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## Come To Camp!



### Come to Camp?

**W**ould this serious bunch of young people from Trinity, Watertown steer you wrong? What do they know that you might not know?

#### Why do young people go to Camp at TEC?

“My favorite part of camp is just being able to come and see people I care about.”

“I like to go to TEC because I always meet new people. I like how peaceful I feel when I go. It’s nice to go far out, with no cell phones, and not have to worry about anything but yourself and God!”

“The reason I like TEC is because I like meeting new people and getting to know them.”

“My favorite part of camp was going to chapel for morning prayer and compline.”

#### What do campers learn at TEC?

“That we’re all family.”

“I learned lots of ways to become closer to God.”

“How to live with different people and love one another.”

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

*-- High School Camper*

## Odds, Ends and Updates

**W**e had the opportunity to spend Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter on the Standing Rock Mission. The Good Friday service at Good Shepherd, Little Oak Creek was especially poignant. As I carried the processional cross, I led those gathered from the church up a steep hill to the base of a large wooden cross. We stood at the base of the cross as we prayed and then during the praying of the confession, one by one we hammered a large nail into the cross. It was a simple, yet powerful devotion. One we will never forget.

On Easter we were privileged to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord at St. Paul's, Little Eagle; St. Peter's, McLaughlin; and St. Elizabeth, Wakpala on Saturday. Our Easter morning began with sunrise prayers at the cemetery in Wakpala and then breakfast at St. Elizabeth's. We went from there to St. James', Mobridge, Good Shepherd, Little Oak Creek and concluded our Easter Day celebrations at Holy Spirit, Firesteel. Six services, over 20 baptisms, 250 miles driven and many, many Easter meals reminded me of the amazing privilege and joy it is to serve among the people of the Diocese of South Dakota.

From the last Sunday of March through the first Sunday of May, I will have traveled to all four corners of the Diocese. We traveled from Vermillion to Standing Rock Mission to Sisseton Mission to Spearfish with stops in Aberdeen, Pierre, Brookings, Milbank, Rapid City, Webster and Sioux Falls (yes, occasionally I am in Sioux Falls.) I drove 4,700 miles in just over 5 weeks. Again, what a privilege to serve among such a gracious people and drive throughout one of the most beautiful parts of God's creation.

Last September during Convention I announced Council's approval for a process of moving Diocesan offices to Pierre, the theory being: "the Center of the Diocese should be in the center of the



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

Diocese." In mid April of this year the Diocese signed a contract to purchase a bishop's residence in Pierre. We hope to close on the property by mid June. We are also exploring a couple of options for office space in Pierre that can utilize existing church space.

The Diocese is borrowing the money for this move from a Diocesan fund with the hopes of paying ourselves back within the next several years. We have already received some pledges and contributions toward the purchase of this residence.

This entire move is an opportunity for ministry and for the Diocese to increase our "assets for ministry." Among other benefits, it reduces our cost for a bishop by providing a house instead of a housing allowance.

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, Deacon Richard Zephier was ordained a priest; he will be serving as priest in charge of St. Mark's, Aberdeen. On April 22<sup>nd</sup> Jerry Vander Lee will be ordained deacon. Jerry will serve through Calvary Cathedral as he continues his ministry as a chaplain at Avera Medical Center. He will be another conduit bringing the needs of the world to the ministry of the Cathedral, along with Deacon Arlene Pearsall. May 31<sup>st</sup> will be Bunker Hill's final Sunday as Rector of

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Come to  
**The Niobrara Benefit**  
 An evening of art and music to support the  
 Niobrara School for Ministry

Proceeds will enable lay and ordained leaders in the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota to participate in quality educational and faith opportunities to strengthen their ministries.

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Join us for



- Art (to bid on)
- Music (to entertain you)
- Hors-d'oeuvres (to tickle the taste buds)
- An enjoyable evening that will support this important Ministry Formation Program!

**Friday Evening**  
**May 1, 2015**  
**Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls**

For more information about the school, please visit <https://www.diocesesd.org/ministries/niobrara-school-for-ministry>

who have a spiritual theme in their works or else have connections to the church, have donated pieces to be put up for a silent auction. Admission is free with hors d'oeuvres and live jazz music by the Tall Boys. Works of art of various media and price range will be offered for viewing and advance Email bidding at <http://www.niobraraschool.com>.

The Niobrara School for Ministry is not just for those seeking ordination, but has curriculum and classes in a variety of venues and formats that are available for everyone. We are an important part of the Bishop's Collaborative (a coalition of the Diocese of South Dakota, North Dakota, Navajoland and Alaska), we have participated in Winterterm at Cook School in Arizona, and we have students who are studying with the Vancouver School of Theology in British Columbia. The flexibility in our service to our students helps us to provide quality education to everyone regardless of vocational goals. Your participation in the Niobrara Benefit (whether in person or online) will assist with expenses that our students traditionally have had to bear themselves whether it is books, tuition costs or travel expenses.

