



Young Adult Community

An intentional community is a planned residential community designed to have a much higher degree of teamwork than other communities. The members of an intentional community typically hold a common social, political, religious, or spiritual vision and often follow an alternative lifestyle. They typically also share responsibilities and resources.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Intentional Community launches this summer

The Rosebud Young Adult Intentional Community is a project being undertaken through a partnership between the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota and the Lutheran (ELCA) South Dakota Synod. The intentional community aims to embody an approach to ministry on the reservation that may be somewhat novel. This approach will be marked by the virtues of faithful presence, praying, listening, and showing hospitality. It is hoped that the intentional community will be a mechanism for building meaningful relationships between native and non-native people in South Dakota that will serve as a basis for the pursuit of genuine reconciliation that will lead to greater flourishing of both native and non-native communities inside and outside the church.

Lamenting the “dividing wall of hostility” that largely remains standing between the native and non-native communities in South Dakota, the Rosebud Young Adult Intentional Community hopes to live into the reality that in Christ, both groups are reconciled to God in one body through the cross. ‘For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one

and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us’ (Eph 2.14).

Instead of implementing community development or relief projects aimed at alleviating perceived needs or strengthening capacity for self-sufficiency, our goal is simply to build relational bridges through a posture of humility, deference, and listening, and to cultivate a sensitivity to where the Holy Spirit may be leading further. One of the concrete roles of the intentional community will be that of hosting mission groups that come to do work on the reservation. Through this role, the intentional community will have an opportunity to practice hospitality and to serve as a cultural bridge between mission groups and communities on the reservation.

—Sam Adams, summer intern
Studying at Wycliffe College, Toronto, ONT

Check his blog at
<http://deathbenotproud.wordpress.com/>

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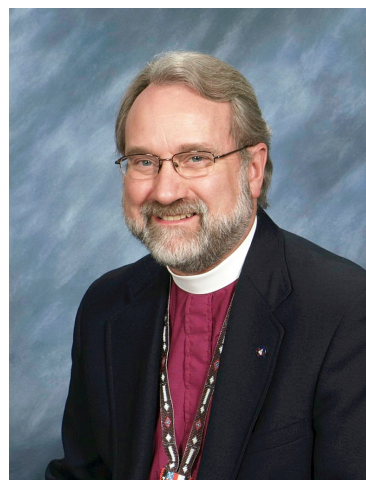
Grace and Peace to you . . .

My articles for the next two issues of the *ChurchNews* will focus on Pat's and my trip to Israel in May. We met many very interesting people with whom we had an opportunity to speak as part of a group of Episcopalians from different parts of the U.S.

Pat and I left Sioux Falls airport at about 9:15 am Tuesday, May 8th, and arrived in Tel Aviv, Israel at 5:15 pm, Wednesday, May 9th. The trip wasn't quite as long as it seems since Israel is eight hours ahead of eastern South Dakota, but it was still about 24 hours of traveling. Our trip was sponsored by and paid for through Christians for Fair Witness on the Middle East. It was an opportunity to speak with both Israelis and Palestinians on the very complex issues that stand in the way of a lasting peace.

On the morning of our first full day in Israel we met with retired Colonel Danny Tirza who took us on a tour of the Security Barrier which is along the border of Israel and the West Bank (Palestinian Territory). Colonel Tirza was the officer in charge of the planning and implementation of the construction of the barrier. Over 90% of the barrier is a security fence and not an actual wall as often depicted in the press. The barrier was begun in 2003 following two years of suicide bombers coming across the Israeli boarder, most from the West Bank, killing over 650 civilians in their attacks. Over two thousand more were injured. Although the barrier has caused great hardship for Palestinians working in or wanting to visit Israel it has almost completely stopped bombers from coming across the boarder and thus has saved hundreds of lives.

In the afternoon of our first day we met with Major Ran Livnat, an Israeli Defense Force spokesman. Major Livnat took us to a hilltop that over looked the Gaza territory. It is from



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

Gaza territory that Hamas, a radical Palestinian political group, regularly fires missiles into Israel. He next took us to a nearby community college that has been hit by these missiles. We saw a memorial for a young woman who was killed in the explosion of a missile as she was walking to her car after classes. The State of Israel has spent millions of dollars building concrete coverings and bunkers to protect the students. This is life in Israel near the border with Gaza.

On our second day we spent the morning with Jewish Israeli History professor Dr. Alex Jakobson, a Russian born Jew who came to Israel when he was fourteen. Dr. Jakobson is a fascinating speaker who gave us the historical background on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. He reminded us that there are different narratives to this history depending on who is telling the story. He also presented his reasoning as to why a two state solution is the only viable way forward to assure the State of Israel will continue to exist. He told us that the Israeli settlements on the West Bank are probably not sustainable and certainly not in the long term best interest of Israel. Dr. Jakobson is a frequent columnist and does not hesitate to express his opinions even when they are not in concert with the Israeli government.

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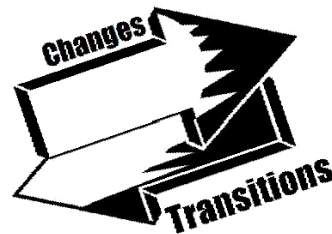
EFM graduates two in Rapid City



Pictured: Connie Lane (l) and Vaud Oberlander (r) are the 2012 graduates in the Education for Ministry course offered at St. Andrew's, Rapid City. There are currently EFM groups at Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls and Trinity Church, Pierre, as well as the Rapid City group.

There will be a Basic EFM Mentor Training event July 19-21 at Trinity in Pierre. There is still room for 1 or 2 more people if anyone in the Diocese is interested.

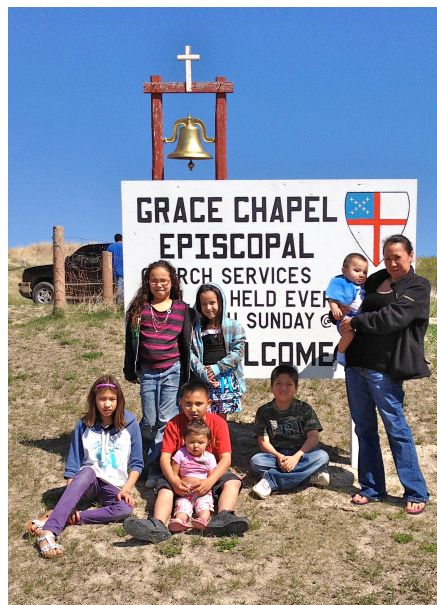
Contact the Rev. Judy Flagstad
flagstad1@pie.midco.net or 605-224-7253



Soldier Creek church spruces up

Senior Warden Brian Sharpfish, Christina Sharpfish, and several children worked together to clean up the grounds around Grace Chapel before Easter. They painted and erected the church sign to give a warm welcome to Bishop Tarrant and his family on Easter Day along with the rest of the Soldier Creek Community.

Services are held at Grace Chapel on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm with Father Stan Woolley.



It is always sad to report the closure of a church.

At the request of the congregation, after realizing that it no longer had the membership to afford expenses, **St. Peter's, Lake Andes**, closed in 2011.



St. Andrew's, Bonesteel reached the same conclusion and voted to close in May, 2012.

