



Convention wraps up

Another Diocesan Convention is wrapped up and put away.

ryone was sent off in peace and with prayers for safe travel.

It was a constant swirl of individuals, this being my first convention as one of its many leaders. All I can say is, I survived. I could not have survived without the great leadership and guidance by Mary Armin. I have some really BIG Shoes to fill. Although, they are not as colorful as Barney’s shoes. Thank goodness. The work of many people make the convention run smoothly. This is not a one-man show by any means and I would like to say Thank you to everyone that has graciously offered to help me learn the ropes.

Quorum:

We had 146 Eligible Laity of which 99 registered. We had 71 eligible Clergy of which 40 registered.

Hosts:

Trinity Church Pierre hosted the Clergy Conference. The Conference started Thursday evening with a wonderful BBQ supper and concluded Friday noon with the “It’s Great to be an Episcopalian Picnic. This gave people time to look at the new Diocesan office space.

Bishop’s Address:

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

Election:

On Saturday, we elected **The Rev. Patricia White Horse Carda** of the Yankton/Santee Mission to fill the clergy position on Standing Committee. **Pat LeBeau** of Pierre was elected to fill the lay position.

Worship:

The room resounded with hymns and Amen during the Convention Eucharist, and **Bishop John Smiley**, Diocese of Wyoming, inspired the congregation with his sermon. Lunch and workshops followed, and then eve-

Workshops:

This year we had four interesting workshops. Gladys Hawk held a workshop on Dakota Hymns Translations. Rev Portia and Bishop Smiley spoke regarding Suicide Prevention and Awareness. Michelle Keppen did a workshop regarding “Running a Church”. Michelle will be setting up a website. More information regarding this in the next Church News. And, we had a workshop presented by Chuck Berry on Creation Care. He sends out a newsletter that gives people ideas for continuing this project all year.

Drum roll please! And the Winner was!!!!

Convention featured two special Raffles this year to benefit Thunderhead Camp. Carol Smith from Yankton won the T-shirt quilt made out of past year camp T-shirts. The second raffle was a beaded belt buckle that had been given to Deacon Virginia Bird by the late Fr Bill Hibbard. This was won by Fr. Paul Sneve. A special thank you to everyone who participated in the raffles, which raised at total of \$668 for the TEC endowment to help ensure future ministry at Thunderhead.

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 to all who sent in pictures. As you have events during the year, take pictures and send them to ix@calvarycathedral.net. Please don’t wait until the last week before convention.

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Loving Creator, fill our hearts with such goodness that others may know we have a relationship with you.

God of mercy, if there is any sin, any attitude, or any spiritual laziness keeping us from loving you fully. Help us to give them up for the joy of obedience. *AMEN*

*Diocese of South Dakota
Convention Address 2015*

Some Updates

I want to begin tonight by thanking the committed members of diocesan staff: Barney, Mary, David, Paul, Portia, Don and now Marlys and all of the clergy and lay leaders serving our 79 congregation in our diocese. Thank you! Thank you for your commitment to making God's kingdom more visible. Your faithfulness gives shape to the hope of the world. We are a team that values mutual respect, mutual accountability, and a desire to be servants in the midst of God's people.

We will honor Mary Armin during the Eucharist tomorrow as she retires after fifteen years of service to the Diocese of South Dakota. After serving nine years with Bishop Creighton, Mary has been gracious in accepting and supporting me in my role as bishop. It is difficult to see Mary leave, but I am thankful for Marlys Fratzke's willingness to accept this position.

The move of the Diocesan offices from Sioux Falls to Pierre is still somewhat in transition. We are still in the 'settling in' stage. I ask for your patience. Our move to the geographic center of the Diocese has already made it easier for me to attend several activities and services I would not have otherwise been able to attend

I miss regular contact with Barney whose ministry remains in Sioux Falls; I appreciate more regular contact with David here in the Pierre office. I miss my close connection with the congregations in Sioux Falls; I appreciate the opportunity to connect more frequently with the West River Congregations. As in most decisions in life there are



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

trade offs. I believe from a mission strategy standpoint, it was important to move the Center of the Diocese to the center of the Diocese.

