



Taizé Pine Ridge Pilgrimage

We saw the posters and heard the announcements, donated funds and registered (or wished we were young enough to). We marveled at the organizational skills of the local leadership that put it together in record time! We watched and prayed that the unusually unseasonable weather would cooperate. At the end of May it happened.

Thank you to the Rapid City Journal and Episcopal News Service for the following information.

They came from all across the United States — Florida, Virginia, Missouri, Colorado, Michigan, Washington D.C., and Washington State, too. They came from Poland and Finland and Cuba and, of course, France, home to the Taizé Community, an ecumenical monastic religious order of about 100 monks who welcome thousands of young adults, ages 18-35, from around the world to week-long retreats each year.



of sagebrush and cactus and bundle up against cool nights and morning drizzle.

About 500 registered pilgrims used two dozen port-

able toilets, ate outdoors and washed their dishes in tubs of water during the long Memorial Day weekend. Estimates were that as many as 1,000 people visited the temporary camp during the weekend, joining pilgrims for daily prayer and meals.



The stunning scenery of the Badlands and the hospitality of the Lakota people spoke to many of the participants. The Rev.

Robert Two Bulls Sr., and his large, extended family welcomed the pilgrims to Christ Church, two miles south of the village of Red Shirt on the northwest edge of the Pine Ridge Reservation. So did the Oglala Sioux Tribe, donating two buffalo from the tribal herd to feed the gathering. Simple meals of soup and bread are typical fare at Taizé, but on Sunday evening the group feasted on buffalo (roasted in the ground), potatoes and vegetables.

Daily prayer was interspersed with workshops, Bible study, small group sharing and field trips on the reservation and into the Badlands National Park, including Sunday worship at local churches or at Wounded Knee Memorial.

The event was the first Taizé pilgrimage ever held on a U.S. Indian reservation and

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I arrived at Christ Church, Red Shirt Table, the Friday morning of the day the Taizé “Pilgrimage of Trust” gathering was to begin. It was obvious that countless hours of preparation had been done for this weekend event. Over fifty volunteers had worked in rain and shine to make this beautiful land more hospitable to the hundreds of pilgrims that would arrive over the next few days.

Some had hoped at least one hundred pilgrims would come to this gathering, others had hoped for one thousand. As often is the case, the truth would lie somewhere in the middle. It is estimated that over six hundred joined us for part or all of the weekend. It was a time of prayer, a time of fellowship, and a time of listening.

The Taizé Brothers began arriving in mid-April, and in early May the “pilgrimage” began with sixteen stops in East River, West River and Central South Dakota. Hundreds came out to meet, pray with, and feed the brothers. The spirit of the Taizé community fit the spirit of the Diocese of South Dakota very well as in both venues hospitality and generosity abound.



Br. Stephen & Twilla Two Bulls

This was not an effort that could be measured by success or failure for those who organized or worked on the event. There was no success or failure to be had, simply experience and relationship. There was the experience and relationship with the land, which has borne witness to the Creator since long before humans set food on this earth. There was the experience and relationship with each other as preparations were made and then living together with six hundred fellow sojourners for four days over this



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

Memorial Day weekend. Finally, there was the experience and relationship with God, who yearns to be in relationship with us everywhere and always.

Thank you to all who made this gathering possible, especially to the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council who gave their endorsement and supported our efforts in many, many ways including the donation of buffalo meat for our meals. Thanks go to those who two years earlier listened to the Spirit and also to the Two Bulls’ family and Christ Church, Red Shirt Table who offered the invitation for the Brothers to come and be in our midst. We are thankful for the Taizé brothers, who were able to capture a vision of the possibilities of this gathering. We give thanks to the Niobrara Council and Diocesan Council who both gave their blessing and financial support. Special thanks go to all who donated the time, effort and money which made the event possible. And above all, we give thanks to God who once

again showed us that the Holy Spirit working in us could do infinitely more that we could ask or imagine.

Taizé Pine Ridge was a time to do just what it was intended to do, journey a bit with strangers and friends, trusting ourselves, each other and God to bring us into a deeper relationship with the Holy. For most of us who gathered that weekend it was evident that the Kingdom of God had drawn near.

+John



Ft. Thompson community plants fruit orchard

With the support of several surrounding and local organizations, the Crow Creek Community Fruit Orchard was planted on approximately an acre of land provided by **Christ Episcopal Church, Ft. Thompson**. The trees were planted on April 13th despite the snow on the ground.