SAYING GOODBYE

On Sunday May 20, 2012 the church family of St. Andrew's in Bonesteel, SD gathered together to celebrate Holy Eucharist with Bishop John Tarrant. A visit from the Bishop is usually a joyous occasion, however this celebration was tinged with sadness for it was the final Eucharist to be celebrated in a congregation that had been in existence since 1908. It was a sad day indeed, not unlike a wake or funeral liturgy.

Saying goodbye is difficult on any occasion. There are happy remembrances of Baptisms, Confirmations, marriages and countless Sunday celebrations

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Transitions . . .

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of Eucharist celebrated in that sacred space. There are sad memories too of family, friends and relatives whose funerals took place within those walls. All these memories are carried in the hearts of those who called this their church home. Time, economics and changes in demographics, and not failure among a church's membership, have caused the closure of churches.

But that day the community gathered for one last time to remember. In so many ways this gathering was a chance to say goodbye and begin the grieving process, for this too was a death of sorts. We grieve our losses in order that we can continue the process of living into a new experience of church.

At the end of the Eucharist, during the final hymn, the few remaining members of the community of St. Andrews were invited to come forward to strip the altar for a final time. This was a Maundy Thursday-like experience. It was a difficult moment for all those who were involved but a powerful experience none the less that made the letting go all the more real.

We need those moments when we grieve, like touching the casket during the final commendation at a funeral liturgy; those moments of physical contact when we say good-bye.

A litany was then shared by the Bishop, priest and community gathered there that day. In it we remembered the blessings that we shared as a community; in it we had a chance to shed tears at the loss of this space.

The church is not the space or a building. The church is God's people on a journey back to our heavenly home. The building called the Church of St. Andrew's in Bonesteel SD is no longer a sacred space. The church of St. Andrew's lives on in the hearts and spirits of its last few members. This good-bye is a hello to a new way of being church. For all that St Andrews has been is a blessing and all that its members will become will be a blessing to us all.

— *The Rev. Annie Henninger*

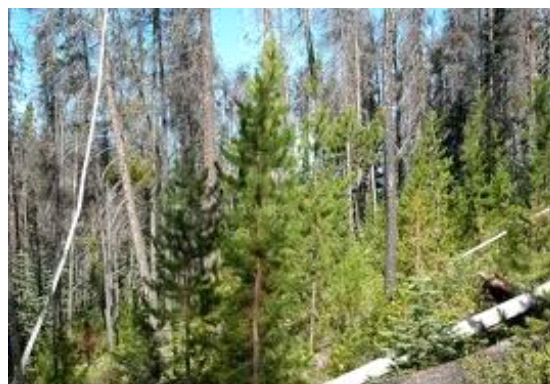
New opportunity in Watertown

Trinity Church in Watertown is a beautiful building and worship space. But it was becoming evident to the congregation's leadership that they were sacrificing ministry for the sake of maintaining the building.



After studying the situation for some time, the Vestry voted to turn it around – to sacrifice the building for the sake of ministry in Watertown. The building is on the market, and they are looking for alternate space in town to gather as a new faith community – to worship and welcome others and to provide ministry for seekers.

The Rev. Jackie Bernacchi and others in the congregation will continue providing sacramental and pastoral care, and look forward to expanding the presence of the Episcopal Church in Watertown in new and exciting ways.



Pine beetles invade TEC

As many of us know by sight or from reading about it, the pine beetle infestation is affecting the beautiful Black Hills. Holly Moseley, TEC Manager, made the following report this spring:

Near the lodge, there are numerous dead trees concentrated in the circular area between SuperTent and Cabin Hare, as well as other trees scattered throughout the property – about 36-40 trees.

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The trees are salvageable as lumber - if we can find a mill that will take them. Most in the area are overloaded right now. Selling the wood would help us recoup some of the costs, if we can do this. Mills have been paying \$28 - \$32.00/ton for bug trees.

We need to spray (every year) over 100 trees that we want to save. The recommendation is to spray in clumps. Recent cost was \$15.00/tree. Because of the danger and special equipment involved, it is highly recommended we hire professionals to do this.

We do have a lot of “baby” trees. The Rev. Rita Powell will incorporate thinning and replanting these new trees to replace the old ones as part of the summer camp program.

TEC is surrounded by dead trees on Forest Service land. There is supposed to be some work on this throughout the spring and summer (from Hanna to O’Neill Pass) but no guarantees on what will happen, nor when.

All in all, not as sad a tale as it looked like when we first started marking the dead trees. We found most of the dead ones right away, near SuperTent. That was discouraging. But we were pleased and surprised to find most of the rest healthy (so far).

—Holly Moseley, TEC Manager



Thanks and Praises from the Ft. Thompson Community for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from Rochester, Minnesota.

The Ft. Thompson community is very fortunate to have an ambitious group like this group of Mayo Clinic employees travel from Rochester, MN during the summer months to assist with the churches and the cemeteries.

All in the group are associated with the medical field



The crew from Mayo Clinic: L to R: Gail DeBoer, Rebecca, Helen Louke, Steve, Randy, Red Olson. Wes Peterson took the picture and many others were not pictured.

at Mayo Clinic and have Medical, Nutritionist, Nursing, Managerial, or various other specialist degrees. The groups vary from month to month in size and personnel. The people are housed at the local Lode Star Motel and use Christ Church (Ft Thompson) basement to do most of their cooking.



The group was started by Lyle Rustat, Executive Director of Diversity Foundations, Inc. of Maple Grove, MN. Lyle made contact with the Crow Creek Tribal Council and some elders from the Crow Creek Community. They were asked what are some of the major concerns and needs of the reservation that they could help address. The elders all agreed that it is the poor condition that our cemeteries are in, and that is how this project began. The group also presented a class on how to reset and repair headstones—an ongoing project by the group and some of the locals.

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Taize comes to Chicago

This past Memorial Day weekend, 40 young adults from South Dakota and Minnesota traveled to Chicago, DePaul University, for a national gathering of young people from across denominations and backgrounds. It was a great chance to keep building the energy between Taize and South Dakota, as well as simply a great chance to explore our faith more deeply together with prayer, pilgrimage, and adventure!

You will be hearing much, much more about Youth Ministry in the Diocese of South Dakota and Taize.



- Here is one perspective of the trip from Holly Moseley, TEC Manager:

I may be getting too old for road trips, but I am very glad that Rita asked me to attend the Taize' gathering in Chicago over Memorial Day weekend. The songs are still going through my head. We sang in Latin, English, Polish, and Lakota and heard the daily readings in English, French, German, Polish, Lakota, and Spanish. We met people from all over North America, including Canada (we also had two former Canadians with us), as well as renewed or made friendships with people from around our diocese. Everyone was gracious and engaged in sharing ideas, wisdom, and questions, even with this "honorary young adult." There is great hope for the Church and the world in the hands of this generation who care very much about how to live into the plans of God, loving God and their neighbors in word and action.

Someone commented that it was nice to get away for a while. My thoughts were that there's no getting away from the Holy Spirit! God is working in me, and I am sure all the others who attended. It is a great blessing to know that all the camp staff have been steeped in prayer and teaching on the scriptures as part of their training for the summer. I am excited to see how all of us live that out!

- The Washington Post covered the weekend. *Taize movement brings throwback appeal to US* By Simone Orendain\ Religion News Service, Washington Post. Published: May 24

CHICAGO — Every year, some 100,000 pilgrims trek to the Taize ecumenical community in France where the biggest attraction is the music, a throwback — way, way back, about 1,500 years or so — to repetitive plainchant.