This event promises to be a great way to celebrate the many years of service of the Niobrara School, and also a great way to support our students while having a great time!

## Niobrara School for Ministry Celebrates 30 Years with Benefit!

**T**he Niobrara School for Ministry has been serving those seeking theological education for 30 years this summer! In fact, the Diocese has been training local candidates for ordination since Paul Mazakute was ordained a deacon on the Santee Mission in 1870. This steady work to train anyone wanting theological education has always been a significant part of the Mission in the Diocese of South Dakota.

In order to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as to assist the students of the Niobrara School, we are having the Niobrara Benefit on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm at Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls. Artists

## Dakota Hymn Sing helps keep language alive

*From an article by Lance Nixon  
 Capital City Journal, Pierre, SD  
 March 18, 2015*

**S**t. Peter's Episcopal Church in Ft. Pierre is where people with connections to the Dakota language are meeting once a month for "Dakota Sing" or "Dakota Hymn Sing."

On the third Thursday of every month starting at 5:30 pm, participants "sing until they get tired, entirely in the Dakota language. And then they have soup and bread." The groups often include elders and the young and many in-between. The tunes are familiar, old hymns.



*(Hymn Sing—Continued from page 3)*

When the Dakota people were forcibly relocated to Dakota Territory after the Minnesota uprising of 1862, many were Episcopalian and brought their hymn books with them. The Rev. Samuel Hinman had done a lot of the translations, and he accompanied them from Minnesota.

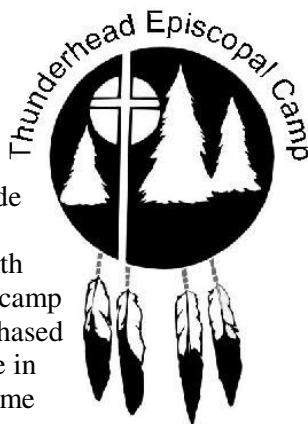
**Mary Ashley** is the organizer of the Sing, and also plays the organ. She grew up hearing Dakota spoken, but is not fluent in it. “I think it’s important to be around elders because then you hear how they pronounce Dakota and how they make the intonations. I think it’s true what they say, the easiest way to learn Dakota is to sing it,” says Mary.

## More about Camp

**I**n the mid-1960’s the Diocese of South Dakota purchased a former dude ranch in the Black Hills for church camp use. In its fourth summer, a brochure for the camp stated: “the camp was purchased and set up with the principle in mind that in camping we come closer to nature, and thereby discover the mighty works of God. The camping experiences give young people the opportunity of living in a Christian Community and help them discover for themselves who they are in relationship to God and each other. The activities center around daily worship.”

Nearly five decades later, the purpose and mission of the camp remains the same. Each year, campers come to the beautiful Black Hills to try an “experiment” in living in Intentional Christian Community. Campers explore what it looks like, and what it means, to live in close quarters loving one another.

The camp season begins with **Work Weekend on May 29-31<sup>st</sup>**, followed by **Staff Camp** where the camp counselors are fully trained for the season.



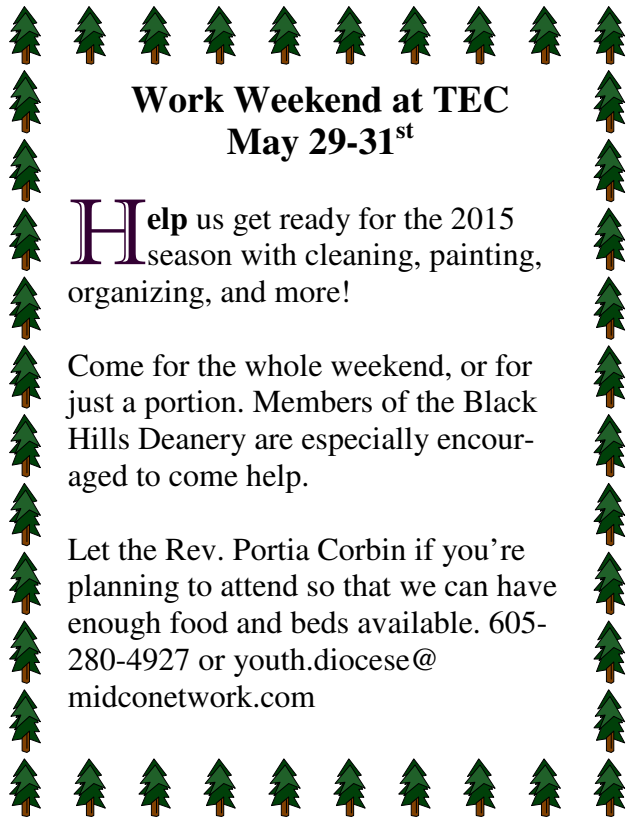
**High School Camp** is June 7-13, **Grade 5/6/Family Camp** is June 14-17, and **Middle School/Confirmation Camp** is June 21-27. (More information is on the TEC Registration Form—page 13-14)