Hunkpati Investments spearheaded the project, Diamond Willow Ministries helped coordinate the varieties and the planting, Crow Creek



Agency provided manpower to help construct the fence, Lower Brule Wildlife designed the irrigation system, Ashworth Road Baptist Church and the Resurrection Lutheran Church provided labor and manpower, and Trinity Presbyterian Church of Rochester, MN contributed towards the purchasing of the trees.

This project is part of the Crow Creek Fresh Foods Initiative. Of the 300 fruit trees planted, there are several varieties of apple, pear, plum, apricot and several other varieties of fruit to include those used in traditional Dakota recipes, such as chokecherry, buffalo berry and currents. All of the volunteers who worked on this project believe that it will be worth the 2-5 year wait to be able to harvest the crops.

Red Olson and Terry Quilt, from Christ Church, were very instrumental in the coordinating of this community project. Red Olson says "It was just some idle land that we seldom use, so we wanted to put it to better use. The Fruit Orchard is something that the whole community can benefit from."

Milbank holds Community Fayre

Although Christ Church's Community Fayre was moved inside the old school gym due to the weather, attendance was good with many activities offered. Thanks to the Milbank Fire Department, the finale was an outside ball drop for prizes. The Fayre offered fun for all ages, with games for the kids, bake sale, crafts and lunch on Saturday, June 1st. Live music offered dancing for some and singing. A raffle was held with drawings for Star Quilts, a flat panel TV, gift certificates and gift baskets, thanks to local sponsors.



Proceeds from the Fayre will be used for the Milbank youth to go to camp and for community outreach.

UTO awards grant

The United Thank Offering grant committee recently announced its awards for 2013. The application from the Diocese of South Dakota—**Holy Comforter Church in Lower Brule**—was awarded a grant for repairs and renovation following extensive water damage as a result of frozen water pipes which burst.

The grant is to restore the church to functionality following this flooding; includes removing all damaged materials as well as new lighting and heating and cooling.

This was a generous gift to the diocese; please give generously and thankfully to UTO.

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ECW Honors Distinguished Women

Episcopal Church Women around the country nominate and select women in their dioceses who live faithful lives ministering to family, church, and community. These Honored Women are presented at ECW Triennial.

This year, the ECW in South Dakota selected TWO women to honor:

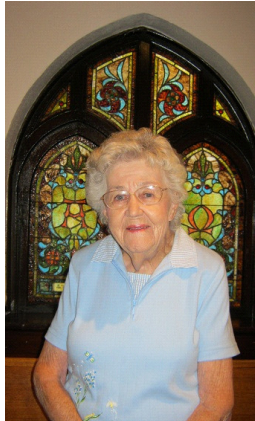
June Comstock became an Episcopalian 70 years ago when she married Fran Comstock in Albert Lea, MN. The Comstocks came to Milbank, SD in 1952, where they operated a dry cleaning business until Fran's retirement.

As long time members of Christ Church, both Fran and June were very active in their church.

June was president for many years of ECW as well as of the altar guild. June was instrumental in the ECW's pecan sale projects each year that raised monies to fund their outreach programs in the community and Thunderhead Camp. She taught Sunday school for many years and was instrumental for planning youth activities when she was raising her children. She was there in the 1980's when the guild at Christ Church started a thrift store for the Milbank community as part of their outreach programs; the store is still going strong today. She was also a volunteer at the store for many years.

June was also part of the weekly maintenance for the church and made the majority of the altar linens, including hand embroidered crosses on purificators and corporals. June made choir robes and hats as well as cassocks for the various priests and members. Items of great pride for Christ Church are the two banners that she made and which are still in use. Her work is meticulous and she still makes new linen liners for the ambry, as needed.

June is 92 years young and still extremely active in the church with guild and altar and insists on being part of the rotation for coffee hour. She is considered our "greeting ambassador" as she is always the first

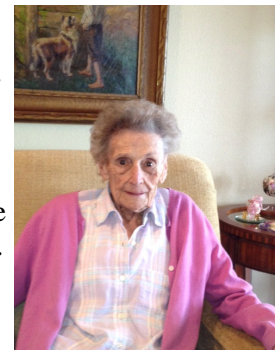


to greet new members or guests, making them feel at home. June lost her husband two years ago, still lives alone, and drives to church in good weather.

As Christ Church's senior warden, Pat Brotzel says, "She is simply, always so gracious. She is such a welcoming presence in our church and in the community also. She just seems to know how to live all aspects of her life "graciously" displaying her faith and values in such a kind and generous way."

If you want an example of a faithful, dedicated, steadfast and spiritual Episcopalian, who is always ready to serve and help others, come to Christ Church, Milbank, and meet June Comstock.

