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Diocese partners with a generous God

The Diocese of South Dakota met in convention for the 125th time, this year at Cedar Shore Resort near Chamberlain. It was a lovely venue, as always, though most would have ordered better weather. 156 clergy and lay delegates were in attendance, plus quite a few alternates, visitors, and guests.

The Diocesan Stewardship Committee¹ planned the convention under the theme “Partners With A Generous God.” Goal #7 under our “Partners With God” initiative is *Stewardship – to motivate, educate, and support all to understand stewardship and promote responsible care of all God’s gifts*. Several aspects of stewardship were addressed at the Clergy Conference, in the convention workshops, and in our conscious effort to “go greener.”

Clergy met October 1 and 2 with **James W.N. Murphy**, Associate Program Director of Planned Giving & Endowment Management for the Episcopal Church Foundation for discussions on Parish Endowment Development, Planned Giving, Wills, Trusts, and similar topics.

The sermons for the opening and closing Eucharist services, given by **Bishop-elect John Tarrant** and **the Very Rev. Bunker Hill**, and the re-presentation of “Partners With God” set the stage, informed our discussions, and sent us home with a vision and hope of the Kingdom of God that is both present and eternal. In Jesus’ call to strive for the Kingdom of God we are asked to glorify God by the way we live our lives. If I – and we – can glorify God in all things and at all times, we will indeed be true Partners with a Generous God.

In the effort to “go greener” every year and to be better stewards of time and resources, the planners asked delegates to bring with them to convention their (or borrowed) copies of the Book of Common Prayer, Hymnal 1982, and Dakota Hymnal. This cut back considerably on paper used to produce worship booklets with material from these same books. We thank those delegates who read and abided by this request, and who were good sports about this and some other changes.

There will be more changes next year and for years to come. Jesus called us to follow him which causes us to grow and stretch. As you contemplate what it means to live in the Kingdom, to be partners with a generous God, and to glorify God in everything and at all times, find a way to discuss with members of your congregation and deanery, with your priest and Dean, how Diocesan Convention can be altered to better serve our ministry in and through our diocese and to address issues that confront our daily lives.

Business

There were no resolutions to be considered this year, but delegates did elect people to fill various offices:

- **The Rev. Liz Powers** (Mni Sose Cluster) is the Convention Representative to Diocesan Council, term expires 2013.
- Trial Court members: **David Wheeler**, Huron, (4 year term), **The Rev. Mercy Hobbs**, Vermillion and Santee, (5 year term), **The Rev. Ryan Hall**, Brookings (3 year term).

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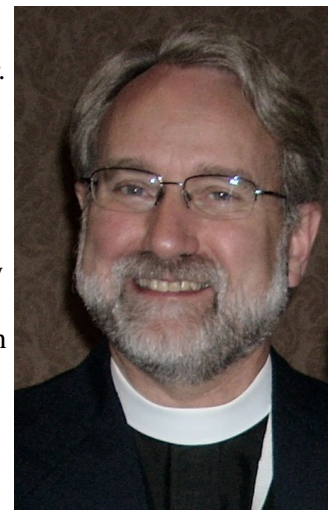
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“We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it; the process is not yet finished, but it is going on; this is not the end, but it is the road.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Almost six months ago I was elected bishop coadjutor of this Diocese. For Pat, Jessica and me it is a significant shift in our journey. We are honored to walk with you in this new capacity. During the coming years as we journey together we will see some leave to take other roads, new faces will join us and some will reach their final destination.



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

We do not wander around aimlessly (although it may seem like it at times), but we have a clear objective, the kingdom of God. How we experience it is the adventure of life and life’s challenge. Our time together in this Diocese hopefully will give each of us encouragement, support, and direction as we move along the Way.

I am thankful for the prayers that have surrounded and strengthened me these past months. Prayers offered in faith knowing that God would direct us during this transition time. I am thankful for the encouragement I have received as I have traveled around the diocese. I am thankful for the supportive staff who have been patient with me as I learn my new role. I am thankful for an understanding and loving family who have allowed their lives to be changed significantly as a result of this call. Most of all I am thankful to our Lord Jesus Christ who has called you to be his people and invited me to serve him among you.

There will be many challenges and opportunities along the road that lies ahead. There will be ups and downs, bends and bumps, but always we will press on to keep the faith. We will hold fast to the knowledge that it is our Lord who has chosen us and God will raise us to be saints.

Throughout our congregations we will worship God and teach the story of our faith. We will break the bread and pass the cup. We will reach out to those who are far off and those who are near. We will be disciples of the crucified one. We will be believers in the resurrected one. We will be the church, the body of Christ. Those whom we touch and those who seek to touch us will know our God through the love we offer, the hope we embrace and the Spirit that dwells among us.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit may we always go into the world in peace, be of good courage and fight the good fight of faith that we might finish our course with joy.

God’s blessing be upon you always,

+John

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Convention . . .

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- **The Rev. George Parmeter** (Huron) will fill the 3 year term on Standing Committee (term expires 2012)
- **The Rev. Sandy Williams** (Belle Fourche) and **Don Metcalf** (Cheyenne River Mission) were elected to 4 year Standing Committee positions.
- Provincial Deputy position vacancies were not filled.

In addition, **Deacon Susan Lyman** was elected by the Eastern Deanery to another 4 year term as representative to Diocesan Convention, and Mrs. **Jean Lacher** was re-elected as President of the Standing Committee by that body.

Workshops

Workshops were presented by members of the Diocesan Stewardship Committee and each held twice to allow for a broad participation:

- Stewardship 101: An introduction to Christian stewardship – *Bishop-elect John Tarrant* gave his theology and insights on faithful Christian stewardship
- Living Wi\$ely: Explored money, faith, and getting out of debt – *Administrator Randy Barnhardt*
- Annual Stewardship Program: launching an annual pledge program – *Dean Bunker Hill* laid the groundwork for launching an effective program of pledging in the parish.
- Stewardship in a Native American Context – *Karen Eagle, Mission, and a panel of experts* helped the group examine the challenges and opportunities for stewardship in a Native American Context.
- Establishing a Parish Endowment – *Connie Lane, Rapid City* shared her expertise and belief that every church should have in place the structure necessary to enable the church to encourage legacy giving.

