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Partnering With God at Annual Convention

For the 126th time, the clergy and a lay representation of the Diocese of South Dakota will meet in its Annual Convention.

This will be the 40th Annual Convention of the Diocese as the first 86 were Convocations of the Missionary District of South Dakota. Counting Special Conventions, the Episcopal Church in South Dakota has met 133 times since 1884.

This year we meet September 10-11 at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center in Pierre.

One of the goals of the diocesan Partners With God initiative is *Education—supporting cooperative Christian Formation and education to help all members grow in faith and ministry*. The general theme of Convention this year embraces this: **Partnering With God: Practicing Lifelong Faith Formation.**

The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation is the guiding document behind this theme. It will be used in our discussions, our worship, and our workshops.

Workshops

Workshops will be held Saturday afternoon.

1. *Godly Play* is a 2-part workshop. The first part (1:30) is instructional and the second part (2:30) is hands-on creative. The Youth Convention starts with participation in this second part.
2. *How to Train Youth Ministers* will be held once at 1:30 pm.
3. *How to do Parochial Reports* will be held once at 1:30 pm.

4. The following workshops will be held twice (at 1:30 and again at 2:30 pm):

- *How to do Small Church Event-based Ministry*
- *How to do Ministry with Older Adults*
- *Lifelong Faith Formation Practices*

Worship

Convention will be conducted within the context of the Eucharist, with the Liturgy of the Word at the beginning of the agenda on Friday evening and the Liturgy of the Table after final business on Saturday afternoon.

Meals

Wow!

- The opening reception will be a Picnic Supper in the big room behind the convention meeting area. The buffet will be set up from about 5:30 to about 6:30 so people can eat and be ready to start business promptly at 7:00 pm.
- The Commission on Ministry & Standing Committee will be at this supper/reception to greet and chat with people in (or interested in) the ordination process. Look for them off to one side.
- Thanks to the Central and Northwest Deaneries who made arrangements for this supper and for donating the cookies for our dessert and snack breaks.
- Saturday lunch is included in the Registration Fee, or is \$10.50 for unregistered guests.

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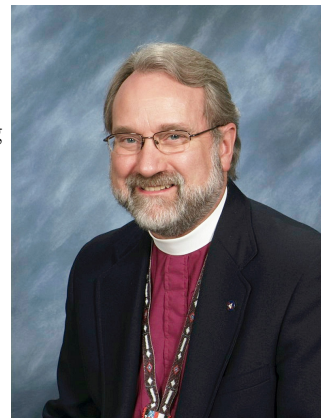
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From the Bishop . . .

It has been almost a year now since I began serving the Diocese of South Dakota, first as bishop elect, then bishop coadjutor and in January, Diocesan bishop. It has been a time of transition and learning. I have enjoyed going around the Diocese visiting congregations and listening to people as they share their joys and concerns, hopes and dreams. In each place I have visited I have been keenly aware of God's presence. I am blessed to be able to serve as bishop among such a faith-filled people.



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

In this past year we have restructured staff positions. Randy Barnhardt continues to serve as diocesan administrator, but he is shifting his work so that he is available to congregations for church financial audits. This should make it financially feasible for congregations to have their books audited, as our Episcopal Church canons require. The Rev. David Hussey, Canon to the Ordinary and Deployment Officer, has moved to Pierre (his wife, The Rev. Mercy Hobbs, was called to be the rector of Trinity, Pierre) and will be more accessible geographically throughout the Diocese. Rita Powell, Youth Ministry Coordinator, will also be serving as priest-in-charge of St. Paul's, Vermillion. She will be dividing her time between the two responsibilities, and she is also hoping to develop a campus ministry through St. Paul's. Finally, I have appointed Paul Sneve, vicar of St. Matthew's, Rapid City, to serve as Diocesan Archdeacon. His primary responsibilities will be to support ministry in the Western and Central regions of the Diocese but will be available where needed. He will also continue as the coordinator of the Niobrara School for Ministry. With these shifts we now have a Diocesan staff person living in each of the three corridors of the Diocese, and none of these changes are impacting the Diocesan budget.

In response to past comments made in reference to Diocesan Convention, we have made adjustments to that gathering for this year as well. We have shortened convention by a day, moved it to centrally-located Pierre, and are focusing much of our time on providing resources that you can hopefully use as you minister in your local congregations. Again these changes are in response to feedback received from you.

Our Convention theme this year is "Partnering with God: Practicing Lifelong Faith Formation." The entire convention will be in the context of worship. (Worship is understood as the expression of honor and respect toward God, the One who gives us life and breath and everything.) We will read scripture, we will sing hymns, we will pray, attend to our formal business and engage in workshops and celebrate the Eucharist all in the context of worship. From the beginning of convention on Friday evening through the Dismissal on Saturday afternoon, it will all be worship. This will be a reminder to us that there is no separation between the business of the church and the worship of the church. This will be a reminder to us that in truth there is no separation between any of life and our worship of God. As followers of Jesus we are called to glorify God in all we say and do; in all places and at all times.

I look forward to the weeks, months and years ahead as we serve God together, helping make the Kingdom of God more visible to those who are far off and those who are near.

May the peace of God be always with you,

+John

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COME AND PLAY

DIocese OF SOUTH DAKOTA
ANNUAL YOUTH CONVENTION



SEPTEMBER 11- 12, 2010

HOSTED BY TRINITY, PIERRE, SD

Saturday, September 11

- 2:00 Registration at Ramkota
- 2:30 Art workshop: *Godly Play sets for churches around the Diocese*
- 4:00 Join Diocesan Convention for Eucharist
- 5:00 Head to Trinity, Pierre
- 5:30 Pilgrimage Discussion: *EYE 2011 in Minneapolis!*
- 6:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Playing with God: *Games using the Bible and the Church*
- 8:30 **Paradise Fears Concert!!!**
- 10:30 Small Group Conversations: *Youth Sharing Stories of Joy*
- 11:30 Compline

Sunday, September 12

- 9:00 Church with Trinity, Pierre: Celebration of Ministry of Rev. Mercy Hobbs
- 10:00 Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Trinity
- 11:00 Niobrara Circle, Pick-Up time

REGISTRATION FORM!

