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Convention wraps up

Another Diocesan Convention is wrapped up and put away.

It was a constant swirl of individuals, so a final count was impossible. We probably approached 230 or so, as usual, including 42 clergy delegates and 109 lay delegates.

Immediately following the Clergy Conference at Trinity Church in Pierre on Friday, a picnic was held at St. Michael's Church at the Pierre Learning Center, during which the building was renamed and rededicated as the Deloria Center.

The Deloria family have had a major impact on the church, nation, and world through their dedicated efforts as clergy, educators, lawyers, anthropologists, and authors. The Brotherhood of Christian Unity (BCU) and Niobrara Council had a big hand in the renovation of the building. It was therefore fitting and appreciated that Barbara Deloria Sánchez and her husband Aníbal Sánchez from Arizona were able to attend the dedication and also were inducted into the BCU.

The Bishop's Address to Convention, given Friday evening, is found beginning on page 2.

On Saturday, **The Rev. Annie Henninger** of Rosebud Mission was elected to fill the clergy position on Standing Committee, and **Deanna Stands** of Wagner was elected to fill the lay position.

The proposed amendment to Canon 13 (Regional Deaneries) was passed without comment and is now a part of Diocesan Canons. These canons can be viewed on the diocesan website: www.diocesesd.org

The room resounded with hymns and amens during the Convention Eucharist, and **Bishop David Zellmer**, ELCA SD Synod, inspired the congregation with his

sermon. Lunch and workshops followed, and then everyone was sent off in peace and with prayers for safe travel.

Change the names and a few other details, and the above could have been written about almost any convention in the past few years (though we're looking at some changes for next year). One thing happened this year that made it stand out for many: the power outage Saturday morning. For almost 45 minutes half of the city of Pierre was in the dark. Cell phones and tablets glowed in the dark convention room, but projectors and microphones didn't work, and the coffee couldn't be brewed! Fortunately it was daytime and the lobby was filled with natural light. We stuck it out and were soon back in business

MISCELLANEOUS

- The Rev. Charlie Chan passed along the thanks of the Sisseton Mission to all who purchased honey and salt. There is still honey left, so if anyone wants some, send a request to him at 716 – 7th Ave W, Sisseton, SD 57262-1248.
- Dean Ward Simpson: Thank you for all the comments and positive feedback on Barney's presentation. We want to expand that portion of the presentation, But we need your help. As you have events during the year, take pictures and send them to pix@calvarycathedral.net. Please don't wait until the last week before convention.
- To those who attended the Outreach Using Social Media workshop: AnnRae Herr, leader of the workshop, told those who attended to feel free to contact her if they had any questions or problems. AnnRae's (new) email is himnherr81@gmail.com.

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*Diocese of South Dakota
Convention Address 2014*

I give thanks to the diocesan staff who serve above and beyond their job descriptions or pay grade. I give thanks to the clergy of our Diocese who reflect the image of Christ to those whose lives they touch. I give thanks to all of you who work and pray, day in and day out, for the mission of God to be lived out through the ministry of this Diocese in the name of Jesus. I give thanks to my family who sacrifice so much for the sake of the ministry we have been called to live in this Diocese and beyond. And of course, I give thanks to God in Christ who sustains me, in the good times and through the difficult times.

Some Updates

It is an exciting time in the life of Trinity Church in Watertown. The Rev. Portia Corbin was formally appointed vicar this month. The congregation is expanding their space in downtown Watertown by renting the property adjoining their present location. There is new energy and excitement for their present ministry and the possibility it holds.

The Standing Rock Mission youth program continues to seek a leader. Cheyenne River Mission held its first (hopefully) annual youth pilgrimage this past June. The Rosebud Mission GLORY children and youth program launched its second season last week with an abundance of energy, excitement and cake. They have just received a New Opportunities Grant to help develop their program and corresponding curriculum.

A group from South Dakota, including the Rev. Robert Two Bulls, Sr., went to Taizé in France this past summer as an act of appreciation for the Brothers' presence at the 2013 Taizé event at Christ Church, Red Shirt Table. We are hoping our relationship with the



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

Taizé Community will continue even though the Diocese will not be sponsoring annual pilgrimages.

Partnerships

We continue to strengthen our partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), Bishop Dave Zellmer's presence here is a sign of that growing relationship. We have used four ELCA pastors to assist with interim positions in the past few years, and we are exploring the possibility of a shared pastoral ministry in Mitchell. The young adult Community on Rosebud is a shared ministry with our Lutheran brothers and sisters in Christ, and we are raising funds for the hiring of a youth minister for Pine Ridge Mission as another joint project.

