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Diocese to Elect Bishop

Next year we will be electing a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of South Dakota. This is a great privilege and also a grave responsibility for us in South Dakota. We Episcopalians have a voice in determining who our next bishop will be, but it is far more than a mere election. We must seek, desire and trust the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we engage in this undertaking.

Since New Testament times, the order of bishops has been to carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church, with the assistance of priests and deacons.

At the ordination, the new bishop will promise again (as this person did upon being ordained a deacon and then a priest) that she or he believes the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church.

“The Examination” at the ordination of a bishop (*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 517) presents the standard and expectations, as the Church understands them, for selecting our next bishop.

The Bishop is called -

- to be one with the apostles
 - in boldly proclaiming Christ’s resurrection
 - interpreting the Gospel, enlightening minds, stirring up consciences
 - testifying to Christ’s sovereignty as Lord of lords and King of kings.
- to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church
- to celebrate and to provide for the administration of the sacraments

- to ordain priests and deacons and to join in ordaining bishops
- to be in all things a faithful pastor and wholesome example for the entire flock
- to be faithful in prayer and study
- to encourage and support all baptized people
- to share in the government of the whole Church
- to show mercy and compassion, and defend those who have no helper.

In our tradition, the diocese does not simply elect a bishop. The whole Church must consent to the election and to the consecration of the person elected. This is done by vote of the bishops and Standing Committees through the mails or at General Convention, if the election is within 120 days of General Convention. The latter will be the case for South Dakota.

Look elsewhere in this issue of *South Dakota ChurchNews* for additional articles relating to the election of our next bishop.

And hold up in daily prayer this person, as yet unknown to us, this whole diocese, the election committees, and our current bishop as we enter this period of discernment and transition.



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MAY

- May 9-11 Work Camp at TEC
- May 2-3 Niobrara Council, Ft. Pierre
- May 3 Bishop Election Transition Committee Meeting, Al's Oasis
- May 4 Bishop visits Trinity Church, Pierre**
- May 9-10 Bishop Election Nominating Committee Meeting, Pierre
- May 11 Charlie King ordination, Sioux Falls
- May 18 Bishop visits Trinity, Winner and Incarnation, Gregory**
- May 23-26 Family Camp at TEC

JUNE

- Jun 1-6 Summer Seminary at TEC
- Jun 6-7 Bishop Election Nominating Committee Meeting, Pierre
- Jun 7-11 Camp Staff Training at TEC
- Jun 10 *ChurchNews* deadline, July/August issue
- Jun 12-14 Province VI Annual Synod, Ft. Yates, ND
- Jun 12-17 Grade 5&6 camp
- Jun 19-22 Day Camp at Eagle Butte
- Jun 19-22 Niobrara Convocation, Eagle Butte
- Jun 24-Jul 1 High School camp

JULY

- Jul 6 Bishop visits St. Thomas, Sturgis**
- Jul 7-10 Future Staff camp
- Jul 8-13 EYE, San Antonio, TX
- Jul 11-12 Diocesan Council meeting
- Jul 11-13 Women's Retreat at TEC
- Jul 14-19 Grade 7&8 Boys Camp
- Jul 16-Aug 4 Lambeth Conference
- Jul 22-25 Day Camp at Sisseton Mission
- Jul 28-Aug 2 Grade 7&8 Girls Camp

AUGUST

- Aug 10 *ChurchNews* deadline, September/October issue
- Aug 15-17 Men's Retreat, TEC

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 5 Diocesan Council meeting
- Sep 7 Bishop visits churches in Deadwood & Lead**
- Sep 13 Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting
- Sep 14 Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting
- Sep 21 Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting
- Sep 21 Bishop visits Rosebud Mission**



Former Diocesan Treasurer honored in Yankton

Jim Black, former Diocesan Treasurer and member of Christ Church, Yankton, was honored as Yankton's 2007 Citizen of the Year at a ceremony on March 16, 2008. **The Rev. Jim Pearson**, Rector of Christ Church in Yankton "was honored" to offer the Invocation before the "well deserved" award and program.

The Citizen of the Year award was initiated in 1970 to recognize an individual in the community of Yankton who has dedicated his or her life to the betterment of Yankton and the people who comprise it. The honoree is chosen by the city's various civic organizations. The award not only recognizes the hard, dedicated work of this city's citizens but also lauds the spirit that Yankton desires to hold up as an example and to call its own.

Black has served as the chairman of the Building Yankton's Bridge Committee for the better part of a decade, facilitating and tracking the progress of the building of the Discovery Bridge as well as the conversion of the Meridian Bridge over the Missouri River.

The article in the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan reported that although the bridge project is his most visible contribution to Yankton, people who know Black say he also has a natural ability to build more personal connections.

"He has always been a bridge-builder in some capacity," said Sam Herley, Black's stepson.

Deadwood church holds annual festival

St. John's Episcopal Church in Deadwood will hold its Third Annual Parade of Tables on Saturday, May 3 at the Deadwood Masonic Temple.

Lunch, for \$12.50, will be prepared by Doug Hanson and Linda Maxwell of the Deadwood Social Club.

Exciting things are happening at Christ Church

Submitted by Inez Harris

Christ Church, Yankton, has started several small "interest/community groups" to enhance our growth and outreach in the community. Several people gather once a month to see a good movie and then have coffee somewhere afterwards for fellowship and discussion. One Sunday in February, right after church, 15 journeyed to Vermillion to see one of the Oscar nominated movies and then enjoyed hospitality and refreshments at the home of Judy Clark, one of our members.

And every Tuesday at 5:00, a group gathers at Ben's Brewing for refreshments and conversation—it is called the "Fermenting the Faith" group—a goodly number of couples show up for this gathering. This group has also chosen a different book for discussion during the time they are together.

A new outreach group has formed to explore the ways we can make a difference in our own community, as well as serve our own congregation. This group is also working with our web site director to improve its contents, as well as revising our church brochure and finding a new way to make our visitors more welcome.

We are also very proud of our Choir, directed by Kathy Grow, that provides wonderful music on Sundays and does very special Evensongs twice a year. They work hard at producing a variety of music for our services.

We hosted a Faith Stories Weekend last fall and it has made a real difference in our sharing of our lives with each other. We highly recommend it for any congregation.

We hosted the Bread for the World Hunger Workshop on Saturday, April 5 from 10 to 12. Tammy Walhof, regional coordinator for BFW conducted the workshop.

So, exciting things are happening as a result of all these new endeavors.

Transitions . . .

- **The Rev. Robert C. (Rob) Schwarz** began ministry as Priest-in Charge of the **Standing Rock Mission** and **St. James, Mobridge** on Easter Sunday. Fr. Schwarz and his wife **Jeanne** come to South Dakota from New York City, where he was most recently an interim priest in White Plains and she was on staff at the Episcopal Church Center. Fr. Schwarz, 56, received an MDiv from the University of the South at Seawanee and was ordained a priest in 1986. He and his wife have four children.
- **The Rev. Richard A. Ressler** accepted the call as Rector of **Emmanuel Church, Rapid City**, beginning April 1. Fr. Ressler, 56, and his wife **Gayle**, come to South Dakota from the Diocese of Oklahoma where Fr. Ressler most recently served as Rector of St. James in Oklahoma City after transferring from a church in Austin, MN. Fr. Ressler received an MDiv from Seabury Western Seminary and was ordained a priest in 1996.
- We give thanks to **The Rev. Canon David Seger** for his 16 month interim ministry at **Emmanuel**. He returns to his busy retired life.
- **The Rev. George Parmeter, Grace Church, Huron**, was appointed by Bishop Robertson to serve as Chair of the Commission, Music and Allied Arts for the Diocese. As Liturgical Officer, Fr. George will, among other things, coordinate liturgies for diocesan services such as Diocesan Convention and ordinations.

Sale of Bishop Hare land to benefit schools and Center

On December 3, 2007 the Rosebud Mission Council approved the sale of 120 acres of Bishop Hare land to the Todd County School District for \$1,250 per acre and is considering their proposal for the purchase of an additional 40-50 acres south of this parcel to the property line, which will square the parcel and improve access.

POSITIONS OPEN To be elected at the 2008 Diocesan Convention

- Historiographer/Registrar/Archivist
- Province VI Deputies
1 Clergy Deputy for 3 year term
1 Lay Deputy for 3 year term
- Standing Committee
1 Presbyter for 4 year term
1 Lay for 4 year term
- Trial Court
1 Clergy for 2 year term
1 Clergy for 4 year term
1 Lay for 5 year term
1 Lay for 3 year term

*Nomination Forms will be available
in July*

The acreage is adjacent to the Todd County Middle School and its acquisition will enable expansion and address the long term educational needs of the school district.

The proceeds of the sale will pay off the loan from the Centennial Challenge Fund for completion of the Bishop Harold Jones Building, and allow the addition of air conditioning for that building. The remainder will be added to the endowment for the Rosebud Mission. The construction by the school district will also enable the Bishop Hare center eventually to tap into the city water and sewer, thereby expanding the building's use potential.

At the December 7, 2007 meeting of Diocesan Council, the members approved the sale of the larger portion.



Nominating Committee begins survey preparation

The nominating committee gathered in Pierre on March 29 and 30 to continue their work toward the election of a Bishop Coadjutor. After opening prayer, led by **Deacon Virginia Bird**, the subcommittees met individually to review their functions and responsibilities and to look at the ways they will each interact with and assist the other subcommittees.

Canon David Seger, consultant to the nominating committee, addressed the entire group Saturday morning focusing on what he referred to as “The Big Ten: Things Christians Should Ask When They Choose A Leader.”

1. Is the person not only able to lead, but lead in difficult times?
2. Does the person understand what is going on in the culture, where it is leading us, and its imprint on the churches?
3. Does the person understand theology?
4. Does the person have a vision for the future?
5. Is the person “slick”? (this is not desirable)
6. Does the person have some managerial and administrative skills?
7. Does the person have staying power?
8. Is the person prayerful and a student of scripture?
9. Does the person have inner humility?
10. Is the person able to listen to and take good advice and wise counsel from godly clergy and laity?

Canon Seger concluded by saying “A bishop today is someone for whom Christ is their all in all, someone who would keep on doing the job whether they were being paid for it or not, someone who is determined that the Gospel is not about the church as an institution but about the kingdom of God.”

In addition to the “Big Ten”, Canon Seger spoke about the need for both consistency and flexibility in setting parameters for nominees during the screening process. These parameters may include such things as age, experience/track record, priestly skills/spiritual life, ministry/leadership style, education, and personal considerations.

