



Two Conventions

July's General Convention

The Summary of Actions, detailing the resolutions, elections and other matters from the 77th General Convention held in July 2012, is now available in English from the Episcopal Church General Convention office at <http://www.generalconvention.org/gc/gc2012-legislation>

The Summary of Actions fulfills the canonical requirement of Joint Rule 15 in the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church. The document reports on the 411 resolutions considered by the 77th General Convention:

- 167 from Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards (A Resolutions);
- 29 Resolutions from Bishops (B Resolutions);
- 120 from Dioceses and Provinces (C Resolutions);
- 95 Resolutions from Deputies (D Resolutions).

The Rev. Gregory Straub, Executive Officer of General Convention, pointed out that, in comparison, the 76th General Convention in 2009 considered 192 A Resolutions, 32 B Resolutions, 87 C Resolutions, and 107 D Resolutions, for a total of 418 resolutions.

Brief Summary:

General Convention welcomed guests, visitors and ecumenical partners from throughout the Anglican Communion and the world. The 10-day program in Indianapolis was attended by almost 850 deputies (lay and clergy) and 165 bishops, and viewed or read about online by more than

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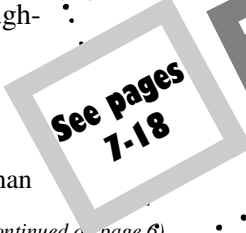
Annual Diocesan Convention

On September 21 and 22, 2012 Convention Deputies and others will meet in Pierre for our annual gathering for worship, fellowship, visioning, learning, teaching, and to conduct a bit of business.

The **Clergy Conference** will start with lunch at 12:00 noon at Trinity Church in Pierre. This year's conference is "Time With The Bishop." Clergy spouses/guests are welcome. Be sure to pre-register for convention and indicate the number attending.

- **Standing Committee** meets at 4 pm on Friday.
- **Niobrara Council** meets at 4 pm on Friday.
- **Eastern Deanery** reps meet at 4 pm on Friday to pre-plan 2013 Convention.
- **Youth Ministers Planning** meets after Compline on Friday.
- **Diocesan Council** meets at 1:30 pm on Saturday.
- **COM & SC** host a reception for people in, or interested in, the **ordination process** after Compline on Friday.

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Israel & Palestine, Part II

Pat and I visited Israel and the West Bank in May. We listened to both Palestinians and Israelis. Two very different narratives, both of which speak of injustices and violence inflicted by the other upon them. As an Israeli journalist said, “both narratives contain truth.” In the last *ChurchNews* I shared with you my interpretation of part of our experience, and now I will share with you “the rest of the story” (as Paul Harvey would say).

On Sunday, May 13th we visited the Temple Mount. It is the site of the last Jewish Temple destroyed in 70 AD by the Romans. Only ruins still remain. Through archaeological excavation much of the foundation has been restored. The Western Wall stands tall as a symbol of what once was, but also has become a profound religious site. Tens of thousands of people come each year to offer prayers at the Wall. Some will write their prayers on a piece of paper, roll them up and place them into the cracks of the wall. Routinely the prayer papers are gathered, reverently burned and the ashes are buried as a sign of deep respect for prayers offered to God. It is a profound experience to walk on the ground and along the same wall Jesus would have walked. The Israelis control the area outside of the Temple and have done and continue to do an amazing job of archaeological work. Muslims through the Jordanian royal family control the actual Temple Mount. No religious symbols or religious books other than the Koran are allowed when you enter the Temple Mount, which is a heavily guarded area.

Following a visit to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, we traveled by



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

bus into the West Bank to the city of Ramallah (population 27,000 +) where we met with Dr. Sufian Abu Zaydeh, administrator of Gaza for Political & Strategic Studies and former Minister of Prisoner Affairs under the Fatah/Palestinian Authority. Dr. Abu Zaydeh was also head of the Culture of Peace Committee of the Negotiation Team with the Israelis.

Dr. Abu Zaydeh had spent time in an Israeli prison and then was kidnapped in 2006 in Gaza by Hamas (one of two major Palestinian political parties; Dr. Abu Zaydeh is a member of Fatah—the other political party) and held for a short time.

Dr. Abu Zaydeh has a depth of experience in work with the Palestinians and Israelis in the peace process. The complexity of the process from a political prospective became clear in listening to him speak of his work in the effort. Of course, he explained the dynamics from the perspective of the Palestinians, but he was clear that sovereignty for the West Bank and Gaza and security for Israel are key to any resolution.