Last month Portia and I met with the Bishop and the Canon to the Ordinary from the Diocese of Wyoming to begin planning a joint camp for next summer at TEC. They have made a three-year commitment as we explore the opportunities for a continued relationship. We are also partnering with the Dioceses of Wyoming and Iowa to host a retreat for young adults to be held at TEC in the summer of 2015.

The Diocese of Nebraska is looking at ways to partner with our ministry on

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Whatever happened to Willie Lutes ?

In the May/June 2014 issue of *ChurchNews*, we introduced you to Willie Lutes who was raising funds for his placement with YASC. In mid-September he started serving in South Africa. Here are a couple news releases to help us keep up with him:

#1 Young adult Episcopalians serve as missionaries throughout the Anglican Communion

Oct 6, 2014 Seventeen young adults - including six who will serve for a second year - representing 18 Episcopal Church dioceses are serving as missionaries in the Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) for the 2014-2015 term in locales throughout the Anglican Communion.

YASC is a ministry for Episcopal young adults, ages 21 - 30, who are interested in exploring their faith in new ways by living and serving in communities around the Anglican Communion.

The Rev. David Copley, Mission Personnel Officer, noted that while the day-to-day duties of each placement vary, the experiences of the YASCers are life-changing. "YASC brings young adults into the life of the worldwide Anglican Communion and into the daily work of a local community," he explained.

Each YASCer maintains a blog, detailing their service, reflections and adventures. Elizabeth Boe, Episcopal Church Global Networking Officer and a former YASC volunteer who served in Tanzania, shared that blogs provide an ideal means for connecting with others throughout The Episcopal Church and around the world.

One of those young people is *Willie Lutes, Diocese of South Dakota*. Willie is serving as a communications assistant with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa Environmental Network and Anglican Communion Environmental Network in Cape Town, South Africa. His blog is at <http://willieyasc.blogspot.com/>

The Episcopal Church
Office of Public Affairs
by Neva Rae Fox



#2 South Africa: Young Anglicans attend first ever Green Anglican Camp

By Willie Lutes

In Anglican Communion News Service, 10/1/2014

The weekend of September 19 to September 21 marked the first Green Anglican Camp, attracting members of the Dioceses of Cape Town, Saldanha Bay, and False Bay. The camp was held at Glencairn, surrounded by wetlands, mountain and ocean, and was an awesome setting to experience God's creation.

On the first day, campers learned about the surrounding ecosystems with a devotional walk led by Fr. Bob Commin, and we spent time in the wetlands leading to the ocean and practiced personal prayer, taking in the sound and feeling of nature while having a conversation with God. We then proceeded to pick up litter along the beach and train tracks, as a way to join the worldwide Climate March and do our part in beautifying God's creation.

Our afternoon was filled with opportunities – we headed to Simon's Town, we were met by a boat where we were able to see some sea life, followed by a talk about the status of the marine conservation and protected areas, we were also able to experience some of the other services at the marina, like the National Sea Rescue Institute. For me as a new arrival from the US, a personal highlight was interacting with the African penguins!

It was great to see the diversity of the group who bonded through prayer, walking, and laughter. There was a real sense of excitement about bringing the lessons back to churches and dioceses and to share a better understanding of the environment and the challenges of climate change. Everyone was able to share the strategies they learned and their plans to improve the practices and understanding of the environment at their own churches. It's fantastic to see so many people inspired to be a change and make a difference to keep our ecosystems healthy. The youth really want to make a difference and reach out to make others be stewards of the environment as well.

Creation Care Network grows

The Creation Care Network in the Diocese had 16 people at their convention workshop and increased their membership to 10 churches.

It now has representatives from All Angels Spearfish, St Alban's Ft Hale, Christ Church Lead, Trinity Pierre, Trinity Watertown, St James Belle Fourche, Emmanuel Rapid City, St Paul's Brookings, Grace Huron, and Calvary Cathedral.

At the workshop, Rev Larry Ort (St Paul's Brookings) spoke about the theology of Creation, and Chuck Berry handed out a list showing the months of the year and some ways that Creation Care might be presented during that month in your congregation, however you wish to do so, whether through a note in the newsletter, or a note on the bulletin board, or through an announcement at after-church coffee time, or as a homily. For example, in October he suggest using St Francis Day and Blessing of the Animals service as a way of extending our care for our own pets to the broader care for all animals. Which might bring up the topic of the loss of biodiversity and rare and endangered species.

Members were also given some homework: to download the Episcopal Church's booklet (40 pages) titled *Catechism of Creation*. <http://episcopalchurch.org/resources/catechism-creation>. Good reading throughout, but the last section will help one speak about Creation Care to one's congregation.