The youth convention is a time for youth, young adults, and adult leaders to connect through fun, fellowship, and conversation. This year's theme will be **Come and Play: how does God invite us to have fun?**

Youth are welcome to participate in Diocesan Convention at Ramkota, Pierre, beginning at 7 PM on Friday, September 10. Youth Convention will officially begin at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 11. Convention ends at 11:00AM on Sunday, September 12.

My name is: _____

Grade: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

My Parent or Guardian: _____

Parent Phone Number(s): _____

Are they who we should call in an emergency? If not, please list someone else and their phone number:

Parent Signature

Sleeping accommodations will be in the church so bring sleeping bag and pillows.

Cost is \$25 per person; if this presents a hardship, don't let that stop you!

Send checks & completed form to

the Rev. Rita Powell
Diocese of South Dakota
500 S. Main Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

Questions?: youth.diocese@midconetwork.com



**The Diocese of South Dakota 2010 Convention
September 10-11 ♦ Ramkota Hotel, Pierre**

Convention Schedule
Partnering With God:
Practicing Lifelong Faith Formation

FRIDAY, September 10

11:30—3 pm ECW Lunch & Meeting
 12:00 noon Clergy lunch @ Trinity
 12:30—4:00 Clergy Conference @ Trinity

 3-7 pm Registration and Credentialing, *lobby*
 4:00 pm Hosts of Next Convention
 4:30 pm Niobrara Council
 5:30 pm Standing Committee

 5-7 pm Opening Reception
 SC/COM Reception for those in process

 7:00 pm Plenary Session I
 Liturgy of the Word
 Initial Business
 7:45 pm Workshop I
 9:00 pm Next Step Workshop
 Hospitality in Lobby

SATURDAY, September 11

8-10 am Registration
 8:30 am Plenary Session II
 Bishop's Address
 Prayers of the People
 Budget, Elections, Resolutions

 12:00 pm Lunch buffet

 1:30 pm Workshop II
 2:30 pm Workshop III
 3:30 pm Plenary Session III
 Final business
 4:00 pm Liturgy of the Table
 5:00 pm

GO IN PEACE!

PLEASE NOTE:

In the continued effort to cut down on paper used during the Convention, we tried something new last year, which is actually a return to the past. Everyone attending Diocesan Convention is asked to bring:

- a **Book of Common Prayer**
- a **Hymnal 1982, and**
- a **Dakota Hymnal.**

You might have your own copies, or borrow them from your church for the weekend. Dakota Hymnals will be on sale for \$15. Or be ready to share with a neighbor. Please pass this word around your delegation so no one is left short.

Let the diocesan office know if there are any changes in your delegation before the convention. Changes can be made on site, but prior notification will save time.

We won't be hanging quilts around the convention floor like has been done so beautifully in the past. Congregations with church banners on stands are encouraged to bring them to decorate our meeting space. Be sure to label each piece.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION
 SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2010
 RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
 PIERRE, SD

Changes for this year:

- Date & Place (see above)
- Clergy Conference begins Friday at noon
 - Lunch by Host Deaneries
 - At Trinity Church, Pierre
 - Just Friday afternoon
- Registration fee is only \$50
- One night lodging
 - Lodging is \$77.99 + tax at the Ramkota if reserved by August 10. Call: 605-224-6877 and say you are with the Diocese of South Dakota (The 800 # will not be able to give the block rate.)
 - Other lodging options:

Kings Inn	224-5951 800-232-1112
Pierre Inn	224-5981 888-315-2378
River Lodge	224-4140 866-457-0088
Super 8 Motel	224-1617 800-800-8000 (nat'l)

CAMPGROUNDS

State Parks

Cow Creek	223-7722
Farm Island	800-710-2267
Oahe Downstream	800-710-2267
Okobojo Point	www.sdgifp.info
West Bend	800-710-2267

City of Pierre

Griffin Park	773-7407
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City of Ft. Pierre

Fischer's Lilly	Bad River, Ft. Pierre
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Private

Chantier Creek	567-3352
Cow Pasture	224-9139
Pike Haven	264-5465
Sunset Lodge	264-5480

MOTELS

AmericInn Hotel, Ft. Pierre	223-2358 800-634-3444 (nat'l)
Budget Host/State Motel	224-5896 800-283-4678 (nat'l)
Capitol Inn	224-6387 800-658-3055
Comfort Inn	224-0377 800-424-6423 (nat'l)
Days Inn	224-0411 800-329-7466
Ft. Pierre Motel	223-3111 800-286-0895
Governor's Inn	224-4200
Holiday Inn Express, Ft. Pierre	223-9045 800-315-2621 (nat'l)

Nominations Received to Date (in order received)

Treasurer



Gary Conradi
Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls
Nominated by Randy Barnhardt

Appointed Diocesan Treasurer upon resignation of Chuck Bahnson. Retired CEO of Raven Industries and currently serving on several boards, including the Sanford Health Foundation.

Standing Committee

Lay Member, 3 year term



Dennis Potter
Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls
Nominated by Mary Potter

Has served as Vestry Member of congregations in 4 dioceses; Diocesan Convention delegate in three; General Convention Deputy in two. Currently a member of the Vestry of the Cathedral, a delegate to Convention, and Deputy to 2009 General Convention.

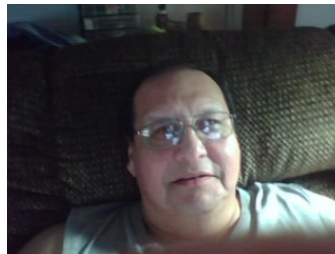
Lay Member, 3 year term



Jean Lacher
St. Paul's, Brookings
Nominated by Kim Fonder

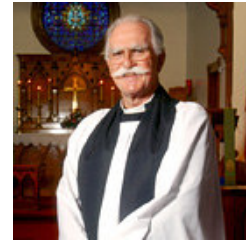
Very active in various congregational and diocesan activities for the past 35 years. Currently President of the Standing Committee and Deputy to the 2006 and 2009 General Convention.

Lay Member, 1 year term



Samuel Robertson
Christ Church, Chamberlain
Nominated by Kim Fonder

Presbyter Member, 3 year term



The Rev. Tom Campbell
St. John's, Deadwood
Nominated by Ann Oldenkamp

A priest most of his adult life, Fr. Tom also earned a PhD in Sociology and has served churches or otherwise ministered in South Dakota, North Dakota, Northern California, New York, Western Kansas, Virginia, Minnesota, and Florida.