This weekend (May 25-28), for the first time, the Taize brothers will bring their conference to the U. S., where several thousand people — particularly young adults — are expected to meet for prayer and song at DePaul University in Chicago.

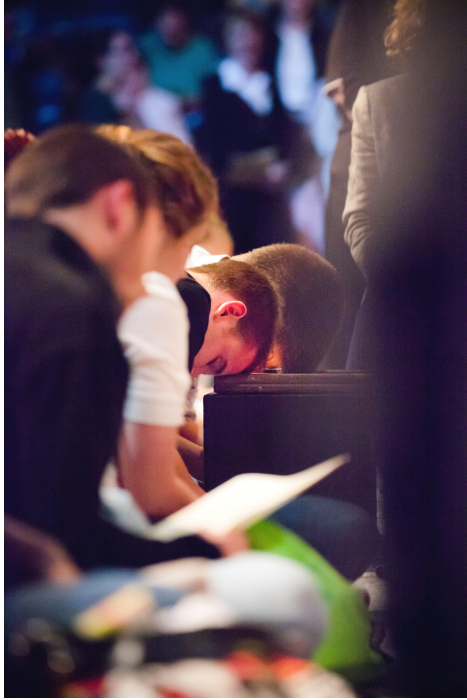
Brother Emile, a Catholic and a spokesman for the group, said pilgrims seek out Taize for answers to questions about life in general and faith in particular.

"Young people, I think, feel respected at Taize," said Brother Emile. "They're welcome to come with their questions and their doubts. And they're very relieved sometimes to feel that there's a place for them as they are."

Taize (pronounced tie-zay) has long generated attention for its ability to attract followers from both Catholic and Protestant traditions, but now people are asking how the group is so successful in attracting young Christians who, according to surveys, are leaving the church in droves.

Some mainline Protestant leaders who've been exposed to Taize say the movement could help reverse decades of falling membership and attrition. United Methodist Pastor Mark Ulrickson from Southern California likes the way the monks integrate spirituality with action, and he says this would keep young people rooted to church.

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“(Taize) doesn’t start with, ‘Here’s what you have to believe,’” said Ulrickson. “It starts with, ‘We’re brothers and sisters in this person of Christ and we come together to be in prayer together to discover each other and what gifts we have.’”

Chris Soukup was on the verge of leaving the Episcopal Church as a 19-year-old freshman at South Dakota State University. He had grown tired of years of going to church just because his parents said so. When he was asked to take a job as a counselor at a church camp, he had his reservations, but decided to give it a try.

Soukup was moved by the Taize-style camp that was led by a visiting brother from France. Three weeks of singing simple phrases over and over, extolling God as the light out of darkness, and quiet time to pray and meditate on passages that exemplify living the life of the gospel captivated Soukup’s soul.

“It’s a really relaxing style of worship that you don’t get with a lot of the denominations ... where they’re focused on more of a sermon style or a praise-and-worship kind of thing,” Soukup said. “The silence is really the biggest thing for me where you just have time to reflect.”

By the end of the three weeks, Soukup realized how

much he longed for church. He now goes twice weekly for spiritual nourishment and a strong sense of community, both at home and at school.

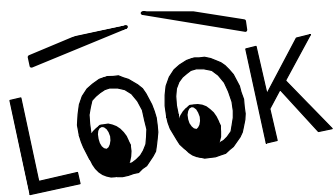
The Rev. Rita Powell of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Vermillion, S.D., who tapped Soukup to become camp counselor, has been to Taize several times, and said the local Taize service attracts more young people than Sunday mornings do.

“Ideally, what sticks ultimately is that sense that you already knew something,” she said. “Inside each one of us, (we) already know the truth of the gospel, the truth of love ... so it’s not so much the style of prayer. If you can create the space for people of any age to really feel that source of faith, then the style of prayer is really secondary.”

The part about nudging participants to go to church is what really appeals to Elizabeth Nickerson, a leader of Taize prayer at Chicago’s Fourth Presbyterian Church. Taize’s international visits are designed to place young adults with host families. The idea is for them to form relationships, and for the host families to take them to church.

“We need for young adults to know there’s a place for them in the church,” she said. “They’re welcome, and they’re needed and their viewpoints are needed to strengthen the church.”





Diocese launches new website

You should be seeing a change at the Diocesan website. (*At the time this goes to print, there are still a couple bugs to work out. We're optimistic that they will be fixed by the time you read this.*)

Though it contains the same information as the old site, there are new features and a new look, much of it is enhanced, and it should be easier to navigate.

- You can search the website for what you want.
- You can register on-line for Diocesan Convention, NSM courses, and summer camp! AND you can pay on-line using a credit card over a secure system. Paper registrations, checks, and money orders still cheerfully accepted.
- You can donate on-line (using a credit card over a secure system) to the Diocesan Youth Project, TEC, South Sudan Education, relief at the time of an emergency, or any favorite diocesan enterprise. Checks and money orders still cheerfully accepted.

- Changing header photos, featuring South Dakota landscape and photos from Diocesan events.

Continue to find

- Current and archived issues of the *South Dakota ChurchNews*
- Diocesan Journals
- Diocesan policies
- Diocesan constitution & canons
- Youth events & summer camp
- ECW
- Niobrara School for Ministry
- Directories of churches, clergy, and various commissions & councils
- Required forms and reports
- Resources
- And more . . .

The site is a work in progress. Suggestions are appreciated.

www.diocesed.org

The word STEWARDSHIP is frequently used. A Christian generally might mean it this way:

Serving the Lord God with a willing heart
Trying to help someone every day
Encouraging others with kindly words
Working constantly for Christ's Kingdom
Attending church services regularly
Remembering the sick and discouraged
Doing a good deed at every opportunity
Sacrificing both time and money for the Church
Helping gladly when asked to serve
Inspiring others by personal example
Praying daily

ChurchNews, June, 1987
From the *Colorado Episcopalian*

**Fall ECW Annual Meeting
Ramkota River Center
Pierre, South Dakota**

**Friday, September 21, 2012
*Program at 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**“South Dakota’s Stained Glass Windows”-
Dr. Barbara Johnson, Aberdeen
(A South Dakota Humanities – Speakers
Bureau Opportunity)**

This historic presentation discusses how stained glass windows are produced, the role of immigrants in designing, producing and bringing to SD these beautiful works of art that are present throughout the state in religious and other settings. Emphasis will be on our South Dakota Episcopal windows.

Dr. Johnson will also incorporate some research on Elaine Eastman, an Episcopalian “Lady Teacher” who came from Massachusetts to Pine Ridge. She married Dr. Charles Eastman, the first full-blooded Sioux to graduate from Dartmouth Medical School - so interesting. Just

Too good to miss! Please come!

Lunch: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Cost of Lunch: \$10/person
Croissant Club Turkey & Ham Sandwich
Soup or Salad & Coffee

Devotions & Meeting: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
**Please join us for fellowship, community,
outreach and commitment to
Episcopal Church Women!**

**Annual Remembrance of Church Women who
passed away***

* Write names of women from your church who passed away between September 9, 2011 and September 20, 2012, and submit to ECW Secretary for the “Record of Remembrance” in the annual meeting minutes.

Voluntary Support of ECW

Attention ECW/Guild Presidents & Rectors: It is appreciated if the annual \$3.00 per woman member contribution be sent to the Diocesan ECW as soon as possible. If this amount is unable to be met, any contribution would be greatly appreciated.