Coming up . . .

This was the 3rd year of a 5 year contract with

Cedar Shore. Negotiations will be undertaken this year to determine where – and when – the diocesan convention will be in 2012 and beyond.

Again, your serious discussion and input is critical – whether you are a current or past delegate or wish to be one in the future. For example:

- Shorter or longer convention?
- How best to utilize that time together?
- How can Deaneries help prepare for or conduct or carry out diocesan business throughout the year?
- How can we approach “paperlessness” and/or otherwise be better stewards of our financial and material resources at convention?

And keep watching for and spreading the good news about opportunities to be Partners with a Generous God.

¹ Committee: The Very Rev. Bunker Hill, The Rev. Canon David Hussey, The Rev. Dr. Robert Wagner, Treasurer Chuck Bahnson, Connie Lane, Dan Farrington, Karen Eagle, Administrator Randy Barnhardt

Introduction to “A New Partnership with a Generous God”

In the first order of business, **the Very Rev. Bunker Hill** introduced **Fr. John Tarrant** who re-presented the Partners with God initiative to convention. Here is a summary of the presentation.

BH: *Today, our heavenly Father, it is once more and again, that we few of your hand-made servants are gathered in this sacred circle, heads bowed as humbly as we know how, facing the mother dust this side of the greedy grave.*

We thank you for this day, a day we’ve never seen before, but one that has been coming since the dawn of creation. We thank you for the ministry of Bishop Robertson these past 15 years, and we pray for his health and well-being. We thank you for all of our new beginnings, but especially for this new beginning with our bishop-elect, Fr. John Tarrant.

Generous Father, we are seeking, not just a new beginning, but a New Partnership with you and with Fr. John as our bishop.

Bless our new Bishop. Turpentine his head with the oil of understanding; set him on hallowed fire; let him down into the rich storehouse of scripture, tradition and reason where he can bring out treasures both old and new to edify ALL of your people.

Bless the man who is going to walk in the shoes of the apostles. Bear him up on eagle's wings. Let him fly in spirit beyond sun and moon and stars. Let heaven and earth come together in this place right now.

We thank you for blessing us, and we pray that as we seek to bless others, you will bring new life to our Diocese. We abandon ourselves to Jesus' promise that he has come to bring abundant life for all. In a new partnership with you, we seek that life for ourselves and for all of the people among whom we live.

This is your servant's prayer. So I hope. So may it be, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. And all God's people said: Amen.

It's my privilege, today to introduce our bishop-elect as he presents or perhaps I should say represents the Partners with God initiative that this body passed in 2007. Today, we call it a New Partnership with a Generous God because we are renewing our partnership with a serious intent of implementing it.

The entire Diocese took part in crafting this vision for ministry in the Diocese of South Dakota, and we intend for it to express who we are and where we hope to go together. It's our gift to Fr. John as we seek to be the best Diocese we can be. Together I believe we can be a model diocese for the whole Episcopal Church.

But we wouldn't have this vision today without the self-sacrificing leadership of The Rev. Canon Dr. Robert T. Wagner. And I invite you all to join me in expressing our thanks for the inspiring leadership that Canon Wagner has given us.

Both the Vision and Mission of our Partners with God initiative focus on the most important thing that we can do together as a Diocese, and that is "ministry." In all of the storm and stress of our troubles as a denomination and a worldwide communion, it's easy to lose sight of the ministry to which God has called us. I believe that Fr. John has his sights clearly and firmly on our call to ministry. I also believe he will be "Servant to the Servants of God." So today, as Fr. John presents a "New Partnership with a Generous God," I'd like to paraphrase what John F. Kennedy said as he began HIS new initiative, called "The New Frontier": "Ask not what your Diocese can do for you, ask what you can do for your Diocese."

JT:

NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH A GENEROUS GOD

An initiative for fulfilling ministry and mission in the Diocese of South Dakota

OUR VISION

We are a sacred circle gathered around Jesus in prayer, loving and serving God and our neighbors in Jesus' Name.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ through the ministry of all.

WHAT IS MINISTRY?

- Ministry, based on our Catechism, is to represent Christ and his Church by working, praying and giving for the spread of the kingdom of God.
- The laity, deacons, priests, and bishops each have particular emphasis in their ministry, but all four orders are to work, pray and give for the spread of the kingdom of God.

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OUR GOALS

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Goal: Education

- Offer curriculum in Christian Formation, education and nurture that will help Christians of all ages to grow in faith, to follow Christ and to share the story of God's love for his creation and all of the people who inhabit it.
- Train educators to engage students in learning and to effectively present the gospel and its application to our world.

Goal: Ministry Support

- Develop and encourage supportive relationships and programs of leadership development for both the lay and ordained leaders of the church.

Goal: Ministry Development

- Invite and encourage all baptized persons to discover and fulfill THEIR INDIVIDUAL ministries.
- Provide opportunities for each congregation to equip those whom God is calling to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world.

Goal: Achievement Management

- Develop new and improved channels of communication through a wide variety of media at all levels of the Diocese.
- Implement management and evaluation strategies to assure the most effective, efficient and extensive service in the name of Christ

FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY

Goal: Stewardship

As Christians we are stewards of a generous God who provides abundantly for all of our needs. Motivation, education and support to individuals and congregations will:

- Promote understanding of the principles and practice of effective stewardship, and;
- Promote responsible care for our church, our community, our environment, and ourselves.

Goal: Evangelism (Telling our Story)

- Identify the gifts present within each congregation which can be developed to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, and
- Offer training and resources in sharing the Good News of Christ and understanding the Anglican traditions as they may be expressed within our various cultures to help us become Christ's Body active in the World.

Goal: Community Engagement (Serving our Neighbors)

- Encourage and empower persons to inform themselves and develop action plans to address human needs and issues of justice in local communities at the congregational level.

KEY ISSUES

The elaboration of various strategies for accomplishing our Goals is set out in the original Partners with God initiative passed by this Convention in 2007.

Key Issue: Priorities

My purpose today is to begin to prioritize these individual goals into a coherent first step in creating an environment in this Diocese which puts the work of ministry ahead of everything else.

