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140th Niobrara Convocation

In June the 140th Niobrara Convocation will be held on the Standing Rock Reservation—this year crossing the state boarder into North Dakota.

Grand River Casino
Hwy 12
Mobridge, SD
605-845-7104
800-475-3321

The event will take place June 14-17, 2012 at the Standing Rock Middle School in Ft. Yates, ND. It is hosted by the North Dakota Council on Indian Ministries.



Special guest visitors this year include the Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori; the President of the House of Deputies, Dr. Bonnie Anderson; Sarah Eagle Heart, Missioner for Native American / Indigenous Ministries; and several other bishops and visiting groups.

Lodging accommodations can be made at

Prairie Knights Casino
Hwy 24
Ft. Yates, ND
701-854-7777

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Niobrara Convocation*

or -

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Hospitality Funds may be sent to
Wilma Patterson
PO Box 590
Ft. Yates, ND 58538-0590

For more information, go to: <http://www.fusion4-standingrock.com> and click on the 140th Niobrara Convocation button/Link. The direct url to the Niobrara Page is: http://www.fusion4-standingrock.com/#!__140-niobrara-convocation

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Proposed Schedule

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All congregations are asked to contribute \$100 to the Hospitality Funds for Niobrara Convocation and for Diocesan Convention.

Send *Convocation* funds to Wilma Patterson, PO Box 590, Ft. Yates, ND 58538-0590.

Send *Convention* funds to 500 S. Main Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814

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Grace and Peace to you . . .

I was blessed to spend Maundy Thursday through Easter Day on Rosebud Mission. We had Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Services, and the Easter Vigil at the Bishop Jones building in Mission. The Rev. Webster Two Hawk and the Rev. Annie Henninger were present and very supportive. Mother Annie coordinated the Vigil and Fr. Webster and I baptized over twenty candidates. We also had three confirmation candidates.

On Easter Day I conducted services at the Church of Jesus, Rosebud; Holy Innocents, Parmelee; and Grace Chapel, Soldier Creek. The Rev. Annie Henninger officiated at Calvary, Okreek; All Saints', Herrick; and the Church of the Incarnation, Gregory. Fr. Webster Two Hawk conducted an Easter Day Service at St. Philip & St. James Station in White River along with his help at the Vigil. The Rev. Mark Swanson served Trinity, Mission after conducting a service at St. John's in Valentine, Nebraska. Canon David Hussey covered St. Thomas, Corn Creek and St. Paul's, Norris following his Easter Service at St. Peter's, Ft. Pierre. Fr. Stan Woolley worked with representatives from all of the churches and put this rather complex Holy Week/Easter schedule together as well as his services at Trinity, Winner and Holy Spirit, Ideal. Of course, there were numerous lay leaders who supported these Easter Celebrations.

What an amazing effort to make sure all of our churches on and around Rosebud Mission East and West had services for Easter Day during this interim time on Rosebud!

The hard work and willingness of people to adjust their schedules was inspiring. It felt like the Church at her best. It was a wonderful team endeavor. Easter is the celebration of the re-creation of our relationship with



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

God. Easter weekend on Rosebud Mission felt like a re-creation. The peace of God was present; a spirit of redirection and forgiveness was evident. A time of hope has arrived.

This summer will see the first young adults arrive at the Bishop Hare Center to begin to form the intentional young adult community that we will launch there in the fall with the ELCA Synod. This community will reach out to the entire Rosebud Mission in a spirit of service and an eagerness to learn and to build relationships. We are continuing to recruit the right person (the person God is calling) to serve as Mission priest. Please, keep that process in your prayers.

I am overwhelmed by the graciousness of God, the generosity of God's people and the willingness of the members of this Diocese to embrace the re-creation of our mission and ministry as God's will unfolds before us. May you know the 'peace of God which passes all understanding'; may the risen Lord breathe the Holy Spirit into you; and may you proclaim by word and example the love of God in Christ to those whose lives you touch.

Alleluia, Christ has risen!

