that it provides food, water, cover, and places to raise young.

St Paul's also received an Honorable Mention Award in the Cool Congregations Challenge sponsored by Interfaith Power and Light. They received the award in the category titled "Sacred Grounds," which usually means that a congregation has done an ecology project on the Parish grounds. The award nomination stated that they had finished a 4-year

project to reduce their carbon footprint by converting lawn to urban wildlife habitat and to provide contemplative gardens where people can appreciate The Creation.

Their landscaping project focused on three areas of the Parish grounds:

1. front yard conversion of grass to native flowers and shrubs
2. back yard conversion of grass to a permeable-surface patio and gardens, and
3. gardening for wildlife throughout (the Ralph Town Memorial goal).

Their energy savings from reduced watering and mowing was small compared to other Congregations in their award category. However, "although St Paul's energy impacts are small, the savings may be increased when Parishioners, visitors, and neighbors learn about and see the benefits of landscaping with ecological goals."



Episcopal Church Women Scholarship Committee

Two \$750.00 Scholarships will be available for Academic Year 2015-2016!

The scholarship money may be used for the purchase of books or partial payment of tuition and fees at any South Dakota University or College or Technical Institute. The money will be sent directly to the college Finance office.

The applicant should indicate whether she is a full-time or part-time student. She must be an active member of any Episcopal Church or Mission within the South Dakota Diocese. Non-traditional students are encouraged to apply.

Application forms are available at the Diocesan website on the Episcopal Church Women's page. If you have difficulty with the website, you can send an email to Sandy Magnavito at the address below.

The packet includes:

- ECW Scholarship Guidelines
- Instruction sheet
- ECW Scholarship Application
- NOTE: "Proposed Plan of Study" should be a composition typed on a separate sheet of paper. This should also explain your need for this financial assistance.
- 2 cover letters filled out by the persons writing their letter of recommendation. Each one should be sent to the Chair of the scholarship committee.

You can submit your application and essay by e-mail. The clergy are allowed to email their letters of recommendations. However, the other recommendation should be mailed via US post office.

DEADLINE IS JULY 31, 2015!
ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!

Sandy Magnavito, M.Ed., Chair
Phone: 3480567
Cell phone: 605-390-7698
E-mail address: aheadlupus@aol.com

Calling all Acolytes – and other Worship Assistants

Advanced Notice – more information to follow

Representatives of the Dioceses of North Dakota and South Dakota have met a few times to discuss ways they can share resources for the betterment of ministry in both dioceses.

One to be explored is the sharing of an Annual Acolyte Festival. North Dakota has one scheduled for later this year. South Dakota acolytes (and other Worship Assistants) are invited to attend. In 2016 Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls will host the festival for both dioceses. If all works out well, Fargo will then host the following festival and/or there may be one held in Rapid City.

So mark your calendars . . .

November 20-22, 2015 – An Acolyte Festival will be held at Gethsemane Cathedral in Fargo, ND. It will include training for all sorts of worship assistants from Torch Bearers to Vergers and just about everything in between. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Guilds will all have seminars too. It won't be all work – there will be plenty of time for other activities as well. The weekend will be capped off with a Festal Eucharist held on Sunday.

The cost for the weekend will be \$40 per person. **Scholarship help is available.**

So that the Fargo Cathedral can make the necessary preparations, South Dakotans interested in attending are asked to register with either person listed below by **MID-OCTOBER**. Questions can also be directed to them.

The Rev. Portia Corbin
Missioner, Youth & Young Adults
221 – 15th St NE
Watertown, SD 57201
605-280-4927
youth.diocese@midconetwork.com

The Very Rev. Ward Simpson
Dean, Calvary Cathedral
500 S. Main Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814
605-336-3486
dean.simpson@calvarycathedral.net



CM Almy robes

Young Adult Retreat at TEC: August 13-16

All young adults ages 18-35 are welcome to join us for a retreat weekend at TEC

This special event is a joint project with the Diocese of Iowa

If you are interested in attending this retreat, or have any questions, e-mail the Rev. Portia Corbin at youth.diocese@midconetwork.com

In the April issue, the Rev. David Seger (Emmanuel, Rapid City) wrote a few words about The General Convention of The Episcopal Church and its structure. Here is his next installment.

The convention opens in Salt Lake City on June 25, and adjourns nine days later on July 3. About two hundred resolutions will be introduced between the House of Deputies (laity and clergy) and the House of Bishops. Only a few of these will eventually make it out of committee to be debated on the floor of both houses.