Following Canon Seger’s presentation, the group discussed the survey process and how best to accomplish it. As a starting point, the individual subcommittees met again with each subcommittee proposing 3 questions to be considered for the survey. **Chairman Rodney Freeman** will be coordinating a meeting between Canon Robert Wagner and members of the survey and profile committee to develop a draft survey. That survey will be presented to the entire nominating committee when it convenes again May 9th and 10th.

At that time, the nominating committee will review and revise the survey and get it in final form. Once that is accomplished, the survey will be sent out to congregations and missions for completion. In addition to the survey, focus groups will be held at various places in the Diocese to be determined by the Standing Committee.

The next two meetings are scheduled for May 9th-10th and June 6th-7th in Pierre.

Who is on the Nominating Committee?

An earlier issue of *ChurchNews* introduced Chair Rodney Freeman to the Diocese. Let’s now meet some of the other members of this committee.

The Reverend Deacon Virginia L. Bird: serves as a deacon at St. Andrew’s in Rapid City and as the chaplain for the nominating committee. She is a Physical Therapist, retired from 20 years service in the United States Air Force. Her hope and vision for the Diocese is: “That all members of the body of Christ in this diocese would have a renewed sense of the importance of gathering regularly (weekly when possible) to share in the Holy Eucharist together. This relates to the first of the five vows we make in the Baptismal Covenant (‘Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?’) and is, I believe, essential in order for us to keep the other four. These vows are all about our life of daily ministry in the world, by which we continue the mission of Christ; that is, the restoration of all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.”

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Wade W. Brings: is a member of Holy Comforter/ Messiah Episcopal Church in Lower Brule, SD where he serves as a layperson. Wade is also a postulant in the process toward ordination. As a part of the nominating committee, he serves on the Education subcommittee. When asked what his hope and vision for the diocese is, he said: “My hope and vision for the future is concentrating on our low attendance in our churches and finding solutions to bring the people back to church. It’s never impossible with God. People need to come back to their grandparents’ ways, that church is a big part of their lives; that they can’t “do” life alone without God, and make frequent church attendance a habit.”

Don Eagle: is a member of Rosebud Mission, Church of Jesus, and is employed as an I.H.S. maintenance worker. He serves on the survey and profile sub-committee of the nominating committee. Don’s hope and vision for the Diocese is: “My hope is that we can grow and be a viable church again; that youth can be empowered to step forward and lead us on to the future.”

The Rev. Judy M. Flagstad: currently serves as associate rector at Trinity Church in Pierre and has also recently begun working with the Gettysburg congregation once a month. She works full-time as a payroll manager for the State of South Dakota State Auditor’s Office. Judy serves on the communications subcommittee. She states “I hope, as we continue the process of electing a Bishop Coadjutor, that personal agendas, politics and racial differences can be put aside and that we will open ourselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I pray that we can unite as God’s people in this place and work together to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. I hope that we find a pastoral leader who will continue to affirm who we are and help us grow into all that God intends for us to be.”

Rodney Freeman, Jr.: is active at Grace Church in Huron. He is an attorney and serves as the chairman of the nominating committee. His hope and vision for the diocese is “I would hope our Diocese will continue to move forward, especially to expand our numbers and involvement of youth.

Nyle Hedin: belongs to Emmanuel Church in Rapid City. He is a retired U.S. Army Officer and is presently a PhD student in Materials Engineering and Science at the South Dakota School of Mines. Nyle serves on the education subcommittee. “My hope and vision for this Diocese as we prepare to elect a Bishop Coadjutor is that we embrace the goals and tasks as expressed in the Partners with God program. Through that program, we can expect

to improve and expand our Christian ministry to the people of South Dakota.”

Dottie (Dorothy) Lebeau: worships at the Church of Jesus. She works as a School Improvement Coordinator and Curriculum Director for the Todd County School District. Dottie is a member of the communications subcommittee. In response to the question about her hope and vision for the diocese, Dottie said, “That we as a Diocese continue to work together to keep the lines of communication open and flowing so everyone knows what is happening in this process that we have been charged to do.”

Gene Murra: is retired from SDSU, is a member of St. Paul’s in Brookings, and serves on the visitation/ interview subcommittee. “My major hope is that we can agree (as much as possible) on the qualification and “expertise” we want in a Bishop Coadjutor – with those characteristics in someone who will lead our Diocese to better serve our Christian ideals.”

The Rev. Deacon Hazel Red Bird: attends St. John’s the Evangelist in Eagle Butte. She is a retired registered nurse and was ordained as a deacon in June 2005. Hazel has been assigned to the survey and profile subcommittee. Her response to the hope and vision question is two fold: “Hope: Our bishop will be committed to a vision of unity and reconciliation for all people. Vision: A bishop who doesn’t tell East River people what they want to hear and the West River people something else. A bishop who will overcome the great divide. A bishop who will be committed and have staying power (longevity).”

The Rev. Canon David L. Seger: is retired as Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Northern Indiana and currently serves as consultant to the nominating committee. He states “My hope is that the nominating committee, electors to the convention, and the baptized of this diocese will be open-minded allowing the Holy Spirit to work in your hearts as you discern the priest who will lead you as your next bishop.”

The Rev. Evelyn Weaver: serves as a priest as a part of the Mutual Ministry Team at St. James in Belle Fourche and is also a paraprofessional at Belle Fourche High School. Evelyn is a member of the visitation subcommittee of the nominating committee. As to her hope and vision for the Diocese, she replied “My prayer is that we listen with open hearts and minds to our God and let the Holy Spirit lead us and guide us in the selection of our next bishop. I pray we leave our own agendas out of the process and select the person who will lead the Diocese into the future, with God as our guide.”



136th Niobrara Convocation Cheyenne River Mission Eagle Butte, South Dakota

The Planning Committee of the 136th Niobrara Convocation has produced the following *proposed* agenda for Niobrara Convocation, June 19-22, 2008.

Thursday, June 19

1:00—5:00 pm Registration
6:00 pm Supper @ Tribal Wacipi Makoce
7:30 pm Welcome Addresses
Chairman, Itancan, and Priest-in-Charge
Sunset Prayers by ECW Church Women
8:30 pm Young People's Fellowship

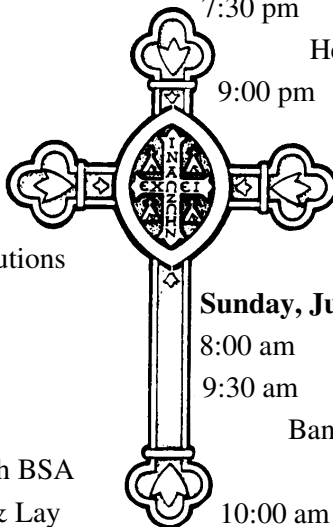
Friday, June 20

7:00 am Holy Eucharist—Fr. Web Two Hawk
(in Lakota language)
8am—5pm Registration
8:00 am Breakfast
9:30 am Young People's Fellowship
10:00 am Joint Meetings
Men, Women, Youth
Chairman Reports, Minutes, Resolutions
12:00 pm Noonday Prayers & Lunch
1:00 pm Separate Meetings
4:00 pm Lakota Cultural Teaching
6:00 pm Supper
7:30 pm Evening Prayer Service with BSA
8:30 pm Honoring of CRM Clergy & Lay Ministers
8:00 pm Young People's Fellowship Activities
9:00 pm Hymn Singing

Saturday, June 21

7:00 am Holy Eucharist—Fr. Noisy Hawk
(in Lakota language)
8am—12 Registration
8:00 am Breakfast
9:30 am Young People's Fellowship Activities
10:00 am Joint Meeting and Ingathering
12:00 pm Noonday Prayer & Lunch
2:00 pm Joint Meeting continues
Election of Niobrara Council officers
4:00 pm Q&A with the Presiding Bishop,
The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Quilt Auction to follow

6:00 pm Supper
7:30 pm Sunset Prayers with BCU
Healing Service
9:00 pm Hymn Singing



Sunday, June 22

8:00 am Breakfast
9:30 am Gathering for Procession of Mission
Banners, (order of procession by roll call),
Dignitaries and Altar Party
10:00 am Closing Holy Eucharist
Celebrant—The Rt. Rev. Creighton Robertson
Guest Preacher—
The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
(no confirmations or baptisms)
Niobrara Circle
Lunch
Adjourn

Lodging at Niobrara Convocation June 19-22, 2008

Lodging is limited at and near Eagle Butte, and people are urged to share rooms or plan to camp out.

Good news, though!

Arrangements have been made to use three of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe school dormitories for June 19-22 for Convocation. We will have 36 rooms total and people are asked to consider sharing rooms as there are 3 to 4 beds in each room.

About half of the rooms are on the second floor. The building is not handicap accessible. The rooms and buildings are NOT air-conditioned, and are sometimes very hot by the middle of June. The windows do open and *most* have screens in them.

There are bathrooms for each room. The tubs or showers will have shower curtains, but folks will need to bring everything else, including bed linens, blankets, pillows and towels and bathmats.

The individual rooms do not have door locks, so folks should not leave valuables in the rooms. We will be locking the building doors during the days, and a couple of staff people will be able to unlock the main doors if necessary, if return trips are needed. We will also have security patrolling the area of the dorms and the Powwow Grounds, particularly in the evenings and nights.

We will be asking for a donation of \$20.00 for each room that is reserved for Convocation, for however many days it is in use. Those wishing to reserve a room should call Mo. Marion at 605/964-7283. Please indicate if you are willing to share a room with another attendee.

The dormitories are located just off of Main Street between the Tribal Offices and the downtown area. They are about 2 miles (or so) from the Tribal Powwow Grounds where Convocation will be held.

We have also secured the use of the Community Building, which is next to the Powwow Grounds,

and is air-conditioned. It has 2 bathrooms available, as well as a kitchen. We will be serving meals in this building. There will also be strategically located port-a-potties throughout the Powwow Grounds.

Camping is available on the Powwow Grounds, as previously mentioned, but no RV hook-ups.

Other lodging options:

Super 8 Motel in Eagle Butte

605/964-8888

\$47.66/night

The Harding Motel in Eagle Butte

605/964-2448

Block of rooms reserved under the name of Mother Marion Rectenwald for the Niobrara Convocation, \$39.90—\$51.48.

The Prairie Vista Motel, Faith, SD (40 miles west of Eagle Butte)

605/967-2343

Block of rooms reserved under the name of Mother Marion Rectenwald for the Niobrara Convocation. \$77.00/night + \$6.00/each additional person.

CRST Pow-wow Grounds

There is space for camping at the Pow-wow Grounds, but there are **NO HOOK-UPS**. There are a number of electrical outlets around the "Cook Shack," that might be used for power, and there will be port-a-potties available for use. Tent camping is encouraged.