For the coming year, the group will stay with its initial objective: Include environmental stewardship in the life of the churches in the South Dakota Diocese.

For information or to join the network, contact Chuck Berry at cberry@itctel.com or 605-693-7750

Facts & Figures on UTO

United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry through-

out The Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

Thankful and generous people at the Diocesan Convention offered \$340 using the Blue Boxes placed on their tables.

Every parish and mission UTO Coordinator is reminded that the spring ingathering is in May, around Mothers' Day, and the fall ingathering should be scheduled for All Saints Day or a date close to it.

All UTO offerings must be handled through the Diocesan Office. Checks are accepted any time of year, but they must be sent in to the Diocesan Office by DECEMBER 1 to ensure the entire SD offering to be mailed to the National UTO by December 15 (our deadline).

Send checks or money orders to:
Diocese of South Dakota
Attn: UTO
500 S. Main Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814

Thank you, Diana Regan, for your good work for UTO over the past years. Barb Oates will be the new UTO Coordinator for Diocesan ECW.

2015 UTO Grant Cycle

Saturday November 1, 2014

2015 Grant Focus and Criteria - announced and up on website.

2015 Grant Application and Grant Application Process information up on website.

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/united-thank-offering>

Friday January 15, 2015

Completed 2015 grant application is to be submitted to diocesan or provincial office for review by Diocesan or Provincial Screening committee.

Friday January 30, 2015

Complete 2015 grant application selected by Screening Committee and endorsed by Bishop or Provincial Secretary/Primate must be submitted electronically by the diocese or province with all required documentation and signatures by **5:00 pm EST**.

Awarded grants will be announced at the ECW Triennial Meeting in June 2015.

Niobrara School for Ministry

Niobrara School for Ministry offers courses that supplement the local ordination curriculum, provide continuing education, and give valuable training and experience for licensed lay ministers. And anyone interested is welcome to attend.

These courses will generally be offered in a 4-year cycle, repeating in category but varying in content.

Here is the schedule for this upcoming school year:

2014

October 18—Deloria Center, Pierre

- Pastoral Care

November 14-15—Deloria Center, Pierre (\$30)

- Certain Special, Seasonal Liturgies

2015

January 17—Deloria Center, Pierre (\$15)

- Secrets to Good Liturgy

February 13-14—Trinity, Pierre (\$30)

- Deacon Craft
- Priest Craft

May 2—Deloria Center, Pierre (\$15)

- Marriage Liturgy

May 31-June 5—Thunderhead Camp

- Summer Seminary: Preaching

These courses are open to any person interested in enhancing their ministry.

They are required for persons in the local ordination process, unless excused.

Fees (except for Summer Seminary) are \$15/day.

NIORRARA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Dakota Experience

Though technically not a part of the Niobrara School for Ministry, Dakota Experience is an educational course open to anyone interested in the culture, history, spirituality, and theology of the Dakota/Lakota people.

It is required for people in the ordination process and for clergy new to the diocese.

Cost is \$30 which covers 2 meals. The session begins at 5:30 pm on Friday with supper, and ends about 2:00 pm on Saturday, after lunch.

- **November 21-22**—Calvary Cathedral
- **March 20-21**—Emmanuel, Rapid City



To register for any of these courses, contact the Diocesan Office.

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Registration is also available online at www.diocesesd.org via the Niobrara School page.

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2014 PLEDGE TO THE DIOCESE
September 30, 2014