Marge Gross is a native of Yankton and a longtime member of Christ Episcopal Church in Yankton. She has had a lifetime of involvement in the Episcopal Church on the national, state and local levels. Marge was the state ECW president for six years. Marge especially enjoyed her time on the national and state boards because of all the stimulating and interesting people she was able to meet. The Presiding Bishop asked Marge to serve on the National Council which she did for six years. This was one of many appointments and elected positions.



Marge has always enjoyed ecumenical work and served Church Women United in many positions over the years including state president for four years.

Marge is well known for her hospitality. This is something she learned from her parents and grandparents. 417 Pine Street was always open to people. Marge hosted many people for many events and always generously welcomed others into her home. This continues today even though she no longer lives in the stately family residence on Pine Street. Making sure her new home was large enough for hosting others was a priority. Marge enjoys her book club and reading. She has contributed many books to the Christ Church library. Marge remains a woman of many interests and continues to support Christ Church and enjoy her friends and family visits.

ECW to meet in September

The Annual Fall ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Meeting will be held at the Ramkota Conference Center & Hotel (the Lewis and Clark Room) in Pierre, South Dakota just prior to the Annual Diocesan Convention.

Friday, September 27, 2013

11:00 am (Central) – 12:00 Noon

Program — “New Beginnings”

Speaker: The Rev. Portia Hurney Corbin
The new Diocesan Youth Coordinator

12:00 – 1:00 pm

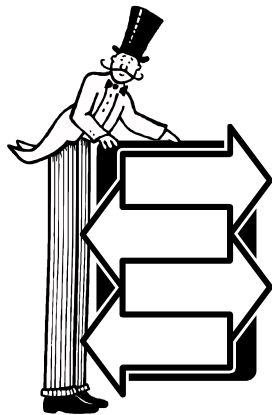
Lunch — Croissant Club Sandwich
(Turkey, ham, cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo on a croissant)

Lunch is self-pay (\$10.00)

1:00—3:00 pm

Business Meeting

Please join us for fellowship, community, outreach and connection to Episcopal Church Women!



Diocesan Changes & Transitions

- **The Rev. Ryan Hall** resigned from St. Paul’s, Brookings on May 1.
- **Portia Hurney** was ordained to the transitional diaconate on June 22 at Niobrara Convocation.
- **The Rev. Deacon Larry Ort** was ordained to the priesthood on June 24 at Calvary Cathedral.
- **Bishop Frank Gray**, with wife Karen, serves St. Andrew’s, Rapid City, during the sabbatical of the Rector, the Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes.
- **The Rev. Rich Ressler**’s last day at Emmanuel, Rapid City is July 14.



- **The Rev. CEB (Ed) Harsnberger** died May 27 in Arizona.
- Randy Barnhardt’s mother, **LaVerne**, passed away on June 4.
- **Les Bunker**, husband of the Rev. Jackie Bernacchi, Watertown, passed away on June 9.
- **Albert White Hat** passed away on June 11. Albert’s work towards preserving the Lakota Language has ensured that many generations to come will know the language that is the core of the Lakota culture.



To all my friends throughout this Diocese – you will never know how much your prayers, thoughts and outpouring of support have meant to my family and me upon the loss of my mother. I am humbled by your love and support. Thank you for your visits, cards, phone calls, messages and prayers. You are all a blessing to me.

—Randy Barnhardt

Reclaiming the Gospel of Peace

Bishops, clergy and laity from throughout the Episcopal Church are invited to gather April 9 – 11, 2014 to explore one of the major issues in today’s society – violence in all its forms. *Reclaiming the Gospel of Peace: An Episcopal gathering to challenge the epidemic of violence* will be held in Oklahoma City, OK.

With Our Lord’s gospel of peace as the basis of the work, the Episcopal Church will look closely at the violence that surrounds our lives today.

Bishop Edward J. Konieczny of the Diocese of Oklahoma said, “It is significant that Oklahoma City was selected as it was the site of one of the most violent and devastating events in our history.”

The conference will include worship, plenary sessions, workshops and visits to the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum.

Schedule details, speakers, workshop titles and registration information will be available in the fall of 2013.

Diocese gathers in September

Plans are developing for this fall's Diocesan Convention in Pierre.

Clergy Conference

The Clergy Conference will begin at 1:00 pm on Thursday, September 27 at Trinity Church. Bishop Gordon Scruton will be the conference leader, and the Eastern Deanery (this year's host) will provide supper for clergy and their guests. The conference will conclude before noon on Friday, September 28 when all will adjourn . . .
. . . to Steamboat Park for "It's Great To Be An Episcopalian" picnic.