At this convention, the House of Bishops will elect the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church to a nine-year term to succeed the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, the first female Presiding Bishop in our church.

The four nominees are:

The Right Reverend Thomas E. Breidenthal,
Bishop of Southern Ohio

The Right Reverend Michael B. Curry,
Bishop of North Carolina

The Right Reverend Ian T. Douglas,
Bishop of Connecticut

The Right Reverend Dabney T. Smith,
Bishop of Southwest Florida

The bishops are scheduled to elect on the third day of the convention, June 27. Approximately three hundred bishops (active and retired) are eligible to vote. The next "PB" must receive a simple majority to be elected. Following the election, the House of Deputies must confirm the election.

There will likely be some announcement of this in the secular press.

A second important matter for the church will be

several resolutions to restructure The Episcopal Church. These matters will likely not attract much attention in the daily news.

The third matter to draw attention will be the revision of those canons that apply to the Sacrament of Marriage. This is a complex matter with persons of good will on each side of this sensitive matter. This will, we predict, be the issue that attracts the most attention in the secular press. Sensitive matters for the church tend to be sensationalized and often reported incorrectly by the news media. We urge that you not overreact to whatever makes its way through the convention. If you wish to really be informed, it is necessary to read the resolution(s) that are adopted for yourselves and the rationale for doing so. This is likely to be couched in theological language and requires careful study. You will not find this in the popular reporting.

We believe this is an exciting time for The Episcopal Church as it turns its face to the "joys and challenges of a global community called to mission and filled with hope." If we rely only on statistics, we have little reason to be optimistic. Here are just a few of the national numbers:

- Nation-wide Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) has dropped from 80 to 61 in the last thirteen years.
- Nearly half (45%) of domestic parishes and missions are served by clergy who are not full time.
- The average age of those ordained continues slowly to rise; currently the average age is 48 years old.

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- The advanced - and still advancing - age of the Church's membership, combined with a low birth rate, means that the Church loses 16,000 people a year — nearly the equivalent of one average-sized diocese per year through deaths over births.
- In 2014, 38% of Episcopal congregations (versus 28% in 2010) report that their financial condition is good or excellent. At the same time 62% of congregations are in some kind of financial stress in 2014, as compared to 72% in 2010, and only 44% in 2000.

So, where is the good news? Fewer congregations report being in conflict than in previous years. Money has replaced issues of human sexuality as the most commonly reported topic of conflict. Dioceses that were once in conflict and have reorganized continue to explore creative ways to thrive and serve.

We need to change the ways in which we assess vitality. More than just people in the pews define a vital church on Sunday morning. Soft data offers hope and optimism, not despair and resignation. The question is not "are we dying," but rather "where is resurrection occurring?" We need to remind ourselves that we are an Easter people!

If you wish to learn more or follow The General Convention, you may do so at www.generalconvention.org.

From the Episcopal Church Center General Convention

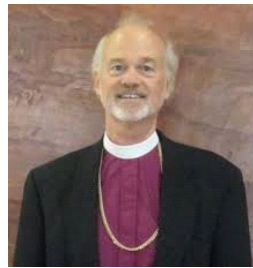
The 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church will be held June 25 – July 3, in Salt Lake City, UT (Diocese of Utah). The Episcopal Church's General Convention is held every three years, and is the bicameral governing body of the Church. It comprises the House of Bishops, with upwards of 200 active and retired bishops, and the House of Deputies, with clergy and lay deputies elected from the 108 dioceses and three regional areas of the Church, at more than 800 members.

There are numerous opportunities for messages, letters, columns, connections in the community. You can follow the action whether you are in Salt Lake

City or not. News will be issued from the Public Affairs Office leading up to and during General Convention. You can follow on the Media Hub (at <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/gc/>). Episcopal News Service will provide extensive coverage of General Convention as well in advance (<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/>). Check the General Convention website (at <http://www.generalconvention.org/>) regularly for ongoing information and reports.

And, here's the hashtag: #GC78

Bishop Smylie to be guest speaker at 2015 Diocesan Convention



The Rt. Rev John Smylie from the Diocese of Wyoming will be our guest at Diocesan Convention this year.

Bishop Smylie was born in Baltimore, MD. After graduating from the Episcopal Divinity School he was ordained a deacon and then priest in 1982. He has served in New Jersey, Western New York, Spokane, and Wyoming. He was consecrated bishop on July 31, 2010.