	Pledge	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance	ChurchNews	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance
PARISHES:								
Aberdeen - St. Mark's	12,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	3,000.00	60.00	45.00	0.00	60.00
Belle Fourche - St. James'	3,938.00	2,953.50	2,954.00	984.00	100.00	75.00	100.00	0.00
Brookings - St. Paul's	12,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	3,000.00	195.00	146.25	195.00	0.00
Deadwood - St. John's	3,911.00	2,933.25	2,941.61	969.39	100.00	75.00	66.64	33.36
Huron - Grace	15,000.00	11,250.00	11,250.00	3,750.00	195.00	146.25	146.25	48.75
Lead - Christ Church	5,748.00	4,311.00	4,311.00	1,437.00	100.00	75.00	100.00	0.00
Mitchell - St. Mary's	2,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.03	499.97	70.00	52.50	70.00	0.00
Mobridge - St. James'	1,927.00	1,445.25	1,927.00	0.00	30.00	22.50	0.00	30.00
Pierre - Trinity	9,000.00	6,750.00	8,750.00	250.00	115.00	86.25	115.00	0.00
Rapid City - Emmanuel	44,466.00	33,349.50	33,349.50	11,116.50	340.00	255.00	0.00	340.00
Rapid City - St. Andrew's	32,344.00	24,258.00	24,367.57	7,976.43	180.00	135.00	180.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Calvary	60,738.00	45,553.50	45,553.50	15,184.50	1,005.00	753.75	795.33	209.67
Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd	14,000.00	10,500.00	10,503.00	3,497.00	35.00	26.25	0.00	35.00
Spearfish - All Angels	27,223.00	20,417.25	27,223.00	0.00	300.00	225.00	300.00	0.00
Sturgis - St. Thomas'	4,668.00	3,501.00	3,112.00	1,556.00	105.00	78.75	105.00	0.00
Watertown - Trinity	100.00	75.00	100.00	0.00	80.00	60.00	0.00	80.00
Winner - Trinity	4,290.00	3,217.50	3,217.50	1,072.50	90.00	67.50	90.00	0.00
Yankton - Christ Church	21,500.00	16,125.00	16,125.04	5,374.96	320.00	240.00	239.51	80.49
TOTAL PARISHES	274,853.00	206,139.75	215,184.75	59,668.25	3,420.00	2,565.00	2,502.73	917.27
Chamberlain - Christ Church	3,200.00	2,400.00	2,399.94	800.06	125.00	93.75	93.81	31.19
Cheyenne River Mission	1,336.00	1,002.00	950.00	386.00	365.00	273.75	140.00	225.00
Crow Creek Mission	2,080.00	1,560.00	670.40	1,409.60	210.00	157.50	50.00	160.00
Flandreau - St. Mary's	1,200.00	900.00	600.00	600.00	60.00	45.00	60.00	0.00
Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's	1,800.00	1,350.00	1,800.00	0.00	60.00	45.00	60.00	0.00
Gregory - Incarnation	500.00	375.00	500.00	0.00	50.00	37.50	50.00	0.00
Herrick - All Saints	252.00	189.00	210.00	42.00	70.00	52.50	70.00	0.00
Hot Springs - St. Luke's	7,050.00	5,287.50	5,287.50	1,762.50	155.00	116.25	155.00	0.00
Lower Brule Mission	2,201.00	1,650.75	0.00	2,201.00	40.00	30.00	0.00	40.00
Madison - Grace	2,161.00	1,620.75	1,875.00	286.00	35.00	26.25	35.00	0.00
Martin - St. Katharine's	4,200.00	3,150.00	3,150.00	1,050.00	200.00	150.00	150.03	49.97
Milbank - Christ Church	3,000.00	2,250.00	2,182.50	817.50	90.00	67.50	90.00	0.00
Pine Ridge Mission	2,185.00	1,638.75	1,456.65	728.35	315.00	236.25	203.00	112.00
Rapid City - St. Matthew's	2,300.00	1,725.00	1,536.00	764.00	120.00	90.00	80.00	40.00
Rosebud Mission	4,628.00	3,471.00	2,320.25	2,307.75	120.00	90.00	120.00	0.00
Santee Mission	1,818.00	1,363.50	1,068.00	750.00	140.00	105.00	140.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.00	63.75	85.00	0.00
Sisseton - Gethsemane	500.00	375.00	0.00	500.00	60.00	45.00	0.00	60.00
Sisseton Mission	2,620.00	1,965.00	2,020.00	600.00	60.00	45.00	60.00	0.00
Standing Rock Mission	920.00	690.00	560.40	359.60	160.00	120.00	90.00	70.00
Vermillion - St. Paul's	4,000.00	3,000.00	2,672.00	1,328.00	150.00	112.50	150.00	0.00
Webster - St. Mary's	1,453.00	1,089.75	1,000.00	453.00	45.00	33.75	45.00	0.00
Yankton Mission	861.00	645.75	561.00	300.00	175.00	131.25	175.00	0.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	50,265.00	37,698.75	32,819.64	17,445.36	2,890.00	2,167.50	2,101.84	788.16
TOTAL PARISH AND MISSIONS	325,118.00	243,838.50	248,004.39	77,113.61	6,310.00	4,732.50	4,604.57	1,705.43

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Rosebud and Pine Ridge Missions. They have a staff member joining their team in November who will serve as liaison between the two dioceses. We continue to use the Rev. Robert Two Bulls, Jr., Director of the Department of Indian Work for the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, in creative and useful ways.

Standing Rock Mission has partnered with the Wakpala School District to provide a school tutoring program. Through a UTO grant, with Diocesan and congregational support, a new church hall has been built at St. Peter's, McLaughlin.