Picnic



This picnic is for the entire diocese, so come if you can! Delegates—come early and have fun. The Diocese will provide the meat to grill (burgers, hotdogs, brats), tableware, and water to drink. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish, any other beverages, and/or other suitable picnic food. Bring a lawn game or lawn chair if you want.

Steamboat Park is right across the highway from the Ramkota. 11:00 ish to 2:30 ish.

Opening Reception

For those who are still hungry between 5:30 and 6:45 pm, and for those who couldn't get to Pierre in time for the picnic, there will be a light buffet supper at the convention center. Convention business begins at 7:00 pm.

Guests

As of the date of this printing, **Bishop George Young** from our companion diocese of East Tennessee, **Bishop Gordon Scruton** (retired, Western Mass), and **Bishop David Zelmer** (ELCA) will all be our guests and workshop leaders.

Hosts

This year's convention will be hosted by the Eastern

Deanery. They will bring the snack cookies and provide on-site workers and worship participants. Next year's convention will be hosted by the Northeast Deanery. There will be a brief meeting at 4:30 pm on Sept 27 for NE Deanery delegates to learn about their hosting opportunities for the following year.

Registration

Registration fees have been raised by Diocesan Council to \$60 (the additional \$10 goes to hospital-ity and to help pay registration fees for those who cannot afford them.) The Registration form is on page 9, on the diocesan website, and will also be mailed to delegates.

Pre-Convention Deanery Meetings

Black Hills Deanery

1:00 pm
Saturday, September 7
St. Matthew's Church, Rapid City

Eastern and Northeast Deaneries

3:00 pm separate meetings
4:00 pm joint meeting
Sunday, September 8
St. Paul's, Brookings

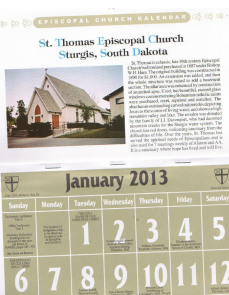
Central, Pine Ridge, Rosebud, Northwest Deaneries

1:00 pm
Saturday, September 14
Trinity, Pierre

These deanery meetings are a time to review the 2014 Diocesan Budget, nominations, and any early resolutions to convention, conduct deanery business including elections, and enjoy fellowship with old and new friends.

2014 liturgical calendars

The new calendars will feature St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala. Be sure to PRE-ORDER your calendars and arrange for them to be picked up at the St. Augusta Bookshop table at Convention.



This will assure you get your calendars on time and save you a lot in postage costs.

Workshops

Gladys Hawk will share her group’s translation project of the Dakota Hymns into English. You might be surprised! The Anti-racism committee will continue its training. This year we are also blessed with the presence of 3 guest bishops. Each has been asked to lead a workshop on a topic of their choice—something in Christian life they are passionate about. The Stewardship Committee is also planning a workshop. There will be something for everyone!

Diocesan positions are open

Here are the positions to be elected on September 27, 2013. The Nomination Form is on page 8 (or at Diocesan Office or website)

General Convention Deputies for 3 year term
 4 Clergy + Alternates
 4 Lay + Alternates

- *One deputy is also part of the Provincial Synod*
- *The next General Convention, when the new Presiding Bishop is elected, will be in Salt Lake City June 25—July 3, 2015*

Treasurer (3 year term)

Secretary of Convention (3 year term)

Historiographer/Registrar (3 year term)

Diocesan Council*
 Convention Representative to Diocesan Council
 (4 year term)

(Eastern Deanery and Rosebud Deanery have DC representatives whose terms expire at the end of the 2013 Diocesan Convention; Northwest Deanery should elect a representative to fill the existing vacancy.)

Standing Committee* for 4 year term
 1 Clergy (priest or deacon)
 1 Lay person

*Election to the Diocesan Council or Standing Committee means that you will also be a delegate to Diocesan Convention AND may be a member of the Title VI Disciplinary Board.

Exhibit Tables

Exhibit tables will line the lobby where delegates register and where we gather for snacks and beverages. Do you wish to have an exhibit table?

- Showcase your ministry
- Offer information
- Offer items for sale
- Pass along used vestments, books, etc.

To reserve a table(s) return the form below to the Diocesan Office, or contact the office with the following information.