The dioceses of South Dakota and Wyoming are both in Province VI, so there has always been a relationship between us. This has deepened recently as they explore the sharing of our summer camp opportunities.



The Rev. Portia Corbin attended Wyoming's convention last year, and Bishop Tarrant will attend this year in October.

One of the workshops at our convention will be a viewing of an excellent video produced by the Diocese of Wyoming on suicide prevention.

WELCOME BISHOP SMYLIE!

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.



Chapel of the Transfiguration



The Bishop's Cabin at Camp Remington

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.

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

Check the diocesan website for available dates.

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

(<http://www.diocesed.org/administration-and-resources-2/camp-remington>)

2015 Diocesan Convention Positions Open

Diocesan Convention will be held September 25-26, 2015 at the Ramkota Hotel in Pierre.

It is the usual course of business for delegates to vote on nominees to fill various positions. This year the following positions will be open for a 4 year term:

Standing Committee—1 lay person
Standing Committee—1 clergy (priest or deacon)

A nomination form is available below. It will also be posted on the diocesan website (www.diocesesd.org) and will be available in the convention mailings to delegates and churches.

* See the back page for further information on the Standing Committee in South Dakota.

Nomination Form 2015 Annual Diocesan Convention

DEADLINE: September 26

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

e-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Congregation/City: _____

Nominated by:

(Signature)

Yes, I accept this nomination:

(Signature)

I nominate this person for:

Standing Committee (terms expire 2019)

1 Clergy (Priest or Deacon) to fill 4 year term

1 Lay person to fill 4 year term

*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, followed 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.

Resolutions should take the following form.

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

RESOLVED, that the One Hundred Thirty-first 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.

August
30

Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting

St. Paul’s Church
726 Sixth Street
Brookings

3:00 pm—Separate Meetings
(Eastern & Northeast Deaneries)
4:00 pm—Pre-Convention Meeting

Sept
12

Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting

Trinity Church
408 N. Jefferson
Pierre

2:00 pm—Pre-Convention Meeting

Sept
13

Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting

Emmanuel Church
717 Quincy St.
Rapid City

2:00 pm—Pre-Convention Meeting

2015 Convention Registration Form*

Return completed form by SEPTEMBER 15.

CHECK ONE:

Name _____	Clergy	Lay		
	Delegate	Delegate	Alternate	Visitor
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Last	First	MI	

First name is prominent on nametag. How would you like your first name to read? _____

CLERGY, will you (and guests) be attending the Clergy Conference & Thursday dinner? ____ **YES** ____ **NO**
If YES, how many for the meal? _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

Church _____ Location/City _____

Phone (day) _____ Phone (evening) _____

e-mail _____

Would you sing in the Convention CHOIR? Yes No

Do you wish to have an EXHIBIT table? Yes How many tables? _____ No
(Set up begins at noon on Friday)

REGISTRATION FEE: (includes meals, snacks, and materials. Saturday breakfast is on your own)

____ **\$60 for Clergy Delegates, Lay Delegates, Alternates, and Visitors**

PAYMENT:

____ **Payment Enclosed** (make checks/money orders payable to "The Diocese of South Dakota")

____ I will pay at convention.

____ I will pay online with credit card (www.diocesesd.org and use Donation/Payment button)

* You may also register online at www.diocesesd.org under Admin/Resources

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Register EARLY so it doesn't get lost in the move!

REGISTRATION

- Please use only one (1) name per form.
- **Return registration forms (and payment - check or money order) by September 15 to:**
The Diocese of South Dakota
500 S. Main Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
- You have the option to **REGISTER ON-LINE** and also to pay on-line on the diocesan website www.diocesesd.org (under Admin & Resources)
Payment is a separate step. Use Donation/Payment button.

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 at least send the registration form in advance.
- Registrants need to check in at the Convention Registration table at the Ramkota to receive packet of materials.
- Delegates (Clergy & Lay) must also check in at the Credentials table after registering.

MEALS

- Registration fee for Delegates, Alternates, and Visitors includes Fri Picnic, Fri Opening Reception, Sat Lunch, Breaks, and Materials.
- Breakfast is on your own.

HOUSING:

- Our room block rate at **Ramkota** is guaranteed through **August 26**. Call 605-224-6877 to book; tell them you're with "The Diocese of SD Convention." Rates: \$86.99/night (for 1-4 people) plus tax.
- DO NOT call the Best Western 800 number. They cannot see room blocks.
- Alternate lodging is available at area motels.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY
Report to 2015 Convention

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

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

COM Activities

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

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

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

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

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN
Report to 2015 Convention

Greetings especially to all the South Dakota Episcopal Church Women. We are involved in many aspects of Diocesan ministry. Here is a recap.