Dupree, SD (20 miles west of Eagle Butte)

There are maybe 2 RV hook-ups in Dupree. They appear to be very minimal. Anyone interested in these should call the City of Dupree at 605/365-5181.

Others

There are many other motels available further away from Eagle Butte: in Mobridge, in Pierre, in Gettysburg, and in Rapid City.

DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

1. Title. The title of this position is Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator for the Episcopal Church in South Dakota.

2. Purpose. The purpose of this position is to provide leadership that will help equip the Diocese of South Dakota to minister effectively to, with and through middle and high school aged youth.

3. Duties. Consistent with the provisions of the document, **Partners with God....** it shall be the duty of the incumbent of this position to:

- a. Help identify, solicit and train lay and clerical youth leaders in deaneries and congregations.
- b. Equip congregations and deaneries to organize fellowship opportunities for youth, where appropriate.
- c. Encourage, plan, publicize and help implement all diocesan youth events, including Happenings, conventions, rallies, provincial participation and other youth gatherings. Serve as principal resource for youth programming at Niobrara Convocation.
- d. Develop and share resources for use in youth ministry at all levels of organization, especially to the end that congregations, deaneries and other entities of the diocese are self-sufficient in their capacity to plan and execute activities beneficial to youth, especially in the areas of crisis and other counseling. Create a network of congregational youth ministry leaders.
- e. Administer programs designed to maximize the offering of quality youth camping experiences, especially utilizing Thunderhead Episcopal Camp, and coordinate such camping programs with the Director of Thunderhead Episcopal Camp.
- f. Serve as staff assistant to the Youth Ministry Council, providing guidance, education and support.
- g. Report youth ministry opportunities and concerns to the Bishop, Diocesan Council and to others in the Church in South Dakota, as appropriate.
- h. Manage funds related to youth ministry programs wisely and control expenditures responsibly.
- i. Advocate youth ministry in the diocese.
- j. Emphasize that all youth programs conform to diocesan policies regarding health, safety and sexual conduct, and require each person, whether in diocesan, deanery or congregational programs, to undergo an adequate background check before being permitted to teach or advise in activities pertaining to children and youth.

- k. Perform other such tasks as may be directed by the Bishop or others with such authority.

1. Attend continuing educational and professional conferences that will advance incumbent's capacity to provide effective leadership.

Authority. The incumbent of this position reports to the Bishop of the diocese or to the Bishop's designee.

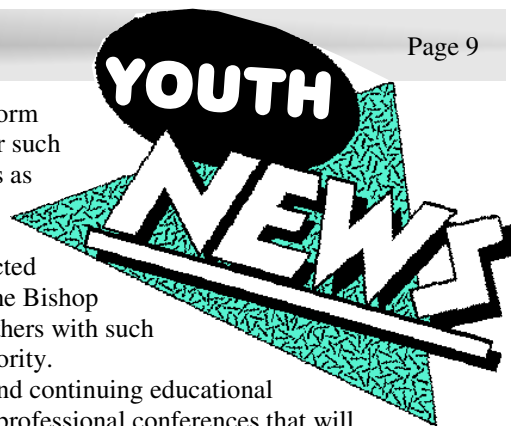
Collaborations. Incumbent must collaborate with the Director of the Thunderhead Episcopal Camp, appointed deans of deaneries, congregational leadership and entities such as the Niobrara Council.

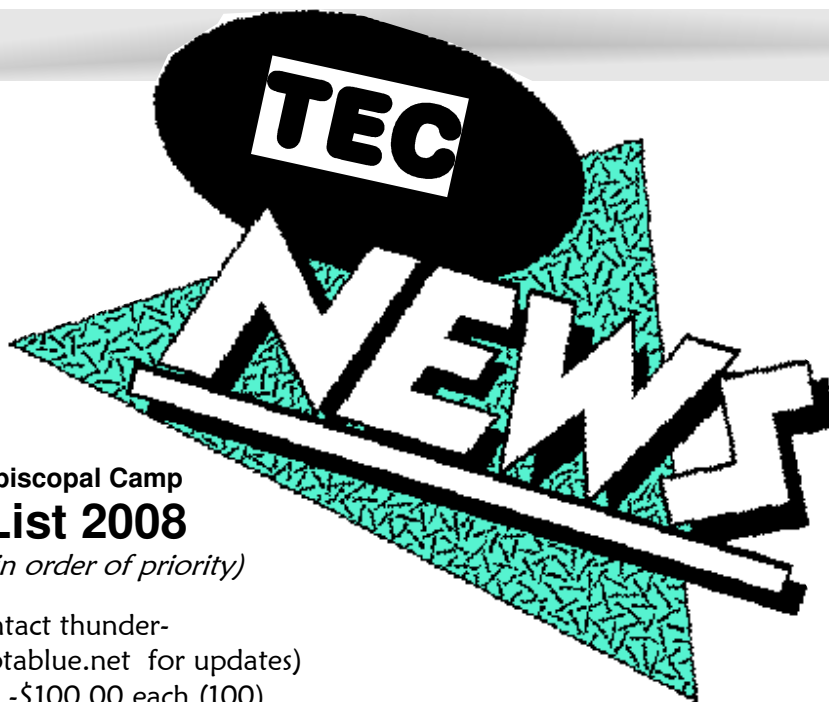
Requisite Skills and Attitudes. The incumbent should:

1. Be a devoted follower of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Be knowledgeable about Scripture, the Prayer Book and the faith.
3. Have personal awareness of God's love and forgiveness.
4. Have well developed verbal and written communication skills.
5. Be trained in leadership development and group dynamics.
6. Understand and address the developmental needs of youth.
7. Be adventurous and spontaneous, possessing good humor.
8. Be sensitive to cultural differences, with skills at cross-cultural reconciliation.
9. Demonstrate management abilities that assure successful completion of tasks.
10. Possess initiative, commitment to task and ability to work without direction.
11. Have some facility in Dakota/Lakota language, or commitment to develop same.
12. Possess a valid driver's license and be willing to travel. Although ordination to a licensed ministry is not essential, candidates who qualify as ordered clergy are desirable.

Experience Required. 2-4 years of work with youth related services, bachelor's degree (advanced degree in theology preferred).

Contact: Diocesan Deployment Officer
or Diocesan Office





Thunderhead Episcopal Camp Wish List 2008

(listed in order of priority)

- 1) Prayers (contact thunderhead@dakotablue.net for updates)
- 2) Scholarships -\$100.00 each (100)
- 3) Underwrite a bus trip - \$2,000.00 each (10)
- 4) Siding for SuperTent – labor and materials
- 5) Underwrite T-shirts - \$400.00
- 6) Underwrite water bottles - \$250.00
- 7) Replace three insulated windows - \$500.00
- 8) Commercial strength 4-slice toasters (2)
- 9) Spine board straps \$40 for a set
- 10) Computer and monitor; with Microsoft Office programs - \$650 or more
- 11) New songbooks
- 12) Sharpies (black, silver, colors)
- 13) Veggie Tales videos
- 14) Window replacement – cabins
- 15) Door replacement - \$500.00 each (4)
- 16) Locksmith work (resetting locks on all buildings)
- 17) Yarn
- 18) Good used sewing machine
- 19) Wheelbarrow
- 20) Poster boards
- 21) First Aid supplies:
 - ❖ Sanitary napkins and tampons
 - ❖ Aloe Vera lotion/gel
 - ❖ Tylenol, Ibuprofen
 - ❖ Deodorant
 - ❖ Toothbrushes and toothpaste (travel size is fine)
 - ❖ Band-Aids
 - ❖ Benadryl – liquid or chewable


Ongoing needs:

- Volunteer grandparents for camp sessions
- Scholarship donations
- Operating fund donations
- Maintenance volunteers
- Bus chaperones

Thunderhead Episcopal Camp exists to provide an emotionally, physically, and spiritually safe space in which to nurture a relationship with Jesus Christ and with Christ's people.

Thank you for helping make this possible!

**Thunderhead Episcopal Camp
PO Box 890
Lead, SD 57754**

Email us 

thunderhead@dakotablue.net

605-584-2233 (June—August)
605-336-3486 (off-season)

Thunderhead Episcopal Camp Summer 2008		
May 9-11	Work Weekend	All able and willing workers are invited to help prepare camp for the summer. Cleaning and maintenance jobs to fit all ages and abilities are available. Register early to reserve a room in the lodge – no charge!
May 23-26	Family Camp	Young families, singles, grandparents and grandchildren – whatever your family is, you are invited to a long weekend at camp. Come enjoy the peace and beauty of this special place. Camp begins with supper on Friday. Families may leave Sunday afternoon or continue relaxing through Monday morning. \$75/person; \$200 total
June 1-6	Summer Seminary	Continuing education open to all. Contact Mary Armin at the Diocesan office for registration information.
June 12-16	5 th / 6 th grade Camp	see below \$125.00
June 19-22	Day Camp	at Niobrara Convocation. See below
6/24-July 1	High School Camp	see below \$175.00
July 7-10	Future Staff Camp	(entering 10-12 grade) – This camp offers leadership training as well as an introduction to camp operations. Campers showing advanced maturity and aptitude may be invited to assist with other camp sessions. \$75.00
July 11-13	Women's Retreat	A wonderful weekend for all women. \$75.00 Scholarships available.
July 15-18	Day Camp	Sisseton Mission. See below
July 21-26	7 th & 8 th grade Boys	see below \$125.00
7/28-Aug. 2	7 th & 8 th grade Girls	see below \$125.00
Aug. 15-17	Men's Retreat	Good food, good fellowship, good lessons – open to all men. \$75.00
Sept. 5-8	Alumni Retreat	If you are now an adult and want to recapture the peace and fellowship you remember from camp, join us beginning with Friday supper

Grade level camps – All young people entering the listed grades are encouraged to attend. Note that 7th & 8th grade Camp is split into all boys and all girls sessions. Transportation provided. Scholarships are available for all sessions.

Day Camps – Children of the community entering 2nd grade through 7th grade are welcome to experience a taste of the fun, spirituality, and friendship provided through the camp program. Donations requested to offset the cost of the materials and staff.



Episcopal Women's Council offers Scholarships for 2008

Three scholarships of \$500.00 each available

Three scholarships will be available to Episcopal women in the Diocese of South Dakota for the 2008 – 2009 academic year. The scholarship money may be used for the purchase of books, or for partial payment of tuition and fees at any college, university, or technical school in South Dakota. The money will be sent directly to the school chosen by the winner of the scholarship.