General Convention Deputy

Lay Deputy



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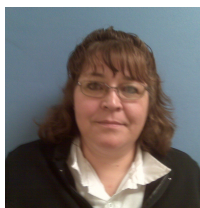
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Patricia Woolley
Trinity, Winner
Nominated by Don Eagle

Former school teacher, active lay person, and clergy spouse, assisting husband in Winner, Ideal, and on the Yankton Mission. Deeply interested in the Church, she's learning about South Dakota and wants to be part of the solution to the issues facing us here.



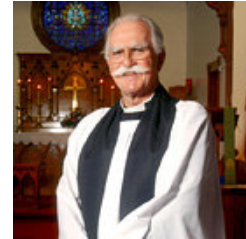
Tamara Fonder
Holy Comforter, Lower Brule
Nominated by Mary Armin

Clergy Deputy



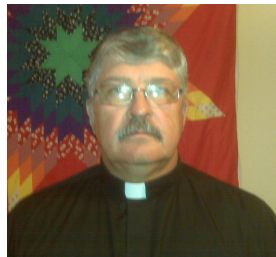
The Very Rev. Ward Simpson
Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls
Nominated by Ginny Slechta

Dean of Calvary Cathedral since 11/1/2009. Has served on every conceivable committee, commission, and board in his former diocese, including Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, and Diocesan Council and has been a General Convention Deputy for 4 terms.



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The Rev. Deacon Kim Fonder
Holy Comforter/Messiah, Lower Brule
Nominated by Mary Armin

Former lay member of Standing Committee, Treasurer for the Niobrara Council, serves on the Liturgy Commission and is very involved in the operations of the Mni Sose Cluster.



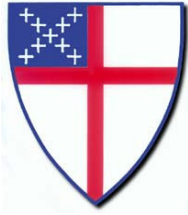
The Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes
St. Andrew's, Rapid City
Nominated by Dave VanVliet

Rector of St. Andrew's since 2004. Served as General Convention Deputy in 2009 and 2006. She also has served General Convention as the coordinator for Children's Worship as the Episcopal Council on Christian Education (ECCE) representative. She understands the legislative process of General Convention and would like to continue to serve the Diocese of South Dakota as deputy to General Convention.



The Rev. George Parmeter
Retired, Huron
Nominated by Kim Fonder

Current member of Standing Committee, Deputy to 2009 General Convention, Chair of the Diocesan Liturgy Commission.



THE CHARTER FOR LIFELONG CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Lifelong Christian Faith Formation in The Episcopal Church is lifelong growth in the knowledge, service and love of God as followers of Christ and is informed by Scripture, Tradition and Reason.

I have called you friends... *John 15:14-16*

Through The Episcopal Church, God **INVITES** all people:

- To enter into a prayerful life of worship, continuous learning, intentional outreach, advocacy and service.
- To hear the Word of God through scripture, to honor church teachings and continually to embrace the joy of Baptism and Eucharist, spreading the Good News of the risen Christ and ministering to all.
- To respond to the needs of our constantly changing communities, as Jesus calls us, in ways that reflect our diversity and cultures as we seek, wonder and discover together.
- To hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people, placing ourselves in the stories of our faith, thereby empowering us to proclaim the Gospel message.

**...You did not choose me,
but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit...** *John 15:14-16*

Through The Episcopal Church, God **INSPIRES** all people:

- To experience Anglican liturgy, which draws us closer to God, helps us discern God's will and encourages us to share our faith journeys.
- To study Scripture, mindful of the context of our societies and cultures, calling us to seek truth anew while remaining fully present in the community of faith.
- To develop new learning experiences, equipping disciples for life in a world of secular challenges and carefully listening for the words of modern sages who embody the teachings of Christ.
- To prepare for a sustainable future by calling the community to become guardians of God's creation.

...I am giving you these commands that you may love one another... *John 15:17*

Through The Episcopal Church, God **TRANSFORMS** all people:

- By doing the work Jesus Christ calls us to do, living into the reality that we are all created in the image of God and carrying out God's work of reconciliation, love, forgiveness, healing, justice and peace.
- By striving to be a loving and witnessing community, which faithfully confronts the tensions in the church and the world as we struggle to live God's will.
- By seeking out diverse and expansive ways to empower prophetic action, evangelism, advocacy and collaboration in our contemporary global context.
- By holding all accountable to lift every voice in order to reconcile oppressed and oppressor to the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord;

Christian Faith Formation in The Episcopal Church is a lifelong journey
with Christ, in Christ, and to Christ

**Official Acts of the Bishop
2009-2010
Report to 2010 Diocesan Convention**

Consents:

Ordination and Consecration of Ian T. Douglas to be Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut (10/12/09).

Ordination and Consecration of Michael J. Hanley to be Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon (1/7/10).

Resignation of The Rt. Rev. Peter H. Beckwith, Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield (1/26/10).

Resignation of The Rt. Rev. James L. Jelinek, Bishop of the Diocese of Minnesota (1/26/10).

Resignation of The Rt. Rev. Bavi E. Rivera, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Olympia (1/26/10).

Resignation of The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith, Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut (1/26/10).

Resignation of The Rt. Rev. James M. Adams, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Kansas (1/26/10).

Resignation of The Rt. Rev. Charles G. vonRosenberg, Bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee (4/6/10).

Ordination and Consecration of James B. Magness to be Bishop Suffragan for Federal Ministries (4/19/10).

Ordination and Consecration of John S. Smylie to be Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon (4/19/10).

Ordination and Consecration of Michael Louis Vono to be Bishop of the Diocese of Rio Grande (5/18/10).

Ordination and Consecration of Mark A. Lattime to be Bishop of the Diocese of Alaska (6/2/10).

Resignation of The Rt. Rev. George E. Packard, Bishop Suffragan for Federal Ministries (6/16/10).

Resignation of The Rt. Rev. John L. Rabb, Bishop Suffragan of Maryland (6/29/10).

Resignation of The Rt. Rev. John Bryson Chane, Bishop of Washington (6/29/10).

Resignation of The Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley, Jr., Bishop of Alabama (6/29/10).