Sunday afternoon we went back to Jerusalem where we met with Yigal

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Cliff Dexter honored for years of service in Milbank

Clifford Dexter, a life long member of Christ Church, Milbank, SD, was honored by his congregation on Pentecost IX for his many years of service as their “senior lay reader”.

Cliff, now in his 80’s, has held many positions and roles in his church, but most remarkable is his 50+ years as a lay reader/ Eucharistic Minister at Christ Church.



The congregation honored him during the service and thanked him for his dedication and the service and ministry he has given through the years. Cliff has also served as both senior and junior warden several times, has been a convention delegate multiple years, grounds keeper, all-around handyman, and currently serves as church treasurer, a position he has also held for many years. Cliff and his wife Lillian were also instrumental in planning services during the twenty years Christ Church was without a full time priest.

Emmanuel celebrates 125 years

On November 10th, 1887, the cornerstone was laid for what is now the longest standing church building in Rapid City SD.

It’s reported that the first Episcopal service was held several years earlier. With the coming of George Ware to Rapid City in 1886, a lay reader who was later ordained to the priesthood, regular Episcopal services began and the name Emmanuel was decided on for the young congregation.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Rapid City has a wonderful history which we have been celebrating for the past year. Each month we have had presentations during Sunday Forum on the church and its place in our community. There have been presenta-

tions on the early days of Rapid City and the church, the building and stained glass, and the many people that have come and gone through the doors of Emmanuel, including President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Each month, Donna Burnap, parishioner and vestry member, has put together a display of pictures and information from each of the periods in history that we have been looking at. It has been a wonderful year of reflecting on the history of a church we deeply love.

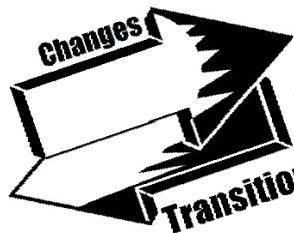
On Saturday November 10th, 2012 we will culminate our 125th Anniversary Celebration with a banquet at the Rapid City Civic Center starting at 5:15 pm in LaCroix Hall. There will be a plated double entree dinner of Pecan Chicken and London Broil, with all the accoutrements. There will be a program with a few words from Bishop Tarrant and myself and entertainment from current and former members of Emmanuel. And on display will be the history and artifacts that have been put together over this past year.

We at Emmanuel are celebrating the ministry of this church over the past 125 years. We would love for you to come celebrate with us. Tickets for the banquet are \$20 for adults and \$10 for elementary through senior high students and are available through the Emmanuel church office at 717 Quincy St., Rapid City SD 57701. If you have questions call 605-342-0909.

Come celebrate with us.

The Reverend Richard Ressler, Rector





We welcome to the diocese the **Rev. Jean Mornard** and her husband Michael.

Mother Jean began serving Grace Church, Huron on July 22, and will be formally installed as Rector on Sunday, October 7, 2012 at 9:30 am.

She is a recent graduate of General Theological Seminary in New York with an MDiv and was ordained a priest on June 28, 2012 by her sponsoring diocese, Minnesota. She also has a degree in Theater Arts and French.

We look forward to meeting her and serving with her!

UTO grant awarded to diocese

UTO granted \$65,000, the total amount requested, to Standing Rock Mission to build a community building next to St. Peter's Church in McLaughlin.

Congratulations! This is an important component of the ministry of St. Peter's to its members, the youth and the community. Thank You to everyone who contributes to UTO.

The application period for 2013 UTO grants starts October 1, 2012, and the deadline for receipt of applications by UTO is January 15, 2012.

Only one application may be submitted by this diocese. Diocesan deadline for all applications is December 15, 2012. Be sure your application is COMPLETE before submitting it. A review committee will select the one application to be submitted.

Afghan Raffle!

Think cool! As in "winter is coming" - and buy your chance at one of two lovely afghans created by some of the Church of All Angels knitters.

Proceeds from the raffle will be split evenly between Thunderhead Episcopal Center and the ministries of All Angels' Trinity Guild. Those ministries are many: Artemis House (shelter for women), the Food Pantry in Spearfish, the Salvation Army, and United Campus Ministries at Black Hills State University are the primary beneficiaries, but many other needs are also addressed by this group of special angels.

Contact Holly Moseley at hhflutterby6@gmail.com or 605/645-9269 or mail donations to 940 N. Canyon Street, Spearfish, SD 57783. Specify beige afghan (46" wide by 6 ft. long, with 4" fringe on each end) or variegated afghan (50" wide by 76" long, scalloped ends). Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. The drawing will be October 3rd. Support TEC and ministry in our diocese!