Reservation for Exhibit Space 2013 Annual Convention	
Organization _____	
Person in charge _____	
Address _____	
City _____	Zip _____
Phone (daytime) _____	
Email: _____	
Brief description of display	
Number of tables needed _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> I need electricity	
<input type="checkbox"/> I need audio/visual equipment from the hotel	
Other needs _____	
Questions? call Mary at (605) 338-9751	

**Nomination Form
2013 Annual Diocesan Convention**

Canonical DEADLINE: September 27 at Convention

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:

___ **Standing Committee**

___ 1 Clergy (Priest or Deacon) to fill 4 year term (term expires 2017)

___ 1 Lay person to fill 4 year term (term expires 2017)

___ **General Convention (July 2015)**

___ 4 Clergy for 3 year term + alternates

___ 4 Lay for 3 year term + alternates

___ **Treasurer** (3 year term)

___ **Secretary to Convention** (3 year term)

___ **Registrar/Historiographer** (3 year term)

___ **Diocesan Council** (Representative from Convention) (4 year term expires 2017)

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Return completed form by SEPTEMBER 12.

Please see instructions on back

CHECK ONE:

	Clergy Delegate	Lay Delegate	Alternate	Visitor
Name _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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First name is prominent on nametag. How would you like your first name to read? _____

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

Church _____ Location/City _____

Phone (day) _____ Phone (evening) _____

e-mail _____

Will 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)

✓ Check the Sat workshop you will attend:

- ___ Gladys Hawk, Dakota Hymns translation
- ___ Anti-racism training
- ___ Bishop Scruton
- ___ Bishop Young
- ___ Bishop Zellmer
- ___ Stewardship

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

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

MEALS ONLY: (for children / anyone non-attending except for the meal)

Saturday Lunch Buffet

___ @ \$10.50 each

TOTAL: \$ _____

___ **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)

INSTRUCTIONS

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 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 must also check in at the Credentials table after registering.

MEALS

- Registration fee for Delegates, Alternates, and Visitors
 - includes Friday picnic, Saturday Lunch, Breaks, and Materials.
- Breakfast is on your own.
- Meals for unregistered guests —use Meals Only portion.
 - This is for exhibitors and people who are not sitting in on convention sessions or workshops; who are just joining the group for lunch.

HOUSING:

- Our room block rate at **Ramkota** is guaranteed through **August 21**. Call 605-224-6877 to book; tell them you're with "The Diocese of SD Convention." Rates: \$84.99/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 & campgrounds. .

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Income and Expense Statement
December 31, 2012

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PARTNERING WITH A GENEROUS GOD		
EXPENSES		
MISSION CLERGY AND SUPPORT:		
Salary and Housing	414,333	440,326
Medical Insurance	177,926	215,141
Less Employee Share	(9,917)	(14,888)
Travel	70,353	70,142
Housing & Utilities	24,920	26,054
Pension	89,556	100,028
Moving and Interview	11,277	7,000
Payroll Taxes	1,154	1,033
TOTAL MISSION CLERGY AND SUPPORT	779,602	844,836
THE LARGER CHURCH:		
Episcopal Church Center Support	27,226	27,226
General Convention Deputies	5,456	7,230
Provincial Support	2,651	2,651
Provincial Synod Deputies	450	750
Lambeth Conference Reserve	750	750
TOTAL LARGER CHURCH SUPPORT	36,533	38,607
DIOCESAN PROGRAM SUPPORT		
Commissions and Committees:		
Aging	0	250
Commission on Ministry	3,355	2,500
Episcopal Women's Council	2,000	2,000
Liturgy and Music	188	500
Niobrara Council	3,600	3,600
Standing Committee	1,346	2,000
Total Commissions and Committees	10,489	10,850
Ecumenical Relations:		
Association of Christian Churches	2,000	2,000
Ecumenical Relations Chair	0	500
Flandreau Chaplaincy Program	1,000	1,000
Total Ecumenical Affiliations	3,000	3,500
Partners With A Generous God:		
Communications Goal:		
Communications/Website	1,188	1,500
South Dakota Churchnews	4,874	7,500
Other Communications	0	750
Ministry Development Goal:		
Clergy Conferences	1,914	6,000
Deacon's Conferences	0	1,000

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ACTUAL

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BUDGET

Youth and Young Adult Ministry:		
Rosebud Young Adult Community	0	0
Taize	46,387	13,450
Thunderhead Episcopal Camp	52,505	65,250
Youth Ministry	2,967	4,000
Ministry Support Goal:		
Ministry Support Other	3,595	5,000
Education Goal:		
Theological Education/Board of Chaplains	0	1,000
Continuing Education	2,100	2,000
Education for Ministry	2,212	3,500
Seminarian Assistance	2,250	3,000
Seminarian Expenses	1,165	2,000
Education Other	0	1,250
St. Mary's School/Leadership Development	10,697	13,000
Evangelism Goal:		
Evangelism	0	2,500
Community Engagement Goal:		
Jubilee/Anti-Racism	772	2,000
Community Engagement Other	0	0
Stewardship Goal:		
Stewardship	10,558	12,000
Total Partners With God	157,153	167,700
Miscellaneous Program:		
Remington Retreat Center	1,664	2,500
Other Conferences	1,324	1,000
Diocesan Companion Relationships	482	1,000
Outreach	4,790	11,542
Total Miscellaneous Program Support	8,260	16,042
TOTAL DIOCESAN PROGRAM SUPPORT	178,902	198,092
EPISCOPATE AND SUPPORT STAFF	200,888	200,888
DIOCESAN OPERATIONS		
Hospitality	2,270	3,000
Payroll Taxes	6,535	6,564
Pension	36,160	36,161
Medical Insurance	45,602	47,712
Less Employee Share	(1,225)	(1,269)
Travel	42,260	39,000
Audit & Professional Fees	5,714	7,000
Convention	9,106	9,000
Telephone	6,711	8,400
Office Space	4,502	4,502
Supplies	8,443	8,500