This year, the camp community will work toward loving one another as we engage our hearts and minds to look for God working in our everyday world. In an exploration of God’s amazing capability to work both inside and outside the church, we’ll explore the significance of storytelling. More specifically, we will explore how God’s story is our story; and our story is God’s story. Through multiple storytelling forms such as the Bible, theatre, television, art, and music; we’ll explore God’s story in the world. Even further, as we live in loving community with each other, we might also discover that all of us are bound together in one big story.

Also this year we will be joined by campers from the Diocese of Wyoming as we explore a partnership for this ministry. What an opportunity to make even more friends!

We are gearing up for the biggest season yet. With over 50 registrations already, **we are over 50%** to our goal for this year! Register today to help us reach our goal!





**Work Weekend at TEC  
May 29-31<sup>st</sup>**

**H**elp us get ready for the 2015 season with cleaning, painting, organizing, and more!

Come for the whole weekend, or for just a portion. Members of the Black Hills Deanery are especially encouraged to come help.

Let the Rev. Portia Corbin if you're planning to attend so that we can have enough food and beds available. 605-280-4927 or [youth.diocese@midconetwork.com](mailto:youth.diocese@midconetwork.com)

**Niobrara Convocation  
June 18-21, 2015  
Wakpala**

RESERVE ROOMS EARLY! - There's a big fishing tournament in Mobridge scheduled for the same time. Motels listed below are in South Dakota with area code 605, unless otherwise indicated.

Mobridge, SD

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Grand River Casino   | 605-845-7104 |
| 2. Mobridge Kountry Inn | 845-7215     |
| 3. Wrangler Inn         | 845-3641     |
| 4. Morest Motel         | 845-3668     |
| 5. East Side Motel      | 845-7867     |

Surrounding Area

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 6. Prairie Knights Casino<br>Ft. Yates, ND (56 miles north) | 701-854-7777 |
| 7. Selby Motel<br>(23 miles east)                           | 649-7979     |
| 8. Hilltop Motel/Campground, Selby                          | 649-7622     |
| 9. Limit Lodge n Cabins, Timber Lake<br>(25 miles SW)       | 865-3526     |
| 10. F&M Motel, McLaughlin<br>(29 miles west)                | 823-2170     |
| 11. Bunk House Inn, Isabel<br>(15 miles north)              | 466-2666     |
| 12. Firesteel Creek Lodge, Isabel                           | 466-2452     |

**Convocation guests include bishops**

**The Rt. Rev. Jeffery Rowthorn** (retired) and his wife Anne will stop by for a couple days on their way from Connecticut to General Convention in Salt Lake City.

**The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston** and his wife Susan, Oklahoma, will also be our guests. Bishop Charleston was the Director of the Dakota Leadership Program from 1982-1984 and was ordained a priest by Bishop Walter Jones in 1983. He has served as Dean of Episcopal Divinity School and as Bishop of Alaska, among other posts. Bishop Charleston will be the preacher at the Sunday Eucharist.



**Niobrara Convocation**  
June 18-21, 2015  
Wakpala

**\$100 Hospitality Funds  
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Bea Skinner  
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McLaughlin, SD 57642**