My first priorities are Stewardship, Evangelism and Community Engagement. These three priorities define:

- who we are – we are stewards of the bounty that God has given us.
- why we've come – we are heralds of God's kingdom, and
- what we are to do – we are called to love God and our neighbors.

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Partners with a Generous God . . .

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Key Issue: Renewal

- I plan to begin implementing these priorities by listening to you.
- I want to hear how each of you articulate your understanding of your relationships with God, your family, your local church, the community in which you live and our country.
- I hope to engage your trust by offering you my trust in a spirit of partnership.

Key Issue: Spirit of Partnership

In particular, I want to hear how we can all work together in this Diocese as the Body of Christ. St. Theresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours, ours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out to the earth, ours are the feet by which He is to go about doing good and ours are the hands by which He is to bless us now."

It is the work of the Holy Spirit to bind us together in love, and strengthen us for God's work as the Body of Christ. When communities of faith come together, their service to the Church and to the world has more impact.

I want to nurture a spirit of partnership in which:

- everyone can have their say,
- all can hear the gospel, and
- everyone can say with gratitude:

**"I am an Episcopalian from South Dakota.
Here am I, send me!"**

Tyson White, Eagle Butte & a student at Black Hills State University in Spearfish, was a delegate to Diocesan Convention and inspired to create and share the following poem:

I was at convention; Cedar Shore resort,
Measuring life with God could never be short –
Voting and elections and ballots being cast,
Of memories and people that will always last –
Connections and involvement with the church and
repent,
Of happenings and celebrations with each event –
From nominations and discussion to observe,
To vote with actions to people who deserve –
From deacons, priests, and our bishop-elect,
To all those concerns and those people who present
direct –
All those celebrated and our Presiding Bishop,
From our concerns with the diocese and all we
wish up –
From youth to old and all those between,
With God as a witness and we have seen – the
greatness of all and those at convention,
With words of God speaks and thus our intention –
Is to support and wisdom advice,
That this special event was something very nice –
To be mentioned later on down the line,
Of God's grace amongst us is so divine –
So here at convention it was a chance to meet,
All the people gathered who with credentials we
greet –
Onto next time and onto the consecration,
To the unity of the church and diocese of this
great nation.

*Tyson White
All Angels Church, Spearfish*

ECW grants scholarships

The September/October 2009 issue of *Church-News* featured one of the three women to receive a \$500 scholarship from South Dakota ECW. Here are snapshots of the other two recipients.



Dear ECW,

Thank you for the generous scholarship to help me complete my study in training to be a spiritual director. Your support of women in all their ministries is wonderful, and this extra support is a great blessing.

I will use the funds toward my tuition costs this year, which will take off some of the pressure as I complete my practicum. Along with the course I took at Summer Seminary this year, I am off to a good start in my theological studies.

Your prayers, support, and encouragement are a tremendous gift. Thank you, my friends!

Serving Christ with you,
Holly Huisken



Dear ECW,

I would like to take this time to thank all who supported me in receiving the ECW scholarship. As we all know, the cost of school and everything required around it is getting very expensive. Thanks to this scholarship, I will be able to afford the books needed for my upcoming classes in the fall of 2009.

This has been a very busy summer for me, In May I traveled to Ghana, Africa for 10 days and learned a whole new world outside of the states. When I arrived home, I started my summer internship at Sanford Health Disparities Research in Sioux Falls. Most of my time there was spent working on a project called Photovoice that empowers American Indian students through photography. The participants' pictures and captions will be seen by policy makers which will give them a glimpse of what these teens see in their community and what changes could be made.

This fall, I will be a sophomore at the University of South Dakota. I am studying in the field of Social Work with a minor in coaching. Having a job this semester isn't an option for me since I will be

busy being a mentor in the Wawokiya Mentoring Program through USD. I will be mentoring American Indian freshmen and transfer students throughout the year, working to smooth the transition to college. This program helped me tremendously last year, so I want to help the new students as I was helped my freshman year.

Once again, thank you for the ECW scholarship. It is greatly appreciated and will help me start off my upcoming year at USD.



God bless,
Dawn Johnson
Waubay, South Dakota



Sandy Magnavito is the Chair of the ECW Scholarship Committee. She can be contacted at 605-348-0567 or ahedlupus@aol.com

Helping for Heat is statewide ECW project

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of South Dakota voted to raise money to help St. Philips in Dupree (Cheyenne River Mission) buy an electrical panel so that they may have heat in the cold winter months ahead for church services and other activities, rather than borrowing space at the local home for the elderly in Dupree.

The ECW's outreach project for this year is within the state of South Dakota. Last year the ECW helped by sending money to the Sudanese school in Africa. Next year the ECW will choose a project in the United States, outside of South Dakota.

We are asking everyone to host in November a bake sale, white elephant sale, auction, lunch sale, pancake supper, taco sale, or other money making project in your community to help the St. Philips congregation. Please send money raised to ECW Treasurer: **Linda Frederick**
9 Van Buren #7
Deadwood, SD 57732

Contact Linda at lfrederick@rushmore.com
Telephone number 605-430-8573



Thankful Giving

Please get your UTO contributions to the Diocesan Office by **December 10, 2009**

in order to have them counted for 2009. Any donations received after that date will be counted in 2010 totals.

Send checks, marked "UTO" to:
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UTO Grant applications for 2010 now available

United Thank Offering Grant applications are now available for 2010. Applicants can acquire their copy of the grant application and instructions from the Diocesan Office or at the UTO website: www.episcopalchurch.org/uto

Grant awards are for projects occurring during the year June 2010 through June 2011. Applications must be submitted by January 31, 2010, as outlined in the instructions. Since applications require the Bishop's comments and approval, a **diocesan deadline** will be **January 4, 2010**. Awards will be announced in May 2010.

This year the United Thank Offering is inviting each diocese to submit **one** grant application for the 2010 United Thank Offering grant cycle.

2010 UTO GRANT CRITERIA

The United Thank Offering supports programs that address compelling human needs by supporting the alleviation of poverty, both domestically and internationally, within the Anglican provinces, dioceses, and companion dioceses.