The applicant should indicate whether she will be a full-time or part-time student, and is an active member of an Episcopal Church or Mission in the Diocese of South Dakota. Non-traditional students are encouraged to apply.

Requirements are:

- (1) an essay explaining the need for the scholarship and plans for the future.
- (2) a recommendation from a member of the clergy, and someone in the academic field.

The application deadline is June 1, 2008

Application forms and instructions are available from:

Chair: Sandy Magnavito, M.Ed. 348-0567 E-mail address: ahedlupus@aol.com
1305 Kings Road, Rapid City, SD 57702

Vaudeth Oberlander, Secretary 343-9691 E-mail address: vaudeth7@msn.com
8615 Kings Court, Rapid City, SD 57702

National ECW asks for help for "ECW Jericho House Project"

Your National ECW Board is asking all Episcopal Church Women throughout the nine provinces to come together and work as the "hands and feet of Christ" by raising funds to build a home in the City of New Orleans for a family.

"The cost of a Jericho Road house is \$110,000" said Bradford M. Powers, Executive Director of Jericho Road. This National project emanates from the Social Justice Committee and specifically from our ERD Representative Mary Ann Ransom's attendance at their latest meeting which was held in the Katrina affected areas of the Gulf Coast. All Episcopal Church Women are encouraged to participate.

A generous \$500 donation was given by one of the National Board members to kick off the project. If you wish to contribute to this fund and/or find out more about this National ECW project, please go to our website www.nationalecw.org and click on

ECW Jericho House Project to download a donation form and other information. Checks can be made payable to Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society, mark it for "ECW Jericho House Project" and mail to Elizabeth Campbell, ECW National Treasurer, 12191 Nemo Road, Nemo, SD 57759.

A Need is Identified

An Organization Has Become Engaged

A Dream Is Realized

And this is just the Beginning...

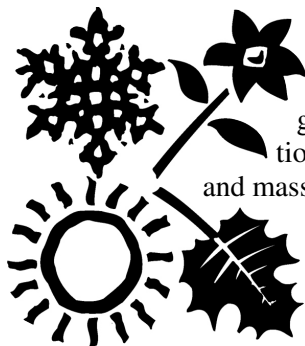
Come Join Us and Be a Part of this
National ECW Project!

For further information contact:

Kay H. Meyer, National ECW President
500 Valley View Dr., Fort Valley, GA 31030
Phone: 478-825-7779 Email: kayhmeyer@aol.com

Deborah Anderson, Social Justice Chair
2 Parkview Dr., New Brunswick, NJ 08901
732-668-2170 Email: andersonecwdb@aol.com

The Diocese of South Dakota presents
Growing Through the Seasons of Life
A Women's Retreat at TEC



Why are we important?

In our busy lives, we find ourselves giving away more than we get. We seem to get caught up in caring for children, or aging parents, or large homes. Not to mention the demands of our jobs and careers. Usually we are the last to get pampered and massaged. Well, if this is true of you, this retreat is just for you!

Set at TEC, God's special space in the Black Hills of South Dakota, you will enjoy pampering and renewal as never before.

- Listen to God's comforting Words for you.
- Stop the world and recapture the silence of a conversation with your Creator.
- Surround yourself with the beauty and sounds of Peace and Grace.

Learn a new way to accept yourself as you are and become the person God intends for you to be.

Agenda

- *Includes worship, meditations, and special retreat offerings*
- *Starts at 3:00 pm on Friday and concludes after lunch on Sunday.*
- *Extra activities are designed to let you find the special way you want to listen, stop, surround and learn. Offerings include:*
 - *Silent Walks (we will give you tips)*
 - *Massage*
 - *YOGA classes*
 - *Meditation*
 - *Discussion groups*
 - *One-on-One with a retreat leader*
 - *Nap*
 - *Crafts (bring the items you will need)*
 - *Nature vs Nurture discussion*
 - *Discernment of Gifts*
 - *Seeking the Holy Spirit discussion*
 - *Prayer*
 - *Music*
 - *and a Chocolate buffet!!!!*

You won't want to miss this three-day retreat. God is inviting you and calling your name. Come and See!

Cost: \$75

Send fee with your name, contact information, and any special needs to the Diocesan Office.



About Your Leaders:

The Rev. Judi Wiley, Diocese of Minnesota
The Rev. Evelyn Weaver, Diocese of South Dakota
The Rev. Sandy Weaver, Diocese of South Dakota
Kristi Franken, YOGA Instructor, Meditation Facilitator

Together these four facilitators will lead you through a journey of relaxation, refreshment and fun. It is their hope that you will take away from the retreat the renewed feeling of joy, passion and energy.

2008 PLEDGE TO THE DIOCESE**As of March 31, 2008**

	Pledge	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance	CN	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance
PARISHES:								
Aberdeen - St. Mark's	18,243.00	4,560.75	1,520.25	16,722.75	45.00	11.25	0.00	45.00
Belle Fourche - St. James'	3,372.00	843.00	843.00	2,529.00	85.00	21.25	29.00	56.00
Brookings - St. Paul's	8,500.00	2,125.00	2,127.00	6,373.00	240.00	60.00	240.00	0.00
Deadwood - St. John's	5,805.00	1,451.25	967.50	4,837.50	255.00	63.75	42.50	212.50
Huron - Grace	15,750.00	3,937.50	3,939.00	11,811.00	380.00	95.00	95.00	285.00
Lead - Christ Church	5,706.00	1,426.50	952.00	4,754.00	140.00	35.00	70.00	70.00
Mitchell - St. Mary's	3,250.00	812.50	541.66	2,708.34	310.00	77.50	310.00	0.00
Mobridge - St. James'	1,244.00	311.00	207.33	1,036.67	70.00	17.50	0.00	70.00
Pierre - Trinity	13,000.00	3,250.00	3,376.92	9,623.08	50.00	12.50	50.00	0.00
Rapid City - Emmanuel	37,132.00	9,283.00	9,282.99	27,849.01	850.00	212.50	212.49	637.51
Rapid City - St. Andrew's	24,506.00	6,126.50	6,126.50	18,379.50	410.00	102.50	101.66	308.34
Sioux Falls - Calvary	60,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	45,000.00	1,020.00	255.00	337.50	682.50
Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd	8,000.00	2,000.00	2,002.25	5,997.75	25.00	6.25	0.00	25.00
Spearfish - All Angels	18,259.00	4,564.75	4,598.65	13,660.35	345.00	86.25	85.87	259.13
Sturgis - St. Thomas'	4,303.00	1,075.75	1,075.75	3,227.25	110.00	27.50	110.00	0.00
Watertown - Trinity	8,400.00	2,100.00	1,250.00	7,150.00	265.00	66.25	47.50	217.50
Winner - Trinity	1,000.00	250.00	365.00	635.00	135.00	33.75	135.00	0.00
Yankton - Christ Church	19,945.00	4,986.25	3,324.08	16,620.92	500.00	125.00	83.34	416.66
TOTAL PARISHES	256,415.00	64,103.75	57,499.88	198,915.12	5,235.00	1,308.75	1,949.86	3,285.14
Bonesteel - St. Andrew's	799.00	199.75	399.50	399.50	30.00	7.50	15.00	15.00
Chamberlain - Christ Church	2,591.00	647.75	647.75	1,943.25	150.00	37.50	37.50	112.50
Cheyenne River Mission	750.00	187.50	666.66	83.34	495.00	123.75	98.33	396.67
Crow Creek Mission	1,050.00	262.50	100.00	950.00	220.00	55.00	0.00	220.00
DeSmet - St. Stephen's	30.00	7.50	0.00	30.00	15.00	3.75	0.00	15.00
Flandreau - St. Mary's	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	22.50	0.00	90.00
Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's	2,700.00	675.00	2,700.00	0.00	100.00	25.00	75.00	25.00
Gettysburg - Christ Church	232.00	58.00	91.00	141.00	50.00	12.50	12.50	37.50
Gregory - Incarnation	400.00	100.00	0.00	400.00	100.00	25.00	0.00	100.00
Herrick - All Saints	128.00	32.00	21.33	106.67	25.00	6.25	4.17	20.83
Hot Springs - St. Luke's	2,123.00	530.75	176.92	1,946.08	120.00	30.00	10.00	110.00
Lake Andes - St. Peter's	421.00	105.25	87.75	333.25	60.00	15.00	0.00	60.00
Lower Brule Mission	1,213.00	303.25	0.00	1,213.00	160.00	40.00	0.00	160.00
Madison - Grace	1,600.00	400.00	266.67	1,333.33	45.00	11.25	7.50	37.50
Martin - St. Katharine's	4,800.00	1,200.00	800.00	4,000.00	225.00	56.25	37.50	187.50
Milbank - Christ Church	2,184.00	546.00	546.00	1,638.00	65.00	16.25	65.00	0.00
Pine Ridge - Mesteth Cluster	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.00	32.50	0.00	130.00
Pine Ridge - Red Owl Cluster	989.00	247.25	0.00	989.00	205.00	51.25	0.00	205.00
Pine Ridge - Tyon Cluster	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	25.00	0.00	100.00
Pine Ridge - West Cluster	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	325.00	81.25	0.00	325.00
Rapid City - St. Matthew's	3,600.00	900.00	600.00	3,000.00	110.00	27.50	18.34	91.66
Rosebud Mission	7,283.00	1,820.75	90.00	7,193.00	335.00	83.75	0.00	335.00
Santee Mission	3,121.00	780.25	0.00	3,121.00	105.00	26.25	0.00	105.00
Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles	7,348.00	1,837.00	1,224.66	6,123.34	85.00	21.25	0.00	85.00
Sisseton - Gethsemane	700.00	175.00	0.00	700.00	80.00	20.00	0.00	80.00
Sisseton Mission	1,900.00	475.00	0.00	1,900.00	180.00	45.00	0.00	180.00
Standing Rock Mission	530.00	132.50	0.00	530.00	260.00	65.00	0.00	260.00
Vermillion - St. Paul's	13,075.00	3,268.75	4,356.00	8,719.00	180.00	45.00	60.00	120.00
Webster - St. Mary's	1,200.00	300.00	300.00	900.00	25.00	6.25	25.00	0.00



What I learned the day I officiated at a funeral in Thunder Butte

by The Very Rev. John T. Tarrant
Trinity Church, Pierre

A few weeks ago Mother Marion Rectenwald gave me the opportunity to officiate at a funeral in St. Peter's, Thunder Butte. Already having a commitment on that morning I tried unsuccessfully to find someone else, so I agreed to make the Saturday journey.

