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Youth Ministry in South Dakota

Youth have always been important to the life of the Church, but Bishop Tarrant has made Youth Ministry a prime focus and mission of this diocese.

A Youth Ministry Prototype Program has been conceived and is being developed to begin on the Standing Rock and Cheyenne River Missions. In place is a strong advocate in the person of The Rev. Rob Schwarz, Priest-in-Charge of the Standing Rock Mission. The Standing Rock Reservation overlaps into North Dakota where their successful diocesan youth ministry program can provide resources, counsel, and personnel. We also have an experienced young deacon ready to start as soon as we receive the funding for his position.



This is a foundational program that will make a real difference in real lives. The project is a strategic plan targeting the needs of young adults, youth, and the Episcopal Church, and will be used as a ministry model for other reservations in the Diocese of South Dakota.

The Standing Rock/Cheyenne River Youth Project will provide outreach ministry to high risk youth and support congregational development for the churches of the two missions. The goal is to offer alternative activities, using the successful ministry model of the North Dakota Standing Rock Episcopal Community/Native Young Life: contact time with youth and community, large group meetings, small group meetings, and participation in the summer camping program.

Two full time, residential Youth Workers will be hired to work with the mission priests-in-charge and serve as

Team Mentors as well as provide outreach to local youth who are at risk. The program will start with ministry to young adults who will receive training in the areas of youth development, suicide prevention, and spiritual leadership. This team will work with clergy mentors to develop youth programs geared especially to teens in the local communities on each of the reservations. Integration of Lakota cultural education, using the gifts of local elders, is a primary programmatic component. Involvement with the local schools and communities is essential.

By drawing in area youth for this church based program, congregational development will begin to occur as youth (and adult) involvement grows. The Standing Rock/Cheyenne River Youth Project will serve as a prototype for other reservations within the Diocese of South Dakota, establishing a model and a network which will have a transforming effect on youth ministry throughout the diocese. The Youth Team Mentors will be a resource for all congregations within the diocese.

The initial, two year program budget will total \$342,627. The Diocese of South Dakota is seeking funding from a number of sources. The Episcopal Church of All Angels in Spearfish, SD has agreed to match all donations awarded to this Youth Project up to \$100,000. The diocese has currently raised about 30% toward the matching grant. The ultimate goal is to endow youth ministry in the diocese.

Any and all tax-deductible donations marked for the Youth Project will be gratefully accepted. Send to:

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Grace and Peace to you . . .

Early in the morning on January 17, 2011 the Very Rev. Dr. Robert Wagner died to this life and entered that place "where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting." As many of you are aware, Fr. Bob knew much sorrow and pain over the past several years. He was well aware of the great joys and blessings of his life and that is what helped him bear the burdens he faced. Death is our final act of trust. Trust in God's love, God's power over our lives, trust in God's promise through Jesus that we can have life and have it abundantly. Sometimes we consciously embrace this act of trust, sometimes we surrender to it and sometimes it just simply comes, ready or not. Early in the morning on January 17, Robert embraced it. No titles or credentials needed; God has received that which has always belonged to him, the soul of Robert Wagner.



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

On March 9th we will begin another season of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday. Many of us will have the sign of the cross made on our forehead with palm ashes and the words spoken, not prayed, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Over the years there have been many times when I, as a priest of the church, have made this symbolic sign of mortality on the foreheads of people I knew I would be reading different words by their grave before Ash Wednesday would come again. "All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

Lent is the season that especially calls us to move from mortality to life. It is a season to focus on turning our lives around, repentance. We acknowledge our limits, we acknowledge our need, and we surrender to God. Surrender is not a culturally popular approach, and sacrifice is seldom encouraged. Yet we follow a Lord "who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant." (Phil. 2:6-7a) Jesus surrendered his divinity for the sake of humanity and sacrificed himself for the sake of world.

Lent is the season to remember who we are and to whom we belong. It is the season to turn our lives around. We do this "by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (BCP) It is a time to "remember that we are dust" and yet to also remember that we have been created out of the dust, and God will continue to re-create us even at the grave.

Lent is the time to refocus our trust on God, knowing that nothing "in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:39)

May the peace of God be always with you,

+John

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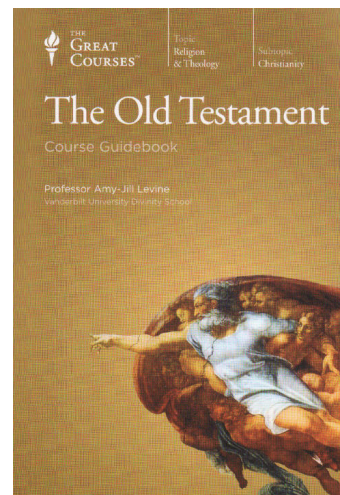


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Contact the Diocesan Office if you are interested in borrowing any of these resources.

It’s about the fellowship

St. Luke’s, Hot Springs was hearing things around the community like “That nice old stone church must be closed; there’s nothing going on there,” said **Luella Hicks** of Buffalo Gap, one of the more than 60 members of the St. Luke’s Episcopal Church congregation. “So we were looking for some sort of outreach to let the community know that we were still there.”

About that same time, a little more than three years ago, **Neva Boekhout’s** mother, Thea, was a

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resident at the Brookside Apartments in Hot Springs. “We would go visit grandma often,” said **Barb Ditmanson**, Neva’s daughter. “She enjoyed having us come, but it was easy to see that not everyone had visitors.” So Neva, who was the president of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) at that time began looking for a way to reach out to the residents.

Soup and Bread Sunday was born.

For the past three years, from September through May, members of the St. Luke’s Congregation bring in homemade soups and breads to the Brookside on the fourth Sunday of the month. “It was a way for us to give something back to them and the community,” Hicks said.

From humble beginnings, “We started with three CrockPots of soup,” Hicks said, the outreach ministry has grown to five and six big soups and a selection of homemade bread.

One man, who is now deceased, was always in attendance on Sunday, Ditmanson said. “He would have a bowl of soup and a piece of bread and then he would just sit there with a smile on his face. We asked him if he wanted more soup and he would say ‘No thank you, I’m just enjoying the conversation.’”