Send checks to:

Gloria Pearson, ECW Treasurer
447 Rolling Hills Drive
Yankton, SD 57078

Honored Woman

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese are asking for nominations to consider in selecting our Honored Woman for 2012. If you know of someone in your congregation or the Diocese whom you would like to nominate, please send a recommendation, along with a brief resume, to:

Sharon Van Doren (ECW Vice-Pres.)
577 Idaho SE
Huron, SD 57350
Phone: 352-4705

We are asking that nominations be submitted by August 31, 2012. Thank you!

ECW By-laws to be amended

At the Annual Meeting on September 21, members will vote to amend the bylaws to add a deadline for the Honored/Distinguished Women Application to be received. The proposed deadline is on or before **April 15**. It is now traditionally but unofficially set for August 31.

The change will allow the Honored Woman to be selected by or at the Spring Meeting of ECW. The chosen woman will be able to be honored at the Annual Fall Meeting of the SD Diocese.

Got Prayer? Go Fish
Women's Retreat
July 27-29, 2012
Thunderhead Episcopal Center

Have you found a prayer style that fits your personality? Would you like to explore other forms of prayer? Together we will share our wisdom, learn more about ways to pray, and walk the labyrinth.

Retreat Leaders:
The Rev. Karen Anderson
Deacon Angie Jones
Benedictine Oblate Sandi Raney

Friday, July 27 (afternoon) - Sunday, July (noon)

Cost: \$100 single room (\$80 for shared room) in SuperTent. \$60 dorm-style cabins w/separate shower house.

Full & partial scholarships may be available—attach a note to your registration if you need assistance. We encourage you to ask your church for help with the fee. Make checks & money orders out to TEC.

Send registration to:
Thunderhead Episcopal Camp
PO Box 890
Lead, SD 57754
605-584-2233
FAX: 605-584-2242
thunderhead@dakotablue.net

Women's Retreat Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Email address: _____

Church you attend _____

Roommate request: _____

Emergency contact number during this event _____

Relationship _____

Dietary or medical needs or conditions we should be aware of? Please list any special instructions: _____

Allergies/Reactions: _____

Need special accommodations (no stairs, vegetarian meals, etc.)? Explain: _____

Medications (in case you need care and cannot tell us): _____

Bedding & towels are provided. You might want comfortable clothing (warm for cool nights, cool for warm days), comfortable walking shoes, slippers, personal supplies (soap, shampoo, etc), Bible, journal, sun hat & glasses, your own pillow (though we have some).

**2012 PLEDGE TO THE DIOCESE
As of March 31, 2012**

	Pledge	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance	ChurchNews	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance
PARISHES:								
Aberdeen - St. Mark's	7,000.00	1,750.00	1,910.00	5,090.00	30.00	7.50	0.00	30.00
Belle Fourche - St. James'	3,864.00	966.00	1,288.00	2,576.00	110.00	27.50	110.00	0.00
Brookings - St. Paul's	12,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00	8,000.00	230.00	57.50	230.00	0.00
Deadwood - St. John's	5,429.00	1,357.25	1,357.26	4,071.74	60.00	15.00	15.00	45.00
Huron - Grace	17,000.00	4,250.00	4,251.00	12,749.00	200.00	50.00	50.00	150.00
Lead - Christ Church	6,086.00	1,521.50	1,530.00	4,556.00	155.00	38.75	155.00	0.00
Mitchell - St. Mary's	1,800.00	450.00	450.00	1,350.00	110.00	27.50	110.00	0.00
Mobridge - St. James'	1,899.00	474.75	316.50	1,582.50	65.00	16.25	0.00	65.00
Pierre - Trinity	14,502.00	3,625.50	1,925.00	12,577.00	65.00	16.25	65.00	0.00
Rapid City - Emmanuel	43,126.00	10,781.50	0.00	43,126.00	325.00	81.25	0.00	325.00
Rapid City - St. Andrew's	27,440.00	6,860.00	6,860.01	20,579.99	180.00	45.00	82.50	97.50
Sioux Falls - Calvary	61,706.00	15,426.50	15,426.51	46,279.49	1,005.00	251.25	225.00	780.00
Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd	12,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	9,000.00	30.00	7.50	30.00	0.00
Spearfish - All Angels	27,334.00	6,833.50	6,833.50	20,500.50	300.00	75.00	300.00	0.00
Sturgis - St. Thomas'	4,497.00	1,124.25	1,124.25	3,372.75	130.00	32.50	130.00	0.00
Watertown - Trinity	8,605.00	2,151.25	2,151.24	6,453.76	175.00	43.75	61.26	113.74
Winner - Trinity	4,721.00	1,180.25	1,095.00	3,626.00	75.00	18.75	0.00	75.00
Yankton - Christ Church	22,000.00	5,500.00	3,666.67	18,333.33	470.00	117.50	78.32	391.68
TOTAL PARISHES	281,009.00	70,252.25	57,184.94	223,824.06	3,715.00	928.75	1,642.08	2,072.92
Bonesteel - St. Andrew's	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	7.50	30.00	0.00
Chamberlain - Christ Church	2,011.00	502.75	502.74	1,508.26	105.00	26.25	27.01	77.99
Cheyenne River Mission	650.00	162.50	650.00	0.00	345.00	86.25	120.00	225.00
Crow Creek Mission	1,469.00	367.25	695.00	774.00	145.00	36.25	92.00	53.00
DeSmet - St. Stephen's	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	1.25	0.00	5.00
Flandreau - St. Mary's	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	22.50	0.00	90.00
Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's	3,500.00	875.00	3,500.00	0.00	60.00	15.00	60.00	0.00
Gettysburg - Christ Church	300.00	75.00	75.00	225.00	25.00	6.25	9.16	15.84
Gregory - Incarnation	750.00	187.50	750.00	0.00	60.00	15.00	60.00	0.00
Herrick - All Saints	400.00	100.00	101.00	299.00	20.00	5.00	20.00	0.00
Hot Springs - St. Luke's	4,648.00	1,162.00	1,167.00	3,481.00	170.00	42.50	43.00	127.00
Lake Andes - St. Peter's	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lower Brule Mission	1,948.00	487.00	0.00	1,948.00	40.00	10.00	0.00	40.00
Madison - Grace	1,892.00	473.00	632.00	1,260.00	50.00	12.50	50.00	0.00
Martin - St. Katharine's	4,117.00	1,029.25	1,035.00	3,082.00	205.00	51.25	51.35	153.65
Milbank - Christ Church	2,842.00	710.50	500.00	2,342.00	80.00	20.00	0.00	80.00
Pine Ridge Mission	1,921.00	480.25	671.50	1,249.50	270.00	67.50	95.00	175.00
Rapid City - St. Matthew's	2,600.00	650.00	651.00	1,949.00	85.00	21.25	30.00	55.00
Rosebud Mission	3,870.00	967.50	907.50	2,962.50	300.00	75.00	0.00	300.00
Santee Mission	1,057.00	264.25	42.00	1,015.00	100.00	25.00	100.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles	5,745.00	1,436.25	1,436.25	4,308.75	85.00	21.25	0.00	85.00
Sisseton - Gethsemane	850.00	212.50	250.00	600.00	60.00	15.00	0.00	60.00
Sisseton Mission	2,100.00	525.00	300.00	1,800.00	40.00	10.00	10.00	30.00
Standing Rock Mission	40.00	10.00	40.00	0.00	85.00	21.25	45.00	40.00
Vermillion - St. Paul's	7,224.00	1,806.00	1,806.00	5,418.00	145.00	36.25	0.00	145.00
Webster - St. Mary's	1,600.00	400.00	400.00	1,200.00	35.00	8.75	70.00	(35.00)
Yankton Mission	611.00	152.75	476.00	135.00	130.00	32.50	70.00	60.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	52,145.00	13,036.25	16,587.99	35,557.01	2,765.00	691.25	982.52	1,782.48
TOTAL PARISH AND MISSIONS	333,154.00	83,288.50	73,772.93	259,381.07	6,480.00	1,620.00	2,624.60	3,855.40