Ordination and Consecration of Scott B. Hayashi to be Bishop of the Diocese of Utah (7/14/10)

Ordination and Consecration of Terry Allen White to be Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky (7/19/10)

Confirmed/Received: 114 persons

Ordained to the Diaconate:

Kim M. Fonder, Lower Brule on 6/19/2010

Ordained to the Priesthood: None

Clergy Transferred Out: None

Clergy Transferred In: None

Clergy Received: None

Approval of Re-marriage After Divorce: 4

Licensed 292 Lay Ministers

Other Reports:**Clergy Retirements:**

The Rev. George Parmeter (6/30/10)

Clergy Deaths:

The Rev. Philip Allen (3/22/10)

**STANDING COMMITTEE
2009-2010 Annual Report**

October 2-4, 2009 at Diocesan Convention

1 – Welcomed new members to the Standing Committee that were elected by Diocesan Convention – Donald Metcalf and the Rev. Sandy Williams. Thanked retiring members of the Standing Committee Fr. Webster Two Hawk and Anne Montileaux for their years of service.

2 – Officers elected for the coming year:

President – Jean Lacher

Vice President – Fr. George Parmeter

Secretary – Pat White Horse-Carda

January 11, 2010

Received a copy of the letter from the Presiding Bishop to Bishop Creighton Robertson:

“This is to notify you that, in accordance with the provisions of Title III.12.8(b), I do herewith give notice that, as of January 11, 2010, we have received a majority of consents pertaining to your resignation as Bishop of South Dakota, effective December 31, 2009.”

January 30, 2010

1 – Gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. Morris King Thompson, Jr. to be Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana.

2 – Gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. W. Andrew Waldo to be Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina.

3 – Gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. Diana M. Jardine Bruce to be Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles.

4 – Gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. Scott Anson Benhase to be Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia.

5 – Gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. Ian Theodore Douglas to be Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut.

6 – Gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. Brian Norman Prior to be Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Minnesota.

7 – Gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. Michael Joseph Hanley to be Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon.

8 – Did not consent to the consecration of the Rev. Mary Douglas Glasspool to be Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles.

June 17, 2010

1 – Gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. Mark Andrew Lattime to be Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Alaska.

2 – Gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. James Beattie Magness to be Suffragan Bishop for Federal Ministries.

3 – Gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. John Sheridan Smylie to be Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Wyoming.

4 – Gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. Michael Louis Vono to be Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Rio Grande.

5 – Gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. David Earle Bailey to be Bishop of Navajoland Area Mission.

6 – Gave consent to the ordination of Kim M. Fonder to the Transitional Diaconate.

7 – Gave consent to Patricia White Horse-Carda being made a Candidate for Holy Orders under the provision of Title III, Canon 8 (Of the Ordination of Priests).

8 – Gave consent to John Irvin Keyes being made of Candidate for Holy Orders under the provision of Title III, Canon 6 (Of the Ordination of Deacons).

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Lacher, President
Standing Committee

Stewardship Commission Report to the 2010 Convention

The Stewardship Commission consists of Bunker Hill, Chair, Chuck Bahnson, Randy Barnhardt, Karen Eagle, Dan Farrington and Connie Lane. We are in the process of forming a Commission for a Capital Campaign, and the members to date are David Cameron, Tom Campbell, Dan Farrington, Robert Wagner and Bunker Hill.

The Stewardship Commission had its first meeting in the Spring before the last Convention. At that point I challenged the Commission to take on the task of designing and executing the program for last year's clergy retreat and convention. After they got over the shock (You mean THIS year!), they pulled together and presented Partners with a Generous God.

This involved presenting 5 workshops, one by the Bishop-elect and four by members of the Diocesan Stewardship Commission. In addition, I was privileged to introduce the new Bishop-elect before his presentation on Partners with a Generous God, as well as preach on Stewardship at the Closing Eucharist.

The workshops were:

Stewardship 101: An introduction to Christian Stewardship in which our Bishop-elect gave his theology and insights on faithful Christian stewardship

Living Wisely: Explore money, faith, and getting out of debt in which Randy Barnhardt presented a workshop on "When times are hard and money is tight, the Church is a place to find help."

Annual Stewardship Program: launching an annual pledge program in which I presented some ideas for laying the groundwork for launching an effective program of pledging in your parish.

Stewardship in a Native American Context in which a panel gathered by Karen Eagle examined the challenges and opportunities for stewardship in a Native American context.

Establishing a Parish Endowment in which Connie Lane presented material to enable any church to build the structure necessary to encourage legacy giving for funding future ministry.

Each workshop was presented twice to allow for a broad participation.

This year we would like to carry these themes across the Diocese. In addition, building a successful Capital Campaign is a must.

Faithfully,
Bunker Hill,
Stewardship Chair

Province VI
Report to 2010 Convention

Provincial Synod met in Des Moines, Iowa this year. Representatives from the Dioceses of Province VI were in attendance. At the same time, representatives from Lifelong Faith Formation and ECW were having their meetings as well and met as a part of Synod. The theme for this year was: The Gift of Connections.

Ways of staying connected with each other, our Dioceses and the wider Church were explored. We spent time learning about different worship experiences. Nadia Bolz-Weber, pastor of Denver-based House for All Sinners and Saints, was keynote speaker at 2010 Synod and preached during the opening Liturgy. Nadia is a voice in the emerging church movement, and she is dedicated to creating inviting and welcoming experiences of “church” for all.

The liturgists and musicians from The Wilderness led us in an opening worship service, inviting us to use all of our senses in worship. Candles, icons, prayers stations, silence, movement, and music called us into an alternative worship experience. The Wilderness is based at St. John’s Cathedral in Denver.

The workshops offered all focused on the theme of Staying Connected. Workshops included: how to create a worship experience like The Wilderness, connecting with young adults, life-long faith formation, and exploring the world of electronic and pre-web ways to stay connected to the parish, the diocese, and the larger church. Synod is a wonderful way to be connected to the wider church, to make friends and find out what is going on in other Dioceses.

Faithfully,
The Rev. Kathryn Costas

Episcopal Relief and Development

Report to 2010 Convention

The mandate of Episcopal Relief and Development is from Matthew 25:37-40 “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food? We saw you thirsty and gave you something to drink? We saw you a stranger and welcomed you? We saw you sick and took care of you? We saw you in prison and visited you?” “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

Episcopal Relief and Development is a compassionate response of the Episcopal Church to address the suffering in our world. There are four areas of concentration: alleviating hunger and improving food supply, promoting health and fighting disease, creating economic opportunities and strengthening communities, and responding to disasters and rebuilding communities.