**2015 PLEDGE TO THE DIOCESE  
March 31, 2015**

	Pledge	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance	ChurchNews	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance
<b>PARISHES:</b>								
Aberdeen - St. Mark's	12,642.00	3,160.50	12,642.00	0.00	30.00	7.50	30.00	0.00
Belle Fourche - St. James'	3,456.00	864.00	864.00	2,592.00	100.00	25.00	100.00	0.00
Brookings - St. Paul's	12,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	9,000.00	215.00	53.75	0.00	215.00
Deadwood - St. John's	5,528.00	1,382.00	1,381.99	4,146.01	95.00	23.75	33.04	61.96
Huron - Grace	15,500.00	3,875.00	3,876.00	11,624.00	185.00	46.25	46.25	138.75
Lead - Christ Church	6,616.00	1,654.00	1,656.00	4,960.00	105.00	26.25	105.00	0.00
Mitchell - St. Mary's	2,500.00	625.00	630.00	1,870.00	70.00	17.50	70.00	0.00
Mobridge - St. James'	1,927.00	481.75	0.00	1,927.00	30.00	7.50	0.00	30.00
Pierre - Trinity	9,000.00	2,250.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	110.00	27.50	0.00	110.00
Rapid City - Emmanuel	45,000.00	11,250.00	11,250.00	33,750.00	325.00	81.25	0.00	325.00
Rapid City - St. Andrew's	25,128.00	6,282.00	6,282.00	18,846.00	1,000.00	250.00	275.01	724.99
Sioux Falls - Calvary	63,982.00	15,995.50	15,995.49	47,986.51	180.00	45.00	180.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd	14,000.00	3,500.00	3,501.00	10,499.00	20.00	5.00	0.00	20.00
Spearfish - All Angels	22,112.00	5,528.00	22,112.00	0.00	305.00	76.25	300.00	5.00
Sturgis - St. Thomas'	4,098.00	1,024.50	750.00	3,348.00	105.00	26.25	105.00	0.00
Watertown - Trinity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	22.50	0.00	90.00
Winner - Trinity	1,800.00	450.00	300.00	1,500.00	95.00	23.75	95.00	0.00
Yankton - Christ Church	21,974.00	5,493.50	0.00	21,974.00	320.00	80.00	0.00	320.00
<b>TOTAL PARISHES</b>	<b>267,263.00</b>	<b>66,815.75</b>	<b>87,240.48</b>	<b>180,022.52</b>	<b>3,380.00</b>	<b>845.00</b>	<b>1,339.30</b>	<b>2,040.70</b>
Chamberlain - Christ Church	3,200.00	800.00	800.01	2,399.99	105.00	26.25	26.25	78.75
Cheyenne River Mission	1,240.00	310.00	1,000.00	240.00	240.00	60.00	40.00	200.00
Crow Creek Mission	1,845.00	461.25	0.00	1,845.00	210.00	52.50	50.00	160.00
Flandreau - St. Mary's		-		0.00	60.00	15.00	0.00	60.00
Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's	2,000.00	500.00	2,000.00	0.00	65.00	16.25	65.00	0.00
Gregory - Incarnation	300.00	75.00	300.00	0.00	60.00	15.00	60.00	0.00
Herrick - All Saints	320.00	80.00	80.01	239.99	55.00	13.75	20.00	35.00
Hot Springs - St. Luke's	4,016.00	1,004.00	1,010.00	3,006.00	145.00	36.25	145.00	0.00
Lower Brule Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	10.00	0.00	40.00
Madison - Grace	2,150.00	537.50	360.00	1,790.00	30.00	7.50	30.00	0.00
Martin - St. Katharine's	4,213.00	1,053.25	1,053.27	3,159.73	205.00	51.25	50.01	154.99
Milbank - Christ Church	3,600.00	900.00	900.00	2,700.00	105.00	26.25	0.00	105.00
Pine Ridge Mission	2,529.00	632.25	1,096.25	1,432.75	370.00	92.50	42.00	328.00
Rapid City - St. Matthew's	2,300.00	575.00	576.00	1,724.00	95.00	23.75	30.00	65.00
Rosebud Mission	5,651.00	1,412.75	1,382.00	4,269.00	120.00	30.00	0.00	120.00
Santee Mission	2,346.00	586.50	0.00	2,346.00	140.00	35.00	140.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles		0.00		0.00	100.00	25.00	0.00	100.00
Sisseton - Gethsemane	500.00	125.00	0.00	500.00	60.00	15.00	0.00	60.00
Sisseton Mission	3,614.00	903.50	953.50	2,660.50	60.00	15.00	20.00	40.00
Standing Rock Mission	412.00	103.00	50.00	362.00	150.00	37.50	0.00	150.00
Vermillion - St. Paul's	7,220.00	1,805.00	1,206.00	6,014.00	140.00	35.00	0.00	140.00
Webster - St. Mary's	1,321.00	330.25	0.00	1,321.00	40.00	10.00	0.00	40.00
Yankton Mission	448.00	112.00	0.00	448.00	175.00	43.75	0.00	175.00
<b>TOTAL MISSIONS</b>	<b>49,225.00</b>	<b>12,306.25</b>	<b>12,767.04</b>	<b>36,457.96</b>	<b>2,770.00</b>	<b>692.50</b>	<b>718.26</b>	<b>2,051.74</b>
<b>TOTAL PARISH AND MISSIONS</b>	<b>316,488.00</b>	<b>79,122.00</b>	<b>100,007.52</b>	<b>216,480.48</b>	<b>6,150.00</b>	<b>1,537.50</b>	<b>2,057.56</b>	<b>4,092.44</b>



## Young Adult Retreat at TEC: August 13-16

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

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

If you are interested in attending this retreat, or have any questions, e-mail the Rev. Portia Corbin at [youth.diocese@micdonetwork.com](mailto:youth.diocese@micdonetwork.com)

## Two ordained in April

**O**n April 11, 2015 Bishop John Tarrant ordained **Richard Zephier** to the Priesthood.

Zephier was ordained a Transitional Deacon in January 2014. He will continue to serve St. Mark's in Aberdeen.