Of course, like many decisions, there have also been surprises. We had more storage space in Sioux Falls, so things are a bit cramped right now. This becomes an opportunity for downsizing.

The new phone and internet systems and new to us computer have not always co-operated. This is an opportunity for patience.

The cost of the move and all that it entailed including the purchase of a bishop's residence was more than we had projected. This becomes an opportunity for giving. We have borrowed the money from our endowment and will pay it back over time. The Diocese will begin to see immediate saving by dropping the bishop's housing allowance. We have received over \$40,000.00 in donations and pledges toward paying down this debt. We are hoping to raise a total of \$350,000. This will not only add to the assets of the diocese, but it will free up more funds for ministry.

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I will begin my three-month sabbatical on October 1st. The Rt. Rev. Michael Smith, bishop of the Diocese of North Dakota, will be attending to three visitations while I am away. I will be focusing on three areas of ministry.

- ◆ I will be updating the Diocesan canons and policy handbook. This is a project that will take focused and extended time. I hope at next year's diocesan convention to have the results of this effort for presentation. There will be some formal action the 2016 Convention will need to take in regards to canonical revisions.
- ◆ I will spend 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 Church in Eagle Butte are likely prospects for this type of ministry. It is important to understand that our care for creation is ministry to both the present generation and generations to come.

We have just been awarded a grant for St. John's Eagle Butte to replace all interior lighting with energy efficient fixtures and bulbs. This is the first step in reducing our energy use in this facility. Once this is done we will seek proposals and granting opportunities for the installation of solar or wind powered energy to further reduce our fossil fuel footprint.

- ◆ The final aspect of my sabbatical will be in strengthening and developing relationships. I will be attending and preaching at the Diocesan Convention in Wyoming first weekend in October. We have partnered with Wyoming through our camp and young adult ministry.

The third weekend in October I will be attending the Diocesan Convention in North Dakota. We continue to partner with them on many aspects of our common ministry. They are offering a seminar and workshops on the topic of human trafficking. I will use this both as a time of education and relationship building. The Diocese of South Dakota sponsored the UTO grant that is funding this very important program.

In November I will be attending and speaking at the Diocesan Convention in Long Island. Long Island has been one of our partners in ministry over the past six years. We received a significant grant from them earlier this year, which will enable us to fund a second position on the Cheyenne River Mission for at least the next three years. The wooden crosier I use was a gift from their bishop and my friend, Larry Provenzano.

I will be attending the investiture of our new Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, on All Saints Sunday at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. This will be an opportunity for me to affirm our partnership with the Episcopal Church Center, which for over 140 years has shared in the important ministry we offer in South Dakota. I received word this week that our new Presiding Bishop will be attending our Niobrara Convocation in 2017.

The other relationships I will be strengthening are within my family. Pat, Jessica and I will spend both Thanksgiving and Christmas with some of our grown children and their children. This will be the first Christmas with most of them in over ten years. Family is also an important relationship to be nurtured.

I look forward to this time and yet I know I will miss the part of my ministry that I enjoy the most; being with you in our many different church settings as we offer worship and praise to the living God.

This past year the Church of the Good Shepherd in Sioux Falls developed a protocol for congregations to have in place when dealing with the issue of registered sex offenders who are attending or wish to attend one of our churches. This protocol was developed by a group of skilled parishioners who have worked in this or related areas. This project was the result of taking what could have been a very negative experience within their congregation and turning into an opportunity to address this difficult issue.

Our children are important and ignoring potentially dangerous situations will not keep them safe. Copies of this protocol are available at this convention or can be requested through the diocesan office

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It is intended to support your ministry and can be adapted to meet local need.

General Convention was an interesting time. You will be hearing more about it from your deputies tomorrow. Although, I enjoy connecting with friends from around the church I do not find it a particularly spiritually uplifting time, although, the worship services were meaningful. During these large and tightly scheduled gatherings there is little time for deep discernment in the face of the hundreds of resolutions that come before the convention. The church, the body of Christ, is not at her best as a legislative body. It continues to create “winners and losers” around opposing political position, held by good faith filled followers of Jesus on both sides of issues. Enough said.....