+John



Niobrara Convocation

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Proposed Schedule

Thursday, June 14

- 2:00 pm Registration begins
- 5:00 pm Supper
- 6:30 pm Opening Ceremonies
- 7:00 pm Sunset Prayers

Friday, June 15

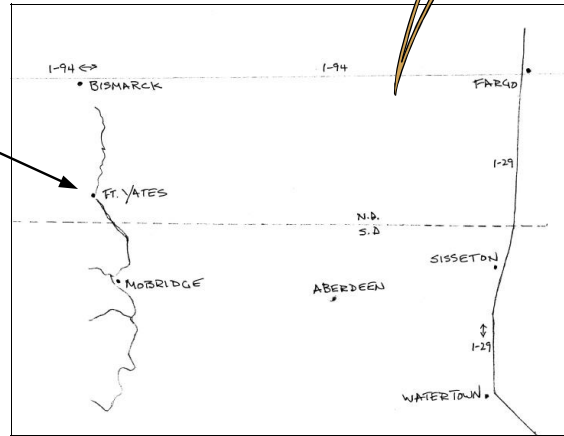
- 7:00 am Eucharist
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:30 am Combined Meeting
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 pm Separate Mtgs & Breakout Sessions
- 5:30 pm Supper
- 7:00 pm Sunset Prayers with Presiding
Bishop Katharine Jefforts Schori
Hymn Singing

Saturday, June 16

- 7:00 am Eucharist
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:30 am Joint Meeting & Ingathering
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 pm Quilt Auction
- 4:00 pm COM/SC Reception
- 5:30 pm Supper
- 7:00 pm Wopila—
Distribution of Lay Licenses
- 8:00 pm Healing Prayers
- 9:00 pm Hymn singing

Sunday, June 17

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Honoring/Dedication
- 9:30 am Procession gathers
- 10:00 am Eucharist & Niobrara Circle
- 12:00 Lunch



Learn Lakota? There's an app . . .

Indian Country magazine recently reported on a new, free app available in the iTunes store: Lakota Toddler. It's "an easy-to-use, fun way for toddlers to learn Lakota words."

The app gives users a colorful flashcard with a picture of an object or number, the Lakota word, and the English translation. When the screen is tapped, the word is spoken by the narrator, Dollie Red Elk.

Currently, the app has three categories – numbers, food, and body – and additional lessons are on the way. If it follows the precedent set by its creators (Isreal Shortman and Rusty Calder) these may include animals, colors, and phrases. There will also be a game feature to keep score.

Shortman's and Calder's first app was Navajo Toddler which came out last year. They feel that the technology is a good way to contribute to the preservation of American Indian languages. "We want to create an app that will help influence the younger generation to be fully engaged in the language/culture."

- Indian Country Today, April 4, 2012



Link of Interest

Episcopal Church Foundation Vital Practices
www.ecfvp.org

- Vestry Papers
- Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs
- Sample Vestry Job Description

Bishop visits Ideal

Bishop Tarrant made a Palm Sunday visit to **Holy Spirit Church** in Ideal. The church was filled to overflowing despite the 100 degree temperature of the day. He baptized Sage Thunder, Felicity Thunder, and Frederick Chamberlain at the service.

A luncheon was served afterward in the Guild Hall where several children gathered around for a photo op. The Guild Hall had a remodeled deck, some new siding and two new ramps done by the community this spring in anticipation of the Bishop's visit.



L-R: Felicity Thunder, Tatum Chamberlain, Jessica Tarrant, Carolyne Thunder, Memory Thunder, Pat Tarrant, Bishop Tarrant holding Sage Thunder, Katana Hernandez, Luke LaDeaux, and Lindsey LaDeaux

Church addresses aging population

More than one in three Episcopalians is over the age of 65, and another 41% of Episcopalians are between the ages of 45 to 64. That means three of every four members of the Episcopal Church are age 45 or older.

Currently one in every eight Americans is age 65 or older, and over one in four live alone. Every hour, 330 Americans reach the age of 60. These same baby boomers will start turning 65 during this triennium. Within 10 years, the age 85+ population will increase by 40%.

THINKING AHEAD . . .

Positions to be filled by election at Diocesan Convention

Standing Committee

- 1 Presbyter for 4 year term (expires 2016)
- 1 Lay for 4 year term (expires 2016)

In terms of economic stressors alone (retirement age, technology gaps, social services, Social Security, and Medicare) the impact of this demographic group on local congregations is profound.