Niobrara School for Ministry Registration

Mail this information to:

Pat Woolley, NSM Registrar
590 W. 9th
Winner, SD 57580-2406

Or—Call her @ 605-842-2033

Or—Email her: dsdmsm@me.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Church: _____

Email address: _____

Phone #'s _____

Fees & Expenses:

Classes are \$15 per day plus any text book cost

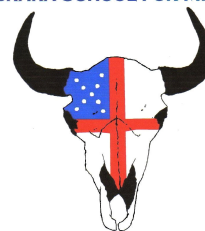
Payment method: _____

Schedule
Niobrara School for Ministry
2011-2012

***Contact Pat Woolley to register**
(dsdmsm@me.com).
(605-842-2033).

Oct 5-6	Biblical Exegesis & Criticism
Nov 2-3	Dakota Experience (East)
Nov 16-17	Exploring the Pentateuch
Jan 11-12	Major & Minor Prophets
Apr 12-13	Wisdom Literature!

NIOBRARA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF
SOUTH DAKOTA

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New fences were also constructed around some of the cemeteries.

The group was honored at the Crow Creek annual Pow wow August of 2011. The churches and cemeteries that they are working with this summer are Christ Episcopal Church, St. John the Baptist Episcopal, Crow Creek Presbyterian, and Cankuconske of Ft. Thompson.

Again our sincere thanks go to the entire Minnesota group. (More articles to come in next issue).
Pidamayelo

—Red Olson, Christ Church, Ft. Thompson

GRACE HAPPENS

A Story I've Never Forgotten

Trinity Church in Seattle was crowded with the youth and children of the diocese on a Sunday afternoon in April of 1941. Junior choirs, acolytes and other youth had gathered to present their Lenten mite box offerings to their bishop. They also came to hear about the Episcopal Church's missionary work in China, which their offering would go to support.



The young man who spoke that day was Joseph Mitsuo Kitagawa from Japan. Joseph knew a lot about the church in China and he was living in Seattle where he assisted his brother, the Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa, at St. Peter's Church, a Japanese American congregation. Joseph was headed for seminary in California the next fall. Joseph and Daisuke's father was a priest of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Episcopal Church in Japan.

Joseph spoke about the church in China and then told a story about an experience he had there. After graduating from Rikkyu University and Central Theological College in Japan in 1937, he was drafted into the Japanese Army and sent to fight in China. He was the only Christian in his company but his faith was very important to him.

Advancing during a battle, he found a badly wounded Chinese soldier. Apparently thinking Joseph was about to kill him, the man made the sign of the cross. When he saw that, Joseph also made the sign of the cross to show he too was a Christian. Then he knelt and from his own canteen gave the man a drink of water. The Chinese soldier began the Lord's Prayer in Chinese and Joseph prayed with him. When they reached the words, "...thy will be done..." the Chinese soldier died and Joseph finished the prayer alone.

Joseph said that seeing the destruction and suffering caused by the war, he began saving as much of his

pay as he could so that he might find a way to relieve some of that suffering. When other soldiers in his company learned what he was doing, many, and all of them non-Christians, joined with him. They were able to present a sizable offering to a local Episcopal bishop for the relief of afflicted Chinese civilians.

Joseph's story made deep impression on those present. I know because I was there and, although I was only seven years old, I've never forgotten what he said. His message has been a shining example to me of compassion and grace in the midst of the hell of war.

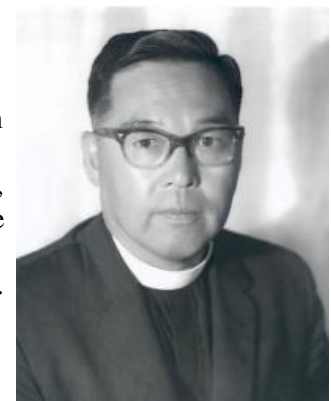
In October, 1941 Joseph was ordained a deacon. On December 7, 1941 the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, and we were at war.

When we gathered in April 1942, to present our mite box offerings again, Joseph had been interned along with all people of Japanese descent on the west coast, whether they were American citizens, or like Joseph, were enemy aliens. My father was the speaker at that service, and he recalled Joseph's message and story. He admonished those present to remember that while we were at war with Japan and Germany, there were Christians and other good people living in those nations. We should not allow ourselves to hate all the German and Japanese people.

In May 1942, the bishop of that diocese, Arthur S. Huston traveled to Santa Fe, New Mexico to ordain Joseph to the priesthood. During the rest of the war, Joseph ministered to those with him in the Minidoka internment camp in Idaho.

After the war Joseph Mitsuo Kitagawa went on to become a distinguished professor, theologian and Dean of the Divinity School at the University of Chicago. He wrote many articles and a dozen books on the history of the religions of the world. He died in Chicago in 1992 at the age of 77.

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128th Diocesan Convention
September 21-22, 2012
Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center
Pierre, South Dakota

Lay Delegates and Clergy of the Diocese will gather toward the end of September to experience the weekend we call Convention. The Host this year is the Black Hills Deanery.

While setup is underway, the Episcopal Church Women (**ECW**) of the Diocese will hold their annual meeting with speaker, lunch, and business. See p. 9 for further information.

The **Clergy** will meet with the Bishop following a lunch at Trinity Church on Friday afternoon.

Standing Committee and **Niobrara Council** will meet later on Friday afternoon.

Members of the **Eastern Deanery** can meet to begin planning their hosting duties for the 2013 Convention.

The main event begins with a casual supper and then the opening session. Bishop Tarrant will make his address to the convention on Friday evening.

After Compline, the Standing Committee and Commission on Ministry will host a reception for persons in the ordination process or who have an interest in the process.

On Saturday morning, business continues with presentations, elections, resolutions, and budget. The Convention Eucharist precedes lunch and transitions us to the afternoon workshops and final business.

Again this year there will be wide variety of workshop topics—something for everyone! Recurring this year will be the opportunity for Youth Ministers from around the diocese to start discussion and planning of a diocesan youth convention or other activity for the year.

Registration forms and other information will be sent to delegates and alternates this summer. If a congregation has not submitted its delegate names, an extra packet will be sent to the priest/senior warden.

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

The Diocese of South Dakota
2012 Annual Convention
September 21 –22, 2012
Ramkota Inn Convention Center, Pierre

Organization _____

Person in charge _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (daytime) _____

Brief description of display _____

Number of tables needed _____

I need electricity

I need audio/visual equipment from the hotel

Other needs: _____

Questions? call Mary
at (605) 338-9751

Exhibitors may set up anytime on Friday.
Any materials left on Saturday will be disposed of.

Anti-racism Committee
Report to 2012 Convention

Here are the actions of the committee over the last year.