Mother Marion very graciously gave me directions to Thunder Butte. I promptly went to Google maps and found a route that would be much easier. I left Pierre at 9:00 am Central Time in order to have plenty of travel time for the 12 noon, Mountain Time, funeral. **My first lesson** was: pay attention to the resident priest's directions; Google doesn't really know where Thunder Butte is. **Second lesson:** 'plenty of time' is relative to the person doing the driving.

My third lesson was: when you are looking for a dirt road with no markings, turn off your radio and focus on what you are doing. Giving yourself an extra hour doesn't help when you drive up and down the same 7.9 miles of road 6.5 times. Finally, I found Leedom Pike Rd or what I thought to be Leedom Pike Rd.

Lesson number four: if you are driving down a gravel road with cattle crossings every half mile, you are probably on the wrong road. A **bonus** learning: don't have your tongue between your teeth when you drive over the pipes imbedded in the road at the cattle crossings.

Not missing subtle observations, I realized, when I stopped seeing any signs of human life, I probably was where I shouldn't be and had better stop and ask for directions. Since the cattle were not very responsive, I turned around and followed the electric lines back to a ranch where Rancher Bob was eager to tell me where to go. When I told him my destination he started to say, "it would have been easier," but then he quickly saw that I realized anything other than what I was doing would have been easier.



Lesson five: when someone tells you to keep going and after about six miles the gravel runs out and the road becomes just dirt, know you are in

trouble. I thanked Rancher Bob, told him how to get a hold of my next of kin and then continued my journey. Fortunately, I did a better job of listening to his directions than I had to Mother Marion's.

Lesson six: it is tricky when you need to take an outdoor comfort break on a very windy day on the prairie (this is one time when being a guy has no advantage).

I finally arrived at St. Peter's with twenty minutes to spare, only to find out that the son of the deceased had expected me at eleven o'clock and not twelve. The theory of "Indian time" was totally shattered for me.

My seventh lesson of the day was: at the cemetery don't stand down wind from the dirt pile. If we all are supposed to eat a peck of dirt before we die, I would have been a goner after just twenty minutes at the grave side. Another theory shattered.

Final lesson: John Donne was right when he said, "Any [one's] death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee." As I took my self imposed adventure to Thunder Butte that Saturday in March, I thought about the man I was going to help bury. A son, a father, a grandfather, a brother, a friend and a man who simply lived his life the best he could. I also thought of my own father whom I had helped bury twenty-five years earlier who also simply lived his life the best he could. I could feel the spirits of both and somehow their spirits did not seem that far apart. Perhaps, that day on the prairie I was guided by the both of them; a man who knew the prairie and a man who knew me.



Soul Food Buffet — 2008 Ministry Weekends

So far this year, we've offered two courses for ministry training and continuing education. Both courses were taught twice (one east river; one west river) so that no one would have to travel more than 2 hours to attend a session. **Fr. Liam Muller** of Mitchell held two sessions on *St. Paul's Letters to Today's Church*. **Fr. Paul Sneve** of Rapid City led two sessions on *The History of The Episcopal Church in South Dakota*.

Coming up next for the Niobrara School for Ministry:

Training for the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct

Facilitator: **The Rev. Kathryn Costas**

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

August 16, 2008 St. Mark's Church, Aberdeen

October 25, 2008 Christ Church, Chamberlain

The Book of Isaiah: Immigrant's Journey from Exile to Homecoming

Facilitator: **The Rev. Judy Wiley**

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

August 23, 2008 St. Matthew's, Rapid City

November 15, 2008 Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls

Text: *Interpretation of Isaiah* by Herbert M. Wolf
(\$15) Copies of text will be ordered through St. Augusta's Bookstore.

And also this year—

Living in the Resurrection - Ethics after Easter

Instructor: **The Rev. Harvey Henderson**

Summer Seminary @ TEC, June 1-6

Matrimony

Facilitator: **Tally Salisbury**

Dates and places TBA

Holy Eucharist

Facilitator: **The Rev. Mercy Hobbs**

Dates and places TBA

New teaching series for mission is announced

How does your congregation grow and become a healthy community in the face of daunting cultural challenges – both inside and outside – the Episcopal Church today? A new book series, designed to invigorate ministry and assure healthy congregations focused on mission offers concrete answers.

Transformations: the Church of the 21st Century is a series of nine books that provides a hands-on tool to help clergy and lay leaders chart their future course.

Jim Lemler, an expert on congregational development, edits the series as well as authoring one of the first three books in the series published by Church Publishing Incorporated. The books are grounded in theological and biblical foundations, and offer real-life examples and guides to best practices that will help leaders transform congregations in a very hands-on way – energizing ministry, renewing mission from within, and reaching beyond the congregation and into the community.

Each volume takes intergenerational and multicultural issues into consideration, and considers the needs of different-sized congregations.

Each book examines the need for change in a given area, provides the theological and scriptural foundations for a transformed view, provides models and examples already in use, describes the tools necessary for transformation and finally explains what the transformation will look like and how it will be experienced.

Available March/April 2008:

Transforming Evangelism by David Gortner

What is evangelism for the transformed church, and how can it transform us?

How will evangelism connect with the dominant spirituality of the 21st century, which is seeking and searching?

Transforming Vocation by Sam Portaro

How do communities and individuals discern a transforming call from God within the vocations and tasks in which they find themselves?

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**NIOBRARA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY
SUMMER SEMINARY**

Living in the Resurrection - Ethics after Easter
Instructor: The Rev. Harvey Henderson
The Diocese of North Dakota

Thunderhead Episcopal Center — June 1-6, 2008

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Contact info (phone, email) _____

Congregation _____

Registration Fee: to be included with Registration Form (Required of all participants)

_____ \$40.00

Required text: *Ethics After Easter* by Stephen Holmgren (*The New Church Teaching Series, Vol 9*)

_____ Yes, I need a copy of the text _____ I do not need a copy of the text

Room & Board Preferences & Fees (below) are due before attending Summer Seminary (**persons either in the ordination process or required to attend are exempt from these fees**) Even if you are not paying any room and board fees, please indicate your preference for room assignments

_____ Room and Board: Supertent, Double Occupancy **\$200.00**

_____ Room and Board: Supertent: Private room: **\$250.00**
(There are only a few private rooms, so register early)

_____ Room and Board (cabins) **\$175.00**
(Shared occupancy in cabins, or married couples together)

_____ Meals only: **\$100.00**

_____ Extra-Diocesan participants: **\$270.00**

I would be willing to share a room with _____

I have the following physical needs (i.e. no stairs, medication, medical condition). Explain:

Please send the registration form and fee and housing fees, if applicable, to:
The Rev. Paul Sneve, P.O. Box 1606, Rapid City, SD 57701-1606
Contact him at 605-342-6199 to inquire about scholarships.



Eco-tips and tools

“There is something inside us that responds to the Earth coming alive this time of year,” said Doug Bland, chairman of the Earth Care Commission with the Arizona Ecumenical Council. “It’s also a time when we face our own failings and sins. And as we look around us, we can see our role in the destruction of the planet.”



An eco-friendly tip (*untested by CN*) forwarded by Fay Hersey, St. James, Belle Fourche:

A good way of getting rid of mosquitoes is to spray Listerine (the original medicinal type or generic store brand), on the lawn or around your chairs or tables on the deck or patio. Spray around your picnic table or the children’s swing area. Spray around window and door frames.

We are told it may last a couple days, but not to spray it directly on the wood of a door.



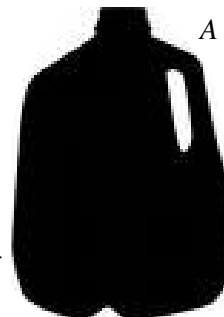
The greenest, and safest, way to cover your food for microwave heating and cooking is to use oven-safe glass cookware, which eliminates waste and the potential for chemicals leaching from plastic wrap. If you do use plastic wrap, loosely cover the food and never let plastic wrap touch food directly.



Recycle – REUSE—Reduce:
Plastic Bottles

Fashion a funnel – cut a cleaned plastic jug with a handle (milk, juice, bleach, etc. jug) in half across its midsection. Use the top portion (with the spout & handle) as a funnel for paint, rice, coins, etc.

Keep the cooler cold – fill a few clean plastic jugs with water or juice and keep them in the freezer for use when transporting food in your cooler. They keep the food cold AND you can actually drink the liquid as it melts. When filling a jug, leave a little room at the top for the liquid to expand as it freezes.



Feed the birds – carve a large hole on the side of a ½ gallon (2 liter) jug to remove the handle. Drill or punch a small hole under the large one to insert a sturdy twig or dowel for a perch. Poke a hole in the middle of the cap and suspend it from a tree with strong string or monofilament fishing line. Fill it up to the opening with birdseed, and enjoy the show.

Make a watering can – Drill or poke tiny holes (about a dozen) just below the spout of a gallon jug with a handle. Fill it with water, screw the cap on, and start sprinkling.

Build a bug trap – dissolve ½ cup sugar in ½ cup water in a clean 2 liter bottle. Then add 1 cup apple cider vinegar and a banana peel. Screw on the cap and give the mixture a good shake before filling it halfway with cold water. Cut or drill a ¾ inch hole near the top of the bottle, and hang it from a tree branch where the bugs (wasps, moths) seem active. When the trap is full, toss it into the garbage and replace it with a new one.



Recommended Books:
Environmental Theology

In the Beginning . . . Creativity?
By Gordon Kaufman (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2004)

Living from the Center: Spirituality in an Age of Consumerism
By Jay McDaniel (St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2000)

A New Climate for Theology: God, The World, and Global Warming
By Sally McFague (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2007)

Reinventing Eden: The Fate of Nature in Western Culture
By Carolyn Merchant (New York, NY: Routledge, 2003)

Theology that Matters: Ecology, Economy, and God
Edited by Darby Kathleen Ray (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2006)

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Integrating Ecofeminism, Globalization, and World Religions By Rosemary Ruether (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2005)

OPINION:

Global Warming: A Theological Problem

by Dr. Sallie McFague

In the late eighties I attended a meeting of the World Council of Churches on “climate change.” I did not know much about it, but the term sounded relatively benign. I was in for a big surprise. I recall feeling a knot in my stomach when I heard about glacier melt. I wasn’t thinking of the global consequences for submerged islands and coastal cities. Rather, I was thinking about myself. As a regular hiker in the Canadian Rockies, I saw the melting of glaciers as a personal loss: I loved those towering ice-covered mountains circling turquoise lakes. I felt anger and resentment—not unlike one feels at the unnecessary death of a good friend. How could this awful thing be happening to one of the most beautiful places on earth? I felt even worse when I was told that we, people like myself, were to blame.