In recognition of this, the 2003 General Convention passed resolution A007, establishing the Task Force for Older Adult Ministry. In 2009, General Convention passed a further resolution, D004, recognizing the church's need for Older Adult Ministry and the importance of endeavoring to answer the following questions:

- How do we recognize, honor, and utilize the experience, wisdom, and gifts of "older" adults?
- How do we develop ministries that integrate and weave multiple generations together spiritually?
- How do we cultivate Christ's message of hope and service for older adults, families, and their caregivers?
- How do we examine, explore, and create innovative and contemporary liturgical, spiritual, and service ministries by, with, and for all generations in the Body of Christ?

Here is an excerpt from resolution D004.

This unprecedented rapid growth of the older adult population nationwide and worldwide and the resultant challenges to the social and economic system demands response from the church. To raise awareness of these opportunities and challenges, the work of this proposed task force is in concert with the priorities for the mission of the church as established by the Executive Council in the following ways:

DOING JUSTICE AND ALLEVIATING POVERTY by encouraging outreach to homebound, institu-

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tionalized and all those marginalized through poverty and illness. This brings Christ's message of love and hope through a ministry by, with and for older adults, their families, and caregivers.

CLAIMING OUR IDENTITY by calling attention to the contributions of older adults to the church, while promoting their roles in developing spiritual and service ministries by, with and for all generations.

GROWING CONGREGATIONS by developing ways to recognize and honor the wisdom and gifts of older adults in the life of the church and community.

STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE AND FOUNDATIONS FOR MISSION AND PROMOTING ANGLICAN PARTNERSHIP by recognizing that this work cannot be done without the awareness and collaboration of a myriad of church, faith-based and community resources. This would encourage a new kind of networking matrix for the church nationwide and worldwide.

The realities that the larger church and the world face are also the ones we face here in South Dakota churches. Fortunately there are many who minister with and to our older members (of church and community) in many ways. More help will be needed in ways listed above and in more direct ways:

- Drivers who can pick up older people for church and other outings, especially at night when it is difficult and even dangerous for some to drive.
- Visits
- Telephone contact
- Meals
- Handyman jobs
- Social, intellectual, & spiritual activities

Older adults don't often ask for help because they have been independent for so long and don't wish to burden anyone, yet they would very much like to keep active and involved.

from *The Good Word*
Thank you to St. Andrew's, Rapid City

Intern coming to St. Matthew's

In June, Archdeacon Paul Sneve will begin a Sabbatical leave at the Vancouver School of Theology in Vancouver, British Columbia.



While Fr. Paul and his family are away, an intern will live in their home and serve the pastoral needs of St. Matthew's.

So please meet Kerlin Richter.

Kerlin is a student at General Theological Seminary in New York City and a candidate for

Holy Orders in the Diocese of Oregon. She is married to Jordan, and they have a son Adin.

Kerlin is originally from Nashville, TN, and prior to beginning seminary she was the editor of *Hip Mama*, a countercultural, feminist parenting 'zine. She is currently doing her field placement at Transmisson, a liturgical emerging church in NYC. You can read her blog at richterfamilyadventure.com

Kerlin will help care for the spiritual and pastoral needs of St. Matthew's by leading weekly Sunday Morning Prayer and Wednesday Evening Prayer services, making hospital and home pastoral visits and joining with the other Rapid City Episcopal churches in putting on a Summer Vacation Bible School. Kerlin will also be attending the Niobrara Convocation and sharing in the Ministry of Thunderhead Episcopal Center in the Black Hills. Kerlin will be mentored by Fr. Lyle Noisy Hawk and will assist Fr. Noisy Hawk at monthly services of Holy Communion and at Baptisms, Wake services and funerals as needed. Kerlin and her family will be living in the St. Matthew's rectory during the summer and helping to take care of the rectory and the Sneve pets.

We welcome the Richters and hope they come to love South Dakota and its people. In the fall Kerlin will return to New York to begin her senior year.

This is an essay I wrote for my English Composition 101 class. It outlines the effects that St. James, Belle Fourche has on the local community. I would like to share it in the *ChurchNews* to inspire other churches.