I believe in these times of social media, Skype, and rapid communication incarnational ministry is even more important. All of these mediums can be helpful when distance or time prevent us from being with someone, but Facebook or Skype or teleconferencing should not be seen as an equivalent to face to face contact.

Jesus healed the Syrophenician woman’s daughter without ever seeing her, but it was important that he be looking into the eyes of young rich man who came to him seeking to inherit eternal life when Jesus told him, “sell what you own and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come follow me.” It was while he was in community with the people that Jesus was able to embrace the outcast, eat with sinners and challenge the self-righteous. It was through moving among the people that Jesus receive the five loaves and two fish from the young boy and made it enough for all who were hungry.

Our physical presence is important. This summer’s camp sessions are evidence of this truth. We had one of the largest camp seasons in many, many years. Portia will tell you more when she reports to convention tomorrow. But, I can tell you this; it made a difference in the lives of the campers and the camp counselors. Jesus was experienced in real ways. The church, the Episcopal Church, was the body of Christ to those who participated. God’s Kingdom has drawn near.

This profound growth in our camp ministry invites us to extend our camps season, invest more resources in our camp program, and prepare ourselves to be transforming agents with power of the Holy Spirit moving through and in us in God’s mission with our Wyoming partners, which we call Thunderhead Episcopal Camp.

Henri Nouwen in his book The Wounded Healer tells this familiar story:

One day a young fugitive, trying to hide himself from the enemy, entered a small village. The people were kind to him and offered him a place to stay. But when the soldiers who sought the fugitive asked where he was hiding, everyone became very fearful. The soldiers threatened to burn the village and kill every man in it unless the young man was handed over to them before dawn.

The people went to the minister and asked him what to do. The minister, torn between handing over the boy to the enemy or having his people killed withdrew to his room and read his Bible, hoping to find an answer before dawn. After many hours, in the early morning his eyes fell on these words: “*it is better that one man dies than that the whole people be lost.*”

Then the minister closed the bible, called the soldiers and told them where the boy was hidden. After the soldiers led the fugitive away to be killed, there was a feast in the village because the minister had saved the live minister did not celebrate. Overcome with a deep sadness, he remained in his room.

That night an angel came to him, and asked, “*what have you done?*” he said: “*I handed over the fugitive to the enemy.*” Then the angel said: “*But don’t you know that you have handed over the Messiah?*” “*How could I know?*” the minister replied anxiously. Then the angel said: “*if, instead of only reading your bible, you had visited this young man just once and looked into his eyes, you would have known.*”

We are the body of Christ!

Yes, that is our charge, to live as Christ would live; to pour out our church for the sake of the world.

God’s peace be with you,

+John

Episcopal Church Women
Scholarship Committee
Fall Report.

The committee received three applications this year.

All were excellent candidates. However we only had two \$750.00 scholarships. One applicant had already received an ECW scholarship in 2010, and as stated in the guidelines, the scholarship can only be received once. Therefore, she was disqualified.

Lydia Simmons is an active high school student not only at Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls, but in interfaith community activities involving youth. She plans to attend Augustana University. She wants to study Nursing, Spanish and Philosophy.

Heather Singer is also a high school student who has been active at Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls. She also has plans to attend Augustana University and to study nursing.

Our committee has a new member Carol Cloud Eagle of St. Matthews in Rapid City. We welcome her input and we look forward to many years working together to provide the financial assistance for deserving women of all ages.

Next meeting will be April 30, 2016 at Al's Oasis in Oacoma.

Read more about the ECW Scholarship winners on page 9

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.

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 the rest of 2015 and Spring of 2016.

2015

November 20-21, 2015 Self Care

This important class offers methods to assist Lay & Ordained Ministers to cope with stress that comes with the pressures of ministry.

December 12, 2015 Intro to Canons & Title IV

This class will explain how to read the Canons and how they impact our local congregations.

2016

April 23, 2016 Introduction to the Book of Common Prayer, Not so common

This course will present a short history of the Book of common Prayer and will trace its path from its Roman Catholic roots to present day.