That is the common thread running through the Soup and Bread Sunday – fellowship. It allows a church, with limited resources but a huge willingness to do something good, to interact with a group of people who otherwise may not see a visitor or have a conversation. “And Sundays get to be very long if that happens,” Hicks said.

“There is always chicken noodle soup and chili,” Ditmanson said of the soup offerings. In October,

two vegetable soups and a hearty cream of potato were also on the menu. “Always homemade and if we have homemade noodles in the chicken noodle soup, that’s an extra treat.” Split pea is also a Brookside favorite.

The soup is always donated and the ladies said it is never any problem to get willing soup makers from the congregation.

Is Belle Fourche “stuffey”?

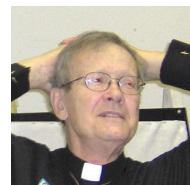
For the tenth year, **St. James of Belle Fourche** has contributed stuffed animals to the Spearfish Regional Hospital. The project is supervised by **The Rev. Mike Weaver**, deacon at St. James. He said that Pamida of Belle Fourche also assists in the gift, which is made twice a year.



Members of the parish are shown with the 73 stuffed animals contributed in late January. (l to r) Lorraine Klingler, Barbara Dailey, June McLellan, Cheryl Mason, Fay Hersey, Louise Reade', The Rev. Sandy Williams, Moggie Klipp, Deacon Mike Weaver, The Rev. Evelyn Weaver, Bess Arbuckle, Larry Klipp, Cal Hejde, Mike Reade', Willie Kunerth

TRANSITIONS . . .

- A Requiem Eucharist was held on January 25 at Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls and on January 27 at Emmanuel Church, Rapid City to honor **The Rev. Dr. Robert T. Wagner**, who died January 17, 2011. Wagner, 78, a native of South Dakota, served the Episcopal Church here from 1957 to 1970. He joined the academic world at South Dakota State



University in Brookings, serving first as professor, then in administration. He was appointed the President of South Dakota State in 1985, a position he held until his retirement in 1997. Following his retirement, he once again served the Episcopal Church in a variety of capacities until his death. *Rest in Peace.*

- **The Rev. Jackie Bernacchi** moves to South Dakota from North Dakota at the beginning of March to begin the position of Rector at Trinity, Watertown. We welcome her and her husband Les to the Diocese.



- Please update your directories to record the following name change:

On December 30 at the Church of All Angels in Spearfish, SD, Holly Huisken married **Scott Moseley** of Spearfish.



Holly Moseley, Youth Minister at All Angels and Manager of TEC, can be reached at the same phone numbers and email addresses as before.

Congratulations to Scott & Holly!

- **The Rev. Lyle Martin** (Gregory) has fully retired from ministry. **Church of the Incarnation** in Gregory is now being served by **The Rev. Annie Henninger** who also serves Rosebud Mission East churches.
- **The Rev. Kathryn Costas** ended her ministry at **St. Mark's, Aberdeen** on December 31 and recently accepted a position in New Harmony, IN.

Hospitality Opportunity

Diocesan Council has been wrestling with many topics lately: How can the diocese add, cancel, revise, combine _____ (*fill in the blank*) in order to increase our ministry, touch and transform more lives, and live more into the Kingdom, with the most efficient and productive use of our

resources? They are looking at policies, canons, structures, and traditions.

One decision made at the Council's last meeting on January 29, 2011 in Pierre should result in a more equitable spread of our resources at the time of Annual Convention.

Here is the situation as it currently stands:

- Hosting duties for Annual Diocesan Convention rotate by deanery or deaneries around the diocese on a 5-year cycle. Most of the deanery duties involve (a) getting volunteers to fill certain positions or perform certain tasks and (b) donating cookies and bars for snacks, but (c) the main function - the opening reception - is a fairly large expense.
- Some deaneries can more easily raise the money needed than can other deaneries.
- For many years, all churches in the diocese have been asked to contribute \$100 each year for Niobrara Convocation hospitality. Niobrara Convocation sites rotate by mission around the diocese as well. The hospitality fund helps the hosting mission cover the expenses involved each year without putting an extra burden on any one mission or church.

At their recent meeting, Diocesan Council voted unanimously to extend this Convocation tradition to Convention as well. **Each year, beginning right now in 2011, each church in the diocese is asked to contribute \$100 toward Annual Convention hospitality, as well as \$100 toward Niobrara Convocation hospitality.**

Convention hospitality donations can be sent to the Diocesan Office anytime prior to September.

The 2011 Niobrara Convocation Treasurer, who receives Convocation donations, is Verbena McMath, PO Box 1606, Rapid City 57709.

Do you have good ideas? Share them with your Deanery representative to Diocesan Council or email the diocesan office.

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Diocesan ECW displays a Capitol Christmas Tree

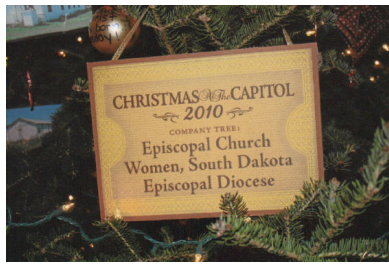
The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) voted at their annual meeting to decorate a Christmas Tree at the Capitol, and decorations were collected by South Dakota missions and parishes. Many decorations were specially made, such as the six carved wooden symbols (including a Niobrara cross) made by Deacon Judy Peterson and laminated photos of all the churches in South Dakota contributed by Holly Huisken Moseley.

The theme was “Past, Present, and Future” and many angels were included in the beautiful decorations to symbolize the Christmas message of peace on earth for the future. Diocesan Secretary Bonnie Walker of Piedmont made the contact with the Governor’s Office, and Episcopalians were pleased to be selected to be represented.

Trinity Church in Pierre received all the packages, and a set-up team of Deacon Judy from Brookings, Diana Regan from Lead, and her grandchildren Elizabeth Regan and Rachel Francis collected the ornaments and decorated the tree just before Thanksgiving. After Christmas another team of Don and Yvonne Derosier, Catherine Polley and David Maas, and Father Tom and Elizabeth Campbell, all of Spearfish, drove to Pierre to take down the tree decorations.