After what I considered a good presentation at last year's convention in Pierre, the committee was invited by Rev. Rita Powell to travel to Vermillion to present at St. Paul's Episcopal. I and several members of the committee were in attendance. These included the following; Rev. Pat White Horse-Carda, Deacon Judy Graves, Rev Liz Powers and others that escape my less than perfect memory, and to those members I do apologize.

Our Friday evening session was well attended by some community members that included representatives from the University, the Vermillion police chief, Vermillion Social Groups and even our retired Bishop and his spouse, both of whom I was glad to have in attendance. Our Saturday session was a little less attended but those that did attend gave feedback that was positive to the messages that were provided and the ultimate goal of our actions. On Sunday some of us were in attendance at the Sunday Service and heard an inspiring sermon about our efforts from Rev. Powell. We also enjoyed a friendly and lively coffee hour afterward.

In November, shortly after visiting Vermillion I worked with Rev. Paul Sneve at the Fall Dakota Experience at the Cathedral in Sioux Falls. This was also a very good session as Paul and I worked in concert to provide an educational and instructive, to a point, connection between the Native people in the diocese and the Episcopal Church. We did point out that even with the Church working for the Native people at this time of great loss, the Episcopal church was also complicit in some of its colonial actions. In the course of learning, I also learned the Bishop Hare was the first Bishop appointed for a people and not a diocese! See, even I am not to old to learn!

Rev. Sneve and I also did the Dakota Experience in Rapid City in April and we were also happy with the outcome. We, along with Bishop John, are of the opinion that although we combined the two aspects this year, we really need to have two separate sessions as there is much that was not presented. That would provide the ideal situation. However, my belief is that Dakota Experience would be better attended because it is less threatening than dealing with Racism.

In my closing statement I will address the issue in hopes that some of you will continue to read. Many times in our lives we are asked to get out of our comfort zone in order to learn something we may not be familiar with and which may be frightening to us. Such as the subject of racism. In some it may cause the hair on the back of our neck to stand on end, some may break out in a cold sweat and for many of us it may trigger the thought of indifference. Why should I be troubled with this subject, I'm not a racist. My question to those who may have this reaction, don't be afraid to come and find out! To paraphrase Rev Rita, we may need to challenge ourselves and get past the complacency in our lives.

I bid you all peace,
Sam Robertson, Chair

Summary of Diocesan Council actions
since 2011 Journal

September 6, 2011
Conference Call

Motions Approved/Actions Taken

1. Approved a motion to hire Kristine Miller from Horizons Campaign Development to conduct a capital campaign feasibility study for the Diocese for \$28,600.

December 8, 2011
Conference Call

Motions Approved/Actions Taken

1. Approved the appointments of the Rev. Jackie Bernacchi, the Rev. Rich Ressler, Barb Simpson, and Don Eagle to the Commission on Ministry (terms to expire 2015).
2. Approved the motion to obtain a merchant account through First National Bank in Sioux Falls for on-line donation/payment capabilities.
3. Authorized the Administrator to approve and sign checks on behalf of the Diocese up to \$500.00, to be later reviewed by the Treasurer.
4. Approved an additional mission clergy travel reimbursement of up to \$1,000 for 2011 and an increase to \$5,500 for 2012.

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March 23, 2012

Pierre, South Dakota

Motions Approved/Actions Taken

1. Approved the year end financial reports for the Diocese of South Dakota and the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral.
2. Approved the 2012 budgets for the Diocese of South Dakota and the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral.
3. Supported Resolution C022 to be presented to the 2012 General Convention asking the Church Medical Trust to suspend its 2013 mandatory health coverage requirement until a more equitable plan can be found or developed.
4. Supported Resolution C021 to be presented to the 2012 General Convention calling for a restructuring of The Episcopal Church.
5. Diocesan Convention registration fees were set at \$50 for each delegate, alternate, and visitor.

Reports Received

1. Year end financial reports for the Diocese of South Dakota and the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral.
2. The Diocese received approximately \$23,000 in small employer tax credit returns for 2010 under the Affordable Health Care law.
3. A committee of three (Tarrant, Hussey, Barnhardt) will clarify clergy compensation figures for recruitment purposes and in ministry agreements.
4. The Center for Biblical Studies has issued a Bible Challenge: to develop spiritual maturity as Christians by reading the entire Bible in a year. Council was asked to discuss and reflect on this program in each Deanery and to decide whether or not to adopt the challenge at the next Council meeting.
5. Niobrara School for Ministry covers any and all educational component in the diocese.
6. A committee will be established to oversee, coordinate, and educate mission groups which travel to South Dakota.
7. The Transitional Ministry report lists openings on the Rosebud Mission and in Huron, Aberdeen, Ft. Pierre, Sioux Falls (Holy Apostles), and Flandreau.
8. The Youth reports included information and

updates on the Standing Rock Youth Project, a Taize internship, the Taize Chicago trip, the Young Adult Community on the Rosebud, and a class on parenting skills for Sudanese parents at Holy Apostles in Sioux Falls.

9. The Niobrara Council report included an update on the upcoming Niobrara Convocation in Ft. Yates, ND.
10. Status update on the capital campaign feasibility study.

Registrar/Historiographer

Annual Report to Convention

There have been no requests for help finding information on ancestors, events, etc., this year. However, it has been a rather exciting year for finding new things! Father Fred Jessett, whose wonderful and inspirational column "Grace Happens" appears in *ChurchNews*, has been cleaning out his archives. He has sent several packets of information to me this year, with some wonderful pictures and news briefs. One of the pictures included Ella Deloria. She didn't like her picture taken, according to Father Jessett, so this is a very rare photo. Other photographs included shots of Wounded Knee: the 20th century version, early beef giveaways on the reservation, and some photos showing major storm damage to several church buildings. Father Jessett plans to send more materials as he sorts and searches through his files. I know the materials he sends will be exciting to see and will be well used by researchers.

To end the year on a high note, Grace Church, Huron, has been cleaning house and updating records. As a result of that herculean effort, thirteen (!) cartons of books and papers were recently delivered to the Center for Western Studies by Ron Brugger, the retired Lutheran pastor and "part time" Episcopalian who has managed to keep busy filling in at Brookings, Watertown and now at Huron. Some of the books will be kept at the Center, others will go to the Augustana library, and given the number of cartons, I suspect the archivists and librarians will be busy for quite some time as they go through this treasure trove of history. My thanks to Father Brugger for taking the materials down to Sioux Falls, and to the members of Grace Church, Huron who probably spent many hours sorting, hauling, dusting and sneezing!