May 29-June 3—Thunderhead Camp

Summer Seminary: Intro to Theology

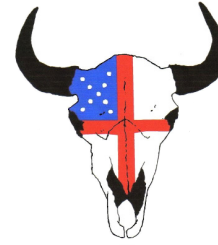
This intense course will present not only an overview of historical theologians from the early church to the present, but will also compare and contrast how Lakota people engage Jesus Christ from within their own culture. This is required for all Niobrara Students in the Ordination Process.

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

The courses 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. We hold one class in the Fall on the Eastern side of the state. And again in the Spring on the Western side of the state.

It is required for people in the ordination process and for clergy new to the diocese to attend one of these classes.

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.

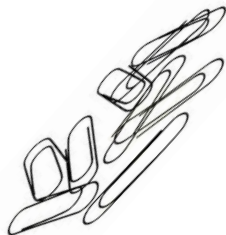
- March 18 & 19, 2016 Emmanuel Church, Rapid City
- Calvary Cathedral Fall 2016

To register for any of these courses, Please sign up on the Diocesan web site: www.diocesesd.org under the Niobrara School for Ministry page.

Or contact the Diocesan Office 605-494-2020
Or email: office.diocese@midconetwork.com

Or if you have Questions?
Contact Archdeacon Paul Sneve 605-381-2018
paul.diocese@midconetwork.com

Diocese								
September 30, 2015								
	Pledge	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance	Churchnews	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance
PARISHES:								
Aberdeen - St. Mark's	12,642.00	9,481.50	12,642.00	0.00	30.00	22.50	30.00	0.00
Belle Fourche - St. James'	3,456.00	2,592.00	2,592.00	864.00	100.00	75.00	100.00	0.00
Brookings - St. Paul's	12,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	3,000.00	215.00	161.25	215.00	0.00
Deadwood - St. John's	5,528.00	4,146.00	4,145.95	1,382.05	95.00	71.25	83.02	119.80
Huron - Grace	15,500.00	11,625.00	11,628.00	3,872.00	185.00	138.75	92.50	92.50
Lead - Christ Church	6,616.00	4,962.00	4,968.00	1,648.00	105.00	78.75	105.00	0.00
Mitchell - St. Mary's	2,500.00	1,875.00	1,890.00	610.00	70.00	52.50	70.00	0.00
Mobridge - St. James'	1,927.00	1,445.25	1,427.00	500.00	30.00	22.50	0.00	30.00
Pierre - Trinity	9,000.00	6,750.00	6,750.00	2,250.00	110.00	82.50	110.00	0.00
Rapid City - Emmanuel	45,000.00	33,750.00	34,075.00	10,925.00	325.00	243.75	0.00	325.00
Rapid City - St. Andrew's	25,128.00	18,846.00	16,752.00	8,376.00	180.00	135.00	180.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Calvary	63,982.00	47,986.50	47,986.47	15,995.53	1,000.00	750.00	825.03	174.97
Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd	14,000.00	10,500.00	10,503.00	3,497.00	20.00	15.00	0.00	20.00
Spearfish - All Angels	22,112.00	16,584.00	22,112.00	0.00	305.00	228.75	305.00	0.00
Sturgis - St. Thomas'	4,098.00	3,073.50	2,598.00	1,500.00	105.00	78.75	105.00	0.00
Watertown - Trinity	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	90.00	67.50	90.00	0.00
Winner - Trinity	1,800.00	1,350.00	1,200.00	600.00	95.00	71.25	95.00	0.00
Yankton - Christ Church	21,974.00	16,480.50	16,480.49	5,493.51	320.00	240.00	240.07	79.93
TOTAL PARISHES	267,263.00	200,447.25	206,749.91	60,513.09	3,380.00	2,535.00	2,645.62	734.38
Chamberlain - Christ Church	3,200.00	2,400.00	2,400.01	799.99	105.00	78.75	78.75	26.25
Cheyenne River Mission	1,240.00	930.00	1,000.00	240.00	240.00	180.00	140.00	100.00
Crow Creek Mission	1,845.00	1,383.75	721.50	1,123.50	210.00	157.50	130.00	80.00
Flandreau - St. Mary's	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	45.00	60.00	0.00
Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's	2,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	0.00	70.00	71.00	71.00	(100)
Gregory - Incarnation	300.00	225.00	300.00	0.00	60.00	45.00	60.00	0.00
Herrick - All Saints	320.00	240.00	266.70	53.30	55.00	41.25	55.00	0.00
Hot Springs - St. Luke's	4,016.00	3,012.00	3,014.00	1,002.00	145.00	108.75	145.00	0.00
Lower Brule Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	30.00	0.00	40.00
Madison - Grace	2,150.00	1,612.50	1,440.00	710.00	30.00	22.50	30.00	0.00
Martin - St. Katharine's	4,213.00	3,159.75	3,159.81	1,053.19	205.00	153.75	150.03	54.97
Milbank - Christ Church	3,600.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	900.00	105.00	78.75	105.00	0.00
Pine Ridge Mission	2,529.00	1,896.75	1,790.75	738.25	370.00	277.50	286.00	84.00
Rapid City - St. Matthew's	2,300.00	1,725.00	1,728.00	572.00	95.00	71.25	90.00	5.00
Rosebud Mission	5,651.00	4,238.25	3,795.25	1,855.75	120.00	90.00	0.00	120.00
Santee Mission	2,346.00	1,759.50	1,112.00	1,234.00	140.00	105.00	140.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	75.00	100.00	0.00
Sisseton - Gethsemane	500.00	375.00	300.00	200.00	60.00	45.00	0.00	60.00
Sisseton Mission	3,614.00	2,710.50	2,335.50	1,278.50	60.00	45.00	40.00	20.00
Standing Rock Mission	412.00	309.00	100.00	312.00	150.00	112.50	40.00	110.00
Vermillion - St. Paul's	7,220.00	5,415.00	7,220.00	0.00	140.00	105.00	140.00	0.00
Webster - St. Mary's	1,321.00	990.75	1,321.00	0.00	40.00	30.00	40.00	0.00
Yankton Mission	448.00	336.00	358.00	90.00	175.00	131.25	150.00	25.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	49,225.00	36,918.75	37,062.52	12,162.48	2,775.00	2,081.25	2,050.78	724.22
TOTAL PARISH AND MISSIONS	316,988.00	237,741.00	243,812.43	73,175.57	6,155.00	4,616.25	4,696.40	1,458.60