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INCOME		
CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT:		
Parish and Missions	316,017	332,464
Late Payments	8,056	6,806
Total Congregational Support	324,073	339,270
CHAPTER ENDOWMENT SUPPORT	205,000	264,286
GEN. CONVENTION BLOCK GRANT	562,000	562,000
YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:		
Rosebud Young Adult Community	0	0
Taize	38,335	9,200
Thunderhead Episcopal Camp	26,962	37,250
Youth Ministry	0	0
EDUCATION:		
Niobrara School for Ministry Registrations	6,342	5,000
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME:		
Gifts	18,590	26,000
Remington Retreat Center	3,980	5,500
Convention Fees & Registrations	9,390	10,000
South Dakota Churchnews	6,007	7,000
Clergy Conference/Retreat Registrations	1,300	2,000
Undesignated Income	21,110	25,000
Designated Income	166,701	140,254
Other Interest	6	25
Total Miscellaneous Income	227,084	215,779
TOTAL REVENUE	1,389,796	1,432,785
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	516	(48,488)

CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE FUND

Report to 2013 Convention

No loan applications were received in 2012.

As of December 31, 2012, six notes were being repaid, with interest rates that ranged between 3.0% and 8.25%. One note was repaid in full. Balances to be repaid total \$114,031.18.

Other assets in the Centennial Challenge Fund are invested in cash and Frank Russell Lifepoints Balanced Strategy Fund – Class A. As of December 31, 2012, the market value of these investments was \$357,563.13.

HISTORIOGRAPHER

Report to 2013 Convention

It has been a relatively slow year in the pursuit of archival material for the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota. There have been no requests for information

or help. However, the Reverend Fred Jessett, still sorting things in his massive collection of South Dakota memorabilia, has sent in a few documents and some additional information about the work of the Church on the various reservations. Two of the periodicals he has sent concern Wounded Knee Two, and will be a priceless addition to our collection of information about that incident. As I write this, they have not yet been taken to the archives. By the time this report is published, the documents should be catalogued and usable.

Dr. April Brooks

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Report to the 2013 Convention

Until this year, the Stewardship Commission has been working on developing a Capital Campaign for the Diocese to support the Bishop's vision. The Bishop has asked that the Capital Campaign and the Stewardship Commission be separated into two different bodies and that the Stewardship Commission focus on the important ministry of day-to-day stewardship.

We hope to be able to offer a workshop at Diocesan Convention that will help congregations start or strengthen their stewardship programs. I will be attending the 2013 TENS Stewardship Conference in July which I plan to leverage into new directions for stewardship in the Diocese of South Dakota.

I plan to offer regular stewardship oriented articles in the *ChurchNews*. I am looking for lay and ordained people from the Diocese who are willing to commit themselves to work to strengthen our Stewardship in South Dakota. A commitment to stewardship is a commitment to grow in faith. I do not believe that giving is motivated by fear or guilt. I believe that giving comes out of a thankful response for all that God has done for us in Christ. If you would like to join me in this effort, please contact me at bunkerinsd@gmail.com.

The people of our Diocese are blessed with an abundance that exceeds any in the history of the world. We are called to share that abundance for the welfare of those we serve through our ministries. Together we can do great things. Alleluia! Give Thanks & Praise.

Bunker Hill, Stewardship Chair

GRACE HAPPENS

PAIN and PRIESTHOOD

Moments come in the life of a minister when you suddenly understand in a new way what it means to be a pastor and priest. Two of those moments happened to me during church services.

The first was something we'd heard about and talked about in seminary. It happened not many years after my ordination. Where or when exactly I don't remember, but one Sunday, standing between the congregation and the altar, and looking out at the people, I realized I knew where the pain and the grief was in the life of each person there.