- Marie Subiate

A Church That Is All Heart

St. James Episcopal Church does more for its community than much larger churches. On an average Sunday, St. James ministers to about fifteen parishioners. This church is so small it cannot afford to hire a priest; instead its church members take an active role in ministering to the congregation through a Mutual Ministry approach. How can a church this small make a difference in its community? It is a little church which is all heart.

Like many churches, St. James started out by fulfilling the emotional and spiritual needs of the community. Built in the booming cattle town of Belle Fourche, SD in 1903, members of the community felt a need for a place that Christians could come together and pray. However, when the building was completed, there was not enough money to furnish the church. In an effort to get St. James up and running, a collection was taken to buy the furnishings. A hat was passed all through the community. It is even rumored that it traveled through the saloon and the dance hall girls contributed. Needing to give back to such a charitable community, St. James has always kept its doors open so people can seek guidance within its walls.

As the town of Belle Fourche was growing as an active railroad connection, the membership of St. James grew. In 1933, St. James added a Parish Hall to the church building. Acting as an unofficial community hall, St. James hosted dances, plays, and town meetings.

As the years went on, Belle Fourche outgrew the little church on the corner. Bigger churches of other denominations were built which were better able to house the growing population of the community. Yet, St. James still ministered to the community's need. They held rummage sales where people could buy gently used items. Community meals were offered to those that could not afford them or if someone just needed a place to go and talk to someone.

In modern days, many people in Belle Fourche do not even know that St. James Episcopal Church even exists. The low profile of St. James makes it an excellent meeting place for groups like Alcoholics Anonymous. AA has met at the parish hall three times a week for over thirty years, providing a safe environment for people battling alcoholism.



To help other individuals through their problems, St. James has, for the past fifteen years, been providing the Forward Movement booklet called *Forward Day By Day* to the South Dakota Women's Prison, in Pierre. These booklets give a daily reading for reflection to aid in personal growth and change. Because of the provided reading material, women can continue to connect with their faith or begin a new relationship with Christ. It also provides them with entertainment and mental stimulation.

People's problems are not always addictions or bad choices, they can be health problems. One of St. James' longest running charities is The Teddy Bear Fund. This fund is designed to furnish Spearfish Regional Hospital with teddy bears for children in the hospital. The Teddy Bear Fund is spearheaded by Deacon Mike Weaver as an outreach program. As a parent, Mike knows how scared children can be in a hospital. Something as simple as a stuffed animal can make a hospital stay much easier on a child. Mike established a fund that receives donations from local people and organizations. Twice a year, Mike and other members of St. James purchase stuffed animals from retail stores and deliver them to the hospital. Employees at the hospital distribute the stuffed animals to the young and the young at heart.

Knowing that children are our present and future, St. James wanted to reach out to needy children. Bill Kunerth works closely with the Butte County Health Nurse in Belle Fourche to bring the Ronald McDonald Dental Clinic to town. Twice a year the Dental Van can be seen parked outside of St. James Episcopal Church, offering its service to children who otherwise cannot afford to see a dentist. Over \$275,000 of dental work has been performed at no charge. Each year the dollar amount of dental work provided is lowering because of the previous years of service and repeated visits to the Dental Van. This proves the value of the dental clinics service is priceless to the over 850 children of the community who have received these services.



Families having problems providing dental care often have other financial setbacks, making it difficult to provide for their family. Each year the members of ECW adopt a needy family. Moggie Klipp, president, organizes this group of women which provides schools supplies and clothing to the children of the family. At Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter they give to the family everything needed to make the holiday meal. Presents for the children and gift certificates for the parents are also given. The members of ECW want every family to have an enjoyable holiday without the pressure of being able to afford one.

Not wanting to exclude the young at heart, St. James also provides outreach to the elderly in the community. Accompanied by piano players Loraine Klingler and Larry Klipp, members of St. James formed a group called the Harmonizers. At least once a month, the Harmonizers can be found at Judy's Assisted Living singing songs with the resi-

dents. After the merriment is done, coffee, goodies, and conversation is enjoyed with the residents, offering them a chance to connect with people from outside of the facility.