At the service on April 11, Richard was also installed as Priest-in-Charge.



Newly ordained priest—Richard Zephier—with Bishop Tarrant

**T**his issue of *ChurchNews* will be at the printers on April 22, 2015 when Bishop Tarrant ordains **Jerry Vander Lee** as a Deacon at Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls.

Jerry holds a Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Sioux Falls Seminary. He has been a professional therapist for a number of years and is currently employed full time as a chaplain in the Avera Medical System.



Fr. Cliff Moore with one of many baptisms on Easter at St. Matthew's, Rapid City

## St. Matthew's celebrates Easter

**W**ow! What a great day! We had 11 Baptisms with 140 people in attendance. The Guild provided an Easter dinner following the service and an Easter egg hunt to top it off.

*(Bishop—Continued from page 2)*

All Angel's, Spearfish after twenty-four years of service. Fortunately for the Diocese, Bunker and Jane will be moving to Sturgis in June and Bucker will serve St. Thomas part-time beginning in September.

The seasons in nature and our lives continue to change with a distinguishable rhythm. Easter reminds us that whatever the season brings, there is always life waiting to emerge.

God's peace be with you,

+John



## Rustic Cabins In The Black Hills

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

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

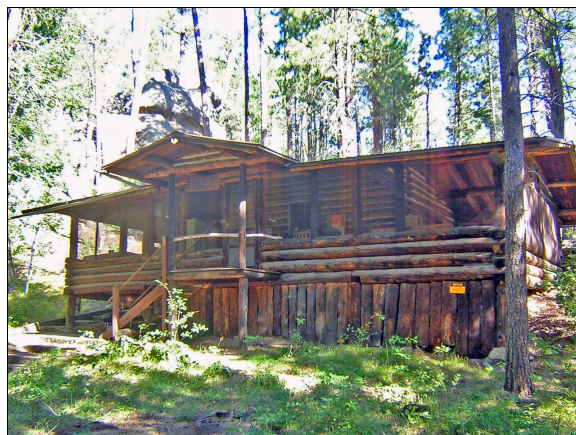
3 screened cabins sleeping 4-6 +, each with an outhouse.

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

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



Chapel of the Transfiguration



The Bishop's Cabin at Camp Remington

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

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

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

Check the diocesan website for available dates.

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

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



**Camp Remington** needs your help in mid-May to clear branches and debris and get the grounds in shape for the summer season. Contact Tony Gonsor: 605-673-2205 or [tsgonsor@goldenwest.net](mailto:tsgonsor@goldenwest.net)



Contact Barney at 605-338-9751 to reserve a cabin or two during the summer for a family reunion or a quiet retreat. Open dates are filling up fast. Check [www.diocesesd.org](http://www.diocesesd.org) for availability.

## General Convention 2015

*Borrowed from an article by the Rev. David Seger in the April "Emmanuel Light."*

**T**he sources of governance or polity for The Episcopal Church are: (1) the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments; (2) the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church; and (3) actions of The General Convention. In addition, each diocese is governed by its own constitution and canons and each parish by its by laws.

The General Convention is comprised of two legislative bodies - the House of Deputies (HOD) and the House of Bishops (HOB). The HOD is made up of clergy and laity, each diocese entitled to be represented by four ordained persons and four lay persons as well as four alternate clergy and four alternate lay persons. The HOB is comprised of every bishop diocesan, co-adjutor, and suffragan in the American succession. The HOD has approximately 800 plus members and the HOB about 200 bishops. When you add in another 800 alternates, volunteers, the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) which meets at the same time, visitors, families, and exhibitors there are about 5,000 people at the convention site. One wag described this gathering as a "beached whale." It certainly is cumbersome.

We are a very democratic group. It has been overly simply stated that when the founding fathers wrote the Constitution of the United States, they walked across the street and organized The Episcopal Church in the same fashion. There are some parallels, but that is not exactly the way it happened.

Proposed legislation, called resolutions, comes from deputies, bishops, interim bodies of the Convention, diocesan conventions and, at least in theory, could be proposed by individual congregations or even persons who sit in our pews every Sunday. The last

two would be quite a reach because of the expertise, time, and money it would take to put something forward.

During the triennial period between conventions, the Church is governed by the Executive Council, a group of bishops, priests, deacons, and laypersons elected by the General Convention. The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies also appoint persons to various committees or task-forces that are called interim bodies. They address a variety of issues such as Small Churches, Liturgy & Music, Program & Budget, Investments, Pastoral Development, Structure of the Church, Constitution & Canons, and many more.