The United Thank Offering supports projects:

- That address poverty of women and children
- That make significant impact
- That demonstrate new and innovative work
- That are a part of a planned diocesan/provincial mission strategy

The United Thank Offering will not fund:

- Capital fund campaigns or debt reductions
- Deferred maintenance
- Operational budgets, meaning the proposed budget and program is the same as the year before
- Debts obligated or incurred before the date of the grant award
- Purchase of consumable items (e.g., food, medicine, paper goods, toiletries, fuel, etc.)
- Scholarships, tuition, camp fees, and attendance incentives
- Emergency response

In Episcopal dioceses within the United States, the United Thank Offering will not fund:

- Previously funded requests
- Capital improvements that do not expand capacity to meet compelling human need or mission and ministry need in disadvantaged situations
- Programs regarded to be diocesan operating budgets

2010 UTO GRANT POLICY

The United Thank Offering Board will make grant award decisions in April 2010, which they will announce in May. Funds will be available June 2010 for expenses incurred June 2010 through June 2011. Grant monies are disbursed through the local diocese. Instructions for accessing granted funds are included in the grant award letter. Accounting is required. Instructions for accounting are sent to the contact person when funds are dispersed.

The UTO Board will accept one grant application per diocese within The Episcopal Church. The UTO will accept one additional grant application for a companion diocese from dioceses of The Episcopal Church who choose to form a relationship with a diocese from TEC or the greater Anglican Communion.

United Thank Offering grants support the Budget Priorities adopted by the 76th General Convention, the Millennium Development Goals, and the priority needs identified by the Primates for Theological Education for the Anglican Communion (TEAC).

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News Note from St. John's in Deadwood

- submitted by Elizabeth Campbell

In October 2009 St. John's choir members were called to meet at the Charley Utter Theater at the Deadwood Social Club. This brought a chuckle and harkens back to the early days of the church, as the theater is located above the Saloon No. 10. Organist and Choir Director Michael Ellison contacted the Keehn family who are the owners of these establishments for permission to meet there. The theater has a piano and the choir needed a place while a contractor and the church Junior Warden, Don Derosier, were directing repairs and drainage on the exterior of the church. With no electricity during the week the Wonderful Wednesday Supper and Bible Study had to be abandoned but the choir rehearsal could go on.



In the 1870's the Episcopalians also met at the school and the court house, but the most satisfactory place was the Langrishe Theater, as there was a piano there. The lady spear-heading the formation of the parish was Mrs. Helen Dennee, an actress, who was also the pianist. Together with only two other women and their children, she held the first organized Episcopal service in 1877 with over one hundred men attending. A gentleman read Morning Prayer. She went on to be the first president of the women's auxiliary, St. John's Guild, which paid for the land for the church and much of the construction and furnishings over the years. She was rewarded for her hard work by being given the honor of naming the parish and she chose the name of her home church, St. John the Baptist in St. John's, Newfoundland, which is a Cathedral.

So what goes around comes around. The parish is grateful to Deadwood Preservation for assisting with the necessary improvements and the Keehn family, who are church members, for giving the choir a place to have Wednesday evening rehearsals.



Cathedral welcomes new Dean

October 1, 2009 was **The Very Rev. Ward Simpson's** first day as the newly-called Dean of **Calvary Cathedral**. He participated in Morning Prayer and then headed for Cedar Shore for Clergy Conference and Diocesan Convention. By the end of the month he and his family had moved to Sioux Falls.



Ward Simpson (47) and his wife Barb have 3 sons, Andrew (25), Alexander (17), and Joshua (11). They come to South Dakota from the Diocese of Eau Claire (Wisconsin) where Ward has served since his ordination in 1991. He is a native of Waterville, Minnesota, and a graduate of Minnesota State University at Mankato and Nashota House Theological Seminary.

"Calvary Cathedral has a long history of ministry that begins in the heart of Sioux Falls and extends across South Dakota and around the world," said Dean Simpson. "Sharing in the next chapter of this great history is a wonderful gift. I look forward to many years of ministry alongside the people of Calvary as we discover God's love for all people."

We welcome the Simpsons to South Dakota!

The Very Rev. Simpson will be formally installed as dean of Calvary Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 20, with a light reception to follow. All members of the diocese are welcome to attend.