Respectfully submitted,
April Brooks
Diocesan Historiographer, Archivist and Registrar

Liturgy Commission Report to 2012 Convention

The vision and mission of the Commission on Liturgy, Music, and Allied Arts has been expanded to be educational as well as a planning resource at the suggestion of the Bishop. The committee members are: The Revs. George Parmeter, Kim Fonder, Annie Henniger, Ward Simpson, and Stan Woolley; JoAnn Edstrom; Barbie Hovelson; and Jean Lacher. The Rev. Paul Sneve represents the Bishop on the Commission. The Projects on the Commission goals list are the following:

1. Create & maintain CDs of appropriate L/Dakota hymns for ordinations, funerals and wakes, and other special services. Also create & maintain CDs of D/Lakota hymns by season, by liturgical year, for use in churches without pianos/organs or musicians. *(Kim Fonder & Tolly Estes will take responsibility for this. Tolly has written for a Federal grant to help with this project.)*
2. Locate and make known/available hymns (downloadable or on CD) from 1982 Hymnal for churches without a musician. *(Ward Simpson and JoAnn Edstrom will take responsibility for this)*
3. Create a training DVD for Niobrara School for Ministry and/or for use by locally trained candidates for priesthood on priest craft - the movements and gestures of the Eucharist. *(Stan Woolley, Ward Simpson & Annie Henninger will take responsibility for this)*
4. Create a training DVD for lay leaders who lead Morning Prayer. *(Les Campbell will be asked to help with this.)*
5. Make available litanies for special Sundays (occasions) like Earth Day, Memorial Day, graduation Sunday, etc. *(George Parmeter will take responsibility for this)*
6. Develop a series of "teaching moments" on various aspects of liturgy – suitable for periodic/regular inclusion in the *South Dakota ChurchNews* and/or for presentation as a workshop at Diocesan Convention, Clergy Conferences, etc. *(Stan Woolley, Ward Simpson & Annie Henninger will take responsibility for this)*
7. Be available as a resource for clergy/congregations on liturgical questions. *(Annie, Ward, George and Charles Chan will make themselves available).*
8. Develop customary for "aftercare" for funerals. *(Jean Lacher will take responsibility for this).*
9. Develop and/or collate resources for wakes, prayer services and funerals. *(Annie and Kim will take responsibility for this.)*
10. Develop a simple policy statement on clergy collegiality, what it means and how it should work. The purpose is to assist the laity on the proper procedures for working with their local clergy. An exam-

ple is those special times when you might want another priest to take part and how it must be handled. *(George Parmeter will take responsibility for this).*

11. A CD on suggestions on Suicide aftercare.

The various members of the committee are working on these projects with the assistance of numerous clergy and laity from around the Diocese. There are several singing groups in the Diocese working on the musical projects which we will make available as soon as possible.

The commission welcomes your input as we work on these projects which we believe will be of use to the church as a whole. The General Convention is in the process of considering materials we hope to use in our work.

The Rev. George Parmeter
Chairman

Niobrara School for Ministry Report to 2012 Convention

This year Niobrara School for Ministry has seen a gradual shift towards a new curriculum. It is our desire to make it easier for anyone preparing for Local Ordination to be trained and evaluated. Working with Bishop John we set up a group to plan a curriculum that would take four years of study in one's home church, working with a Mentor/Tutor, attending Ministry Weekends and summer schools.

We were able to use existing curriculum for the bulk of the study on the scriptures. The Litchfield and/or EFM works very well for the first two years of home study. After that we would develop curriculum to suit the unique needs of our students. Ministry Weekends would augment the home study and Summer School would provide other subjects that are better suited for more intensive class room subjects. We have informally begun this new approach and will assign courses for curriculum design in the fall. This means that students that begin their studies with the Niobrara School for Ministries this year could expect to have met the Canonical Standards for Learning (for Priest or Deacon) in 2016.

It should be made clear though, that the Niobrara School for Ministry is not just for students preparing for ordination. We still plan on providing training for Lay Ministries as well.

Submitted in the Name of Christ,
The Venerable Paul Sneve, Director

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Rebuilding South Sudan through Education Report to 2012 Convention

Rebuilding South Sudan continues its mission to provide educational opportunities to the children and adults in Moses Joknhial II's native community of Panyang, South Sudan. *Keep on Truckin'* is our project's latest campaign to raise funds to buy a truck so construction of the **Panyang Medical Clinic** and the **Mama Myrna Women's Center** can begin in December, 2012. The truck is needed to travel with workers to the riverbank to collect sand, which is used in making concrete blocks.

Panyang Medical Clinic will provide primary medical care in a clean, protected environment and help reduce preventable diseases, mortality, and suffering. Initial construction of the clinic is possible through a generous grant from **United Thank Offering (UTO)**. Presently, the nearest medical clinic is a 12 hour walk and often inaccessible during the long rainy season. In Panyang, patients are treated in a hut or under the shade of trees. Women deliver their babies in the bush. One in four children dies by the age of five. One in seven women dies in childbirth - the highest rate in the world.

The **Mama Myrna Women's Center** will support health and education of females in the community by providing a centralized location for group meetings and classes to address issues specific to women and girls. These include hygiene, sanitation, nutrition, child care, food and economic development. Sewing machines, food grinding mills, and vegetable gardens will provide micro businesses for women. The center will promote training of midwives and traditional birth attendants. It will provide a home for the G.O.A.T.S. project, which supports a widow and her children by providing her with a female goat that gradually grows to a herd for the family's livelihood.

United Panyang Primary School is open and reports from the field are positive with hundreds of students, both boys and girls, attending school. Needs continue for additional school supplies, uniforms, desks, and teachers. To address the latter, our plans are to bring several well-qualified teachers from Uganda to teach the upper grades and train the local teachers. This will help in teaching English and bringing students to the level needed to pass the national exams for entrance into secondary school.

Words of thanks are simply not enough to express our gratitude for your great support through the years of Moses' work. For this, Moses says, "Your reward will come from God."

Please visit our website (www.southsudaneducation.com) to learn more about our projects and current needs. We greatly appreciate keeping us in mind with fundraising

opportunities in your church and community.

"To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world." (Unknown author)

Thunderhead Episcopal Camp Report to 2012 Convention

Hello from Camp! We had a small but mighty crew for Work Camp this year: James & TJ Marrs did a lot of the staining - new benches for the shower house and (finally) the SuperTent deck, as well as raking up a lot of pine needles and cleaning the gutters. Dave Sanford worked on plumbing issues and other projects; Jan Sanford cleaned and cleaned, including windows! Don Metcalf has the grounds looking great; and our staff cleaned, repaired, and fed the crew.

Staff this summer: Deb Hopkins returned to cook for Summer Seminary and has items in the freezer for staff camp too - what a gem! Tony Mayer is my assistant and a man of many talents. He grew up in Spearfish and attending TEC and is a talented and hard worker. He and his dad, Bob Mayer, mounted the new sign on posts installed by Pat LeBeau. Thanks!

Pine beetle update: We've lost about 40 trees to the beetles and will take them down this fall, when the lumber mills can take them. Right now there's a glut in the market. We also had 100-plus trees sprayed to protect them. The good news is that there is a fresh crop of healthy young trees on our property. We will thin these growths and replant the trees to replace what we have lost.

Remember that camp is available for use July-September. If you want a weekend (or a week) away, are coming this way for the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, or are planning a family gathering, please consider TEC in your plans. We are probably the least expensive place, as well as the most beautiful and most peaceful. We are centrally located for Devil's Tower, Custer State Park, Rapid City, and Bear Butte/Sturgis. Spearfish is only 45 minutes away and Lead/Deadwood is 20-30 minutes close.

And if you haven't yet signed up for summer camp, it's not too late! Family Camp is a great way to experience TEC for the first time. Join us July 5-8! Contact the Rev. Rita Powell (youth.diocese@midconetwork.com or 605/338-9751) for more information. As always, camper-ships are available!

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Moseley, TEC Manager

Nomination Form
2012 Annual Diocesan Convention

DEADLINE: September 7 (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:

___ **Standing Committee**

___ 1 Presbyter (Priest) to fill 4 year term (term expires 2016)

___ 1 Lay person to fill 4 year term (term expires 2016)

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.

Members whose terms are up at the 2012 Convention:

The Rev. George Parmeter and Carol Traversie.