The first Sunday of Lent is ER-D Sunday. We hope that there will be a designated offering that Sunday for Episcopal Relief and Development. Folks are encouraged to go to their website to see what is being done around the world: www.er-d.org.

In 2009, the Episcopal Church renewed its commitment to the Millennium Development Goals by endorsing the NetsforLife Inspiration Fund and contributing 0.7% towards this initiative. Malaria prevention is a cause we can unite around. I hope that each congregation makes an attempt to purchase at least one malaria net in the coming year. Our goal is to distribute 7 million nets by 2013. To date 2 million have been donated.

Parish representatives are needed who can coordinate efforts to raise awareness of the work of ER-D, encourage people to purchase Nets and raise funds for the wonderful work Episcopal relief and Development does in the world. Please stop at the ER-D booth at convention to talk about how you might get involved.

Faithfully,
The Rev. Kathryn Costas

Nomination Form
2010 Annual Diocesan Convention

DEADLINE: Friday, September 10—bring completed form to Convention

Please fill in all areas

Print Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

e-mail: _____

Telephone: (Day) _____ **(Eve or Cell)** _____

Congregation/City: _____

Nominated by: _____
(Signature)

___ **Yes, I accept this nomination:** _____
(Signature)

I nominate this person for:

___ **Secretary of Convention**
___ 1 Person to fill 3 year term (term expires 2013)

___ **Treasurer**
___ 1 Person to fill 3 year term (term expires 2013)

___ **Standing Committee**
___ 1 Presbyter (Priest) to fill 4 year term (term expires 2014)
___ 1 Lay person to fill 4 year term (term expires 2014)
___ 1 Lay person to fill 1 year unexpired term (term expires 2011)

___ **Province VI Deputy**
___ 1 Clergy (presbyter or deacon) to fill 2 year term (term expires 2012)
___ 1 Clergy (presbyter or deacon) to fill 3 year term (term expires 2013)
___ 1 Lay person to fill 1 year term (term expires 2011)
___ 1 Lay person to fill 2 year term (term expires 2012)
___ 1 Lay person to fill 3 year term (term expires 2013)

___ **Trial Court**
___ 1 Presbyter (Priest) for 5 year term (term expires 2015)
___ 1 Lay Person for 1 year term (term expires 2011)

___ **General Convention Deputies for 2012 General Convention in Indianapolis, IN**
___ Clergy Deputy (3 or 4 plus Alternates)
___ Lay Deputy (3 or 4 plus Alternates)

Position Descriptions

Standing Committee

- ___ 1 Presbyter (Priest) to fill 4 year term (term expires 2014)
- ___ 1 Lay person to fill 4 year term (term expires 2014)
- ___ 1 Lay person to fill 1 year unexpired term (term expires 2011)

With a Bishop in charge of the Diocese, the Standing Committee shall be the Bishop's Council of Advice. When the Diocese is without a Bishop...the Standing Committee of the diocese shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority as provided by the General Convention Constitution and Canons. The Standing Committee also plays a part in the ordination process. The Standing Committee consists of eight members, and election shall be made by the diocesan convention for a term of four years. Members are entitled to election for two terms. The Standing Committee meets 3-4 times a year, or as needed. A member of Standing Committee is a voting delegate to Annual Convention.

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Each Province has a Synod which meets regularly (generally yearly around the Province) for the purpose of organizing and carrying out the responsibilities of the Province. The Provincial Synod can enact ordinances for its own regulation, elect judges of the Provincial Court of Review, perform such duties as may be committed to it by the General Convention, and deal with other matters within the Province, as directed and limited by Canon. Annual Diocesan Convention elects one clerical and one lay deputy and alternates to the Provincial Synod for a term of 3 years.

Trial Court

- ___ 1 Presbyter (Priest) for 5 year term (term expires 2015)
- ___ 1 Lay Person for 1 year term (term expires 2011)

Trial Court is an elected body consisting of five members (3 presbyters and 2 lay persons) for terms of five years for the trial of any priest or deacon subject to its jurisdiction. The Trial Court shall be governed by the Rules of Procedure set forth in Appendix A to the General Convention Title IV and by Federal Rules of Evidence.

Secretary of Convention

The Secretary is an Officer of Convention elected to serve a 3-year term. The Secretary shall record proceedings of Diocesan Convention. Other prescribed duties include attending public acts of the diocese, preparing the Diocesan Journal, and preserving records. Appointed assistants carry out many of these duties.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is an Officer of Convention elected to serve a 3-year term. The Treasurer has custody of all funds of the Diocese and the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral, with deposit, investment, and disbursement directed by Diocesan Council or the Chapter.

2012 General Convention Deputy

Deputies attend General Convention, communicate the actions and positions established to the diocese, and see that the appropriate bodies carry out those actions as directed.

Proposed Resolutions for Convention consideration

Received to date:

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Submitted by the Very Rev. Rob Schwarz and John Red Bear for the Northwest Deanery

RESOLVED, that the One Hundred Twenty-sixth Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota adopt the following resolution:

“That the Diocese of South Dakota, during the diocesan convention, institute the insertion of a cultural introduction seminar for the delegation and to address the cultural sensitivity of the native peoples.”

Explanation: The Northwest Deanery, an established deanery within the Diocese of South Dakota, met July 12, 2010 at St. Peter’s Church in McLaughlin, SD to discuss issues that pertain to the upcoming Diocesan Convention.

The resolution comes out of the awareness that the Diocese of South Dakota is culturally diverse, with Lakota/Dakota persons a large part of its baptized members. Cultural awareness and sensitivity of the native peoples needs to be addressed, and though Dakota Experience is offered annually, additional awareness of cultural concerns needs to be addressed during the Annual Convention for new members of the diocese and for the changing participation in Annual Convention and the life of the diocese in general.

Impact on Budget: Not addressed by Northwest Deanery

Episcopal Church Scholarships available

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall awarding of more than 60 scholarships from The Episcopal Church. Specific scholarships are available for ethnic communities along with other particular wide-ranging eligibility for education and training.