The ornaments may be picked up at the ECW Spring Board Meeting on April 30th or at the State ECW Diocesan Meeting on September 9th. Any questions may be directed to Diocesan ECW President Deacon Judy Peterson at 605-692-9218.

- submitted by Elizabeth Campbell



UTO Greetings

My name is **Diana Regan** and I am happy to introduce myself as the new Coordinator for United Thank Offering for the Diocese of South Dakota.

Nothing else has changed in our support of UTO. Our two in-gatherings will be in the Spring, near Pentecost, and the in the fall, near All Saints Day. Our opportunity to express our thankfulness extends to so many by our giving. Please mail your donations to Mary Armin at the Diocesan office. I do not collect any of the money.

Our UTO materials are available by phoning 800-903-5544 or you can place your order on-line www.episcopalchurch.org/uto. I too will have materials available at our table at the Diocesan Convention in Pierre in September for you to get your supplies replenished.



If you do not have a UTO representative in your church, I am sure someone would be glad to volunteer so that all may know of the opportunities this effort offers us.

If you are not receiving your UTO packet for your church, please contact me. I will then do what I can to make sure you do get them.

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gmaregan@knology.net

I wish you all God's peace and love.
Pass on your grateful spirit to those in need.

Sincerely in Christ,
Diana Regan.

**2010 PLEDGE TO THE DIOCESE
As of January 27, 2011**

	Pledge	Paid To Date	Balance	ChurchNews	Paid To Date	Balance
PARISHES:						
Aberdeen - St. Mark's	13,200.00	13,200.00	0.00	30.00	30.00	0.00
Belle Fourche - St. James'	3,300.00	3,300.00	0.00	105.00	105.00	0.00
Brookings - St. Paul's	10,800.00	10,800.00	0.00	240.00	240.00	0.00
Deadwood - St. John's	6,293.00	6,293.00	0.00	90.00	90.00	0.00
Huron - Grace	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	330.00	330.00	0.00
Lead - Christ Church	6,133.00	6,183.00	(50.00)	170.00	170.00	0.00
Mitchell - St. Mary's	1,625.00	1,625.00	0.00	110.00	110.00	0.00
Mobridge - St. James'	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00	65.00	65.00	0.00
Pierre - Trinity	16,523.00	15,523.00	1,000.00	55.00	55.00	0.00
Rapid City - Emmanuel	44,863.00	44,863.00	0.00	290.00	655.46	(365.46)
Rapid City - St. Andrew's	26,014.00	26,014.08	(0.08)	330.00	330.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Calvary	59,448.00	59,448.00	0.00	820.00	820.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd	8,000.00	9,000.00	(1,000.00)	40.00	40.00	0.00
Spearfish - All Angels	18,407.00	18,407.00	0.00	290.00	290.00	0.00
Sturgis - St. Thomas'	4,902.00	4,902.00	0.00	115.00	115.00	0.00
Watertown - Trinity	8,605.00	8,605.01	(0.01)	245.00	245.00	0.00
Winner - Trinity	4,196.00	4,196.00	0.00	115.00	115.00	0.00
Yankton - Christ Church	22,000.00	20,166.63	1,833.37	445.00	296.64	148.36
TOTAL PARISHES	272,009.00	270,225.72	1,783.28	3,885.00	4,102.10	(217.10)
Bonesteel - St. Andrew's	497.00	497.00	0.00	30.00	30.00	0.00
Chamberlain - Christ Church	3,474.00	3,474.00	0.00	110.00	110.00	0.00
Cheyenne River Mission	675.00	700.00	(25.00)	435.00	295.00	140.00
Crow Creek Mission	1,005.00	1,018.00	(13.00)	175.00	175.00	0.00
DeSmet - St. Stephen's	30.00	30.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	0.00
Flandreau - St. Mary's	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	90.00	90.00	0.00
Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's	2,904.00	2,904.00	0.00	85.00	85.00	0.00
Gettysburg - Christ Church	300.00	300.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00
Gregory - Incarnation	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
Herrick - All Saints	250.00	270.41	(20.41)	20.00	20.00	0.00
Hot Springs - St. Luke's	2,352.00	2,352.00	0.00	215.00	215.00	0.00
Lake Andes - St. Peter's	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
Lower Brule Mission	2,038.00	2,038.00	0.00	40.00	40.00	0.00
Madison - Grace	2,092.00	2,092.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
Martin - St. Katharine's	3,511.00	3,511.02	(0.02)	205.00	204.98	0.02
Milbank - Christ Church	2,824.00	2,824.00	0.00	65.00	65.00	0.00
Pine Ridge Mission	1,452.00	1,458.00	(6.00)	325.00	367.00	(42.00)
Rapid City - St. Matthew's	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00	115.00	115.00	0.00
Rosebud Mission	7,283.00	8,102.00	(819.00)	310.00	310.00	0.00
Santee Mission	2,019.00	2,019.00	0.00	95.00	95.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles	7,529.00	7,529.00	0.00	85.00	85.00	0.00
Sisseton - Gethsemane	800.00	800.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	60.00
Sisseton Mission	2,400.00	2,000.00	400.00	35.00	15.00	20.00
Standing Rock Mission	100.00	100.00	0.00	130.00	85.00	45.00
Vermillion - St. Paul's	10,478.00	10,478.00	0.00	180.00	180.00	0.00
Webster - St. Mary's	1,200.00	1,500.00	(300.00)	25.00	25.00	0.00
Yankton Mission	800.00	839.25	(39.25)	130.00	130.00	0.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	60,813.00	61,635.68	(822.68)	3,125.00	2,876.98	248.02
TOTAL PARISH AND MISSIONS	332,822.00	331,861.40	960.60	7,010.00	6,979.08	30.92

South Sudan Secedes

In land area, Sudan is Africa's largest country and the 10th largest country in the world. Bordered by nine other countries, it is central to the African and Arab worlds.