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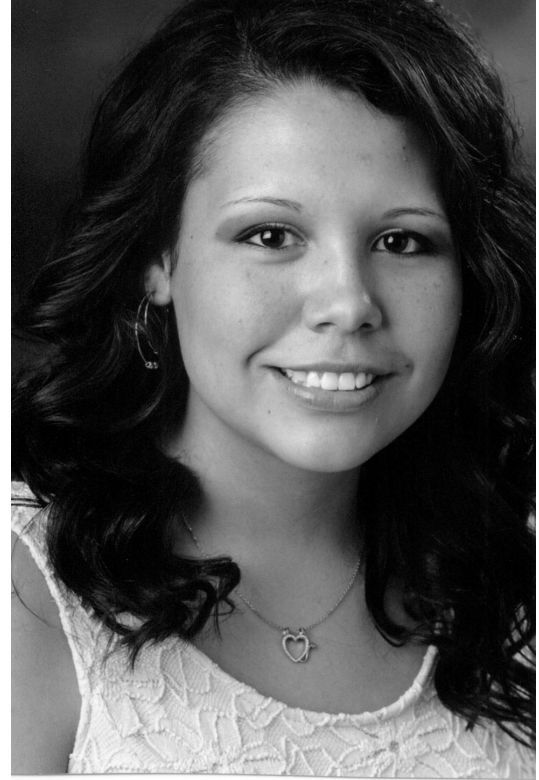


Thank you very much for the gracious scholarship award. I am extremely blessed to be attending Augustana University and it is entirely through the reassuring support from scholarship committees such as yours. The Episcopal Church in South Dakota has been my spiritual home all of my life. Being raised in the parish at Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls in a supportive diocese has allowed me to grow in faith and leadership. By allowing me to plan and organize acolytes and lead weekly Taize services, the Cathedral has helped me gain strong organizational tools and become more confident in my leadership.