St. James also provides to other nursing facilities in Belle Fourche by ministering to elderly Episcopalians. Member of the Pastoral Care Team take monthly communion to residents at Belle Fourche Health Care Center and other community shut-ins. This reminds individuals they have not been forgotten by their church and updates them on what is going on at St. James.

Similarly, St. James Episcopal Church is the local station for the Black Hills State University Senior Volunteer Program. Members of St. James, led by Mike Reade, do volunteer work at the local Compassion Cupboard. The Compassion Cupboard provides food staples to members of the community who cannot afford them and also visit at the nursing home. One volunteer even acts as a legal guardian for an elderly gentleman. Many of St. James' senior members volunteer at the Tri-State Museum in Belle Fourche, while other members serve on local committees such as the Arts Council. These are truly selfless acts of kindness by seniors charitably giving back to their community.

The greatest influence that St. James has on its community is the impression it has on parishioners. "We receive more in return than what we give," said Fay Hersey, retired Senior Warden and Treasurer, who contributes her time to many of these projects. Members of St. James feel a sense of reward and pleasure from their giving, therefore they are continually exploring new opportunities to give back to Belle Fourche and surrounding areas. The heartbeat of St. James Episcopal Church will continue to echo through the community of Belle Fourche through medical services, food for the needy, support services, and companionship to the elderly.

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**

God's Easter Vision

The name "Easter" according to the Venerable Bede (c. 673-735) comes from an Anglo Saxon spring goddess, "Eostre". So, here again, as with Christmas, the church "baptized" a pagan spring fertility holiday and adapted it to the celebration of the resurrection of Christ. Today we still have reminders of our pagan past in the fertility symbol of the "Easter Bunny" and as we collect Easter Eggs.

The Message of Easter continues to convert people to Christ to this day. The Gospel message that God is with us, within us, in our midst in all of our lives was and still is revolutionary. The reality that we each in our personal lives and choices have a vital part in the making of the Kingdom Of God here on earth and connected with our loved ones in paradise is powerful. We are in God's presence, and in Christ Jesus, understand that we are God's presence here on earth; choice by choice, for better or worse.

All of this is possible for us because God raised Jesus from the dead. We are a people of the Resurrection; Easter People. As God raised (Justified) Jesus so does God raise (Justify) us. I refer to Paul's letter to the Romans (4:13-25) where he speaks of God's Justification of Abraham because of Abraham and Sarah's faith. They had trust in God; they bet their life that God would do what God promised He would do. St. Paul continues to proclaim that as God justified Abraham and Sarah, so God justified Jesus by raising him from the dead.

There is much violence in the Scriptures, but the scriptures are not about violence. I would be inclined to hold with those who assert that God does not do violence. In Jesus, we see God responding to the corrupt and oppressive political, economic and religious powers that conspired to silence Jesus; that peace, and justice and mercy may not be achieved by violence. Peace, Justice and Mercy are achieved by relational means. Jesus trusted that God worked relationally, and that God's envisioned future would be achieved by relational means and not by violence or giving in to overwhelming corrupt and oppressive "Principalities and Powers". This is the "third way" that we gather around our altars on Easter Day to proclaim and celebrate.

Jesus hardly ever referred to the gospels and never quoted St Paul. Jesus' scriptures were the Hebrew Scriptures. From these roots, Jesus committed to the formation of a shalom community around him. Jesus' teaching about economic justice, distribution of wealth, mercy, political and social use of power are all from the Deuteronomic Code of the Hebrew Scriptures; Jesus' Bible.

To silence the message, they plotted violence and silenced the messenger. Rather than let that be, God raised Jesus in effect proclaiming to all, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him" (Mark 9:2-13. 2). In the Resurrection, God justified all of Jesus' teachings. Jesus' followers continued to hear Jesus proclaiming the message, began to live it and formed a new community and transformed the world of their day, in spite of religious, economic and political persecution. They found that it wasn't just Abraham and Sarah and Jesus who were justified, but that even in an era of persecution, they experienced that they were justified; justified by God's raising Jesus from the grave.