The British originally drew the borders artificially, creating a Sudan by combining two ethnically diverse regions. Under their administration, northern Sudan and southern Sudan were governed separately. In 1954, at the end of British rule, the Arab north and African south were unified as one country.

Civil wars ensued, the latest ending in 2005 with a peace agreement that gave the south political autonomy for 6 years, to be followed in 2011 by a referendum to decide whether or not the region should become an independent country.

The referendum was a main provision in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement that brought an end to a 21-year civil war that claimed 2 million lives and displaced many more. With the vote to secede made official, a transitional period will commence, with the official start of a new nation scheduled for July.

The two sides must still negotiate citizenship rights, oil rights and border demarcation. A further referendum is also due on the future of the border area, Abyei, which has been contested by the north and south. Also due are popular consultations for the people of the Nuba Mountains and Southern Blue Nile on their future.

More than 98% of votes cast in Southern Sudan's referendum supported independence from the north. Churches in the Diocese of South Dakota helped raise money for a bus to transport members of the Sudanese community in Sioux Falls to Omaha to vote. The results, announced February 8 by election officials, set the stage for Southern Sudan to become the world's newest country (the 193rd) on July 9, 2011. Juba will be its capital. Sudan President Omar Al-Bashir announced that he accepts the outcome of the vote.

The United States will recognize Southern Sudan as

a sovereign nation in July and review Sudan's designation as a sponsor of terrorism because it accepted the south's vote to secede. President Obama issued the following statement:



The White House

February 07, 2011

Statement by the President on the Intent to Recognize Southern Sudan

“On behalf of the people of the United States, I congratulate the people of Southern Sudan for a successful and inspiring referendum in which an overwhelmingly majority of voters chose inde-

pendence. I am therefore pleased to announce the intention of the United States to formally recognize Southern Sudan as a sovereign, independent state in July 2011.

After decades of conflict, the images of millions of southern Sudanese voters deciding their own future was an inspiration to the world and another step forward in Africa's long journey toward justice and democracy. Now, all parties have a responsibility to ensure that this historic moment of promise becomes a moment of lasting progress. The Comprehensive Peace Agreement must be fully implemented and outstanding disputes must be resolved peacefully. At the same time, there must be an end to attacks on civilians in Darfur and a definitive end to that conflict.

As I pledged in September when addressing Sudanese leaders, the United States will continue to support the aspirations of all Sudanese—north and south, east and west. We will work with the governments of Sudan and Southern Sudan to ensure a smooth and peaceful transition to independence. For those who meet all of their obligations, there is a path to greater prosperity and normal relations with the United States, including examining Sudan's designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism. And while the road ahead will be

Moses returns to his village in May to celebrate the opening of the new school. He will deliver to the new church the prayer books & hymnals made possible with your donations. Will you also help him deliver school supplies or uniforms or desks or scholarships? The needs are still great to finish and sustain this school, to provide the children of Panyang the education that we take for granted.

difficult, those who seek a future of dignity and peace can be assured that they will have a steady partner and friend in the United States.”

Presiding Bishop comments on Sudanese referendum:

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori shared the joy of the Episcopal Church with the people in Sudan on the positive outcome of the country-wide referendum.

“The Episcopal Church is deeply grateful for the peaceful outcome of the referendum in Sudan. We rejoice with our brothers and sisters in both Southern and Northern Sudan as they work for peaceful co-existence. Our partnerships with the Episcopal Church of Sudan, which will remain united as one church body, will continue. We pray for peace, and for communities where all may enjoy the abundant life for which all God’s children have been created.”

—Excerpted from the Anglican Communication News Service, USA Today, Episcopal News Service

Episcopal Church calls for Anglican Covenant study

Over the past few years you may have heard about an “Anglican Covenant,” which the Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting Anglican churches to sign as a way of addressing the disagreements and differences revealed by the uproar over Gene Robinson’s election as Bishop of New Hampshire in 2003.

The Episcopal Church is the American branch of the worldwide Anglican Communion, a fellowship of churches who share a common descent from the Church of England. With 70 million members, the Anglican Communion is the second largest Christian denomination worldwide.

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Share your heart with children in Panyang, South Sudan

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The proposed covenant (<http://www.aco.org/commission/covenant/final/text.cfm>) has aroused contrasting responses among different groups of Anglicans. It is generally understood that if adopted, the covenant would tighten the official bonds by which Anglican churches are connected. Churches would be more accountable to one another and to the central authority represented by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Opinions differ on whether this would be a good thing. Proponents argue that its adoption would increase discipline, unity, and clarity (<http://covenant-communion.net/index.php/>). Opponents counter with the argument that centralized authority and clear lines of hierarchical discipline are un-Anglican; that the covenant would restrict the movement of the Holy Spirit and make the relationship among member churches one of bureaucracy rather than mutual Christian love (<http://noanglican covenant.org>).

(adapted from an article by The Rev. Grace Burson in Episcopal Journal, February 2011).

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, House of Deputies President Bonnie Anderson and Executive Council member Rosalie Simmonds Ballentine have issued a letter to the church calling for study on the Anglican Covenant.

“We strongly urge every congregation in this Church to engage in discussion of the proposed Covenant at some time in the coming two years,” the letter states.

The full text of the letter follows:

September 3, 2010

To: Members of The Episcopal Church

The final draft of the proposed Anglican Covenant was released in mid-December, 2009 for formal consideration for adoption by constituent Provinces of the Anglican Communion through appropriate processes.

The 76th General Convention further committed the Episcopal Church’s engagement with the covenant process (Resolution 2009-D020). As the highest leg-

islative authority of The Episcopal Church, the General Convention is the body that will ultimately decide The Episcopal Church’s position with respect to participation in an Anglican Communion Covenant.

We strongly urge every congregation in this Church to engage in discussion of the proposed Covenant at some time in the coming two years. A discussion group could be organized during Advent (2010 or 2011) or Lent (2011 or 2012), or at another time before General Convention. In order for General Convention to reflect the mind of the whole Church, the bishops and deputies who participate in General Convention need to know the thoughtful and faithful reactions of the many and varied faith communities represented in this Church.