Through the support you have provided I will be able to continue being involved with all the amazing activities I have been a part of at the University. In the past year I have been selected to be a part of the chapel staff ministry team with a focus in Pueblo de Dios, I also have been very lucky to work with Outreach ministries, Faith Fest, and an elementary-aged youth group. All of the skills I learned regarding leadership and organization in the Episcopal church have truly proved to be invaluable.

By majoring in Nursing & Philosophy & minoring in Spanish @ Augustana I hope to give back to the community around me in a variety of ministries. Thank you again for the wonderful gift and support.

Lydia Simmons 2015 ECW Scholarship recipient



I just want to thank you for this scholarship opportunity. This ECW Scholarship will help me get closer to my Nursing goal. I have recently started school at Augustana University.

This past summer has been extremely busy. Throughout the summer I worked, I also prepared a ton for college. Lots of different things have been taking place in my life.

When I found out I received the scholarship I was very grateful. College expenses can be quite overwhelming. I have been able to use some of the scholarship for textbooks and computer expenses this semester. The ECW scholarship has come in handy!

I would like to thank you once again for the scholarship! It has helped me so much in starting a new chapter in my life.

Heaven Stinger 2015 ECW Scholarship recipient

ECW

Those of you who attended Convention in September go to meet our Provence VI UTO President Sandra Squires. And the Provence VI UTO representative, Elizabeth Campbell. For me, as the new SD UTO Chair, it was an honor to meet and learn from both these great women. And speaking of convention, a usual UTO amount for convention is about \$250.

The amount gathered this year was \$586.24. GO UTO!!!



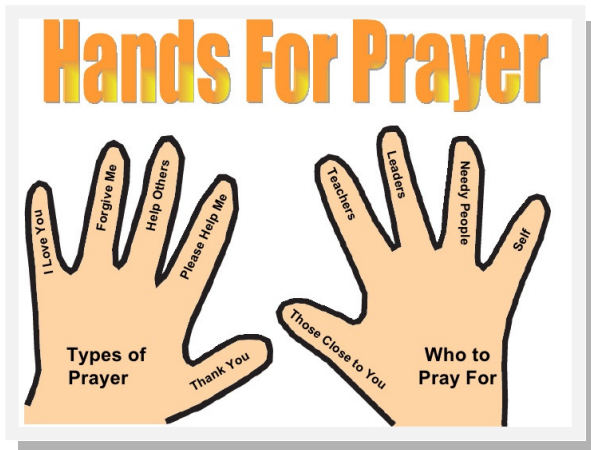
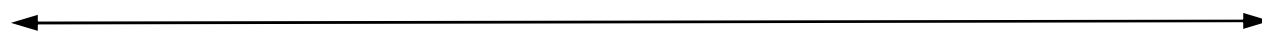
You should pat yourselves on the back!

Remember , every penny of that goes towards grants and scholarships no administrative costs or other costs are paid from UTO gifts.

Speaking of grants, did you know UTO has been awarding grants for 125 year and in 2015 55 grants were awarded for a total of \$1,558,006.85!

Visit <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/libray/document/complete-list-united-thank-offering-grants-1883-2015> to see the list of grants awarded over the past 125 years.

Remember it is fall gathering time. The change this year is that you need to send in your UTO money to Barney at 500 South Main Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814



Just Pray

Do you want to know how to deepen your prayer life? **Pray** Don't prepare to pray. **Just Pray.** Don't read about prayer. **Just Pray.** Don't attend a lecture on prayer or engage in discussion about prayer. **Just Pray.**

Posture, tone, and place are personal matters. Select the form that works for you. But don't think about it too much. Don't be so concerned about wrapping the gift that you never give it. Better to pray awkwardly than not at all.

And if you feel you should only pray when inspired, that's okay. Just see to it that you are inspired every day.