Rosebud Mission is providing Safeguarding God's Children training for the local Boys and Girls Club. They are also working with local community members to provide free firewood for elders during the winter months. The goal is to have 10 full cords by November 1st. Rosebud Mission held its second annual Children's festival in July (about 200 children participating), which provides an afternoon of fun, games, food and drinks with lots of prizes, while partnering with over 20 community sponsors.

We have partnered with Emma Eagle Heart-White, from the Oneida Nation Social Services, to present the White Bison curriculum "*Mending Broken Hearts: Healing from Unresolved Grief and Intergenerational Trauma.*" The first program was offered in April of this year in Martin. We will be offering the same program this coming year at two locations in the Diocese.

Through Episcopal Relief and Development, the Diocese of Long Island, and a multitude of friends around the country we were able to provide thousands of dollars in assistance during and after the severe cold of last winter to families in need.

Churches in South Dakota and around the country have regularly partnered with many of our Mission Churches. We are working on reestablishing relationships with our companion Diocese of East Tennessee. The Rev. Michael Johnson, rector of St. John's Deadwood, recently traveled to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Oak Ridge, TN, their sister parish in the Diocese of East Tennessee.

Sabbatical/Reorganization

I will be taking a sabbatical, my first in over 31 years of ordained ministry, during the months of October,

November and December 2015. I will focus on revising our Diocesan canons, procedures, and ministry handbook. The church of the 21st century is not the church in which most of us were raised. It is not a hierarchical model where "father knows best" or where all the answers come from the top. The church of the 21st century recognizes that much of the inspiration of the Spirit comes from the people, not out of an institutional model. I am hoping to shape the instruments of our institutional structures to reflect both the reality of today and God's call to the Church for tomorrow.

As I said in the September *ChurchNews*, the Diocesan Council has approved a process for moving Diocesan offices from Sioux Falls to Pierre. This process will take several years, but the first step will be to establish a 'bishop's residence' in Pierre. This residence should meet not only our present needs, but also the needs of future bishops. We hope this first step can be accomplished in the next eighteen months. The purchase of a residence will be both an investment and a cost savings for the Diocese.

This move will not affect the present Diocesan staff, except Pat, Jessica and me, or the status of the Cathedral. Five years ago we moved most Diocesan meetings to Pierre utilizing both Trinity Church and the newly named Deloria Center on Sully Avenue. As staff retire and are replaced the new positions will be moved to Pierre. Again, this will not directly affect Barney or Mary. We will maintain the office space in Sioux Falls until the transition is complete.

I will also spend sabbatical time researching sustainable energy possibilities and granting opportunities for some of our properties around the Diocese. The Bishop Jones Building on Rosebud and St. John's Eagle Butte are likely prospects for this type of ministry. It is important to understand that our care for creation is ministry both to the present generation and to generations to come.

Next year at Convention I hope to have a more concise plan to present. At Convention 2016 I will give account for my time away.

Final Thoughts

We live in a very troubled and challenging world. Communication technology has brought us closer together, and at the same time it has driven us further apart. We can be sitting silently in a room with one

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person while communicating with someone in a different country. We are aware of what is happening around the world in a moment's notice and yet we often don't know the name of our neighbor. We have graphic images injected into our homes and personal space at the click of a mouse or touch of a screen.

Drones can be flown and bombs dropped on people tens of thousands of miles away guided from an airbase in South Dakota. We have information at the tips of our fingers; we have misinformation at the tips of our fingers; we are often not taught to discern the difference. Information has tended to replace knowledge and disregard wisdom.

We live in a troubled and challenging world. Fear has become the chief motivator as the economic, social and religious gaps grow. Our political, corporate and sometimes religious leaders prey on those fears in order to claim more power, wealth and position for themselves.

I am supposed to give you a “Bishop’s Charge,” so here goes.....

We live in a troubled and challenging world and the Church, the body of Christ, has a Word to speak in these difficult times. The “*Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*” God in Christ has called us to be a light in the midst of the darkness of our world. We are to be a beacon of hope among those who despair. We are to live the truth that God does indeed love the world despite its troubles and in the midst of its challenges.

We need to work against the sins and injustices of the world, but we need to first address the sin and the injustice of our own lives. Our relationship with Jesus needs to make a difference. It needs to make a difference in how **we** “*live and move and have our being.*” It needs to make a difference in the way we treat stranger and friend alike.