The final Proposed Covenant and Study Guide can be downloaded here: <http://extranet.generalconvention.org/staff/files/download/1510>.

There is some advantage to engaging this discussion in the coming church year (2010-2011). In order for the Executive Council Task Force to reflect the Church’s initial response to the final draft of the Anglican Covenant, and to be included in Executive Council’s Blue Book Report to the 77th General Convention, we are specifically asking bishops and diocesan General Convention deputations to make comments on the proposed covenant, which will inform Executive Council’s response. **Those comments need to be received by April 24, 2011 at this address:** gcoffice@episcopalchurch.org

Discussion in the following year, leading up to General Convention, will continue to inform the bishops and deputies, even though individual comments will not be included in the Blue Book report. Read the covenant document, explore the study guide, pray and discuss the issues you discern, and talk to others. The mind of Christ is not discerned in isolated communities, but as we engage these matters more broadly, with those who agree, those who disagree, and those who ask probing questions.

We on the Executive Council entrust this work to the leading of the Holy Spirit and look forward to continuing our engagement in this process of discernment. We thank you for participating as we grow more deeply into our common life in the Anglican Communion.

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Summer Camp Cooks apply now!

Contact Holly Moseley at teenangels@rushmore.com or 642-4349 for full details. Employment is for June and July. Room and board provided as well as salary.



Camp Cook

Full job description and application form is also at www.diocesesd.org

A brief look at the *JOB DESCRIPTION*

Responsibilities:

1. Keep the kitchen clean, including dish-washing. Assist with kitchen/dining room maintenance.
2. Prepare meals as listed on the menus in a safe and sanitary manner. Utilize leftovers whenever possible and observe good stewardship of all supplies. Store leftover food in a safe and sanitary manner. Dispose of outdated food as needed.
3. Keep inventory of food, equipment, and other kitchen supplies, and inform Manager of needed repairs.
4. Attend all orientation sessions.
5. Maintain a positive perspective on each camper, fellow staff member, and guest.
6. Help ensure that TEC is a safe, caring, friendly place for everyone there.
7. Comply fully with the regulations and policies of Thunderhead Episcopal Camp.

Benefits:

1. Training before camps begin and throughout the summer, including First Aid/CPR.
2. Workman's compensation
3. Three (3) paid sick days

EYE 2011

COME TOGETHER: INTIMATELY LINKED IN THIS HARVEST WORK

St. Paul, Minnesota

June 21-27

**E.Y.E. SLOTS
ARE FILLING UP FAST!
REGISTER NOW!**

Here are a few logistical notes that you need to be aware of:

1. We have a bus to drive us to EYE. The diocesan youth convention budget will be applied toward facilitating this trip. **This summer pilgrimage is the big Diocesan event of 2011.** Please consider making it a priority!
2. The bus to EYE doesn't get us off the hook for transportation and carpooling though. We will still need lots of help getting kids to camp on the 17th of June, and picking kids up IN SIOUX FALLS ON THE 27TH. Any kids NOT going to EYE will need to be picked up promptly on Tuesday morning, June 21. Those kids who are rising 9th graders are invited to the camp part of the experience, but are NOT old enough for EYE. (That's their requirement, not mine.)
3. I have only 30 slots for youth to go to EYE. (That's their limit, not mine.) So... if you have kids who want to go, you MUST sign them up ASAP to hold their spots. Even if you have youth who choose not to go to Thunderhead, you need to register them for EYE through me (Rita). The cost for EYE alone is \$350 per person.
4. I have only 10 slots for adults, and I will need to use those slots for the camp counselors who will be chaperoning the trip. EYE is a great leadership development opportunity for those counselors. But it does mean that we will fill the slots. I apologize for any inconvenience this gives! There will be experienced adult leadership on the trip as well – myself and at least one other veteran youth minister will accompany the pilgrimage, and we will be met by Fr. Two Bulls, Sarah Eagle Heart, and others when we get to St. Paul.
5. If you have kids who can do the full pilgrimage (Camp and EYE) they will get a discount – we can offer the whole package for \$500. If you have kids who need scholarship, please let me know, as I promise we can find what we need to get kids to this amazing experience.

The Rev. Rita Powell
Diocesan Youth Coordinator
605-695-0110
youth.diocese@midconetwork.com

2011 TEC Schedule

May 20-22 **Mini-Work Weekend**
Reservations needed
– thunderhead@dakotablue.net

May 26-31 reserved

June 3-5 **Main Work Weekend**
Reservations needed
– thunderhead@dakotablue.net

June 5-10 **Summer Seminary**
—check it out at the diocesan website:
www.diocesesd.org or in this issue of
ChurchNews – the courses are always
good

June 12-16 **Family/5th & 6th Grade
Camp** Contact the Rev. Rita Powell to reg-
ister at youth.diocese@midconetwork.com.
Camp registration form on page 15.

June 16-19 **Niobrara Convocation at Camp**

June 17-21 **High School Camp at TEC**
• 9th graders go home on 21st

June 21-27 **High School Camp at EYE**
(10th-12th graders) (in St. Paul, MN, via Calvary
Cathedral in Sioux Falls; bus does not return to
camp from Sioux Falls)

July 1-4 Thunderhead
Episcopal Center is
AVAILABLE for
use over the 4th of July
weekend. If you are planning a
family reunion or other gathering, please contact
Holly Moseley at 605.642.4349 or teenan-
gels@rushmore.com for more information.

July 5-10 **Middle School (7th & 8th grade)
Camp.** Registration form on page 15

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

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

Aug 19-21 *tentative* **Men's Retreat**

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



Thunderhead Episcopal Center 2011 Wish List

For the kitchen:

- Flour-sack type towels
- Commercial upright freezer (\$4500)
- Conveyor-type toaster/cooker (about \$2000)

For the chapel:

- Two new banners – talk to Holly
- Hymnals (if you are replacing yours)
- Updated songbooks (\$250)
- New carpet/flooring

For SuperTent:

- Underwrite Internet connection (\$500/yr)
- Mattress pads for queen, full, and twin beds

(Continued on page 14)

Other:

- Replace a deck (\$500)
- Paint/stain for decks and picnic tables
- Scholarships
- Build up the endowment
- Cook for a camp session or retreat
- Maintenance volunteers

Thank You! for

- Industrial vacuum
- Power dryer
- Roaster - thank you, two donated!
- Dishcloths – thank you
- New shower mats - thanks to St. Matthew's, RC, for newly decorated Shower House



Congregation Challenge —Adopt a Project—

new!