Almost twenty years have passed since my introduction to global warming. It has grown, both in my mind and within our culture—after two decades of denial—to epitomize the fragility of the human experiment on earth. We know “the time is now”: there is no time left for further denial or delay. Acceptance of the reality of global warming is finally widespread, including such reluctant players as the Bush administration and most of the oil companies. Denial has been unmasked, although large segments of Western culture have not yet accepted it, and governments and the fuel industry are not eager to take the kind of serious action that is needed. Nonetheless, we are now in a different place than I was twenty years ago: we know that something must be done, and done soon.

Yes, but here’s the rub: effective action on global warming is probably the most discouraging task that human beings have ever undertaken. By comparison, mobilizing the Allies in World War II was relatively straight forward. The enemy was clearly identified and we were the “good guys.” Such a war is an in-your-face-danger which people react to immediately—and feel good doing so (studies showed that psychological health was up during the war). On the contrary, climate change is slow, insidious, partly invisible—and we are the enemy. Moreover, we are a (largely) innocent enemy: we high-level consumers of energy are merely living ordinary Western lives, doing what everyone else in our society is doing. Even as we gradually learn how deeply our actions are affecting the planet’s health, the problem still seems amorphous, abstract, remote. A Katrina hurricane or a torrid summer such as 2003 may jolt us to attention for a while, but the impact fades.

However, let us imagine that a number, a large number of people, do become centrally and more or less continually concerned—and want to act. The two main avenues for action are personal and/or political. Many people are attempting to live simpler, more environmentally-friendly, low-energy lives by changing behavior at the personal level. However, what these folks soon realize is that the corporate and political institutions of our society pose enormous barriers to such personal changes: the lack of low-energy transportation and buildings; a constant barrage of advertisement for SUV’s, high-energy electronics and appliances; a global food market that transports produce half-way around the world at an enormous expenditure of energy. Discouragement sets in: Does it make any real difference what individuals do in their personal lives if the culture and political structures are against them?

Let us now imagine that these people decide they must change the systemic structures that are literally “fuelling” the energy explosion that is producing global warming. How do they do this? In a democracy, there is only one way: by changing the government and that is only possible by changing people’s hearts and minds so that they vote differently.

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In other words, the political rests on the personal, on substantial shifts within voting bodies on what they want governments to do. Prior to 9/11, a grassroots movement of NGO's, church groups, and numerous others was beginning to surface, united by the slogan "a different world is possible." Many things were meant by that slogan, but one important thread was certainly an embrace of a communitarian rather than individualistic view of humanity. At the heart of any revolution bent on changing human behavior lies an anthropology—an understanding of who we human beings are and where we fit into the scheme of things. This communitarian turn is critically important, for it is hard to see how we can tackle our impending climate crisis without it. Sadly, at least for the time being, it is largely dormant, silenced by "the war on terror."

We are, then, in a very difficult place. The kind of thinking we need about ourselves and our place on the planet—our interrelationship and interdependence with all other human beings and other life-forms—has been deadened by the hand of a consumerist/militarist paradigm that exalts the comfort and superiority of elite individual human beings. We need to elect representatives to our governments who will create laws to limit human energy use at all levels—from emission caps on oil refineries to regulations on emissions from automobiles. The personal and the political need to join to legislate the kind of human action in the world that will create a just and sustainable planet. Individuals cannot do this simply by trying to live "environmentally" within an energy-mad society. The system must be changed—the major forces within society that regulate and control our use of fossil fuels.

The environmental crisis is a theological problem, a problem coming from views of God and ourselves that encourage and/or permit our destructive, unjust actions. For example, if I see myself (deep down) as superior to other animals and life-forms—a privileged individual (Western, white, educated, etc.)—then of course I will act in ways that support my continuation in this position. If, as a human being, I am basically "on my own," then it is also "up to me" to maintain my superiority. This sense or feel-

ing of separate and responsible individualism need not be conscious; in fact, it usually is not. Rather, it is considered by most privileged Western human beings to simply be the way things are. It is seen as "natural" rather than as a personal belief.

Likewise, if I imagine God (deep down) to be a super-being, residing somewhere above and apart from the world, who created and judges the world but otherwise is absent from it, then I will conduct my affairs largely without day-to-day concern about God. If the God I believe in is supernatural, transcendent and only intermittently interested in the world, then this God is not a factor in my daily actions. Whether or not I treat myself to that expensive car is certainly not relevant to such a God.

In conclusion, theology is the attempt to think about God and the world— who God is and who we are—in light of what the tradition has claimed in the past and what we must say in the present. Everyone is a theologian— that is, each of us has a picture, a set of assumptions, usually not conscious, of how we think God and the world are related. And all of us can and do express through our words and actions who we think God is and who we think we are. These unconscious or implicit theologies are very powerful. They give us permission or the obligation to act in very different ways, depending on our assumptions about God and ourselves.

Theology matters.

Distinguished Theologian in Residence at the Vancouver School of Theology, in Vancouver, B.C., Dr. Sallie McFague was a Keynote Presenter at the HOPE Conference (Heal Our Planet Earth) A Conference on Faith, Justice and Ecology April 12, 2008 in Bellevue, WA





GRACE HAPPENS

American “Good Samaritans” in Nanking

By The Rev. Fred Jessett

Six months ago, I wrote about John Rabe, a German who saved the lives of thousands of Chinese civilians in Nanking in 1937 during the Japanese invasion. Now here is the story of two Americans who also saved countless lives at that same terrible time and place.

Only twenty-two foreigners, including 14 American missionaries, stayed in Nanking when the Japanese captured the city. These 22 set up a Safety Zone to protect civilians. All did valiant work caring for and protecting civilians from the depredations of the invading troops who raged out of control for two months.

Two Americans, the Rev. John Magee, an Episcopal priest and head of the International Red Cross Committee in Nanking, and Miss Minnie Vautrin, a teacher and missionary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, are fine examples these 22 “Good Samaritans.”

As did all the foreigners, both Fr. Magee and Ms. Vautrin spent most of their time personally defending people in the zone from marauding soldiers, as well as going out of the zone to rescue people in danger. Many times a day Japanese soldiers came into the zone to rob people and rape girls and women.

As soon as Fr. Magee or Ms. Vautrin heard of an incursion, each would rush to the scene, knowing that the soldiers did not want to be seen by a foreigner while committing crimes. Each would order the soldiers to leave. Often they were successful, but not always. Sometimes they were too late and could only take the victim to the hospital.

Japanese soldiers also came officially to take away men in the zone who they claimed were former soldiers. Often they took men who had not been soldiers. If a foreigner was present and could vouch for

a man sometimes he could be saved. Almost all men taken away were killed – shot, bayoneted or beheaded. Beyond being foreigners Fr. Magee and Ms. Vautrin had only Red Cross banners and American flags with which to defend people in the Zone, and themselves. They knew their own lives were at risk every time they intervened.

In the midst of all this, both wrote records, as did most of the foreigners there, of what they experienced and witnessed, and both noted instances when Japanese soldiers or civilians helped them, or indicated disapproval of the crimes other Japanese were committing.

Minnie Vautrin reported soldier’s crimes to the Japanese authorities, and got from them orders and proclamations to display to stop marauding soldiers. These didn’t always work but she never stopped trying. She protected the 10,000 women refugees at Ginling College so ardently they called her “Goddess of Mercy.”

Fr. Magee also had a movie camera and managed to film much of the horror of those days. He did it surreptitiously knowing the Japanese army didn’t want any record made of what they were doing. He later smuggled his films out to show the world the evidence of what history calls the “Rape of Nanking.” Fr. Magee and his films were witnesses at the war crimes trials that took place in Japan after World War II ended.

Hemingway once defined courage as “grace under pressure.” The courageous and grace-filled actions of these men and women, most of them Christian missionaries, showed God’s love in the midst of a hell on earth. In those terror-filled days they made real the words of Psalm 139, “If I go down to hell, Thou art there also.”

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Meet needs with domestic mission, economic development, hope

*By Katharine Jefferts Schori
March 31, 2008*

Episcopalians have learned a great deal about the Millennium Development Goals in the last couple of years. These goals that work toward an earthly vision of the Reign of God have captured our imagination and mission efforts as a church. The goals move toward the great vision of Isaiah that Jesus claims as his own mission: to feed the hungry, heal the sick, and bring peace to the city and country. We are doing excellent work as a church in raising awareness of this kind of mission as a gospel imperative. However, the MDGs focus on overseas mission work in developing countries. They do not address poverty in the United States or the reality of equivalent conditions in some parts of our local communities.

Part of the challenge has to do with the multinational character of The Episcopal Church, which includes some of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere: the dioceses of Haiti, Honduras, and Dominican Republic, and some that are scarcely better off, in Ecuador, Venezuela, and Colombia. Dioceses in those countries are an intensely appropriate focus of our MDG-related mission work.

We also have within the United States and its territories significant areas of poverty that rival conditions in parts of the developing world. As members of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (the formal, legal name of The Episcopal Church), our mission efforts are meant to go in both geographic directions.

Our inner cities, rural communities, Indian reservations, and areas in U.S. territories like Guam (part of the Church in Micronesia), Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico suffer from the miseries and indignities of poverty like subhuman living conditions, poor nutrition, an absence of health care, domestic and

public violence, limited educational and employment opportunities, environmental pollution, and, beyond all else, hopelessness. Our mission work includes bringing good news to people in these places, yet we lack a coherent awareness of and strategy for engagement with issues of domestic poverty.

I have asked a number of leaders in domestic mission work to gather for two days in May to help us begin to develop such a strategy. I hope that you will look for news from that Summit on Domestic Poverty in the days and months following. My hope is that we might begin to engage domestic mission work with fervor equal to what we bring to the MDGs.

What can you do? Ask the members of your congregation to talk about the conditions of life for the poor in your community. Invite someone who works to alleviate that kind of suffering to speak to a parish forum. Encourage your worship planners and preachers to consider how local poverty might be reflected in the prayers and sermons you hear. Join the Episcopal Public Policy Network and learn how you can advocate for public policy that responds to the suffering of the poor in this country. Work with ecumenical partners in your community to attend to that suffering. And pray — pray in the silence of your heart, pray in your congregation as it gathers, and pray in the way that is urged on us in the parable of the widow and the unjust judge.