Anyone who is having troubles should pray. Anyone who is happy should sing praises.
James 5:13

When God Whispers Your Name by Max Lucado

I Am an Episcopalian

- ◆ As Episcopalians, we are followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we believe in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ◆ The Episcopal Church has members in the United States and the territory of Puerto Rico; and also in Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Venezuela, Curacao, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Haiti, Honduras, Micronesia, Taiwan, and the Virgin Islands.
- ◆ We strive to love our neighbors as ourselves and respect the dignity of every person.
- ◆ The Episcopal Church is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and traces its heritage to the beginnings of Christianity.
- ◆ Our liturgy retains ancient structure and traditions and is celebrated in many languages.
- ◆ Both men and women, including those who are married, are eligible for ordination as deacons, priests and bishops.
- ◆ We believe in amendment of life, the forgiveness of sin, and life everlasting.
- ◆ Lay people exercise a vital role in the governance and ministry of our church.
- ◆ Holy Communion may be received by all baptized Christians, not only members of the Episcopal Church.
- ◆ We uphold the Bible and worship with the Book of Common Prayer.
- ◆ We affirm that committed relationships are lifelong and monogamous. Episcopalians also recognize that there is grace after divorce and do not deny the sacraments to those who have been divorced.
- ◆ We affirm that issues such as birth control are matters of personal informed conscience.
- ◆ We celebrate our unity in Christ while honoring our differences, always putting the work of love before uniformity of opinion.
- ◆ All are welcome to find a spiritual home in the Episcopal Church.



From the Episcopal Web site a biography on the Presiding Bishop Elect.

The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry will be installed as the 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church on November 1, 2015. He was elected and confirmed at the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Salt Lake City, UT, on June 27, 2015. He is the Chief Pastor and serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and chair of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church.

Born in Chicago, IL, on March 13, 1953, Presiding Bishop Curry attended public schools in Buffalo, NY, and was graduated with high honors from Hobart College in Geneva, NY, in 1975. He received a Master of Divinity degree in 1978 from Yale University Divinity School in New Haven, CT. He has furthered his education with continued study at The College of Preachers, Princeton Theological Seminary, Wake Forest University, the Ecumenical Institute at St. Mary's Seminary, and the Institute of Christian Jewish Studies.

Presiding Bishop Curry was ordained to the diaconate in June 1978, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, NY, by the Rt. Rev. Harold B. Robinson and to the priesthood in December 1978, at St. Stephen's, Winston-Salem, NC, by the Rt. Rev. John M. Burgess. He began his ministry as deacon-in-charge at St. Stephen's, Winston-Salem, in 1978 and was rector from 1979-1982. He next accepted a call as rector at St. Simon of Cyrene, Lincoln Heights, OH, serving from 1982-1988. In 1988 he was called to become rector of St. James', Baltimore, MD, where he served until his election as the 11th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina in February 2000.

Throughout his ministry, Presiding Bishop Curry has been active in issues of social justice, speaking out on immigration policy and marriage equality.

In his three parish ministries in North Carolina, Ohio, and Maryland, Presiding Bishop Curry had extensive involvement in Crisis Control Ministry, the founding of ecumenical summer day camps for children, preaching missions, the Absalom Jones initiative, creation of networks of family day care providers, creation of educational centers, and the brokering of millions of dollars of investment in inner city neighborhoods.

In the Diocese of North Carolina, Presiding Bishop Curry instituted a network of canons, deacons, and youth ministry professionals dedicated to supporting the ministry that happens in local congregations. He refocused the Diocese on The Episcopal Church's Millennium Development Goals through a \$400,000 campaign to buy malaria nets that saved over 100,000 lives.

Presiding Bishop Curry has served on the boards of a large number of organizations, including the Task Force for Reimagining the Episcopal Church (TREC) and as Chair and now Honorary Chair of Episcopal Relief & Development. He was a member of the Commission on Ministry in each of the three dioceses where he has served.