Trinity, Pierre is coming out during the Work Weekend to build a deck. *Thank you!*

St. Matthew's, Rapid City has already cleaned and painted the shower house. This included replacing the shower curtains and mats.

St. Paul's, Brookings has signed on to make curtains for the cabins and a new sign by the highway.

What project will your congregation choose? The idea is to bring a crew out to experience the beauty and gracious hospitality of Thunderhead Episcopal Center, while doing something that will enhance the experience for all our visitors.

Some project ideas are listed in the Wish List (to the left and page 13), some are listed below, and we are open to suggestions. Talk to Holly Moseley, Camp Manager at 351-1328 or email thunderhead@dakotablue.net

- Fix up the chapel – ceiling needs repair, flooring needs to be replaced (carpet is worn out), and banners need updating
- Paint SuperTent walls
- Insulate and re-side cabins (or a cabin)
- Fence around septic tanks and wellhead
- Upgrade the volleyball court, including sand
- Set up a disc (Frisbee) golf course
- Clean the grounds – rake, clear dead wood, etc.
- Prep camp for the season
- Close down camp for the season

Projects can be scheduled May-October!



Diocese of South Dakota 2011 Summer Youth Camps

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

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

Send forms, checks etc., to:

**TEC Registration
500 South Main Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57104**

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



Camp Schedule

5th & 6th Grade and Family Camp • Sunday, June 12-Thursday, June 16

Start a tradition of **Family Camp** as vacation time at beautiful, peaceful Thunderhead Episcopal Center. Relax together and build memories around hiking into the woods for an outdoor Eucharist, plunging into the cold waters of Spearfish Creek, and telling stories around a campfire—all while building your faith together as a family. You'll have your own space, all meals are provided, and the cost is unbeatable. Open to all families and kids of any age, especially elementary-aged kids.

5th & 6th Graders are encouraged to attend this camp as an introduction to TEC. This camp will offer fun and faith-building activities for kids and grownups, together and separately. Campers welcomed to stay on for Niobrara Convocation, to be held at TEC. June 17-19. **Cost: \$100 per person or \$250 per family.**

Middle School/ Confirmation Camp • Tuesday, July 5-Sunday, July 10

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

High School Camp/EYE* • Friday, June 17-Monday, June 27

High School campers have an amazing, two-part opportunity before them this year!

- (1) June 17-21: Experience Niobrara Convocation, which is being held at TEC this year. You'll meet youth groups from around the nation who attend this gathering of our Native diocesan churches. There will be storytelling around the fire and a special youth-oriented service on Saturday night. Convocation departs after Sunday worship on June 19, and campers will remain at TEC for a fun, retreat-like, community building camp, packed with laughter, prayer, and the beauty of the Hills.
- (2) June 21-27: On June 21, campers will board a bus and head for the triennial national youth conference, Episcopal Youth Experience (EYE) in St. Paul, MN (with an overnight stop first at the Cathedral in Sioux Falls). On Sunday, June 26, we will worship and work with Father Bob Two Bulls Jr. at All Saints Indian Mission in urban Minneapolis, returning to Sioux Falls on Monday, June 27.

* *EYE is open to students who are in 9th-12th grades during the 2010-2011 school year. (We do plan to attend again in 2014!) Thirty slots are available for EYE on a first-come, first-served basis. You must register through the Rev. Rita Powell, registrar for the Diocese of South Dakota, so contact her asap if you plan to attend EYE. Attendance at EYE will replace this fall's youth convention, so let's fill every slot!*

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

My name is: _____

I am Male Female

My birth date is: _____

My address is: _____

My e-mail is: _____

My Parent or Guardian is: _____

Their phone is: _____

Their e-mail is: _____

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

Please tell us about your health:

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

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

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

PARENT/ GUARDIAN RELEASE

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

Parent/ Guardian Signature and Date

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

Cost of camp

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

Please check which camp you will attend:

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

Camper fees include room and board, all activities.

Check one:

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

What you need for camp

Please circle which one describes you!

I need/ I have a sleeping bag and pillow.

I need/ I have towel and toiletries.

I need/ I have clothes for outdoor activities.

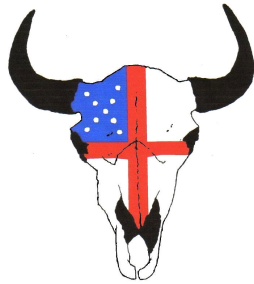
I need/ I have shoes for outdoor activities.

Behavior Expectations:

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

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

NIORRARA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

The Niobrara School for Ministry (NSM) provides quality theological education for locally trained candidates for deacon and priest, and also for all licensed and specialized lay ministries and ministry teams. In addition, NSM offers possibilities for continuing education for clergy and lay leadership.

NIORRARA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY MINISTRY WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM

I am registering for:

_____ Episcopal Identity, March 12 at Trinity, Pierre
(What makes the Episcopal Church unique?)

_____ Dakota Experience (West), March 18-19, 2011 in Rapid City

_____ I will need lodging in Rapid City

Name _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

e-mail _____

Fee: \$15 toward meals & materials for each day

****Send registration form and fees, at least 2 weeks in advance of class, to Registrar.**

Registrar: Patricia Woolley
590 W. 9th
Winner, SD 57580-2406
605-842-2033
dsdnsm@me.com

Questions? Archdeacon Paul Sneve
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 1606
Rapid City, SD 57701-1606
605-381-2018
paul1@rushmore.com

Application for Niobrara Summer Seminary 2011
Introduction to Theology
The Rev. Doug Dunn, Instructor

NIOBARARA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF
SOUTH DAKOTA

Please TYPE or PRINT clearly.