2009 PLEDGE TO THE DIOCESE
As of September 30, 2009

	Pledge	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance	ChurchNews	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance
Aberdeen - St. Mark's	16,220.00	12,165.00	12,165.01	4,054.99	55.00	41.25	55.00	0.00
Belle Fourche - St. James'	3,217.00	2,412.75	2,413.00	804.00	105.00	78.75	90.00	15.00
Brookings - St. Paul's	9,600.00	7,200.00	7,200.00	2,400.00	240.00	180.00	240.00	0.00
Deadwood - St. John's	5,805.00	4,353.75	3,870.00	1,935.00	90.00	67.50	90.00	0.00
Huron - Grace	15,750.00	11,812.50	11,817.00	3,933.00	380.00	285.00	285.00	95.00
Lead - Christ Church	7,460.00	5,595.00	5,060.00	2,400.00	150.00	112.50	150.00	0.00
Mitchell - St. Mary's	1,625.00	1,218.75	1,218.78	406.22	165.00	123.75	165.00	0.00
Mobridge - St. James'	1,500.00	1,125.00	1,500.00	0.00	80.00	60.00	80.00	0.00
Pierre - Trinity	16,024.00	12,018.00	5,080.00	10,944.00	55.00	41.25	55.00	0.00
Rapid City - Emmanuel	43,523.00	32,642.25	32,642.28	10,880.72	615.00	461.25	461.25	153.75
Rapid City - St. Andrew's	23,000.00	17,250.00	17,375.83	5,624.17	360.00	270.00	282.51	77.49
Sioux Falls - Calvary	61,054.00	45,790.50	45,790.56	15,263.44	835.00	626.25	835.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd	8,000.00	6,000.00	6,003.00	1,997.00	30.00	22.50	0.00	30.00
Spearfish - All Angels	22,352.00	16,764.00	14,901.30	7,450.70	350.00	262.50	233.33	116.67
Sturgis - St. Thomas'	5,027.00	3,770.25	3,351.33	1,675.67	120.00	90.00	120.00	0.00
Watertown - Trinity	8,605.00	6,453.75	6,453.72	2,151.28	270.00	202.50	202.50	67.50
Winner - Trinity	1,000.00	750.00	650.00	350.00	120.00	90.00	120.00	0.00
Yankton - Christ Church	19,984.00	14,988.00	13,359.51	6,624.49	485.00	363.75	324.57	160.43
TOTAL PARISHES	269,746.00	202,309.50	190,851.32	78,894.68	4,505.00	3,378.75	3,789.16	715.84
Bonesteel - St. Andrew's	571.00	428.25	571.00	0.00	40.00	30.00	40.00	0.00
Chamberlain - Christ Church	2,600.00	1,950.00	1,733.33	866.67	130.00	97.50	97.50	32.50
Cheyenne River Mission	1,725.00	1,293.75	1,280.00	445.00	495.00	371.25	260.00	235.00
Crow Creek Mission	1,000.00	750.00	925.00	75.00	235.00	176.25	235.00	0.00
DeSmet - St. Stephen's	30.00	22.50	30.00	0.00	15.00	11.25	15.00	0.00
Flandreau - St. Mary's	600.00	450.00	600.00	0.00	50.00	37.50	50.00	0.00
Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's	2,700.00	2,025.00	2,700.00	0.00	95.00	71.25	95.00	0.00
Gettysburg - Christ Church	250.00	187.50	205.00	45.00	45.00	33.75	38.00	7.00
Gregory - Incarnation	400.00	300.00	0.00	400.00	80.00	60.00	0.00	80.00
Herrick - All Saints	130.00	97.50	75.83	54.17	35.00	26.25	35.00	0.00
Hot Springs - St. Luke's	2,352.00	1,764.00	1,568.00	784.00	120.00	90.00	80.00	40.00
Lake Andes - St. Peter's	539.00	404.25	539.00	0.00	15.00	11.25	15.00	0.00
Lower Brule Mission	2,409.00	1,806.75	2,409.00	0.00	190.00	142.50	190.00	0.00
Madison - Grace	1,760.00	1,320.00	1,710.41	49.59	45.00	33.75	45.00	0.00
Martin - St. Katharine's	6,007.00	4,505.25	4,504.64	1,502.36	225.00	168.75	168.75	56.25
Milbank - Christ Church	2,400.00	1,800.00	2,002.00	398.00	65.00	48.75	65.00	0.00
Pine Ridge Mission	1,638.00	1,228.50	1,213.67	424.33	375.00	281.25	225.12	149.88
Rapid City - St. Matthew's	3,600.00	2,700.00	2,400.00	1,200.00	120.00	90.00	80.00	40.00
Rosebud Mission	7,283.00	5,462.25	4,261.43	3,021.57	335.00	251.25	135.00	200.00
Santee Mission	2,452.00	1,839.00	0.00	2,452.00	105.00	78.75	105.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles	7,348.00	5,511.00	5,511.06	1,836.94	85.00	63.75	85.00	0.00
Sisseton - Gethsemane	700.00	525.00	550.00	150.00	80.00	60.00	0.00	80.00
Sisseton Mission	1,900.00	1,425.00	845.00	1,055.00	180.00	135.00	20.00	160.00
Standing Rock Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00	135.00	30.00	150.00
Vermillion - St. Paul's	12,188.00	9,141.00	8,000.00	4,188.00	180.00	135.00	180.00	0.00
Webster - St. Mary's	1,200.00	900.00	700.00	500.00	25.00	18.75	25.00	0.00
Yankton Mission	975.00	731.25	571.00	404.00	130.00	97.50	95.00	35.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	64,757.00	48,567.75	44,905.37	19,851.63	3,675.00	2,756.25	2,409.37	1,265.63
TOTAL PARISH & MISSIONS	334,503.00	250,877.25	235,756.69	98,746.31	8,180.00	6,135.00	6,198.53	1,981.47

Moses' village grateful for support of school project

Thank you to the people in the Diocese of South Dakota for your great support of my school project for my native village in South Sudan. Sunday's offering from state convention will help build the first school for the people in my village. The vestments donated will be the first ones worn by the ministers in my village.

With the school foundation completed and water well drilled in 2009, the people in my village have declared 2009 as the year of change and hope for their future. I appreciate your continued support in helping me reach our goal of opening the first school for them in April, 2010.

With your great support, this school project will remain in our diocese history.

May Almighty God bless you in your daily lives.

Yours faithfully,
Moses Joknhial II
'Rebuilding South Sudan through Education'
mosestraffic@yahoo.com

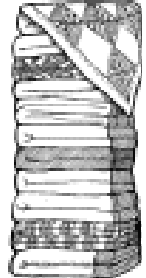


Moses with Holy Apostles delegates Caitilin Kane and Barb Ebeling at Diocesan Convention

Got blankets?

The Holy Comforters group of **Good Shepherd Church** in Sioux Falls has completed 41 quilts/comforters since the group's inception, and has donated them to the Red Cross for use following disasters.

To continue in this ministry they need good used blankets and good used sheets for backing. If you would like to help, please contact **Peg Teslow** at 605-334-0078 or Good Shepherd at 605-332-1474 for further information.



Rapid City Journal has revised its religion blog

The blog – which is called “A Higher Source” – is to be a community-wide, cyberspace church bulletin/newsletter, of sorts. Formerly, it consisted of a panel of religious experts who offered theological commentary on current events from their faith perspectives. Now, they hope people of all faiths and denominations will see it as one more way to publicize their events, special services, programs, classes and ministries.

They hope people and churches in the Black Hills area take the time to email items of interest from their church events and congregational life, along with digital photographs, that others in the Black Hills community – both church and unchurched – might be interested in knowing about. The goal is to get as many names and faces of people who are doing good work in area churches and ministries onto the blog as possible, and allow people to comment on those good works.

You can visit the web site and the blog at <http://blogs.rapidcityjournal.com/religion/>. You can contribute ideas for blog items by sending them directly to Mary Garrigan, Religion reporter, at mary.garrigan@lee.net, or to features@rapidcityjournal.com

You can also contribute information directly to the blog by way of the “comment” function.”