Raffle tickets will also be available—and the afghans on display—at Diocesan Convention.



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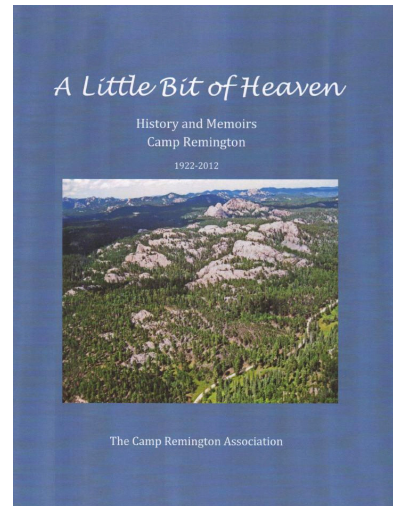
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Sister Margaret Hawk Day Celebrated

By: Alice Testerman

Sister Margaret Hawk Day was celebrated on June 3rd, 2012 at Christ Episcopal Church, Red Shirt Table, SD with church services led by her nephew, the Rev. Robert Two Bulls Sr., accompanied by Rev. Cameron, and Lay minister Twila Two Bulls.

Her childhood church which sits atop of Red Shirt Table was filled with prayer and song, verses of the Lakota Hymnal echoing over the piping organ she once played, the melody of high spirited voices praising the day's worship. . .

. . . Sister Margaret (Two Bulls) Hawk; after 18 years since her passing, was a recipient of the House of Deputies Award of Distinguished Service by the National Episcopal Church. On September 10th, 2011 in front of the South Dakota Episcopal Diocesan Convention in Pierre, SD her granddaughter Alice Testerman, joined by family members, received Sister Hawk's National Award presented by the House of Deputies, President; Bonnie Anderson.

Read the full article at <https://www.diocesesd.org/administration-and-resources-2/native-american-resources/sister-margaret-hawk-day/>

Come Together and Listen

by Robert Two Bulls | *Sojourners*, August 2012

IN MAY 2011, I found myself in France, sitting with brothers of the Taizé ecumenical monastic community, talking about the history of my people, the Lakota.

After evening prayer, the prior, Brother Alois, invited a few of us to join him for supper. This special gathering was held in the bedroom of Brother Roger, founder and first prior of the Taizé community. His room has been kept the way he left it when he died in 2005. . . The light in the room became warmer and softer as the sun set.

While eating we talked about many things related to the Lakota, in particular, and First Nations peoples in general. The brothers' questions were heartfelt, and they listened intently to my every word. At some point during the conversation, I came to a new understanding. This time of breaking bread and conversation was a sacred time. It was Eucharist.

Read the full article at <http://sojo.net/magazine/2012/08/come-together-and-listen>

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60,000 unique visitors, including videos played more than 44,000 times throughout the course of the convention.

The Convention addressed 411 resolutions on topics ranging from church structure and governance, to liturgies, social issues and approval of the Church budget for the next triennium, cast against the Five Marks of Mission (listed below). New leadership for the House of Deputies also was elected.

General Convention approved the next **three-year budget** based on these Five Marks of Mission, a document approved by member churches in the Anglican Communion.

These marks are:

- To proclaim the good News of the Kingdom.
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers.
- To respond to human need by loving service.
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society.
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the Earth.

Budget items for the church's ministry and mission work that were formerly grouped under the heading of "program" have been reallocated to appear under one of these marks of mission.

This three year budget, adopted unanimously by General Convention, is balanced at \$111,516,032 compared to \$111,808,350 for the current triennium. The budget assumes \$73.5 million in commitments from the church's dioceses, nearly \$4 million less than currently, and keeps the asking amount at 19%.

A proposed 20% increase in funding for Native American ministries was approved. "Following many years of decline in the purchasing power of church wide support for this ministry, this is a real boost to the ministry of the Diocese (and) to our ministry across the Diocese," related the Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Calvary Cathedral.

Other highlights of the Convention:

Church Structure

- Church structure: a special task force of up to 24 representatives from all parts of the church will meet in the next two years to review reforms to structure, governance and administration. (C095) Overall, nearly 100 resolutions were presented to the Committee on Structure and, although most were similar, the Committee on Structure considered the many options offered in making the final recom-

mendation. At this time, no decisions on changes have been made. There will be a special gathering from every diocese to hear what recommendations the task force plans to make to the 78th General Convention. The final report is due by November 2014.