I am far from perfect, to which most of you could testify, but my relationship with Jesus makes a difference in my life. It not only makes a difference in the way I treat my enemies, but it also makes a difference in the way I treat my friends, my co-workers, my family and myself. We are called to be first and foremost “*Jesus followers.*” The church calls us to come together for prayer, support, reassurance and community. Each week when we celebrate the Eucharist it is our altar

call and we are reminded that “*Jesus is the head of the Church*” and that Jesus is really present in the sacrament of the bread and the wine. That Jesus is present when two or three are gathered together in his name.

This relationship we have with Jesus is real, it is life giving and it is transforming. Maybe that is why we often use the details of the institution to avoid the experience of the Spirit. If we really open ourselves to the Spirit of God, then we will be different in sometimes uncomfortable ways.

The world knows how to fight, but we as followers of Jesus can show the world how to love and respect each other. We can show the world how **even when we disagree** we love and respect each other.

The world knows how to take, but we can show the world how to give. We give out of our abundance; we give in the midst of our scarcity; we give because we have been created in the image of the Giver of life and breath and everything.

The world knows how to die, but we can show the world how to live. We live lives worthy of the One who so loved the world that he poured his life out for the sake of the world.

As followers of Jesus this is our time; our time to witness to the world a way of living, a way of life that restores well being to this sinful and broken world. There is no program, no gimmick, no great plan to be discovered; there is simply following, following Jesus. And it is following that we are witnesses to God's hope for the world.

I pray that as we go back into our communities, that I; that you; that we will reflect the face of Christ to those who are far off and to those who are near. I pray that we will grow in faith; that we will grow in faithfulness; and that we will be bearers of the Kingdom of God, the will of God, to this troubled and challenging world.

Please, don't ever underestimate the power of God to work in your life and in the life of your congregation.

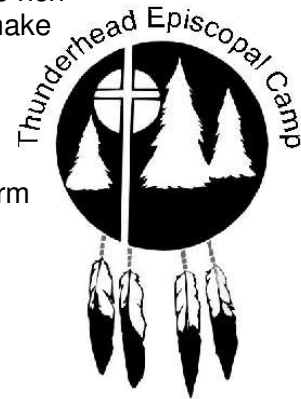
God's peace be with you,

+John

Diocese of South Dakota 2015 Summer Youth Camps

Be a part of the excitement of camp at Thunderhead Episcopal Camp this summer! We will sing and laugh and explore and pray in the rich beauty of this remote area of the Black Hills. Without a doubt, you'll make unforgettable memories and lifelong friends.

Thunderhead Episcopal Center Youth Camps are open to all young people throughout South Dakota. No matter where you come from or where your faith is, *you are welcome*. Please fill out and return this form so we can prepare to welcome you this summer!



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

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

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

Camp Schedule

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

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

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

Cost: \$150 per person

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

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

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

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

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

Open to all who are entering grades 7-8. This session will have all the camp fun you could want AND it will give you what you need to know about being confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Come explore God's amazing work!

Cost: \$150 per person

Registration Form

All about YOU, the Camper; your Parents; and your Health

My name is: _____

I am Male Female

My birth date is: _____

My address is: _____

My e-mail is: _____

My Parent or Guardian is: _____

Their phone is: _____

Their e-mail is: _____

Are they who we should call in an emergency?

If not, please list another name & contact info:

Please tell us about your health:

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

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

PARENT / GUARDIAN RELEASE

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

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

Parent / Guardian Signature and Date

Cost of camp

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

Check which camp you'll attend:

- Family Camp: \$100 per camper, \$250 per family
- Middle School: \$150
- High School Camp: \$150

Camper fees include room and board, all activities.

Check one:

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

Transportation

- I would like a ride to camp.

What to bring to camp

Please check if you need them provided

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

Behavior Expectations:

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



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

A Lakota Thanksgiving

By Archdeacon Paul Sneve

Thanksgiving can be problematic for quite a few people. Families coming together for a day of over-consumption with a sleepy afternoon of football games with relatives that don't always get along, isn't exactly how the Pilgrims did their first Thanksgiving event.

Many people also assume that Native Americans don't like Thanksgiving, but surprisingly, I think most Natives really enjoy the holiday. I once had a newspaper reporter call and ask for a quote on how Lakota People viewed Thanksgiving. I told her that any excuse to gather with family and eat is all right by Lakotas. Of course she wanted a juicy and controversial quote and surely she thought I was kidding (and I was a little), but there was quite a bit of truth in my statement. Family is absolutely central to everything Lakota People do and of course adding good food to the mix makes Thanksgiving, at least on some levels, an ideal holiday for us.