**St Augusta's Bookstore
& Cathedral Shop**
500 S Main Avenue
Sioux Falls SD 57104



Gospel in the Global Village, On the Road with Bishop Katharine
Church Publishing, 192 pages.

A new book by Katharine Jefferts Schori, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. In this second book by Schori, she explores issues and challenges of deep concern to the Episcopal Church, the wider Body of Christ, and the world at large. Arranged thematically, her essays place particular emphasis on the Millennium Development Goals and the turmoil within the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church in the United States.

Brown Bear, White Bear, Svetlana Petrovic
Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

Alice received two almost-identical bears for her birthday—one brown and one white. She loved them both, but when the bears start fighting to see who she likes best, Alice is forced to take drastic action.

This charming story of competition and cooperation features two naughty but endearing bears, whose rivalry may remind young readers of their own sibling adventures.

Spearfish featured in Historic Calendar

The *Historic Episcopal Churches Engagement Calendar* for 2010, the last in a series of 20, is available for purchase. The calendar features 53 churches with photograph and vignette. **Church of All Angels** in Spearfish was chosen to represent South Dakota.

The week-at-a-glance, spiral-bound calendar from the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists notes all the Episcopal Church's major feasts & fasts as well as secular holidays. The cost is \$16.95 per copy + \$3.00 S&H. There is a discount for bulk orders.

NEHA
509 Yale Ave
Swarthmore, PA 19081

Pierre featured in Ashby Church Kalender

As many people in the Diocese already know, **Trinity Church** in Pierre was selected to individualize this familiar liturgical calendar for 2010.

Not only did Trinity just celebrate its 125th anniversary in Pierre, but it also is the church at which their Rector, our Bishop-elect, John Tarrant served before his election. Its central location and superb facility, combined with the congregation's warm hospitality, makes this church familiar to many groups who meet there regularly throughout the year.

Pre-ordered calendars were available at convention. To place an order, contact St. Augusta's Bookstore at 605-336-3486 or gibceretto@redwoodwireless.com

Diocese provides some Basic Training

*The Rev. Rita Powell
Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator*

As a great season of Diocesan youth program draws to a close, the emphasis for youth ministry returns to our local congregations. Some of our churches have flourishing youth groups, but many churches are small and in isolated communities. I hear lots of people say they would like to see youth in the church again, but don't always know how to make that happen. So, we've started a project to make it easier for communities to get some good youth ministry going.

Thanks to the generous support of the Niobrara Convocation Women, the Diocese of North Dakota, and T-V Productions in Brookings, we will soon be able to offer every church in the Diocese a Basic Training DVD resource for starting or enhancing parish youth ministry. The training is specific to our South Dakota context, particularly the challenges faced in reservation ministry.

The DVD is based on the training workshop and youth event facilitated by **Deacon Terry Star**, from Standing Rock, ND. Deacon Star, in addition to being on the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, is a Native Young Life leader and cultivates, with the **Rev. John Floberg**, a thriving youth ministry in Fort Yates and Cannonball, ND.

The training was held at St. Peter's in McLaughlin with the help of **Father Rob Schwarz** and **Deacon Bea Skinner**. **Bishop-elect Tarrant** attended the training, and **Jay** and **Carson Vanduch** of Brookings were present to film the event. **Tyson White** of Spearfish and Eagle Butte, and **Calla Holzhauser** of Pierre were there to represent young leadership in our Diocese.

Deacon Star offered some nuts and bolts of putting together a youth program all held together by a strong theology of Incarnation. As God has chosen to come and be among us, we can choose to be among young people. This model for ministry demands investment into the life of the community, and challenges us to be the church outside of the



church. We must be willing to “earn our right to be heard.” If we become involved in the lives of young people in our communities, we will find it possible to share the gospel and wisdom of the church.

The DVD will likely be finished in the early part of 2010, and we will invite all youth leaders and interested parties in the Diocese to a festive premiere celebration held in Pierre. Stay tuned!

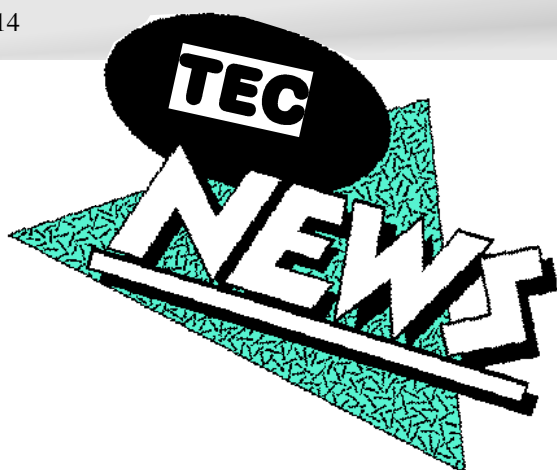
Campus Outreach Ministry to USD, SDSU

This year two exciting campus outreach ministries are underway. At both USD in Vermillion, and SDSU in Brookings, contemporary contemplative services are being offered to college students on Sunday nights at 8 PM.

In Brookings, **Father Ryan Hall** has started a joint contemporary worship service with the Agape House student ministries (run by a Methodist chaplain) called The Altar. **The Rev. Rita Powell** has joined the leadership team with the UCC church to lead a Taize-style prayer service at the Danforth Chapel in Vermillion.

Both of these services are designed to offer college students a safe space to explore their spiritual commitments. If you know of students at either school, be sure to let them know about the Sunday night services!