It was an awe-inspiring and humbling feeling to know that these people trusted me enough to let me share their problems and heartaches. At that moment I knew I was truly the pastor of that congregation. That moment was the goal of years of prayer and work, and my gratitude was deeply felt.

The second moment was a surprise. No one told us about this in seminary. It came years later on a Sunday morning when, standing at the altar looking over a congregation of fifty or so souls, I realized that not only did I know where the hurt was in each of their lives, they knew the same about me.

The thought that struck me was unforgettable, "We are God's walking wounded, all of us." No longer just a pastor caring for 'my' flock, I had, at last, caught a glimpse of what it means to a member of the priesthood of all the women, men, and children who, day in and day out, offer the pain, grief and brokenness of their imperfect lives to God on the altar of Christ's love.

That congregation was not the smallest nor largest, nor most interesting, nor most challenging, nor even my favorite of all the congregations in almost forty years of ordained ministry. It was simply the one where I learned that priesthood is not a matter of ordination, but of forgiveness and compassion.

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Red Shirt is by far the smallest site to ever host one of the "pilgrimages of trust on earth" that the Taizé monks have been holding worldwide for the last 35 years.



The Pine Ridge has a reputation for being a stark place, and not just because of its physical setting but for its history of

subjugation and suffering. Yet, the brothers and the South Dakota young adults who envisioned the potential power of such a gathering were drawn by the beauty and strength they perceived here. Without ignoring the suffering, Brother Emile said, "we wanted also to be attentive to the beauty that is here," both in the geography and in people's hearts. "When we go somewhere we look for signs of hope; not to be blind to the suffering, but to look for signs of hope," he said. What they found, he said, were "people who have been resilient, who are founded deep in their faith and it makes them stand up on their feet and want to be there for others." "The church exists through people like that," he added.

In the midst of stereotypes and despite the stark statistics of poverty and premature death is another reality of the Pine Ridge, the brothers say.

Indeed, during a discussion amongst the pilgrims and the brothers on the gathering's last morning, Shane LeClair, a senior at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD from White Bear Lake, MN, said, "From the outside, a lot of us come in with hearing stories about the reservation and of this land and that there are people who lacked hope and are in need of a reason to hope and to have faith."



"And what I know I have experienced is that there is

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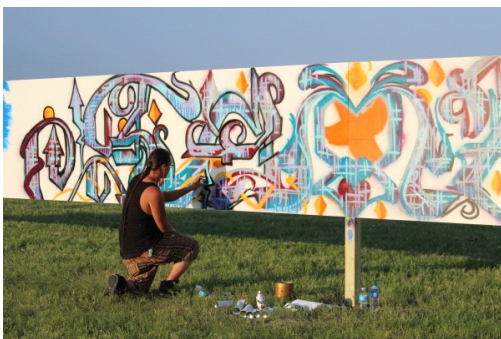
no lack of hope in this land; there is no lack of faith. I think that all of us leave here with a lot of hope that this community and this land has.”

The pilgrimage’s roots

The impetus to come to the Pine Ridge began in 2009, when a group of South Dakota university students, including Tyson and Tyrone White of the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in South Dakota, came to Taizé. According to the order, this was one of the very first times when the community welcomed Native Americans to take part in the international meetings on what is known as “the hill.”

Taizé’s focus on reconciliation and justice resonated with the young Lakota men.

Discussions led to an invitation to Brother John to visit South Dakota. He came in 2010 and again in 2011, at the invitation of the group, and stopped at the Pine Ridge Reservation. He got to know the Two Bulls family at Red Shirt Table, who offered the land around Christ Church, two miles south of Red Shirt Village, for the Taizé pilgrims to pitch their tents and pray.



The Rev. Rita Powell, coordinator for youth and young adult ministry for the Diocese of South Dakota,

led that first group of students to Taizé. She had spent several months previously as a volunteer at Taizé after learning about the Taizé experience from a youth group she helped in Connecticut.

“I thought Taizé was some kind of hippy, unstructured church,” Powell said but, when she went with

the youth group and experienced it for herself, she realized that the brothers were very orthodox. “They found a way to be both very authentic to the tradition and somehow very fresh,” she said, adding she began to believe that Taizé’s attitude complemented that of the Episcopal Church “because our church is a church that cares about liturgy and tradition, and we think it might be possible for the social-activist work to happen in the prayer,” as does Taizé.

The brothers encourage pilgrims to live out what they have grasped of the Gospel during their experience at Taizé; and to do this, according to the community’s website, “with an increased awareness of the life that dwells within them and of the practical gestures of solidarity they can put into practice in their own immediate environment ... while remaining in touch with the reality of the local church.”