(A separate form should be filled out for each student.)

1. Student Name _____
2. Mailing Address _____
(Please write "General Delivery" if that is how you receive mail.)
3. City, State, Postal Code _____
4. Primary Telephone # _____
5. Alternate phone numbers *(indicate cell/work/fax)*

6. E-mail address _____
7. Tribal Affiliation _____
8. a) Home parish or mission _____
b) City & State _____
9. Expenses (check all that apply & enclose a check for the total amount):
 - Tuition: \$50** *(ALL students must check this box)*
 - Room and Board: SuperTent, double occupancy: \$200
 - Room and Board: SuperTent, single occupancy: \$250
 - Room and Board: Cabin, double occupancy: \$175
 - Meals Only: \$100
 - Textbook**
10. Date of application _____
11. Signature _____
(Please have guardian sign if applicant is under 18.)

Registrations should be mailed to:

Pat Woolley
590 W. 9th
Winner, SD 57580-2406
605-842-2033
dsdnsm@me.com

Questions:?

Archdeacon Paul Sneve
PO Box 1606
Rapid City, SD 57701
605-342-6199
paul1@rushmore.com

**Text TBA

Applications now accepted for Episcopal Church educational scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for more than 60 scholarships available through the Episcopal Church for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Earmarked for education and schooling for Episcopalians, the scholarship money is derived from numerous trust funds that have amassed over the years.

The list of scholarships, the guidelines, the application form and the instructions for filling out the form – are available here: http://www.episcopalchurch.org/109539_110675_ENG_HTM.htm

The list of trust funds and scholarships is here: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/documents/ScholarshipTrustFunds121609.pdf>

Applications are reviewed by scholarship subcommittees comprised of representatives from throughout the Church. Their recommendations are then reviewed and announced by the Scholarship Committee of the Episcopal Church.

Deadline for applications is April 15, 2011.

The amounts of the scholarships vary according to the availability of payouts from the funds. Annual payouts from the funds are determined by the Episcopal Church Executive Council upon recommendation of its Investment Committee. Principal amounts of each fund are always maintained. For the 2010-2011 academic year, the Scholarship Committee awarded over \$275,000 for 80 students.

Eligibility

In most cases, the scholarships are geared to particular audiences and students, explained Antoinette (Toni) Daniels, Co-director of Mission and Chair of the Scholarship Committee. "Trusts are given for particular areas of interest," she said. "Some of the scholarships are very specific."

Among the specific communities are: American Indians/Native Americans, African-Americans,

Asian-Americans, Latino/Hispanics, children of missionaries, medical missionaries, men in the ordination process, Pacific Island Americans, children of living or deceased bishops and clergy; Chinese girls; and others.

Requirements

In order to apply, Daniels stated, the applicant must:

- be an Episcopalian
- be a member of an Episcopal congregation
- have the endorsement of his/her bishop.

Only complete applications will be considered.

The complete list plus instructions for applying available on line here: http://www.episcopalchurch.org/109539_110675_ENG_HTM.htm

For information contact Terry Foster, Mission Office Associate, tfoster@episcopalchurch.org.

The family of **The Most Rev. Walter Jones** has established a trust in the Diocese of South Dakota to provide encouragement and support for continuing ministry education. Should there be more than one applicant annually for the available funding, preference will be given to those of native heritage. Contact Randy Barnhardt in the Diocesan Office if you have questions regarding the provisions of this fund or if you wish to apply for support.
 605-338-9751
randy.diocese@midconetwork.com

Deadline for ITTI Scholarship assistance is MAY 1
 605-338-9751
randy.diocese@midconetwork.com

CLERGY RETREAT @ BLUE CLOUD ABBEY May 3-6, 2011

Our Annual Clergy Retreat is returning this year to familiar surroundings at Blue Cloud Abbey in Marvin, SD. The retreat will begin with supper on Tuesday, May 3rd and conclude with lunch on Friday, May 6th.

The retreat has been organized to allow for a balance between “being” and “doing.” After breakfast each day we will gather and be led in a series of reflections and meditations on several aspects of the Rule of St. Benedict by Abbott Denis Quinkert, OSB. Afternoons have been set aside for clergy to have time for themselves and their own spiritual care, rest and recreation. After supper the clergy may choose to gather in the lower level lounge area for refreshments, games or just visiting with each other.

The cost of this retreat will be shared by the Diocese and Clergy with a Clergy Offering of \$100 per person. Scholarship funds are available for anyone who needs assistance. No one shall be turned away.

There are a limited number of rooms available in the Abbey so we encourage you to make your reservations early with Mary Armin to assure you have a place at the Abbey and not have to commute to nearby motels. If you would be willing to share a room, this will allow us to accommodate a few more folks.

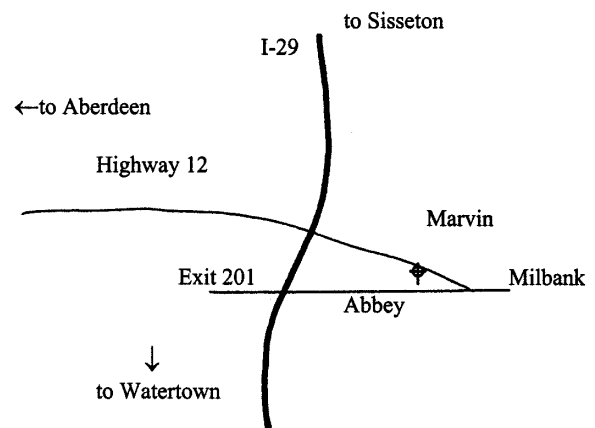
More information and a daily schedule will be sent later this Spring to those who register for the retreat.

Bring: Bring seasonally appropriate casual clothing, your Book of Common Prayer, Bible, Hymnal 1982, and Dakota hymnal.

Worship: Daily offices and Eucharist are scheduled. You may choose to worship at Morning Prayer with the Abbey community at 6:45 a.m.

Rooms: Unless specified below, rooms will be single occupancy. Only 21 rooms are available at the Abbey. Overflow will be lodged at a motel in Milbank.