Lakota People are masters of Enculturation; that is they are able to take admirable beliefs and practices from other cultures and make them their own. The Sacraments of the church are a wonderful example of this, and even though a Holy Eucharist Service may appear very similar to one held in Episcopal Churches all over the country, it is in how the sacrament is viewed by Lakota Episcopalians that one can see Enculturation.

The Lakota see Holy Eucharist in much the same way as the ceremonies of our ancestors, that is to say as a means to communicate with the Divine. It is within this sacrament that we experience an absence of time or perhaps an overlapping of Eucharistic moments where we are able to be present with Christ as he celebrated the first Eucharist AND with the entire family of God. All Christians who have participated in the past, the present and the future Eucharist celebrations do so together in a unified Community (hence the name 'Holy Communion').

This Sacrament now becomes a method of connection to all of our family with Christ, our elder brother Jesus, enabling us to approach the seat of God as one of God's children. Our Holy Commu-

nity/Communion comes to us via the sacrament of Baptism which in Lakota eyes can look like our adoption rites. Lakota people do not make distinctions between biological family and adopted family, so one individual may adopt another as a relative, but then the two families are linked for ever. The father and mother of one is now the father and mother of both. Baptism is viewed this way as well. When I was Baptized, Jesus' Father became my Father and his brothers and sisters are now also mine.

In this light the Eucharist now becomes a Thanksgiving Feast where a large family comes together in a sacred gathering. Divisions and disagreements are left behind during the sharing of the Peace and as we put forth our hands to receive the Bread of Christ, we do so with Jesus as well.

Do Lakotas have issues with certain cultural and historical aspects of the Thanksgiving holiday? Of course we do, but we are able to accept much of the holiday that appeals to our idea of family, giving thanks for each other, for God and Jesus. In this way, Thanksgiving becomes a holiday not just for Pilgrims, but rather a holiday for the entire family of God.



Why do young people go to TEC?

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

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

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

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



What do campers learn at TEC?

“That we’re all family.”

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

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

“Even though everyone has a bad day, we can all make those days better.”

“It’s better to make friends rather than enemies.”

“That God is everything.
Love is powerful.”

“TEC is important to me because it’s an escape from everyday life. The best parts are getting away from technology, worshipping, and gaining a greater relationship with God, other campers, and forming life-long friendships.”

-High School Camper

Ways to help support TEC:

- Donations toward camper scholarships
 - Donations to the TEC endowment to help make Thunderhead Camp sustainable
 - Participate in a Work Weekend
 - Adopt a Cabin
 - Offer to drive campers to and from TEC (or to a van pickup site)
 - Encourage kids to register & attend camp
 - Ask the Rev. Portia Corbin (605-280-4927)
- ◆ Mail donations to the address below.
 - ◆ Use your credit card through the diocesan website: www.dioceesd.org and click on Payments/Donations

Send payment to:
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Sioux Falls SD 57104-6814

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Do your heart a favor and relax your stress away

Relax your body

- *Deep breathing*—Repeat ten times any time you feel tense. While sitting, standing, or lying down, close your eyes and inhale deeply. Exhale slowly over a count of 5-10 seconds
- *Stretching*—simple stretches, such as the “neck stretch,” can help relieve physical tension. Starting on one side, gently roll your head in a half circle, and then drop your chin to your chest. Repeat in reverse.
- *Exercise*—Physical activity helps reduce both physical and emotional stress. Walk, run, jump, bike, bowl, do yoga—whenever you can. Exercise also helps burn fat and build muscle.
- *Get a massage*—A massage is a wonderful way to get rid of physical tension. A professional massage generally takes 30 minutes to an hour and can target specific areas of tension.
- *Eat well*—A well-balanced diet will help reduce overall stress. Reduce your alcohol and caffeine intake (coffee, black tea, soft drinks and chocolate.)

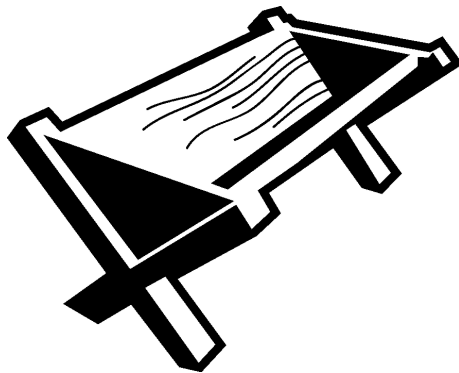
Relax your mind

- *Talk*—take the time to talk with a friend and express feelings you might have been holding in.
- *Walk*—Walking in a quiet neighborhood or a park can limit distractions.
- *Laugh*—Watch a funny movie or spend time with a friend who makes you laugh.
- *Read*—A good book can be a great escape. Reading both tearjerkers and comedies can help release pent-up emotions.
- *Meditate*—Take a moment to connect with the Lord, with nature, or even with yourself.
- *Do something you love*—When you enjoy yourself, whether it’s gardening, dancing, going to church, or seeing friends, you relieve physical stress and relax your emotions.