“Besides ethnic ministries, there are scholarships available to children of missionaries, foreign students studying for ministry in the Church, foreign students training in the fields of medical, sanitation, nursing or hospital work in their own country and for the children of bishops and clergy of The Episcopal Church,” explained Antoinette (Toni) Daniels, Co-director of Mission and Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

The list of trust funds and scholarships is here: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/documents/ScholarshipTrustFunds121609.pdf>

All materials including the application form and the instructions for filing are available online here: http://www.episcopalchurch.org/109539_110675_ENG_HTM.htm

Process

Funding for the scholarships is derived from numerous trust funds. The amounts of the scholarships vary according to the availability of payouts from the funds. Annual payouts from the funds are determined by the Executive Council upon recommendation of its Investment Committee. Principal amounts of each fund are always maintained.

Deadline for applications is October 15, 2010.

Requirements

The applicant must be an Episcopalian, must be a member of The Episcopal Church, and must have the endorsement of his/her bishop. Only complete applications will be considered.

For information contact Terry Foster, Mission Office Associate, tfoster@episcopalchurch.org.

The Role of a Deputy to General Convention

Our Role in the Past

To understand the role of the deputy in the General Convention, it is helpful to look back at the history of how that role and its title evolved. The first Episcopal Church convention was in 1785. The Journal reads: "Clerical and Lay Deputies from several states assembled...." By 1792, the Journal had adopted the usage of the "House of Clerical and Lay Deputies" in order to distinguish a body separate from the existing House of Bishops established in 1789. The present name, "House of Deputies," began formal use in 1886.

Not surprisingly, the earliest Diocesan conventions adopted existing legislative models. The Episcopal Church in America was not immune to revolutionary ideas of the English reformation, including representative governance in church affairs, and these ideas prevailed in the early Episcopal church councils. Representatives to church councils were deputized to act fully and freely on behalf of what they thought to be the best interests of the church while they deliberated in the confines of the council.

The concept of a deputy as a fully independent representative is clear in a 1901 Constitution change that proposed admitting missionary district "delegates" as representatives to convention with seats but with limited voting rights. The wording was amended to "deputy" in the final text to grant honor in the name to the representatives of missionary jurisdictions.

In her opening address to the 73rd General Convention, President of the House of Deputies Dr. Pamela Chinnis stated: "The House of Deputies was a complete innovation when this church was organized following the American Revolution. Laity, clergy and bishops have an equal voice in determining policy, establishing our legal framework and maintaining a living liturgical life."

Our Role Today

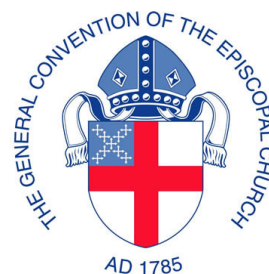
The nature of the events that took place in America between 1782 and 1789, and the use and meaning of the word "deputy" help us to understand our role as deputies today. We are elected to General Conven-

tion by our own diocese. As deputies, we know our diocese, and the people of the diocese know us. We are not elected simply to represent the views of our diocese or any particular constituency. Deputies are extraordinary representatives who, "ideally...should reflect the will of the whole Church, act for the whole Church, and speak to the whole Church."

We are deputies because we are trusted by our diocese and by the deputies from other dioceses to be informed and to prepare ourselves through study and prayer prior to General Convention. While at General Convention, we are charged to **listen** to other deputies, bishops and guests; to **share** our own thoughts and ideas; and to **attend** and **vote** at all legislative sessions. We are trusted to cast our votes informed by prayer, factual information, and the workings of the Holy Spirit. We have a responsibility to report back to our diocese after General Convention, and to the best of our abilities, convey how we voted in light of what we experienced and what we learned.

Most importantly, it is our primary responsibility as deputies to watch for, to expect, to pray for, and to be open to the Holy Spirit. God guides and governs church affairs. To this end, the Holy Spirit dwells in the church and presides in its councils. What a council seeks to understand, by its debates and votes, is not the mind of the majority of its church members, but the mind of the Spirit.

Peace,
Bonnie Anderson, D.D.
President of the House of Deputies





2010 Calendar of Courses

Dakota Experience
November 5-6, 2010
Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls

2011 Calendar to be announced soon!

NIOBRARA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY MINISTRY WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM

I am registering for:

_____ Dakota Experience (East), November 5-6, 2010 at Calvary Cathedral

_____ I will need lodging in Sioux Falls

Name _____

Address _____

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Fee: \$15 toward meals & materials for a One-Day Session
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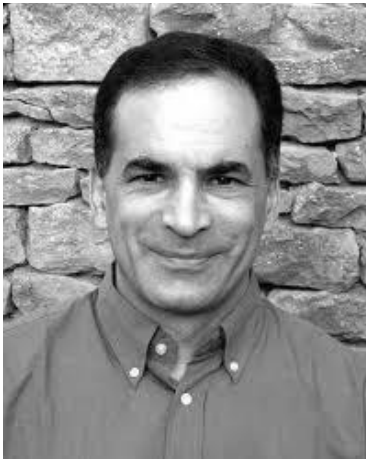
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We expect 250 guests (or more) to participate from South Dakota, Minnesota, North Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and Wyoming.

Brother John of Taizé visits South Dakota



October 20, 6:30 PM
at the UCC church
on Main Street in Vermillion

October 22, 6:30 PM
Venue TBA, Rapid City

Mark your calendars for a historic church event this fall—**Brother John** of the Taizé community in France is visiting Vermillion and Rapid City this October. His visit will be the foundation of two ecumenical events that include Taizé-style meal and worship, and conversation with Brother John.

Brother John, originally from Philadelphia, has written many books of scriptural interpretation and is a long time member of the community of Taizé.

This is the first time Brother John has travelled west of the East Coast. We are extremely fortunate he picked our state!



Mission Groups visit South Dakota

Recently a group led by the Rev. Robert Two Bulls Jr. and his family spent July 21 through August 1 working at Christ Church at Red Shirt Table, South Dakota.

Fr. Two Bulls started bringing kids out to Red Shirt 10 years ago, when he was serving as a Priest in California. These days, Robert is the Native Ministry Coordinator for the Diocese of Minnesota as well as the Vicar of All Saints' Church in Minneapolis, but he still is bringing youth and adults out to Christ Church.