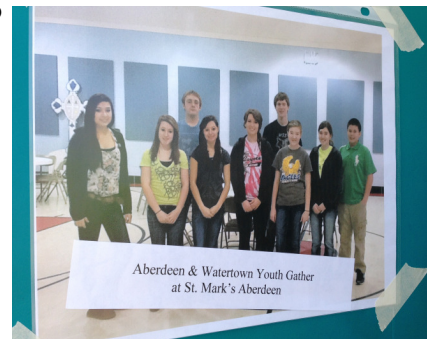
Bringing the pilgrimage ‘vision’ to life

The land surrounding Christ Episcopal Church is rugged and beautiful – and it has no infrastructure. It is about 45 miles southeast of Mount Rushmore and is reached by a six-tenths of mile drive down a dirt road off the two-lane Bureau of Indian Affairs Highway 41. There are no bathrooms and no electricity.

Organizers had to get creative and resist the opinion that such a gathering could not be pulled off. They had to be willing to forgo some things, like showers, and raise money for the gathering in unique ways.

Close to 30 portable toilets were lined up for the pilgrims, each with a sign taped to the inside of the door announcing “This bathroom experience has been brought to you by,” followed by the name of a donor from as close as Rapid City, South Dakota, or far away as Sammamish, WA; Morgantown, WV, and Bronxville, NY.

Christian churches in the area and groups, including Lutherans and Jesuits, as well as Episcopalians from all over the church, worked together to prepare for the pilgrims.



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Diocesan Calendar

JULY

Jul 4 Diocesan Office closed
Jul 7 Bishop visits Flandreau
Jul 21 Bishop visits Brookings
Jul 21-Aug 7 Tarrant's vacation

AUGUST

Aug 10 *ChurchNews* deadline
Aug 10 Diocesan Council, Pierre
Aug 11 Bishop visits Herrick, Okreek
Aug 16-18 Bishop visits Pine Ridge Mission
Aug 25 Bishop visits Madison

SEPTEMBER

Sep 2 Diocesan Office closed
Sep 6-8 Bishop visits Sisseton Mission
Sep 7 Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, St. Matt's, RC
Sep 8 Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, Brookings
Sep 13-14 COM, Pierre
Sep 14 Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, Pierre
Sep 15 Bishop visits Hot Springs
Sep 18-25 House of Bishops, Nashville, TN

Sep 26-27 Clergy Conference, Pierre
Sept 27 ECW Fall meeting
Sep 27 "It's Great to be Episcopalian" Picnic
Sep 27-28 Diocesan Convention
Sep 29 Bishop visits Ft. Pierre

OCTOBER

Oct 6 Bishop visits St. Matthew's, RC
Oct 10 *ChurchNews* deadline
Oct 13 Bishop visits Santee/Yankton Missions
Oct 14 Diocesan Office closed
Oct 20 Bishop visits Pine Ridge Mission



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They carved a trail from the churchyard to a natural amphitheater with a view of Red Shirt Table Mountain and the Badlands that served as the pilgrimage’s prayer site.

The pattern of Taizé’s days

The cycle of a typical Taizé pilgrimage day begins at 8 a.m. and ends with an 8 p.m. candlelit prayer service, often followed by a talk from one of the brothers. The day includes meditative prayer combined with music together three times a day, Bible study, workshops and small group discussions. Pilgrims are also assigned work to support the life of the community during their time within it. The brothers have developed a style of music that highlights simple phrases, usually lines from the Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated or sung in canon. The repetition is designed to help meditation and prayer.

The Red Shirt gathering followed a similar pattern each day but also included a few differences. Candles on the dry prairie were out of the question so lanterns and solar light substituted.

On the final morning, the pilgrims gathered for Morning Prayer and a general discussion on their experience and the future before breaking into regional meetings for conversations about what the pilgrims hoped to carry home with them from the experience. The pilgrimage ended with a prayer service.



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EYE14 location announced

The Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) will be held at Villanova University in suburban Philadelphia, PA. Slated for July 9-13, 2014, EYE14 is geared for youth in grades 9-12 during the 2013-2014 academic year and their adult leaders. For EYE announcements and updates via email, subscribe to the Youth Ministries Network. <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/youth-ministries>

TREC invites conversation

The Task Force for Reimagining the Episcopal Church (TREC) is utilizing social media to solicit ideas, info and as a means to hear from the church. And, TREC plans to regularly pose questions, report on its progress, and engage both the wider church and specific groups within the church in an ongoing dialogue throughout the triennium. The TREC website is at www.reimaginefec.org, twitter www.twitter.com/reimaginefec and Facebook www.facebook.com/reimaginefec

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