The highlight of the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention is the election of a new Presiding Bishop to a nine-year term. The Nominating Committee for the election of the Presiding Bishop has prepared a list of bishops that will be presented to the House of Bishops for the election of the twenty-seventh Presiding Bishop. Following the election, the House of Deputies must affirm the election before it is complete.

A most uplifting part of the Convention is the opportunity to worship daily with fellow Episcopalians throughout this country and the world. It is so different from what we experience in our weekly worship services. It is so stirring that one hardly notices that we are worshipping not in a church, but in a very large convention venue.

Everything is oversized—seating for 7,000 +, very large altar on a platform, large choirs, many instruments and musicians, beautiful music, outstanding preaching, many voices and languages. There may be up to twenty communion stations, so the actual time of the communions is no more than 10–12 minutes.

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On Sunday, the celebration of the Eucharist is even more spectacular. The processions are always magnificent. At most conventions there are three processions entering from different parts of the hall. The bishops process four abreast vested in their episcopal garb. The music is even more stirring with timpani and brass.

The Presiding Bishop is the celebrant and the preacher, but at this convention, the Presiding Bishop-elect will be the preacher. Attendance at the Sunday Eucharist is 10,000 – 12,000. Making your communion with 10,000 fellow Episcopalians touches our hearts and souls.

Keep the South Dakota deputation in your prayers:

#### **House of Bishops**

The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

#### **House of Deputies**

The Rev. David Hussey

The Rev. Kim Fonder

The Rev. Paul Sneve

The Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes

Tamara Fonder

Don Metcalf

Twilla Two Bulls

Rick Lutes

#### **ECW**

Bonnie Walker

Elizabeth Campbell

Deacon Judy Graves

Sharon Van Doren



## Mindful Meditation in the prison system

*by Deacon John Keyes  
Christ Church, Yankton*

A deacon's ministry, in part, is going into the world and looking for ways to help our neighbors.

I had an opportunity a few weeks ago to attend a meeting at HSC (South Dakota Human Services Center in Yankton). The meeting was about Mindful Meditation, and the presenter was Dr. Michael McVay, a retired cardiologist and member of Christ Church. For the past year he and his wife Ellen have been teaching Mindful Meditation in the Old Rectory (at Christ Church) on Wednesday evenings in an effort to help us relieve stress and hopefully find serenity.

The meeting at HSC was attended by staff and volunteers (like me). The meeting impacted me so much, I asked Dr. McVay if he would do a presentation to the staff at MDSP (Mike Durfee State Prison). The Associate Warden Susan Jacobs made some inquiries and gave us the green light to proceed with planning and scheduling.

On Wednesday, March 25 we were greeted by Warden Dooley and Associate Warden Susan Jacobs and escorted to the training classroom. It was a meeting for administrative personnel only. We were together for almost two hours. Dr. McVay gave a PowerPoint presentation about Mindful Meditation supported by authoritative sources, backed by statistics and offered us a time of training, followed by our first meditation. It was very powerful. So many of the attendees had smiles on their faces with words of appreciation for Dr. McVay.

I am hopeful that in the months to come we can bring mediation to the staff and inmates.

*Update:* On April 28 this program will be presented to the South Dakota State Department of Corrections, including juveniles. On May 3 it will be presented again in Yankton to more staff. And John Keyes is being trained to teach Mindful Meditation.

## Fundraiser for TEC

The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is one of THE destinations of the summer. With its location so close to our diocesan summer camp in the beautiful Black Hills, a few volunteers offered to hold a fund raiser at the camp during Rally Week by providing cabins or a place to tent camp, plus a hearty breakfast for rally-goers, in a quiet, semi-rustic, alcohol-free atmosphere in the pines. They will also offer opportunities for worship (sunrise services, Taize around the campfire) for anyone interested.

If you know of anyone attending the Rally this year, let them know of this option. Our future campers will appreciate it.

*Details below or at <http://thunderheadcenter.org/rally-week.html>*

**C**ome and enjoy a peaceful getaway that offers a scenic and rustic setting 20 miles from the Rally crowds. Rest your body and recharge your soul as you are surrounded by natural beauty. Join us for a hot, hearty and delicious homemade breakfast as you plan your day. Return to camp and enjoy the nightly bonfire, fellowship and s'mores. Thunderhead Center offers a drug, alcohol and weapon-free Rally experience.