Both are eligible to serve an additional term.

(Bishop Tarrant—Continued from page 2)

After an afternoon of sightseeing in Jerusalem we met with the Muslim Arab Israeli journalist, lecturer and documentary filmmaker, Khaled Abu Toameh. Khaled is not only an Arab Muslim, he is also an Israeli citizen. He writes in Israeli press because that gives him the freedom to speak openly, which he would not have in the Palestinian press. For example he wrote on June 4, 2012 in reference to the freedom members of the Israeli parliament (Knesset) have to criticize their own government: *“Some Israeli politicians, especially Arab Knesset members, have used the parliamentary podium to advance and defend the causes of Palestinians. Israeli policies and actions are condemned in the Knesset more than they are denounced in the Palestinian or any Arab parliament..... In most parliaments throughout the Arab world, representatives do not enjoy the same freedom of speech as their counterparts in Israel.”* Mr. Abu Toameh tries to present balanced reporting on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. Although he does have his own bias he has been equally critical of both the Israeli and Palestinian leadership.

On Saturday we visited Bethlehem and went to visit the Palestinian owner of Nativity Television Station, Samir Qumsiyeh. It was the only Christian station in the Palestinian territory and had to close recently because of funding and license issues. The building that housed the station was like a fortress with security cameras and electronically controlled doors. Mr. Qumsiyeh was continually watching the TV monitors during our visit. He did not have much good to say about either the Palestinians or the Israelis. Life in Bethlehem obviously has been difficult for him both as a businessman and a resident, and he did not hesitate to share his frustration.

On Saturday afternoon we met with the Anglican priest, the Rev. Hosam Naoum, who has been named Dean of St. George’s Cathedral in Jerusalem. He was installed as Dean on May 15, the day after our departure. Fr. Naoum is a Palestinian living in East Jerusalem with his wife and family.

In the next *ChurchNews* I will share with you our visits with a former member of the Palestinian Authority government, spokespersons from the Israeli Foreign Ministry, the Israeli National Police and the head of Strategic Affairs Dept, International Law Department/IDF. I will conclude with two stories of hope that point to where the long term solutions for peace actually lie - and it is not in the hands of politicians.

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict may seem a long way from us, but it has the potential for becoming a flash point for a larger conflict into which the United States would most likely be drawn. The lives of our sons and daughters may well hang in the balance of peace and security in the Middle East.

+John

Blue Cloud Abbey to close

This is not an easy message to write. As a community we have been discussing our situation for some time. However, because of all the hoops and hurdles which come with such a discussion, we were unable to mention it outside the community. Though it has not been an easy decision we have come to the conclusion that it is a necessary one. At present Blue Cloud has fourteen members. Three are in their nineties, two are in their eighties, seven are in their seventies, one is in his fifties and one is in his forties. If we were suddenly to get an influx of candidates, it would take years before they would be full fledged monks. Hence, Blue Cloud Abbey will close formally on August 5th 2012. Over the next few months the task is to help each Blue Cloud monk settle into another monastery of his choice.

Does our closure mean that as a Benedictine monastery Blue Cloud has been a failure? Certainly not! Blue Cloud has been a wonderful community, and the monks have been very effective in many areas for the past sixty-two years. Then why has Blue Cloud not received the needed vocations throughout the years? That is not something we can answer. We have been praying and been open to God working in the life of our community. Now, regardless of any other concern, the main concern has to be getting each monk settled into a new monastic home.

Your friendship through the years has been greatly appreciated. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,
Abbot Denis Quinkert, OSB

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, fire-place. 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.diocesesd.org/Camp%20Remington.htm>)

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

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: \$150
- High School Camp: \$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.

Sends forms, checks etc. to
TEC Registration
500 S. Main Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

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! 😊

Questions?
Conact the Rev. Rita Powell
youth.diocese@midconetwork.com
605-695-0110

Every copy of *The South Dakota ChurchNews* that has an incorrect address is returned to us with a 75¢ postage due charge.

Please use this form to correct your address or supply your new address BEFORE you move.

Thanks!

Moving? Please tell us...

Change Contribution Cancellation

Name.....

NEW Address.....

City, ST, Zip

Effective Date

Church we will attend after move

Mail to:

South Dakota ChurchNews
500 S. Main Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814

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Bishop's visitation & travel
dates in bold letters

Diocesan Calendar

JULY

Jul 4 Diocesan Office closed
Jul 5-8 Grade 5/6 & Family Camp
Jul 5-12 General Convention, Indianapolis
Jul 22 Bishop visits Red Shirt Table
July 26-Aug 5 Bishop's vacation
July 27-29 Women's Retreat, TEC

AUGUST

Aug 10 *ChurchNews* deadline
Aug 11 Diocesan Council Mtg, Pierre
Aug 12 Bishop visits St. Luke's, Hot Springs
Aug 19 Bishop at Christ Church, Gettysburg
Aug 25 TEC Board meeting in Pierre
Aug 26 Bishop visits Santee/Yankton Missions

SEPTEMBER

Sep 3 Diocesan Office closed (Labor Day)
Sep 7-8 COM Meeting, Pierre
Sep 9 Bishop visits St. Thomas, Sturgis
Sep 16 Bishop visits St. Matthew, RC
Sep 21-22 Diocesan Convention, Pierre
Sep 23 Bishop visits Ft. Pierre & Lower Brule
Set 30 Bishop visits Sisseton Mission

OCTOBER

Oct 5-6 Niobrara School (Exegesis)
Oct 8 Diocesan Office closed (NA Day)
Oct 10 *ChurchNews* deadline
Oct 12-13 Planning for Tomorrow Conference
Oct 14 Bishop visits Madison & DeSmet
Oct 21 Bishop visits Pine Ridge Mission
Oct 28 Bishop visits Incarnation, Gregory

NOVEMBER

Nov 1 Begin Season of Thanksgiving
Nov 2-3 Dakota Experience, Sioux Falls
Nov 4 Bishop visits Good Shepherd, SF
Nov 9-11 Trinity Institute @ Cathedral
Nov 11 Bishop visits Emmanuel, RC
Nov 12 Diocesan Office closed
Nov 17 Diocesan Council meeting
Nov 16-17 Niobrara School (Pentateuch)
Nov 18 Bishop visits Aberdeen
Nov 22-23 Diocesan Office closed

DECEMBER

Dec 9 Bishop visits Yankton
Dec 16 Bishop visits Holy Apostles, SF



Did you know... That the words, “Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast” prayed or sung at the Breaking of the Bread at Eucharist is an anthem that is intended to be sung and is patterned after a similar anthem in the 1549 Prayer Book.

Christ is the Pascal lamb who was sacrificed for us and ours the Christian Passover where we pass from death to life in Christ. We share in that Paschal feast by sharing in the bread and wine of Communion.

—The Rev. Annie Henninger, Liturgy Commission

Room available at TEC

Need a place to stay for a retreat, or for your family’s Black Hills vacation? Thunderhead Episcopal Center is a quiet and beautiful option, centrally located for most Black Hills area attractions. Several dates and options (bed & breakfast, use of the kitchen, etc.) are available in July, August, and September. Contact Holly Moseley at 642-4349 or teenangels@rushmore.com

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All congregations are asked to contribute \$100 to the Hospitality Fund for Diocesan Convention.

Send to 500 S. Main Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

THANK YOU to the generous congregations who did a part last year to help defray the costs of this major gathering event in the life of the diocese.

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.