**Summer Camp Schedule
on next page!**



Summer Camp 2010

5 & 6 Grade/Family Camp
June 22-26

Senior High Camp
June 27-July 3

Middle School/Confirmation Camp
July 5-11



Thunderhead Episcopal Center Wish List

- 1 roll of stamps
- Mattress pads – twin, full, queen
- Small lamps – for bedside tables
- Envelopes – business, invitation sizes – *thank you to Johnny Wilson and Gary Snow!*
- Full year of Internet - \$750.00
- Credence table
- Carpet cleaning
- Organ tuning
- Computer speakers – *thank you to Gary Snow*
- ~~Patio fire pit – *thank you to Tony Taylor*~~
- 7 night tables (bedside tables)
- ~~Shredder – *thank you to Gary Snow*~~
- Felt for crafts
- Wet/Dry vacuum, 10 gallon capacity

Thunderhead Episcopal Center Dates to Save

Work Weekend	June 4-6	No cost - but let us know you are coming!
Alumni Retreat	June 11-14	\$100.00; for all adults who were once campers or/and staff
Women's Retreat	July 23-25	\$100.00 includes food, lodging, and program supplies
Men's Retreat	July 30-Aug. 1	\$100.00 includes food, lodging, and program supplies
Sturgis Rally	August 9-15	\$30.00/person/night for cabins - includes breakfast; available for individuals and groups

Thunderhead Episcopal Center is available for retreats, family reunions, and other events. Contact Holly Huisken at 338-9751 or thunderhead@dakotablue.net to inquire or to make reservations for any of the above events.

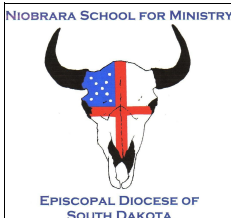
Thunderhead Episcopal Center Notecards

Once again, a set of 10 notecards featuring the flora and fawn of Thunderhead are available for only \$10.00 per set. Contact Holly Huisken at 338-9751 to order.

TEC Sunday

Please reserve the last Sunday in April for a special offering for Thunderhead Episcopal Center. Offering envelopes are available - contact the Diocesan office.

Niobrara School for Ministry



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

In the future NSM hopes to become a Diocesan School for Ministry which will include curriculum resources, training, and education for local congregations, and theological education materials for deanery and diocesan events.

At the present time the NSM has several components:

- Niobrara Summer Seminary
- Ministry Weekends

These events are open to anyone interested in theological education.

A calendar of courses for the remainder of 2009 and for 2010 is included here.

The Layreaders Training Events held periodically by **Fr. Les Campbell** will be announced when scheduled.

Be sure to check future issues of *ChurchNews* and the diocesan website for more information on all these courses.

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 paul1@rushmore.com

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 Vermillion, SD 57069
 605-624-3379
 uminusd@iw.net

Calendar of Courses

Dakota Experience

November 6-8, 2009
 Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls

Christian Education for All Ages

November 21, 2009
 Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls

Preaching at Wakes and Funerals

January 9, 2010
 St. Mary's & OBR, Flandreau

January 23, 2010
 Bishop Jones Building, Mission

Biblical Criticism

February 6, 2010
 St. Matthew's, Rapid City

May 8, 2010
 Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls

Deacons' Retreat

February 26-27, 2010
 Trinity, Pierre

Circle of Care

March 26-27, 2010
 Ft. Thompson Casino

Issues in Pastoral Counseling

April 16-17, 2010
 Trinity, Pierre

Niobrara Summer Seminary

Christian Worship and Liturgy, Part II
 June 6-11, 2010
 Thunderhead Episcopal Center

Culture of Poverty

August 20-21, 2010
 Trinity, Pierre

Dakota Experience

November 5-7, 2010
 Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls

DAKOTA EXPERIENCE

AN ORIENTATION TO NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY, CULTURE, AND SPIRITUALITY
WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

November 6-8, 2009
Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls

Instructor: The Rev. Paul Sneve (St. Matthew's, Rapid City)

This session is **required** for

- All clergy new to the diocese
- Those in the ordination process

and **open** to all interested persons

Begins with supper at 6:30 pm on Friday
and concludes after the 12:00 Holy Eucharist with Tiospaye Wakan on Sunday

I would like to attend Dakota Experience, November 6-8, 2009

Name _____

Address _____

Evening phone _____ Daytime phone _____

E-mail _____

Registration fee: \$50 per person

Special dietary needs? _____

Need Lodging? Contact Center Inn (605-334-9002) or Country Inn & Suites (605-373-0153)
and tell them you are attending a function with the Diocese of South Dakota

Send registration form and fees to: Diocese of South Dakota
500 S. Main Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

Instructor: The Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes (St. Andrew's, Rapid City)

_____ I Will Attend November 21, 2009 at Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Name _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

e-mail _____

Fee: \$15 toward meals & materials**

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

To: The Rev. Paul Sneve
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 1606
Rapid City, SD 57701-1606

Notes on 2010 Courses:

Preaching at Wakes and Funerals

To whom, what, why, and how we preach at these services: an opportunity for evangelism

Biblical Criticism

Develop skills to help leaders better understand the background and intent of Holy Scripture.

Deacons' Retreat

A time for deacons in the Diocese to come together, along with those in the ordination process for the diaconate, and those who are discerning whether they are called the diaconate. Bishop Tarrant will share some of his thoughts and vision for the diaconate in this diocese. There will be a time to reflect on the varied ministry of deacons and to note how the deacon's ministry might differ from the diaconal ministry that all baptized persons are called to. We will explore what it really means to represent servant-ministry to the body of Christ and the world. Suggested prior reading: Many Servants, by Ormonde Plater, Cowley Pub.

Culture of Poverty (August, 2010)

Required text: What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty, by Bill Ehlig and Ruby Payne. Revised 2005.

PREACHING AT WAKES & FUNERALS

Instructor: The Rev. Canon David Hussey (Vermillion, Santee Mission, Diocesan Staff)

I Will Attend January 9, 2010 at St. Mary's & OBR, Flandreau 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Name _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

e-mail _____

Fee: \$15 toward meals & materials**

PREACHING AT WAKES & FUNERALS

Instructor: The Rev. Canon David Hussey (Vermillion, Santee Mission, Staff)

I Will Attend January 23, 2010 at Bishop Jones Building, Mission 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Name _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

e-mail _____

Fee: \$15 toward meals & materials**

I will need lodging for Friday, Jan 22 @ Bishop Hare Center (add \$10)

I will need these extra meals: (add \$5 per meal)

Supper Friday night

Breakfast Saturday morning

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

To: The Rev. Paul Sneve
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 1606
Rapid City, SD 57701-1606

BIBLICAL CRITICISM

Instructor: The Rev. Paul Sneve (St. Matthew, Rapid City)

_____ I Will Attend February 6, 2010 at St. Matthew's, Rapid City
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Name _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

e-mail _____

Fee: \$15 toward meals & materials**

BIBLICAL CRITICISM

Instructor: The Rev. Paul Sneve (St. Matthew, Rapid City)

_____ I Will Attend May 8, 2010 at Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Name _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

e-mail _____

Fee: \$15 toward meals & materials**

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

To: The Rev. Paul Sneve
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 1606
Rapid City, SD 57701-1606

DEACONS' RETREAT

For deacons in the diocese, those in the ordination process for the diaconate, and those who are discerning whether they are called to the diaconate.