### On-site Activities

- Full breakfast buffet served 6:30 am to 10 am daily
- Bath/shower house
- Sunrise cliff Worship Service daily
- Chapel - Worship Service 9AM daily
- Hiking
- Local Native American Artists/Vendors
- Onsite Commissary (non-alcoholic beverages and snacks)
- Nightly bonfire with local story-tellers, music and tasty treats (e.g. s'mores)
- Nightly Taize-style worship service at 9:00 p.m.
- Alcohol/Drug-Free Environment

## Rates/Suggested Donation



6 Cabins (Sleep up to 10 each)  
\$2500/week + \$350/additional night

Tent Camping  
\$200/person/week + \$25/add. night

Unless arrangements for linens have been made we suggest all guests bring sleeping bag & pillow, towels & toiletries.

Full payment required by July 1 in order to reserve your spot

Contact Mary at [marys@thunderheadcenter.org](mailto:marys@thunderheadcenter.org) to make arrangements and reserve your spot.

## 2015 Diocesan Convention Positions Open

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

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

**Standing Committee—1 lay person**

**Standing Committee—1 clergy (priest or deacon)**

A nomination form will be posted on the diocesan website ([www.diocesesd.org](http://www.diocesesd.org)) or will be available in the next issue of *ChurchNews* as well as in the convention mailings to delegates and churches.

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

Niobrara School for Ministry offers classes during the school year and a more intensive course in June. These courses are designed to help fulfill or supplement the academic requirements for ordination, but they are not limited to those persons in the ordination process. Anyone interested is welcome! Many courses are good for lay ministry training or for continuing education. Information as well as fees and registration forms can be found in Church News or online at: [www.diocesesd.org/ministries/](http://www.diocesesd.org/ministries/)

## Niobrara Summer School

May 31—June 5 at Thunderhead Camp

*“The Word became flesh and lived among us”*: We will focus on our practice of presenting God’s living word to those we serve through our preaching, reading scripture, and leading worship. This will be a friendly environment to further develop our preparation and delivery practice for communicating God’s word to the varied people that God brings within our reach during public worship. There will be ample opportunity to ‘practice’ our practice. You will need your bible, prayer book, and Niobrara and 1982 hymnals.

There will also be a variety of seminars or workshops each evening.

### SUMMER SEMINARY REGISTRATION

Mail this information to:

Diocese of South Dakota

NSM Registrar

500 S. Main Ave

Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814

Or—Call @ 605-338-9751

Or—Email: [office.diocese@midconetwork.com](mailto:office.diocese@midconetwork.com)

Or—[www.diocesesd.org](http://www.diocesesd.org) to register and/or to make payment with a credit card.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s \_\_\_\_\_

Registering for: SUMMER SEMINARY

Expenses - Check your preference and send check for total amount (or pay online) before class.

\_\_\_\_\_ SuperTent, single occupancy: \$250 + \$50 Tuition = \$300 (per person)

\_\_\_\_\_ SuperTent, double occupancy: \$200 + \$50 Tuition = \$250 (per person)

\_\_\_\_\_ Cabin, double or multiple occupancy: \$175 + \$50 Tuition = \$225 (per person)

\_\_\_\_\_ Commuter (Meals Only): \$100 + \$50 Tuition = \$150 (per person)

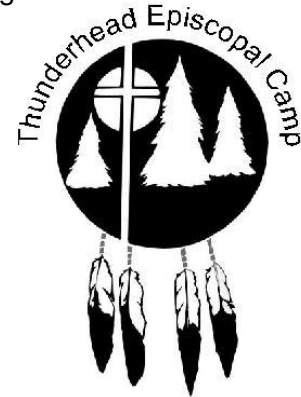
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## Diocese of South Dakota 2015 Summer Youth Camps

Be a part of the excitement of camp at Thunderhead Episcopal Camp 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.

Thunderhead Episcopal Center 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 this form & payment to: TEC Registration  
500 South Main Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104**

Questions: contact the Rev. Portia Corbin at  
youth.diocese@midconetwork.com or 605-280-4927

*Calvary Cathedral will provide transportation to/from all three camps from Sioux Falls and at pre-arranged stops along I-90. Please check the "Transportation" box on the registration form if you will need a ride. Register EARLY so we can plan the routes.*

### Camp Schedule

**All camps begin between 5-6 pm on the first day and end at 10:00 am on the last day.**

#### **High School Camp • Sunday, June 7–Saturday, June 13**

Make unforgettable memories and lifelong friends as you explore God's work in the world, in this beautiful, peaceful setting. Hikes in the woods, artistic opportunities, and music around a campfire is guaranteed. Open to all entering grades 9-12, and those who have just graduated high school.

**Cost: \$150 per person**

#### **5th & 6th Grade and Family Camp • Sunday, June 14-Wednesday, June 17**

**For those entering 5th & 6th grade:** Build memories around hiking into the woods and telling stories around a campfire—all while building your faith.