UTO/CPC: Besides asking you to collect your jars of

pennies for Sunday School and adult educational materials for CPC, Judy Graves has added another dimension to her work by collecting warm coats, new or used, for kids who need them around the state. Bring what you have to our Annual Meeting in Pierre on September 25, or you can drop them off throughout the year at her office at Good Shepherd in Sioux Falls where she serves as Deacon. Questions? Telephone 605-212-8165.

There will be a UTO report in the next issue of *ChurchNews*.

Send your UTO (United Thank Offering) Ingathering and CPC (Church Periodical Club) "Miles of Pennies" offerings to the Diocesan Office at 500 South Main Avenue, Sioux Falls SD 57104-6814.

All other donations for SD ECW scholarships, missions ministry, and memorials should be sent to our Treasurer Cora Koss, 23044 Palomino Lane, Rapid City SD 57703.

These are two projects that we are currently working on:

SCHOLARSHIPS: Due to the increasing costs of education, we voted to raise the scholarships to \$750 each. Tell the young women or ladies going back to school in your congregation! Instructions and application forms are available on-line at [www.diocesesd.org/OTHER MINISTRIES/Episcopal Church Women](http://www.diocesesd.org/OTHER_MINISTRIES/Episcopal Church Women). **The deadline for applications is July 31;** send them to Sandy Magnavito, 1305 Kings Road, Rapid City SD 57702, tel. 605-348-0567.

ROTATING MINISTRY IN MISSIONS: Every third year we designate our special gift for South Dakota, our Companion Diocese (East TN), or an international ministry. This year the SD ECW has chosen to support the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, owned and operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. We ask that each ECW in the Diocese send at least a small donation for this important ministry. You can also knit afghans or make quilts to send. Read more about it elsewhere in this issue.

Anyone wishing to display our SD ECW quilt, contact Vicki Sweet, sweetmom@rushmore.com, tel. 242-6780.

And how do you continue this work? Through DONATIONS! As you know, we do not have dues but ask for donations to support our work, especially the Scholarship and Missions Projects. If your ECW has not sent anything in this year, we suggest a donation of \$3 per

churchwoman in your congregation for support. Memorials and other gifts are also welcome. Thank you for your help!

You will hear more details about preparation for our Fall meeting in a letter after we get back from the Triennial Meeting in Salt Lake City June 24 through July 1. Delegates are President Bonnie Walker, Vice President Sharon Van Doren, Secretary Elizabeth Campbell and CPC Coordinator Judy Graves. Alternates are Scholarship Committee Chairperson Sandy Magnavito and UTO Coordinator Barb Oates.

We all add our very special thank you to Mary Armin for her wonderful and continuous support of the mission and work of the ECW as she retires at the end of the summer!

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Campbell, SD ECW Secretary

ECW President's Report

Elections are scheduled to be held at our Fall meeting, September 25, in Pierre, at the Ramkota Hotel. A Nominating Committee was formed at the Spring meeting and will be contacting individuals. If you are interested, you can also nominate yourself for a Board position: President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

Chairs of the Standing Committees of ECW will also be open, to be appointed by the new Board: UTO, Scholarship, CPC, Altar Guild, and Nominating Committee. The Vice President is the Honored Woman Committee Chair as well as the liaison with TEC for the Women's Retreat.

Traditionally, it is the Executive Board members who represent the ECW at Triennial. The next Triennial will be during the summer of 2018.

I have been your President for the past four years (two terms) and appreciate the support for our many missionary projects during this time. Contributions averaging \$1800 each were made to:

- 2010—St. Philip's, Dupree, SD
- 2011—St. Mark's, Copper Hill, TN
- 2012—South Sudan Education
- 2013—Holy Spirit, Ideal, SD
- 2014—Metropolitan Ministries, Chattanooga, TN

The 2015 project —Al Ahili Hospital, Gaza—is just launching, and I hope the level of support for it from all churches outstrips our past generous and creative fund raising endeavors.

Thank you all for your support over the past four years.
Bonnie Walker, ECW President

Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza City, Gaza

Imagine operating a hospital that mostly treats war-related injuries and burns and traumatized children, with scarce supplies, using generators for power, without drinkable tap water and proper sewage treatment, in a neighborhood filling with uncollected garbage . . . and the list goes on. Yet the Diocese of Jerusalem has committed to keeping the doors open at Al Ahli despite financial stress and an uncertain future.