Facilitators: Deacons Virginia Bird and Marty Garwood (St. Andrew's, Rapid City)
with The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

_____ I Will Attend February 26-27, 2010 at Trinity Church, Pierre

Name _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

e-mail _____

Fee: \$30 toward meals & materials**

Special dietary or other needs? _____

_____ I will need lodging for Saturday, February 26.



**Send registration form and fees, at least 2 weeks in advance of retreat,

To: The Rev. Paul Sneve
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 1606
Rapid City, SD 57701-1606

Please join us for...

An Advent Festival of Lessons & Music

7 p.m. Monday, December 7
Reception follows

Calvary Episcopal Cathedral
500 S. Main Ave., Sioux Falls
The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Dean

Bible readings tell the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus, interspersed with music of the season. Based on the service held in England since 1880 and made famous by King's College, Cambridge, which has broadcast the service worldwide since 1928.

Dakota String Quartet
Calvary Cathedral Choir
directed by Dr. Monty Barnard
Diane Van Den Oever, Organist

A gift to the community from Calvary Cathedral.

Details: 336.3486

Calvary Cathedral is handicapped accessible.

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Your wonderful generosity continues to amaze me. At our recent convention these blue boxes gave us a total of \$150.81. Thank you!

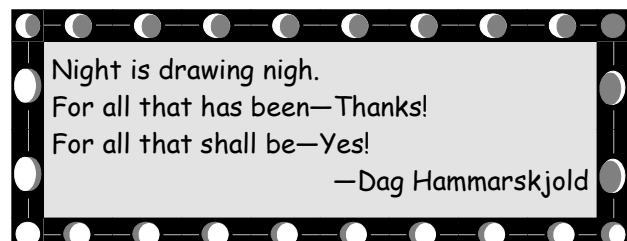
Fall Ingatherings are usually scheduled around All Saints Day; however, please feel free to have it whenever it is best for your church. The "when" isn't important—it's the doing that counts.

Remember—

- Blue boxes are free; just call 1-800-903-5544.
- Mail your gifts to the Diocesan office **before December 10.**



—Sherry Van Doren
Diocesan UTO Coordinator





GRACE HAPPENS

“One Man’s Story”

By The Rev. Fred Jessett

It was not a confession; the old man and I didn’t have that kind of relationship. I did understand clearly that I couldn’t tell this story while his wife was living. She died this year so here it is.

When he was in his 30’s, six or seven years after his marriage, he met a beautiful woman to whom he felt a strong attraction. The attraction was mutual. He faced a critical decision. Would he follow this new “love” with all its promised passion and the new possibilities it might bring? It would mean leaving his wife and two sons. Or would he deny this new passion, breaking this woman’s heart, and possibly his own, by ending the budding relationship before it could flower? He still loved his wife but, at that moment, not with the intensity of this new attraction. He agonized over the decision, but in the end he stayed true to his wedding vows. His connection to the other woman ended in a tearful goodbye at the railroad station.

What really impressed me was his reason for staying with his marriage. He made the decision, not based on his feelings, but on his sense of fairness. It wouldn’t have been fair for him to walk out on his wife. They had promised to build a family and a life together and were doing it. She had given birth to three of the four children they wanted to have. The first, a daughter, had died five days after she was born. To walk out on his wife seemed to him grossly unfair and so he told the other woman that there could be no relationship.

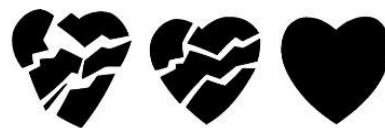
This man understood something that C.S. Lewis would say in a radio broadcast years after this man made his choice. Speaking about *eros*, that is the feeling of being in love, Lewis said, “The sinfulness or innocence of the act of love does not depend in the least on the presence or absence of *eros*....This act, like any other, is to be judged according to the great rules: on the keeping or breaking of promises, on justice or injustice, on charity or selfishness. Fine feelings don’t mend the matter.”

This man decided, on the basis of justice, to keep his promises and he did right. I am very proud of him for that, and thankful too, because if he hadn’t my life would have been very different. He was my father.

I’m sharing the story because it showed me so clearly a very important truth about truly successful relationships with friends, co-workers, family and especially in marriage. People get such mixed messages about what should be important in their lives, and in relationships. This story made clear that what makes for success in a marriage, or any important relationship, is something we learned in Sunday school, maybe even kindergarten: always keep your promises and play fair.

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C.S. Lewis, *Four Talks On Love*, recorded by the Parish of the Air, The Episcopal Radio-TV Foundation, Atlanta Georgia.



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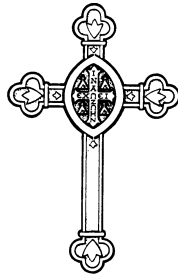
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Diocesan Calendar

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138th Niobrara Convocation
(2010)
June 17-20, 2010

Hosted by:
the Sisseton Mission
St. Mary's Church
Old Agency



Hospitality funds can be sent
to: Bonnie Bellonger
12906 BIA Hwy 700
Peever, SD 57257



All Saints Church of rural Herrick is seen here with the crew working on getting the new red metal roof on the church before bad weather set in. The work was started on Sept 26th and completed the following day.

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We are very thankful to all of the volunteers from the local community who helped with the project. Without everyone's help this job would not have been completed. Thanks to all for a great job well done! And thank you to our Vicar Kay Jennings for being a great supporter of our church. She will be greatly missed.

Our next project is continuing a fundraiser to get a new steeple built for the church this coming year. The old one is beyond fixing.

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

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