**Family Camp:** Start a tradition of camp with your family. You'll have your own space and all meals are provided. Open to all families and kids of any age, especially elementary-aged kids. A great way to introduce your kids to camp!

**Cost: \$100 per person or \$250 per family.**

#### **Middle School/Confirmation Camp • Sunday, June 21-Saturday, June 27**

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. Come explore God's amazing work!

**Cost: \$150 per person**

# Registration Form

All about YOU, the Camper; your Parents; and 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 another name & contact info:

## 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.

## 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.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent / Guardian Signature and Date**

## Cost of camp

**T**he 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 keep the camper fees down.

### Check which camp you'll 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.

## Transportation

- I would like a ride to camp.

## What to bring to camp

**Please check if you need them provided**

- sleeping bag and pillow
- towels and toiletries
- clothes for outdoor activities
- 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!

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

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

**Thanks!**

Moving? Please tell us...

Change     Cancellation    .....Or     Contribution

Name.....

NEW Address.....

City, ST, Zip .....

Effective Date .....

Church we will attend after move .....

Mail to:

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

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**Bishop's visitation & travel dates in bold letters**

# Diocesan Calendar

## MAY

May 1 NSM Fundraiser, Calvary Cathedral  
**May 3 Bishop visits All Angels, Spearfish**  
 May 9 Diocesan Council, Pierre  
**May 10 Bishop visits Rosebud Mission (W)**  
 May 15-16 Niobrara Council  
**May 17 Bishop visits St. Mary's, Mitchell**  
 May 25 Diocesan Office closed  
 May 29-31 Work Weekend at TEC  
**May 31 Bishop visits Christ Church, Lead**  
 May 31 Summer Seminary begins

## JUNE

Jun 1-5 Summer Seminary—Preaching  
**Jun 7 Bishop visits St. John's, Deadwood**  
 Jun 7-13 High School Camp, TEC  
 Jun 10 *ChurchNews* deadline (Jul/Aug issue)  
**Jun 14 Bishop visits St. Luke's, Hot Springs**  
 Jun 14-17 5/6 grade/Family Camp, TEC  
 Jun 18-21 Niobrara Convocation, Wakpala  
 Jun 21-27 Middle School Camp, TEC  
 6/23-7/3 2015 General Convention, Salt Lake City

## JULY

Jul 3 Diocesan Office closed  
 Jul 11 Diocesan Council, Pierre  
**Jul 12 Bishop visits Cheyenne River Mission**  
**Jul 19 Bishop visits Flandreau**  
**Jul 26 Bishop visits Red Shirt Table & Oglala**

## AUGUST

Aug 1-8 TEC fundraiser during Rally Week  
**Aug 2 Bishop visits Mni Sose Cluster**  
**Aug 9 Bishop visits Rosebud Mission East**  
 Aug 10 *ChurchNews* deadline (Sep/Oct issue)  
**Aug 16 Vern Cloud Memorial, Brown Earth**  
 Aug 14-15 Young Adult Retreat at TEC  
**Aug 23 Bishop visits Pine Ridge Mission**

## SEPTEMBER

Sep 7 Diocesan Office closed  
**Sep 13 Bishop visits Emmanuel, Rapid City**  
**Sep 20 Bishop visits Good Shepherd, SF**  
 Sep 24 Clergy Conference  
 Sept 25-26 Diocesan Convention, Pierre  
**Sep 27 Bishop visits St. Thomas, Sturgis**

Oct 1 Bishop begins 3 month sabbatical  
 Mar 4-7 Clergy Retreat, Terra Sancta



Did your church collect a donation on Good Friday for the Church in Jerusalem?

Make the Check out to the **Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society**, and mark the memo line for “**Good Friday Offering.**”

Mail it to:

**Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society**  
 (DFMS)  
**Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States**  
**Good Friday Offering**  
**P.O. Box 9588983**  
**St. Louis, MO 63195-8983**

■ 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

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**Standing Committee**

*With a Bishop in charge of the Diocese, the Standing Committee shall be the Bishop’s Council of Advice. When the Diocese is without a Bishop...the Standing Committee of the diocese shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority as provided by the General Convention Constitution and Canons. The Standing Committee also plays a part in the ordination process and deals with certain property issues.*

*The Standing Committee consists of eight members, and election shall be made by the diocesan convention for a term of four years. Members are entitled to election for two terms. The Standing Committee meets 3-4 times a year, or as needed.*

*A member of Standing Committee is a voting delegate to Annual Convention. A member of Standing Committee is also a member of the Title IV Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board.*

The Mission of the Diocese of South Dakota is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ through the ministry of all.

***The Episcopal Church in South Dakota is a sacred circle gathered around Jesus in prayer, loving and serving God and our neighbor in Jesus’ name.***