Theologically speaking, reinvention is what happened in the coming of Jesus. Through the Incarnation, his ministry, and the Resurrection, the understanding of life and death is reinvented. The church is called to practice reinvention, to be open to and venture out. We will not know what God can do, until we step out in more creative, innovative ways. Change is often disorienting and generates anxiety and fear. But Jesus repeatedly told us "do not fear." Failure is possible, but if we are not failing then we are not trying – not living into our calling to act in faith beyond ourselves.

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefforts Schori said, "a lot of our current structures and systems focus on internal dynamics and regulation. We tend to measure things that are inward looking, like how many people sit in the pews on particular Sundays. We don't measure how many people in the larger community are invited into transformation through the ministries our members engage in outside what we call 'the church.' We don't measure how kenotic we are, how much we give ourselves away; we measure how much money we take in.

"A legislative process often leads to a gathering of interest groups, gridlock, and little change. Decision-making rooted in communal discernment (indaba) may be in the church's future.

"Christ is risen, and life is more powerful than any of our attachments to the way things are. Change is happening. We can willingly engage the chaos and pain of transformation, or settle for an outdated, broken-down way that makes it hard, if not impossible, to live into God's mission."

- The numerous resolutions included asking the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to study the current budgeting process and matters of financial oversight (A122), and proposing an amendment to the constitution that would help dioceses that want to merge with another diocese or divide itself into two dioceses to do so without requiring sitting bishops in all dioceses involved (A102). The House of Bishops approved a move away from, but did not authorize the sale of, the Episcopal Church Center headquarters in New York City. (D016).

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Liturgy and Blessings

- Much discussion was held, and significant national discussion ensued, on our denominational response to same-sex blessings (A049). The approved liturgy, “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Life long Covenant,” is for provisional use, meaning that the diocesan bishop has to grant approval for use in his/her diocese even in those states where same-sex marriage is legal and of course, no clergy will be forced to use this liturgy. The resolution is effective no sooner than the first Sunday in Advent 2012 (December 2). Our bishop will address the clergy of the Diocese on this issue when they gather before our September convention in Pierre.
- It affirmed the church’s teaching that baptism is the norm for those who wish to receive Holy Communion. (C029)
- With the bishop’s permission, congregations may use the lectionary in the BCP rather than the Revised Common Lectionary. (B009)
- Other resolutions included authorizing a task force to study marriage (A050) and new rites and prayers for pastoral responses to people caring for animals, including the death of a pet (A054).

Ecumenical Relations and Pastoral Topics

- Anglican Covenant: General Convention affirmed the commitment to building relationships across the Anglican Communion, especially through the Continuing Indaba program, but declined to take a position on the Anglican Covenant at this Convention.
- The 11-year relationship of full communion with the ELCA was commended and asks the Lutheran-Episcopal Coordinating Committee to address areas where Episcopal and Lutheran practices differ, especially who can preside at Holy Communion and the role of deacons (A036). The status in the Episcopal Church of pastors in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who had been ordained by other pastors and not by bishops also was clarified. (A158)

Other actions:

The Convention called on the church over the next 3 years to “teaching, preaching, organizing, advocating, and building mutually transformative relationships with

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The ECW meeting starts at 10:00 am with a speaker on the stained glass windows of South Dakota. Lunch and the business meeting (including bylaw amendments) will follow. Lunch is \$10. Please let an ECW officer know if you will be attending.

PRE-CONVENTION DEANERY MEETINGS

Saturday, September 8, 1:00 pm
Trinity Church, Pierre

Sunday, September 9, 2:00 pm
Emmanuel Church, Rapid City

Saturday, September 15, 1:00 pm
St. Paul’s Church, Brookings

All interested persons are encouraged to attend one of the sessions.

WORKSHOPS

1. Gladys Hawk will conduct a workshop on the Lakota language.
2. Sam Robertson presents a cultural piece
3. General Convention Deputies will make brief presentations on several issues and be available for Q&A.
4. Planning session for leaders of the 2014 Taize at Red Shirt Table, with Rev. Rita Powell.
5. Rhythms of Grace—a way to worship with persons with sensory or other disabilities, facilitated by Dee DiMemmo.

ADDED AFTER CONVENTION MAILING:

6. Charter for Lifelong Faith Formation and its educational components, with the Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes
7. Nuts & Bolts of Stewardship, by Norm Olson, Consultant for Church Development in KC, MO.