What is God's Easter vision for each of us? Perhaps that we be leaning into a future with Hope and Joy. Perhaps that we be bearing a cross of ministering to a suffering loved one. Perhaps that we be boldly struggling to break free of a burden or evil or person or attitude oppressing us. Perhaps God's dream is that we stay the course in our life situation. Perhaps it is that we break free from a life circumstance which we have long known was not ours or good for us. The bottom line key to the EASTER way of living God's vision, is to proceed with loving God and others, and especially 'self-ness'. God's way in us will be achieved only in a relational journey. If we trust in this well worn "way", God has promised in raising and thereby justifying Jesus, that he will Justify us; each of us.

From my view, that is what we gather around our altars to remember, share and be empowered to live on Easter Day. Have a Happy, Holy and Blessed Easter.

*Fr Stan Woolley
Trinity Episcopal Church, Winner
Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, Ideal
Rosebud Mission Churches, Interim Pastor
Rosebud Mission Council, Interim Administrator*

Members announced for Official Youth Presence at General Convention

Bronwyn Clark Skov, Episcopal Church Officer for Youth Ministries, has announced the 18 Episcopal youth – two from each Province – who will participate as the Episcopal Youth Presence at the 77th General Convention in Indianapolis, July 5-12, 2012.

“The General Convention Official Youth Presence was established by an initial resolution in 1982,” Skov explained. “The Official Youth Presence members have seat and voice on the floor of the House of Deputies during the legislative sessions and that is an exciting prospect for the youth of our church.”

The following youth will be serving as the 2012 Official Youth Presence at General Convention from Province VI:

Emma Grundhauser, Diocese of Minnesota
Cole Mayer, Diocese of South Dakota

Congratulations, Cole! Cole is a member of Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls.

LIVING GENEROUSLY

This April six sites around the Diocese hosted a youth convention. The six sites, Trinity **Watertown**; St. Peter’s, **Ft. Pierre**; St. Andrew’s, **Rapid City**; Christ Church, **Red Shirt Table**; St. Peter’s, **McLaughlin**; and Calvary Cathedral, **Sioux Falls**; each had a leadership team organizing the 24 hour youth retreat over 2 weekends.



The theme of the event was Living Generously, an idea which connects our Bishop’s convention challenge to our Christian and Lakota values. Each site took the idea in different directions – making quilts, passing out gift cards, making traditional Lakota

crafts, hiking in the badlands, guest speakers from the Sudan and WNBA. There was food, fun, and Sunday church at all the sites. The age groups invited to the event varied from place to place, but all the sites reached out to the middle and high school aged youth in their region.

Look for pictures and stories in the next *Church-News* as well as on the facebook page for the event!

CAMPUS MINISTRY TRIP

This memorial day weekend, 40 young adults from South Dakota and Minnesota will travel to Chicago, DePaul University, for a national gathering of young people from across denominations and backgrounds. This is 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!



TWO LAKOTA YOUNG ADULTS DO INTERNSHIP IN FRANCE

Through a generous grant from the F.I.S.H. Foundation, we are proud to announce that two of our young adults, **Micheal Two Bulls** and **Quinetta Hairy Chin**, will be representing South Dakota and the USA for a summer internship in Taize, France. While there they will live and work with other young adult church leaders from around the world. They will share workshops with visitors to Taize about D/Lakota culture, and read Lakota in the common prayers. This will be an amazing opportunity for growth and discernment for these two. Congratulations! We’ll look forward to hearing from them at Diocesan Convention!

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

TEC 2012:

Youth Camp Schedule

June 18-23: Middle School Confirmation Camp
 June 24-30: High School Camp
 July 5-8: 5th / 6th and Family Camp

All three camps will feature a program emphasis on music. We have special guest Michael Smith, a celebrated organist / choirmaster and music teacher for middle and high school youth with us this summer. Our head counselor will be TEC veteran and our own seminarian Portia Hurney. Michael Two Bulls of Red Shirt, Pine Ridge, hopes to be at camp, and plans to share his gifts as an accomplished artist. This is all part of the wonderful lineup of prayer, fun, faith, and the natural beauty of camp. Make your plans!