Presiding Bishop Curry has a national preaching and teaching ministry, having been featured on *The Protestant Hour* and as a frequent speaker at conferences around the country. He has authored numerous publications including columns for the *Huffington Post* and the *Baltimore Times*. His most recent book, *Songs My Grandma Sang*, was published in June 2015; *Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus* was his first book, in August 2013. He has received honorary degrees from Episcopal Divinity School, Sewanee, Virginia Theological Seminary, and Yale.

He is married to the former Sharon Clement, and they have two daughters, Rachel and Elizabeth.

Diocese of South Dakota 2016 Summer Youth Camps

Thunderhead Episcopal Center Youth Camps are open to all young people throughout South Dakota & Wyoming. 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
408 N Jefferson Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

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



Camp Schedule

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

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 telling stories around a campfire is guaranteed, all while building your faith.

7th & 8th Grade Camp • Sunday, June 5–Saturday, June 11

Cost: \$150 per person

11th & 12th Grade Camp Sunday, June 12—Saturday June 18

Cost: \$150 per person

5th & 6th Grade Sunday June 19–June 22

Cost: \$150 per person

Family Camp • Thursday July 7— Sunday July 10

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.

9th & 10 Grade Camp Sunday, July 10 –Saturday, July 16

Cost: \$150 per person

Adult Retreat Sunday July 17– Wednesday July 20

Cost is \$75 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:

- 7th & 8th grade Camp
- 11th & 12th grade Camp
- 5th & 6th grade Camp
- Family Camp
- 9th & 10th grade Camp
- Young Adult Retreat Camp

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.

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.”

“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.”

“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

“That God is everything.
Love is powerful.”

How can I 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
- Donate Items from the TEC wish list.

- ◆ 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:
Thunderhead Episcopal Camp
Diocese of South Dakota
500 S. Main Ave.
Sioux Falls SD 57104-6814

Questions?
Contact the Rev. Portia Corbin at 605-280-4927
or at youth.dioocese@midconetwork.com

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

Moving? Please tell us...

Change Cancellation Contribution

Name.....

NEW Address.....

City, ST, Zip

Effective Date

Church we will attend after move

Mail to:

South Dakota Church News
408 North Jefferson Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-2626

Thanks!

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Bishop's visitation & travel dates in bold letters

NOVEMBER

Nov 11 Veteran's Day Diocesan Office closed
Nov 26-27 Thanksgiving Diocesan Office Closed

DECEMBER

Dec 10 Deadline for *Church News*
Dec 25 **Christmas** Diocesan Office closed

JANUARY 2015

Jan 1 Diocesan Office closed for New Year's
Jan 3 New Years Weekend
Jan 8 Diocesan Office Staff meeting (Pierre)
Jan 9 Diocesan Council meeting (Pierre)
Jan 10 **Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls**
Jan 17 **St Paul's, Brookings**
Jan 24 **St Andrew's, Rapid City**

FEBRUARY

Feb 7 **Trinity, Pierre**
Feb 14 **St. Matthew's, Rapid City**
Feb 15 Presidents Day Diocesan Office closed
Feb 21 **Standing Rock Mission**
Feb 28 **St. James, Belle Fourche**

MARCH

Mar 6 **Trinity, Watertown**
Mar 10-15 **House of Bishops**
Mar 20 **Palm Sunday**
Mar 27 **Easter**

APRIL

Apr 3 **Emmanuel, Rapid City**
Apr 4-7 **Clergy Retreat @ Terra Sancta**
Apr 10 **Mediator, Kyle/Pine Ridge Mission**
Apr 17 **Yankton/Santee Missions**
Apr 24 **Calvary Cathedral/Holy Apostles, SF**

MAY

May 1 **All Angels, Spearfish**
May 8 Mothers Day
May 15 **St Mary's, Mitchell**
May 22 **Rosebud, West**
May 29 Memorial Day

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Ends November 1, 2015
Begins March 13, 2016



Parochial Reports are Needed 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 authorized**and 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, 2016.
- 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, 2016.**

Complete the form and file it early!

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EARLY REGISTRATION CHALLENGE

Congratulations again to Calvary, Okreek: the first to register for 2016 summer camp!

Okreek has already submitted one registration for the 11th & 12th grade camp plus a family has registered for family camp this summer.

It is never too early to send in registration forms?