Thanks to the Episcopal Church Medical Trust for these tips on reducing stress.

Thoughts for the season by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Joy abides with God,
and it comes down from God
and embraces spirit, soul, and body;
and where this joy has seized a person,
there it spreads,
there it carries one away,
there it burst closed doors.
A sort of joy exists
that knows nothing at all
of the heart's pain, anguish, and dread;
it does not last,
it can only numb a person for the moment.
The joy of God has gone through
the poverty of the manger
and the agony of the cross;
that is why it is invincible,
irrefutable.



All who at the manger
finally lay down
all power and honor,
all prestige,
all vanity,
all arrogance and self-will;
all who take their place
among the lowly
and let God alone be high;
all who see the glory of God
in the lowliness
of the child in the manger:
these are the ones who will truly
celebrate Christmas.

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Bishop's visitation & travel dates in bold letters

Diocesan Calendar

NOVEMBER

Nov 2 Bishop visits Good Shepherd, SF
Nov 7-8 Mega Meeting, Pierre
Nov 9 Bishop visits Cheyenne River Mission
Nov 11 Diocesan Office closed
Nov 14-15 Ministry Weekend—Special Liturgies
Nov 16 Bishop visits Aberdeen
Nov 21-22 Dakota Experience, Sioux Falls
Nov 23 Bishop visits Yankton
Nov 27-28 Diocesan Office Closed

DECEMBER

Dec 7 Bishop visits Yankton/Santee Missions
Dec 10 Deadline for *ChurchNews*
Dec 11 Sam Adams ordination in Nashville, TN
Dec 12-13 Niobrara Council, Deloria Center
Dec 14 Bishop visits Huron
Dec 21 Bishop visits Winner/Ideal
Dec 25 Diocesan Office closed

JANUARY 2015

Jan 1 Diocesan Office closed
Jan 4 Bishop visits Tiospaye Wakan
Jan 11 Bishop visits Madison/DeSmet
Jan 17 Ministry Weekend—Liturgy Secrets
Jan 18 Bishop visits St. Matthew's, Rapid City
Jan 25 Bishop visits Brookings

FEBRUARY

Feb 1 Bishop visits St. Andrew's, Rapid City
Feb 2-5 Clergy Retreat, Rapid City
Feb 8 Bishop visits Belle Fourche
Feb 13-14 Ministry Weekend—Priest/Deacon Craft
Feb 15 Bishop visits Pierre
Feb 16 Diocesan Office closed
Feb 22 Bishop visits Holy Apostles

MARCH

Mar 1 Bishop visits Trinity, Watertown
Mar 8 Bishop visits Sisseton Mission
Mar 12-18 House of Bishops
Mar 20-21 Dakota Experience, Rapid City
Mar 22 Bishop visits St. Paul's, Vermillion

APRIL

Apr 12 Bishop visits Christ Church, Milbank
Apr 19 Bishop visits Calvary Cathedral
Apr 26 Bishop visits St. Mary's, Webster

MAY

May 2 Ministry Weekend—Wedding Liturgy
May 3 Bishop visits All Angels, Spearfish
May 10 Bishop visits St. Mary's, Mitchell
May 17 Bishop visits Rosebud Mission (W)
May 31 Summer Seminary



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Coming Soon!

I.6.1 of the Constitutions & Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, otherwise known as The Episcopal Church, states:

A report of every Parish and other Congregation of this Church shall be prepared annually for the year ending December 31 preceding, in the form authorizedand shall be filed not later than March 1 with the Bishop of the Diocese.....In every Parish and other Congregation the preparation and filing of this report shall be the joint duty of the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge thereof and the lay leadership . . .

This is the Parochial Report.

- The forms will be mailed out during the first week in December, directly from NY to the church's or priest's address.
- Online filing will begin January 2, 2015.
- If you file online, mail a copy of the completed form to the Diocesan Office.
- If you don't want to file online, mail the completed form to the Diocesan Office and we'll file it for you.
- In either case, keep a copy for your congregation's records.
- DEADLINE is **MARCH 1, 2015**.

Complete the form and file it early!

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EARLY REGISTRATION CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Calvary, Okreek: the first to register for 2015 summer camp!

Okreek has already submitted FOUR (4!!!) registrations for camp this summer.

When will we see your registration forms?

Send them in today and join Okreek in the Early Registration Challenge!