Go out and get acquainted with the reality of poverty: volunteer at a soup kitchen; make lunches for the homeless, as I saw Sunday school children doing at a New York City parish recently; have a conversation with a family being housed by Family Promise (Interfaith Hospitality Network); help a family find an affordable apartment as they seek to leave temporary housing, as I saw a nun doing on St. Croix (Virgin Islands) on Ash Wednesday; help rebuild homes in New Orleans or the Mississippi Gulf Coast, as many, many Episcopalians have been doing these last two years and more; be a Big Sister or Big Brother to a youngster who is trying to grow up whole in the midst of enormous challenges; build a Habitat house; tutor a child; and meet Jesus in everyone, of every economic class and color and housing status.

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Domestic Poverty Resources

My Name is Child of God...not 'Those People,'
Julia Dinsmore (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress,
2007).

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities — Report
after the release of 2007 poverty data from the U.S.
Census: <http://www.cbpp.org/8-28-07pov.htm>

Center for American Progress — Statistics, infor-
mation: [http://www.americanprogress.org/
issues/2007/04/poverty_report.html](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2007/04/poverty_report.html)

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tersen, Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, and N.T. Wright.
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The Jesus Way, Eugene Peterson \$22.00

This is Peterson's third book in his series of books
on "spiritual theology." He is careful to specify that
these volumes are "conversations," not dogmatic
treatises. As with the other volumes, **Way** is marked
by Peterson's careful, informed interpretation of
biblical texts. He is a biblical theologian and pastor
in mind and heart. He also writes with precision and
clarity. The focus for Peterson is less on the "what"
and more on the "how" of following Jesus.

Conversations with Scripture: The Gospel of John,

Cynthia Briggs Kittredge \$13.00

The author, a professor of New Testament at Epis-
copal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, sees
the Gospel of John as an invitation to become part
of a "community of friends." With helpful side
notes within the chapters to explain terms that may
be unfamiliar; she succeeds in making the reader
want to open the gospel to examine what it says.

Acts for Everyone, Part 1, Chapters 1—12,

N.T. Wright \$16.95

Like the other volumes in the "For Everyone" series
by the Bishop of Durham, this edition includes
Bishop Wright's own translation of the complete
text, followed by detailed background information
and discussion notes, with thoughts on applying the
passages to everyday life. A thought-provoking
companion for the Easter season.

These books and others in the series can be ordered
through St Augusta's Shop.

Other New Books

**Climate Change Begins at Home: Life on the
Two-Way Street of Global Warming** from Mac-
millan, by Dave Reay, 203 pages, paperback, ©
2006, \$14.95

[Source: Macmillan] Climate change is one of the
greatest threats that humankind faces in the 21st
century. But while government and industry fail to
act, this book argues, we could all work to reduce
greenhouse gas emissions by 60%, the level neces-
sary to halt the current trend according to the Inter-
governmental Panel on Climate Change. Packed
with provocative case studies, calculations, and life-
style comparisons, this entertaining and authorita-
tive book makes the complexities of climatology
tractable and challenges readers to rethink their no-
tions of "doing their part."

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New Books . . .

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The Words of Jesus: A Gospel of the Sayings of Our Lord from John Wiley & Sons, Inc., reflections by Phyllis Tickle, 208 pages, hardcover, © 2008, \$22.95

[Source: Wiley & Sons] What if you could encounter the words of Jesus on their own, lifted up from the surrounding narratives and presented in their full power and mystery? That's the question Phyllis Tickle, one of America's most beloved writers on Christian spirituality, asked when she set out to write what she calls a "Sayings gospel." In *The Words of Jesus*, Tickle has compiled and arranged all the Sayings of Jesus from the first four books of the New Testament and the first chapter of the Book of Acts in a way that creates an entirely new kind of encounter with the texts. And she has accompanied those Sayings with her own personal reflections and commentaries not just on the words themselves but on the One who spoke them.

While researching the book, Tickle discovered five distinct categories of Jesus' Sayings from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John: words of public teaching, words of private instruction, words of healing dialogue, words of intimate conversation, and words of post-resurrection encounter. By arranging Jesus' Sayings within these categories, she is better able to allow readers to tap into the teachings' true and essential meaning. In this important book, Tickle brings out the richness of Jesus' words and makes each passage stand on its own and in so doing highlights the variance and diversity in Jesus' Sayings and in the people for whom they were intended.

The Words of Jesus gives readers a thoughtful way to experience a clearer, more embodied encounter with Jesus and with the meaning of and messages in His Words.

Lord of Creation: A Resource for Creative Celtic Spirituality from Church Publishing, Inc., by Brendan O'Malley, 308 pages, paperback, © 2008, \$28

[Source: Church Publishing] This book presents Celtic spirituality in a way that is exciting and en-

riching for intergenerational groups of Christians. Fifty themed sections each provide an introduction, story, activity, meditative reflection and prayer, leading into a time of stillness and contemplation. Varied sections focus on key Bible texts, the seasons of nature, the seasons of the Christian year, putting on God's protection while getting dressed, prayers for bedtime, making a prayer corner, praying while walking, visiting a church or a holy place, looking at a Celtic cross, praying with an icon, using art and poetry in prayer, holding a peace vigil, liturgy for young people, a thanksgiving meal and a young people's eucharist. An original and very useful resource.

Religion in American Politics: A Short History from Princeton University Press, by Frank Lambert, 294 pages, hardcover, © 2008, \$24.95

[Source: PUP] The delegates to the 1787 Constitutional Convention blocked the establishment of Christianity as a national religion. But they could not keep religion out of American politics. From the election of 1800, when Federalist clergymen charged that deist Thomas Jefferson was unfit to lead a "Christian nation," to today, when some Democrats want to embrace the so-called Religious Left in order to compete with the Republicans and the Religious Right, religion has always been part of American politics. In *Religion in American Politics*, Frank Lambert tells the fascinating story of the uneasy relations between religion and politics from the founding to the 21st century.

Lambert examines how antebellum Protestant unity was challenged by sectionalism as both North and South invoked religious justification; how Andrew Carnegie's "Gospel of Wealth" competed with the anti-capitalist "Social Gospel" during postwar industrialization; how the civil rights movement was perhaps the most effective religious intervention in politics in American history; and how the alliance between the Republican Party and the Religious Right has, in many ways, realized the founders' fears of religious-political electoral coalitions. In these and other cases, Lambert shows that religion became sectarian and partisan whenever it entered the political fray, and that religious agendas have always mixed with nonreligious ones.

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Religion in American Politics brings rare historical perspective and insight to a subject that was just as important – and controversial – in 1776 as it is today.

New source opens for vestments and furnishings

As it focuses on becoming the complete full service supplier to the Episcopal Church, Church Publishing Incorporated (CPI), the parent company of Church Publishing, Seabury Books, Morehouse Publishing, Morehouse Education Resources, and Morehouse Church Supplies, announces the expansion of its product offerings in vestments and ecclesiastical furnishings.

This product group will be part of Morehouse Church Supplies (MCS) based in Harrisburg, PA. Products offered through this expansion include vestments, metalware, woodwork, columbaria, stained glass, linens, clothing, gold and silverware, altar supplies, processional items, all aspects of church supplies and ornamentation in wood, precious metals, incense and candles, as well as custom marble, various stone, mosaics, figures, and art pieces.

For more information, interested parties and customers are invited to contact Morehouse Church Supplies at Toll free 1-866-574-2799 or 1-917-324-7550, via Fax 1-973-702-8974 or via e-mail at tfloyd@cpg.org.

Large Print resources available

The Large-Print Ministry is offering two CDs that can help the Blind and Visually-impaired and others with Special Needs in their devotions and more fully participate in worship.

THE LARGE-PRINT BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER CD includes the entire 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*. It is mainly in 18-point Times New Roman font and is formatted in Microsoft Word™. It is laid out for 8.5 x 11" pages and can be used to help prepare Large-Print worship materials,

addressing a need many churches find right within their midst – people whose eyesight is impaired.

Besides helping the elderly and others whose eyesight is diminished, it has been suggested that the material on the CD can be adapted and used to help those who are learning to read. Books for beginning readers are usually in large print. Grown-ups can help children learn to follow along and take part in worship.

PRAYERS & PSALMS FOR TODAY, the second Large-Print Ministry CD, can help those who are hurting in body, mind and/or spirit. It includes selections from Prayers and Thanksgivings, Prayers for the Sick, Prayers for Use by a Sick Person, and the Book of Psalms from the 1979 BCP.

While the prayers are from an Episcopal book, they may be helpful to people of other faiths as well.

The **PRAYERS** CD is in APhont™, a font developed by American Printing House for the Blind. The CD is in Microsoft Word™. Most of the material is in 20-point type. It is laid out for use on 8.5 x 11-inch pages.

Blind individuals with electronic note takers and special software and visually-impaired people with access to computers can use the CDs. The material can be loaded into a note taker and re-edited into Braille. The CDs should also be useable in optical-character readers that can read material formatted in Microsoft Word™.

The Large-Print Ministry is a labor of love in thankfulness to God for His many blessings and in memory of Ann Dahlen's father who, in his later years, was visually-impaired.

To order one (1) CD, please send a self-addressed, stamped 6x9-inch envelope with four first-class stamps attached (five on a padded envelope) to Ann Dahlen, 1900 6th Ave., Apt. 513, Rock Island, IL 61201. Additional postage is required for additional CDs. ***PLEASE NOTE: The cost of a first-class stamp will go up from 41 cents to 42 cents on May 12, 2008.***

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Church Publishing Inc. launches new division to serve Christian formation needs of congregations

Church Publishing Inc. (CPI) has formed Morehouse Education Resources to encompass CPI's four major curricula lines.

Revitalization and renewal of that company's ability to serve Christian education and formation needs of Christian congregations has been a top priority of Davis Perkins, since becoming publisher of Church Publishing Inc. in the summer of 2007, according to a CPI news release.

Morehouse Education Resources is evidence of the seriousness of that commitment. "In the world of Christian formation and education, one size does not fit all," said Perkins. "This new division allows us to serve the differing needs of congregations with a wide variety of curriculum products and resources from which they can choose."

Living the Good News, Godly Play, Episcopal Children's Curriculum/Episcopal Curriculum for Youth (ECC/ECY) — formerly distributed by Morehouse Publishing — and All Things New will now all be distributed under the Morehouse Education Resources banner. More curricula lines will be added in the future, the release said.

As a result, Christian formation and education leaders will have a one-stop shopping source for a variety of curricula lines, as well as a single access point for all Godly Play resources.

"Lectionary-based curriculum and educational materials are vitally important to congregations," Perkins said. "We want to ensure that this key part of our publishing ministry receives the attention it deserves, enabling us to offer strong support and a range of materials to church educators."

The formation of Morehouse Education Resources is part of a larger CPI initiative to redefine and realign its imprints and offerings in order to serve the Church in more targeted ways and with extraordinary levels of cooperation.