Registration materials on Page 14

Alleluia Fund

Has your congregation joined the effort to support Thunderhead Episcopal Center through the Alleluia Fund? Have you held a TEC Sunday yet? The Easter season is a time of hope for the future, and supporting our summer camp and retreat center is a great way to celebrate. Work with your congregation and/or send in your individual donation today. Gifts are needed for the general operation budget, for scholarships, and for the endowment fund, which helps support TEC for the next generations.

The TEC Board challenges each of us to give \$1.00 a day (or more!) (for each day of the Season of Easter or for each day of the year!) to support the ongoing good that happens at camp. TEC is a place for rest, rejuvenation, relaxation, worship, and spiritual growth. Please help the next generation grow in faith by supporting the wonderful place that is TEC!

Donations can be sent to: Alleluia Fund
 Diocese of SD
 500 S. Main Avenue
 Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Thank you for your generosity!

Work Camp

Remember to register for work camp, June 1-3, by contacting Holly Moseley at teenangel@rushmore.com or calling 642-4349. All levels of experience are needed – we will be cleaning buildings inside and out, painting, cutting firewood, cleaning up debris, clearing gutters, etc. Let Holly know what you can do!

If you cannot come this weekend, but would like to help at another time, please contact Holly to make arrangements. There are some projects in mid-May that need workers for a day or for the weekend. Consider making time working at camp the beginning of your Black Hills (or beyond) vacation!

Keyboard needed

Needed for worship at TEC – a good working keyboard. Ours has broken beyond repair. Available to give away – small organ (from last year's convocation). Contact Holly Moseley at 642-4349 or teenangels@rushmore.com Thank you!

Women's Retreat

Sign up now for the annual Women's Retreat at Thunderhead Episcopal Center. Deacon Marty Garwood and the Rev. Karen Anderson are leading the weekend, scheduled for July 27-29. A scholarship in honor and memory of Eileen Garwood is available.

Recruit a friend and sign up today – rooms in Super-Tent (lodge) are available on a first come basis. We begin with supper (arrive 5pm) on Friday and finish with Eucharist (and lunch, if you can stay) on Sunday. Email thunderhead@dakotablue.net or contact Holly at 642-4349.

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

What's happening? Fusion⁴ !

Update by Deacon Brandon Mauai

When we officially started a Youth Group Program known as Fusion⁴ in the small community of Wakpala, SD, it was a bit frustrating for me. There were hardly any youth in attendance on the days we held the youth group meetings, and not even many around within the community. Later, I asked one of the community members, "Where are all the youth that I've heard about?" Their answer to me was, "All the youth in this community are gone; they are leaving to larger towns where there are more things for them to do." You can imagine how discouraging that became, especially in the early stages of a youth program.

Recently, I pondered on the Gospel of Mark, focusing on Chapter 4, verses 21-34. Christ was always trying to teach in a persuasive manner, trying to change hearts and minds so that they may be synonymous with the intentions of God.

The Kingdom parables – comparing the Kingdom of God to a lamp on a stand (v. 21-25), to the planting and growing of a seed (v. 26-29), and a mustard seed (v. 30-34) were not merely information for the disciples, but the way the Word of God is to grow within each of us. It is in that same way the Word of God was able to grow within the disciples. Faith began slowly and would falter from time to time, but these men would continue to grow in faith and knowledge. It was the faith in the Word that these men would be able to preach before hostile crowds and in perilous times. This is the way our own faith grows when given the opportunity.

The lamp stand, the growing seed, and the mustard seed parables fall into the reasons Youth ministry is needed, and how to carry out such work . . . even in the most frustrating of times.

Personally, when I get into one of my funky moods, where I feel that need to become submissive to the negativity of society, it is because of these teachings that I'm able to carry out the calling. Youth ministry is tough, challenging, testing at times, and seemingly impossible. Not everybody has the calling to youth ministry, but many do.

What I've found was that it isn't youth ministry that is tough; it is the beginning stages of the relationship building process that's the challenge. Then it's the consistency to maintain the growth, and nurture it as it

grows. As any parent would care for their own, the youth pastor should do likewise for ALL their youth. To hang out, joke around, play ball, or check out a movie – these are things that can mean the world to a teen.

In June last year I started going to every youth camp, basketball tournament, rodeo, horse race, and pow-wow throughout the summer where youth gathered because youth work is really about contact time.