The Diocese operates two major hospitals — in two very volatile locations — with more than 200 beds, four outpatient clinics, and a growing number of mobile clinics. St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus, Palestine, and Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza City, Gaza, serve the needs of more than 56,000 outpatients and 12,000 inpatients annually, in addition to hundreds of surgeries and thousands of lab tests and examinations. Through compassionate medical care, these healthcare professionals make respect and dignity for each patient part of the experience.

The Diocese raised \$750,000 in 2014 alone to address the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Al Ahli Hospital treats the poor and uninsured in a volatile place. And a \$65,000 major gift, along with substantial additional support from AFEDJ donors, purchased essential medical equipment and covered the cost of renovations to open a clinic specializing in diabetes in Ramallah.

Al Ahli Hospital is located in the one of the most volatile places on earth. It is the oldest hospital in Gaza and the only remaining full-service independent hospital in Gaza. They welcome all, regardless of religious, ethnic or economic background and provide compassionate care to some of the neediest. In response to the escalating prevalence of cancer and lack of treatment facilities in Gaza, Al Ahli Hospital is transitioning to become a cancer diagnostic and treatment facility.

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Bishop's visitation & travel dates in bold letters

Diocesan Calendar

JULY

Jul 3 Diocesan Office closed
Jul 12 Bishop visits Flandreau
Jul 19 Bishop visits Cheyenne River Mission
Jul 26 Bishop visits Red Shirt Table & Oglala

AUGUST

Aug 2 Bishop visits Mni Sose Cluster
Aug 8 Diocesan Council, Pierre
Aug 9 Bishop visits Rosebud Mission East
Aug 10 *ChurchNews* deadline (Sep/Oct issue)
Aug 16 Service remembering Vern Cloud
Aug 14-15 Young Adult Retreat at TEC
Aug 23 Bishop visits Pine Ridge Mission
Aug 31 Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, Brookings

SEPTEMBER

Sep 7 Diocesan Office closed
Sep 11-12 Ministry Weekend
Sep 12 Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, Pierre
Sep 13 Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, Rapid City
Sep 13 Bishop visits Emmanuel, Rapid City
Sep 20 Bishop visits Good Shepherd, SF
Sep 24-25 Clergy Conference
Sept 25-26 Diocesan Convention, Pierre
Sep 27 Bishop visits St. Thomas, Sturgis

OCTOBER

Oct 1 **Bishop begins 3 month sabbatical***
Oct 2-3 Ministry Weekend
Oct 3 Diocese of Wyoming convention
Oct 10 *ChurchNews* deadline (Nov/Dec issue)
Oct 17 Diocese of North Dakota convention

NOVEMBER

Bishop on sabbatical
Nov 6-7 Dakota Experience, Sioux Falls
Nov 11 Diocesan Office closed
Nov 14 Diocese of Long Island convention
Nov 14 Diocesan Council
Nov 20-21 Ministry Weekend
Nov 20-22 Acolyte Festival, Fargo
Nov 26-27 Diocesan Office closed

DECEMBER

Bishop on sabbatical
Dec 10 *ChurchNews* deadline (Jan/Feb issue)
Dec 12 Ministry Weekend
Dec 24-25 Diocesan Office closed

*during this time Bishop Michael Smith (ND) will make several visitations for Bishop Tarrant



Standing Committee

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 and deals with certain property issues.

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. A member of Standing Committee is also a member of the Title IV Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board.

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Tentative CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 24

1:00 pm Clergy Conference & Dinner, *Trinity Church*

FRIDAY, September 25

9:00 am Clergy Conference, *Trinity Church*

10:30 – 3:00 ECW Program, Lunch & Meeting

11:30 – 2:00 Picnic – Steamboat Park

3-7 pm Registration and Credentials, *lobby*

4:30 pm Hosts of Next Convention, *Lake Sharpe A*
(Rosebud & Pine Ridge)

4:00 pm Niobrara Council

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, *Galleria E*

4:30 pm Standing Committee

5:30-7 pm Opening Supper/Reception

7:00 pm Plenary Session I & Compline
Bishop's Address

9:00 pm SC/COM Reception for those in process

SATURDAY, September 26

8-10 am Registration and Credentials, *lobby*

8:30 am Morning Prayer & Plenary Session II

11:00 am Convention Eucharist

12:30 pm Lunch buffet

1:30 pm Announcements & Workshops

3:30 pm Plenary Session III—Final business

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.

***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.***