Mission agency celebrates 25 years in the US

SPCK, the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge was founded in 1698 by Thomas Bray, and is the oldest Anglican mission agency in the world. Its mission and vision is to promote religion and learning and to propagate Christian knowledge and has accomplished this by sending Sunday School materials, preparing difficult Prayer Book translations, supporting seminarians and seminaries, and taking this mission into the electronic age.

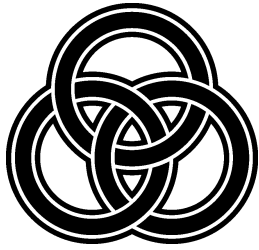
25 years ago, SPCK/USA was formed to fulfill this vision and carry on this tradition.



Since 1983 this has included:

- ◆ Translating the Education for Ministry (EFM) program into Spanish
- ◆ Helped fund the translation of the Book of Common Prayer into the Lakota language
- ◆ Produced a recording of church music reflecting Hispanic spirit and character, called *Unidos*.
- ◆ Supported a Russian Theological Institute to train over 100 seminarians.
- ◆ Provided funds to print children's books in Swahili
- ◆ Recorded African Choral music for broadcast.
- ◆ Provided Creole Bibles to Haiti
- ◆ Provided free web assistance and hosting to Episcopal organizations that do not have resources to host their own through Episcopal Church Web Hosting, an all-volunteer mission of SPCK/USA.
- ◆ Shipped hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of theological books, audio visual materials and equipment, and vestments to seminaries, clergy, and Bible colleges around the world.

www.spckusa.org



Trinity Sunday, May 18

Reginald Heber (1783-1826), a vicar and hymn-writer in England, was the first person to compile a hymnal based around the church calendar.

He composed the beloved hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy” specifically for Trinity Sunday with lyrics based on Revelation 4:8-11 (Hymnal 1982 #362)

The joyful song celebrates the eternal, omnipotent Triune God. Throughout the verses, Heber used units of three to symbolize the Trinity (e.g., God is “perfect in power, in love and purity”; God is praised “in earth and sky and sea”). Heber, who witnessed much idol worship while serving as Bishop of Calcutta, often reaffirmed God’s holiness in his hymns.

British poet laureate Alfred Lord Tennyson so admired the uplifting language in “Holy, Holy, Holy” that he proclaimed it the finest hymn ever written.

Congratulations to new graduates!

Recieve these words, adapted from Phillips Brooks, as you embark on the next step in your journeys.

“Do not pray for an easy life; pray to be a stronger person. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers but for powers equal to your tasks.

“Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you will be the miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself and the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.”

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 *2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

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Clergy—Alb and Red Stole

— on the Bishop's
Election process

Our new bishop will make the following vows. Use the words for reflection to help guide us in the selection process and help frame our prayers through the entire transition.

From the *Book of Common Prayer*, pages 517-518
(Ordination: Bishop)

THE EXAMINATION

The following is addressed to the bishop-elect

My brother, the people have chosen you and have affirmed their trust in you by acclaiming your election. A bishop in God's holy Church is called to be one with the apostles in proclaiming Christ's resurrection and interpreting the Gospel, and to testify to Christ's sovereignty as Lord of lords and Kings of kings.

You are called to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church; to celebrate and to provide for the administration of the sacraments of the New Covenant; to ordain priests and deacons and to join in ordaining bishops; and to be in all things a faithful pastor and wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ.

With your fellow bishops you will share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world. Your heritage is the faith of patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and those of every generation who have looked to God in hope. Your joy will be to follow him who came, not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Are you persuaded that God has called you to the office of bishop?

Answer I am so persuaded.

Will you accept this call and fulfill this trust in obedience to Christ?

Answer I will obey Christ, and will serve in his name.

Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the study of Holy Scripture, that you may have the mind of Christ?

Answer I will, for he is my help.

Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people?

Answer I will, in the power of the Spirit.

As a chief priest and pastor, will you encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, nourish them from the riches of God's grace, pray for them without ceasing, and celebrate with them the sacraments of our redemption?

Answer I will, in the name of Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

Will you guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church?

Answer I will, for the love of God.

Will you share with your fellow bishops in the government of the whole Church; will you sustain your fellow presbyters and take counsel with them; will you guide and strengthen the deacons and all others who minister in the Church?

Answer I will, by the grace given me.

Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?

Answer I will, for the sake of Christ Jesus.



Time Line for the Election of the Bishop Coadjutor

July 2008

- Gather data for diocesan profile
- Focus groups around the diocese to hear hopes, dreams, and aspirations about the next bishop

Aug 2008

- Diocesan Profile finalized and approved for public distribution

Sep 2008

- Profile and Nomination Forms distributed throughout the Episcopal Church and within Diocese

Oct 2008

- Nominations close

Nov – Dec 2008

- Contact proposed nominees and begin screening process. First cut.

Jan 2009

- Telephone/other interviews leading to 2nd cut.

Feb 2009

- Site visits to proposed nominees. 3rd cut.

Mar 2009

- Slate announced
- Nomination by petition period begins (10 days)

April 2009

- Walk-about/presentation of the nominees at sites around the Diocese

May 9, 2009

- Special electing convention in Pierre

June – Sep 2009

- Bishop coadjutor-elect complies with canonical requirements and receives consents at the General Convention in Anaheim in July
- Transition Committee completes preparations for the October 31 consecration

Transition Committee described

The Transition Committee for the New Bishop process has a wide variety of duties:

- Care & support of the current bishop and Diocesan Office staff
- Care & support of the Bishop-elect and family
- Election Convention
- Consecration and Installation of new Bishop
- Retirement celebration honoring Bishop Robertson's ministry

Members of these sub-committees of the Transition Committee are (the first listed is the Chair):

Communications

- Pat White-Horse Carda
- Julie Gehm

Support for Bishop Creighton & Staff

- Rev. Mercy Hobbs
- Vicki Sweet
- Tara-Jean Engel

Electing Convention:

- Barbee Hovelson
- Johnny Wilson
- Dennis Potter
- Fr. Liam Muller

Support for Bishop-Elect and family

- Richard Zephier
- Julie Gehm

Consecration of Bishop Coadjutor

- Fr. Liam Muller
- Marty Garwood

Celebration of Bishop Creighton's Retirement

- Rev. Mercy Hobbs
- Vicki Sweet
- Tara-Jean Engel
- Marty Garwood
- Barbee Hovelson.

Chaplain: Fr. Liam Muller



Who can do what? When?

There has been some confusion regarding:

1. What authority congregations have to encumber or dispose of church real estate, and
2. What approvals are necessary before contracting to do so.

National and Diocesan Canons provide clear answers to those questions.

NATIONAL CANONS

Title I, Canon 1.7, Sec 3 prohibits any encumbrance or alienation of any real property of a parish, mission, congregation or institution without the prior written consent of the Bishop and the Standing Committee of our diocese. The words are quite clear.

Encumbrance means to burden a property with an obligation, debt, mortgage, lien or as security for a loan.

Alienation means to transfer or convey any property, title or other right to another person or entity.

Put simply, no one is permitted to use property as security for a loan or mortgage nor is anyone allowed to sell, trade or give away church owned real estate without securing the written consent of both Bishop Robertson and the Standing Committee before contracting to do so.

DIOCESAN CANONS

Canon 10, Section 5 of the Diocesan Canons addresses alienation of property. Section 5 concerns four directives:

1. As with the National Canons, no vestry, bishop's committee, trustee or other body shall encumber or alienate any real property without written consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee. That written consent

must be secured before contracting to either borrow against it or sell, trade or give it away. This rule does not apply to property owned by the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral unless the property is a consecrated and dedicated church or chapel used solely for divine services.

2. The Standing Committee, in partnership with the Diocesan Council, shall provide guidelines and procedures to be followed when submitting applications for encumbrance or alienation of property. This is to assure that encumbering real estate with a debt or conveying it to other parties is the right thing to do and in the best interest of both the congregation and the Diocese.
3. The sole exception to this Canon occurs when re-financing existing loans, provided such refinancing does not increase the amount of the principal in the loan.
4. When new construction or additions to facilities that are for the use of a congregation are being considered, the Diocesan Council may appoint a Commission to study the proposals. The Commission must report its findings to the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council and the congregations involved.

QUERIES

If you have any questions regarding these Canons, and especially when considering debt obligations or transfer of any real property, please contact

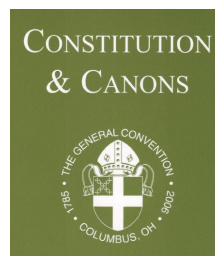
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The family of **The Most Rev. Walter Jones** has established a trust in the Diocese of South Dakota to provide encouragement and support for continuing ministry education. Should there be more than one applicant annually for the available funding, 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.

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ETn works on SD project

The Diocese of East Tennessee (our Companion Diocese) met in convention January 25-27, 2008.

While the usual business was conducted by clergy and lay delegates, clergy spouses were invited to participate in a service project with **Annie von-Rosenberg**, the bishop's wife. She asked them to bring books and book bags, and together they applied bookplates to the donated books and made beaded bookmarks to be delivered to elementary schoolchildren in the Diocese of South Dakota.

Annie credits the idea to **Ann Robertson**, wife of Bishop Robertson of South Dakota.



Need to feed a hungry crowd?

There are probably more recipes for meatloaf than there are people who eat it. But this is a proven favorite at Grace Church, Huron. And Bishop Robertson can attest that it is mighty tasty.

Submitted by Beckie Freeman
member of Grace Church, Huron

Serves 50

- 12 lbs lean ground beef
- 1 lb cracker crumbs (1 box of saltines, crushed)
- 1 pint (2 cups) of milk
- 12 eggs
- 2 onions - chopped (¼ inch pieces, approx)
- 1-2 Tbs salt
- 1 tsp pepper
- 1½ cups Ketchup

Topping: 1 cup brown sugar
1½ cups Ketchup } mix thoroughly
1 Tbs dry mustard

Mix eggs, milk, ketchup, & seasonings together and add to hamburger, onion, ketchup & cracker crumbs. Mix well but lightly.

Pat into 4-5 oiled loaf pans & bake at 325° for 1½ hours. Last half hour top with ketchup, brown sugar and mustard mixture.

Let sit 10 minutes before slicing. Enjoy.

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The Young Adult Ministry and Leadership Development Office at the Episcopal Church Center announces a Leadership Conference for Young Adults and Young Adult Ministers in the Episcopal Church.

September 19-21, 2008 in Houston, TX
Cost = \$340 for Single; \$205 for Double

For Registration and more information:
www.episcopalchurch.org/youngadults

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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.