Youth and adults from Episcopal Churches in California, Minnesota, Arizona and Red Shirt, spent the week fixing up Christ Church as well as working on projects in Red Shirt Community. This year, they built a new Arbor/Shade next to the church's Guild Hall, fixed up the former Vicarage (Bishop Harold & Blossom Jones' "Honeymoon Cottage"), built two wheel chair ramps for homes in Red Shirt and then painted the Guild Hall.

Fr. Two Bulls shared that these trips provide opportunities for youth from a great variety of cultures to connect while providing a great service to the Red Shirt Community. The group camped on the church grounds and also visited the Crazy Horse Memorial and Wounded Knee.

Photo and article by The Rev. Paul Sneve

A Story of Native American Stewardship



In Time of Need

The phone call came, as they always do, in the middle of the night. The Rev. Philip Allen, groggy from sleep, could scarcely absorb the enormity of the tragedy being recounted by the sobbing voice at the other end of the phone. There had been a fire. Five small children had burned to death in a reservation home back in South Dakota. Phil had baptized three of the children, and the family were members of the church he serves, All Saints, in the Indian neighborhoods on the south side of Minneapolis, called by many the "urban reservation." Heart-sick, he hung up the phone and began planning how to contact the family members in his congregation. It was not a task that he relished, and the family was, like most Indian families, a very close one.

The next morning, he began the sad task. He called on the homes of the relatives, prayed with them, and helped them to grieve openly, to release the anger and shock and pain of the sort that only the untimely deaths of innocent children seem to stir. Perhaps the hardest hit were the two aunts to the five children who died. As in most Indian families, the children had an extended family structure that made them very close to their aunts. These two aunts had helped their sister raise the youngsters, and in every way it was like losing their own children.

After the initial shock of the deaths, the aunts wanted to be there for the funeral, which, like the funerals of most urban Indian people, was to take place at the spiritual home of the family, the reservation. They had no money. Father Allen, like the vast majority of Indian clergy, had little discretionary money to dispense, even when desperately needed, as it was at this moment.

"I feel blessed in being born a member of the Lakota (Sioux) people. My people have always given the best they have to the Church, and to help others,"

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Phil said, as he retold the story of how his congregation responded to the crisis created by these tragic deaths. “You know that over 65 percent of the members of All Saints are unemployed. There really isn’t much discretionary money in any of the pockets of the members of All Saints. But the very night that I got word on the deaths of the five children, we had our usual Wednesday night Bible study group. It’s a small group, maybe ten or twelve on a good night, usually less. But I told them about the deaths, and the desire of the aunts to return to the Standing Rock Reservation for the funeral. The small group dug in their pockets and purses, several even said they ran home to raid the cookie jar, and contributed well in excess of what was needed to get the two women home. The church gave even more later, to help out the bereaved family.

“But you know,” said the priest, looking away thoughtfully, “I would have been shocked if anything but that had happened.”

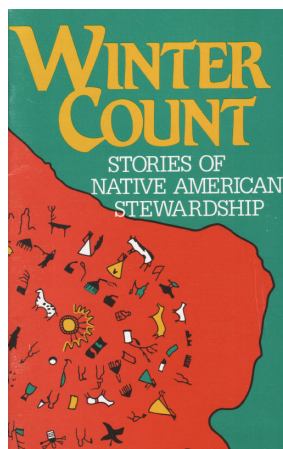
Phil Allen remembered countless examples of stewardship from the Indian people with whom he ministers, and among whom he was, as he said, privileged to grow up. All Saints has several women who actually tithe their small grants through the Aid to Families with Dependent Children. “The Indian people who I grew up around gave so generously that I have just come to see that as the norm. My grandmother was devoted to her little church in Martin, South Dakota. She always had someone from the family over at the church long before service, or even the night before to stoke up the wood stove. My family always had lay readers, too. Our priest, now roundly respected as the dean of native clergy in South Dakota, was the Rev. Vine Deloria, Sr. He was priest-in-charge of so many churches that many Sundays we did Morning Prayer led by lay readers. I remember one time we had a terrible blizzard, and hardly anyone could even get to church. We lived close, so my grandfather got there to stoke the stove and read the service. Do you know that that man didn’t even know how to read, and had committed the prayers to memory?

“My grandma would always provide food, as did many of the other women of the church. This was really important to her, because she felt we had to

be faithful to our responsibilities as Christians. She spent lots of time cooking for the potlucks after church. She always made sure that the church got the best food she prepared for the week. Even on her deathbed, she insisted that representatives from the family stoke the church’s wood stove and be available to lay read and bring good food for the potluck.

“There were almost no limits to what the old people would sacrifice for the good of the church. It’s just a part of our culture. Grandma Fast Horse, for instance, would spend the whole year getting star quilts and other gifts for the bishop, dignitaries, and those in need who would be in attendance at the Niobrara Convocation each year.” The Niobrara Convocation is the annual gathering of all the Lakota and Dakota (Sioux) Episcopalians. Held the third weekend each June, thousands of people return home to the reservation church hosting the annual event. It is a homecoming in the best sense of the world. Babies are baptized, people ordained, old friendships renewed, and the Dakota hymns are sung in worship and around campfires long into the night. “She would fill up a whole big trunk with food, and all these gifts. She attended seventy-five consecutive convocations.

“That is the kind of commitment to giving that I grew up assuming was the way everyone did things. I feel really blessed to be born a Lakota, among these people who were really saints of the church.”



From “Winter Count: Stories of Native American Stewardship”

compiled by Howard R. Anderson, 1988.

Anti-Racism Committee meets

On May 7 & 8 the Anti-Racism Committee held its first meeting at Christ Church, Chamberlain. We established our ground rules and created a safe place for all to be heard, and to be heard with respect for all opinions and experiences. Although Bishop John and Pat could not attend the Saturday session, their presence at the Friday evening session was greatly appreciated by all, and the discussion was done with depth and understanding. The ground work was laid for Saturday's in-depth look at cultural issues and their affect on the individual, the Church, and Diocese.