Directions to Blue Cloud Abbey:
Turn east from I-29 exit 201, 6 miles
Look for a sign on the right. Turn north.
2 miles to Blue Cloud Abbey



For emergency use: (605) 398-9200

Registration Form

Name _____

Enclosed is \$100 toward expenses. (*Total or partial scholarship help is available. Please ask. No one shall be turned away.*)

NOTE: All rooms will be single occupancy unless otherwise noted.

I am willing to share a room (with _____ [optional]).

Please list here any information we need to know such as special dietary requirements or other needs you may have.

Return form and payment ASAP or by April 15 to Mary Armin, 500 South Main Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104. Call the office (605) 338-9751 (or email office.diocese@midconetwork.com) if you have questions.

GRACE HAPPENS

By The Rev. Fred Jessett

A Grace-filled Life

One of the most positive and thankful people I have ever met died last year at the age of 72. Her name is Anne White.

I met her in 1957 when she was a freshman at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, and I was a soldier stationed at nearby Ft. Carson. We met at the Episcopal Church there. We became friends – not boy friend-girl friend – just friends, and we stayed in contact through all the years since then because she was the kind of person you want to keep in touch with.

Anne played the piano, wrote songs, and after graduation from American University with a degree in Communications, she had her own record label, and two of her songs made the billboard charts in Detroit, Cleveland and Pittsburgh. She appeared on national television. Later she moved to Hawaii where she ran a printing and public relations business before becoming a well known, successful realtor.

After a few years moving away from her childhood faith, experimenting with a different lifestyle, she wrote to me about a charismatic church she had heard of in Honolulu that sounded interesting. I wrote to her that from what I knew about that church, if she went it might change her life, and she needed to know that. She went, and stayed and it did change her life. For the rest of her life, she was a faithful and joyful Christian. For 40 years she drove a street-legal Cushman golf cart around Honolulu with a sign on the back that read, “Jesus is my life-time battery.”

She drove that cart because she could not drive a car nor even walk without crutches (she called them her “wings”). She was born with Cerebral Palsy. Despite that fact, she was so positive and thankful that if you were with her for any length of time you would never say that she was handicapped or crippled, because she truly wasn’t.

I said she played the piano, because she did and she played it well despite the fact that the palsy affected her hands.

Anne was able to accomplish so much because of her positive, thankful attitude toward life. It made people want to be around her. If she resented, or felt deprived about what she didn’t have, I never heard her express it. And the fact that she had an enormous number of friends and relatives, actual and “adopted”, indicates to me that she simply was always thankful and positive.

Anne fell seriously ill last spring and struggled to live. After several months she finally seemed to be getting better, so in July her family and friends decided to hold a celebration of her life while she could be there to enjoy it. She loved it. It was a quintessentially Anne White thing to do. They made a DVD of the celebration for all her friends who could not be there and that could have been Anne’s idea too.

Unfortunately her improved health didn’t last; she died in September and the world lost a shining example of God’s grace in action. Yet in God’s economy of grace nothing good is ever lost, and those who knew her will always thank God that she was for a time our friend and companion. Her final gift was the donation of her body for research at the University of Hawaii’s School of Medicine.

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Loving Creator, fill our hearts with such goodness that others may know we have a relationship with you.

God of mercy, if there is any sin, any attitude, any spiritual laziness keeping us from loving you fully, help us give them up for the joy of obedience.

Rustic Cabins In The Black Hills

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

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

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

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

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



Chapel of the Transfiguration



The Bishop's Cabin at Camp Remington

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

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

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

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

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Bishop's visitation dates
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Diocesan Calendar

MARCH

MARCH 1 PAROCHIAL REPORTS DUE
Mar 6 St. Paul's, Vermillion
Mar 12 NSM, Episcopal Identity
Mar 13 All Angels, Spearfish
Mar 18-19 Dakota Experience West
Mar 18-31 Title IV Workshop &
House of Bishops

APRIL

Apr 3 Standing Rock Mission
Apr 7-8 Commission on Ministry, Pierre
Apr 8-9 Mega Meeting, Pierre
Apr 10 Trinity, Pierre
Apr 10 *Church News* deadline (May/June issue)
Apr 12 Blessing of Oils service
Apr 17 Trinity, Winner
Apr 21-23 Holy Week at Cheyenne River
Apr 24 Easter at Cheyenne River
Apr 30 ECW Spring Mtg, Al's Oasis

MAY

May 1 Calvary Cathedral
May 3-6 Clergy Retreat, Blue Cloud Abbey
May 6-7 Niobrara Council, Ft. Pierre
May 7-17 Taizé trip
May 8 St. Matthew, Rapid City
May 15 Emmanuel, Rapid City
May 20-21 TEC Work Weekend
May 22 St. Mary's, Mitchell
May 23-Jun 4 Bishop away

JUNE

Jun 3-4 Work Weekend @ TEC
Jun 5 Christ Church, Lead
Jun 5-10 Summer Seminary @ TEC
Jun 10 *ChurchNews* deadline (Jul/Aug issue)
Jun 12 St. John the Baptist, Deadwood
Jun 12-16 Family Camp @ TEC
Jun 16-19 Niobrara Convocation @ TEC
Jun 17-21 High School Camp
Jun 21-27 EYE, St. Paul, MN
Jun 26 Christ Church, Yankton



Christ Episcopal Church
 “The Mother Church of the Diocese”
 Established in 1861

They are celebrating their 150th
 anniversary the weekend of
 June 24-26, 2011.

Bishop Tarrant will be there,
 and lots of other activities are
 being planned. Check it all out
 at:

www.christepiscopalchurchyankton.com

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Thunderhead Episcopal Center is available for use over the 4th of July weekend. If you are planning a family reunion or other gathering, please contact Holly Moseley at 605.642.4349 or teenangels@rushmore.com for more information.

Pasture land to lease long-term

Approximately 100 acres of land near O’Neill Pass. Terms to be negotiated to include repair of fencing and weed-control.

Contact Randy Barnhardt, 605-338-9751.

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.