Throughout the summer I spent time with the youth telling them about Fusion⁴ (Standing Rock Youth Group) and seeing them get curious about it and how it would work within their communities. These efforts have really proven to pay off. Every Sunday in Bear Soldier (McLaughlin) at the Community Center and every Wednesday in Wakpala at the Community Center Fusion⁴ happens.

A few weeks after being told that the youth in Wakpala were no longer there, our numbers peaked at 40+.

To be present in a small community and in a public place where the youth were able to see us, to consistently be there building and nurturing the relationships, and to do it with few present, has allowed us to see the Word grow.

The youth are not the future of the Church, they ARE the Church today. They are the Church tomorrow, and will be the Church for generations to come. If you have a calling to youth ministry, do not discount such calling. Answer it, and do so with the utmost faith that the Word of God will be with you every step of the way.

Currently we have 6 leaders; Fr. Rob Schwarz, Dcn. Brandon Mauai, Jeanne Schwarz, Joe Skinner, Kyle Hawk Bear, Angela Goodhouse, Margy Hawk, and Gladys Hawk. Yet with the number of youth that attend, we still need more adult leaders to assist.

Some upcoming activities that our youth and young adults will be participating in are the Youth Convention in April, Summer Camps at TEC, Summer Camps at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Camp on Northern Standing Rock (ND) and of course Niobrara Convocation.

We do keep a website: www.fusion4-standingrock.com and a facebook & Twitter page to keep all interested up to date with everything including videos and pictures. Check us out or email us anytime for information: standingrockyouth.sd@gmail.com

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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?
Contact the Rev. Rita Powell
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605-695-0110

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Diocesan Calendar

MAY

May 6 **St. Mary's, Mitchell**
May 7-19 **Bishop in Israel**
May 20-25 **College of Bishops in North Carolina**

JUNE

Jun 1-3 TEC Work Weekend
Jun 3 St. John's, Deadwood
Jun 3-8 Summer Seminary, TEC
Jun 10 Christ Church, Lead
Jun 14-17 Niobrara Convocation, Ft. Yates
Jun 18-23 Middle School Camp
Jun 24-30 High School Camp

JULY

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 7 Diocesan Council Conference Call Mtg
Aug 12 Bishop visits St. Luke's, Hot Springs
Aug 19 Bishop at Christ Church, Gettysburg
Aug 26 Bishop visits Santee/Yankton Missions

SEPTEMBER

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 8 Diocesan Office closed
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 9-11 Trinity Institute @ Cathedral
Nov 11 Bishop visits Emmanuel, RC
Nov 17 Diocesan Council meeting
Nov 22-23 Diocesan Office closed



General Convention to meet

The 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church meets in Indianapolis, IN, July 5-12, 2012. General Convention consists of a House of Bishops (HOB), of which all bishops are members, and a House of Deputies (HOD), which is comprised of up to four clerical and four lay deputies from each diocese.

The Episcopal Church Women’s Triennial meets at the same time, and the entire event attracts many church-related groups, vendors, and other interested people. As many as 10,000 people are expected in Indianapolis for the meetings and related events.

General Convention is the legislature for The Episcopal Church and has the sole power to amend the constitution & canons, revise the Book of Common Prayer or the Church Hymnal, adopt a triennial budget and pass resolutions for the Church. It operates as a bicameral legislature and for an action to be an action of General Convention, it needs to be approved by both the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies.

Issues expected to be considered at the 77th General Convention include:

- A triennial budget for the church, including the asks to the dioceses for the support of the Episcopal Church;
- Consideration of whether to sign the Anglican Covenant;
- Election of a Nominating Committee to nominate the successor of the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, whose term as presiding bishop expires in 2015;
- Consideration of possible liturgies to recognize same-sex unions;
- Restructuring.

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Stay up-to-date with General Convention at www.generalconvention.org

South Dakota’s Deputation at General Convention

Deputy	Serving on Committee
The Rev. Ward Simpson, Sec’y	Dispatch of Business (HOD)
The Rev. George Parmeter	Small Congregations
Bishop John Tarrant	Small Congregations
The Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes	Education
Jean Lacher	Credentials
Deacon Brandon Mauai (ND)	Structure

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