Beginning with the individual was the proper place to begin these discussions, since most of what we may need to look at comes through our personal socialization and upbringing in this diverse society. We talked briefly about those things that have happened in our personal lives that may still influence us on a day to day basis. Many personal revelations were to come from our group that would lead to a beginning of understanding how we are indoctrinated (perhaps a harsh word but perhaps not) into society. What was identified was the fact that we all have more than one ethnicity, particularly those of us with Native American blood. There was some recognition that we have behaviors that we could do well to change. Although I cannot speak for anyone else because of the confidentiality we agreed to keep between us, I can speak of my personal acknowledgement of the anger I have dealt with and the many learned behaviors I have been trying to change for many years. I have spent time considering my own prejudices that I deal with on a daily basis, and this I offered to the group as a part of our discussion.

On Saturday, we began to address Peggy McIntosh's classic article, "White Privilege; Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack." (McIntosh, 1988) Dr. McIntosh is the Associate Director of Wellesley College Center for Research on Women. She defines "White Privilege" as an unearned set of privileges that are granted to people based merely on the color of their skin. This article caused us all to look at that which is not often talked about in our lives and may call us to make some personal and uncomfortable changes, if we are to come to terms with how our actions affect others, especially those perceived to be different than our self. As I have stated, I try in earnest to

change

some of the bad things I learned in my life on a daily basis and it is sometimes hard to do or to even think about, but it must be done if I am going to strive to see the face of God in others as our baptismal covenant encourages us to do.

I believe our first meeting as an Anti-Racism Committee was a success for all that was discussed and all that was dealt with head on with courage and understanding. As it was said in one of our videos, the buffalo, when confronted with bad weather, will face the storm head on. So I believe our committee has made the decision to face the upcoming storm head on with courage and strength.

We also gave each member of our committee a book entitled "The Heart of Whiteness" (2006), written by Robert Jenson, a Journalism Professor at the University of Texas. This book offers a look into the society in which we live and how the dominant culture makes the rules for everyone else. We often think of "white supremacists" as people running around in the forests shooting guns and proclaiming open anarchy. But, Jenson uses the word "supremacist" from the standpoint that it is the dominate people of our society who seem to have the entitlement, earned or unearned. The second book is entitled, "Silent Racism" (2007), by Barbara Trepagnier, offers a candid look at how the silence of racism affects our everyday lives.

At our next meeting (August 27-28, 2010) we will discuss these books and continue the discussion of the stumbling blocks (we are people from different aspects of society, different cultures, different classes, and there are many other differences) that stop us from being who God is asking us to be in our lives, communities and congregations.

I would like to thank the folks of Christ Church, Chamberlain for providing snacks and lunch for our first two meetings.

And, as always if there are other people who wish to join the antiracism committee, please contact me at Christ Church, Chamberlain, or through the diocesan office. Thank you and may peace be with you all!

Sam Robertson, Chair



GRACE HAPPENS

I Knew That Widow

By The Rev. Fred Jessett

The Gospels according to Mark and Luke tells how Jesus watched people put money into the temple treasury in Jerusalem. He saw wealthy folks putting in large sums. Then a woman gave two small copper coins which were worth about a penny. Jesus could tell by her clothes that she was a widow and poor. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she, out of her poverty, has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

As I read that story read one Sunday I suddenly realized that I knew that widow. I knew a widow who gave in that same way. Her name was Flora Driving Hawk, and she was a member of Trinity Church in Mission when I went there on my first assignment out of seminary in 1961.

Five years earlier, before I went to seminary, I was present at Niobrara Convocation when Flora and her husband Robert had been honored as parents of the year. In presenting this award the Bishop told of how the Driving Hawks had six children, all but one of whom died in childhood. Only one son, James, grew to adulthood and he became an Episcopal priest. Sadly, he too died as a young man.

Flora and Robert, however, didn't lose their faith. They continued to work for the church at St. Mary's School for Girls in Springfield and later as janitors for Trinity Church in Mission. They got paid very little, but they did the work because they knew they were working for God.

When I came to Trinity, Mission, Flora was a widow and lived in a two room house that had electricity, but no plumbing and was heated by a wood stove. It was about two blocks from the church – though that's hard to measure in a town of 600 with hardly any "blocks." She didn't have a car. She had very little money, but she pledged and gave more each

week, both percentage-wise and in actual dollars, than people who had many times more money. And no matter how bad the winter weather, I knew that Flora (and the farm family that lived farthest out in the country) would be in church. Sometimes they were the only ones while people who were younger, stronger, had cars and warm, modern houses didn't get there.

Flora was the first to arrive the day I was setting up the church for my first funeral. She pointed out a mistake in the way I was doing it and fortunately I paid attention and corrected it. I visited her in her home more than once and she always served me coffee. She was present at Trinity the night I was ordained priest.

Flora Driving Hawk was small in stature but great in heart and spirit, and I am blessed that, even for that short two years, her life touched mine. She had as much reason to be angry with God as anyone I have known, and yet she gave no sign of that. She served her Lord faithfully as long as she lived, and I will never forget her and her service to Christ and Christ's church.

Her granddaughter, author Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve, tells Flora Driving Hawk's story, and that of other strong Native American women, in her marvelous book, Completing The Circle.

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Diocesan Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2010

- Sep 5 **Bishop visits Red Shirt Table**
- Sep 10 ECW Meeting, Pierre
- Sep 10 Clergy Conference, Pierre
- Sep 10-11 Diocesan Convention, Pierre
- Sep 11-12 Youth Convention, Pierre
- Sep 15-22 House of Bishops
- Sep 26 **Bishop visits Sturgis**

OCTOBER 2010

- Oct 1-2 Commission on Ministry, Pierre
- Oct 3 **Bishop visits Ft. Pierre**
- Oct 8-9 Niobrara School (*Preaching ...*)
- Oct 10 *ChurchNews* deadline (Nov/Dec)
- Oct 10 **Bishop visits Madison**
- Oct 17 **Bishop visits Yankton**

- Oct 20 Br. John of Taize at Vermillion
- Oct 22 Br. John of Taize at Rapid City
- Oct 24 **Bishop visits Brookings**
- Oct 31 **Bishop visits Pine Ridge Mission**

NOVEMBER

Bishop's Visitation Schedule TBA

- Nov 1 Begin Season of Thanksgiving
- Nov 5-6 Dakota Experience East

DECEMBER

- Dec 4 (tentative) Ordination of Pat White Horse-Carda to diaconate
- Dec 18 Ordination of Kim Fonder as priest
- Dec 24 Bishop at Calvary Cathedral



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