EXHIBIT TABLES

Opportunities to display your ministry, offer information, raise money for ministry (raffles, sales), pass along used vestments, books, etc.

Don’t forget to shop at St. Augusta’s table. Along with the books and gifts, the 2013 Ashby Calendars will be ready for purchase or pickup, so plan on get-

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ting yours there to avoid later shipping costs.

If you are interested in having a table, contact the Diocesan Office by September 12.

CONVENTION REPORTS

Keep reading for the remainder of reports to convention.

Minutes
127th Annual Convention (2011)
The Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota
Ramkota Conference Center - Pierre, South Dakota
September 9 - 10, 2011
“Partnering With God: Living Generously”

Plenary Session I

Call to Order: The 127th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota was called to order by Bishop John Tarrant at 7:15pm.

Introductions: Bishop Tarrant thanked Pine Ridge and Rosebud Deaneries as the hosts of the Convention and Father Craig West for his leadership in the planning. Canon David Hussey will be in charge of the Dispatch of Business. All messages and requests for time with the Bishop should go through Canon Hussey. Page for the Convention is Don Metcalf. Don and Ben Conquering Bear will be in charge of microphones.

Bishop Tarrant announced that Gary Conradi, Treasurer of the Diocese of South Dakota is being inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame this evening. He also announced that St. Michael’s Church in Batesland is purchasing a church on Hwy 18 in Batesland from St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. They are very excited with the prospects for mission.

Bishop Tarrant introduced guests to the Convention: Bonnie Anderson, President of the House of Deputies, will be in attendance tomorrow for a special presentation. Angela Haugen and Martha Allen from Indigenous Theological Training Institute in Minnesota will have a table display. Tony Sutcliff from the Medical Trust is here and discussed health insurance issues with the Diocese and clergy.

Bishop Tarrant introduced new clergy and new positions within the Diocese: The Rev Jackie Bernacchi is the Rector of Trinity Church Watertown and the Dean of the Northeast Deanery. Deacon Brandon Maui is the Youth Minister for Standing Rock Mission. Christina O’Hara and Marion Paulis were ordained to the Diaconate on

April 30, 2011. The Rev. Christina O’Hara will be ordained a priest on December 10. The Rev. Deacon Marion Paulis will be ordained a priest on November 26. Deacon John Keyes was ordained a Deacon on December 4, 2010, and is serving at Christ Church, Yankton. The Rev. Pat White Horse Carda was ordained a deacon on December 4, 2010, and as a priest on June 19, 2011, at Niobrara Convocation. She is serving as Priest-in-Charge of the Yankton and Santee Missions. The Rev. Kim Fonder was ordained a priest on December 18, 2010, and is serving in Lower Brule and Mni Sose Cluster. The Rev. Mercy Hobbs has been appointed Dean of the Central Deanery.

Bishop Tarrant announced clergy transitions during the past year: Leaving the Diocese of South Dakota: The Revs. John and Judy Spruhan moved to Virginia, The Rev. Charlie King moved to Connecticut, The Rev. Kathryn Costas transferred to the Diocese of Indianapolis, The Rev. Tom Campbell moved to Midland, TX to be a Chaplain at an Episcopal School. Retiring this past year was The Rev. Elizabeth Bryan. Clergy deaths since last Convention: The Rev. Dr. Robert Wagner, The Rev. Bill Fay of CA who served as a priest in the Diocese from 1954 to 1971 on Crow Creek, Standing Rock, and Pine Ridge Missions.

Overview of Schedule and Agenda:

- This evening began with Opening Devotions, thanks to The Rev. Cordelia Red Owl.
- Presentation on the Sudan Project
- Honoring of Father Martin
- Bishop Tarrant will address the Convention
- Compline
- Commission on Ministry and Standing Committee Reception for people in the process or interested in the process will be held in Lake Sharp Room B.
- Saturday 8:30 Morning Prayer
- Budget Presentation
- Presentation by Bonnie Anderson
- Presentation of Resolutions - note that one resolution will affect the election of Provincial Deputies. This will be explained fully before any action is taken.
- Elections
- Report from Youth Coordinator
- Capital Campaign Presentation
- Lunch at noon
- 1:30 Announcements
- Workshops begin at 1:30
- Final Business of the Convention at 3:30
- Closing Eucharist and Ordination of Vern Cloud at 4:00

Housekeeping Announcements:

- Location of restrooms, Convention office, exhibits and refreshments.
- Convention Evaluations are in packet. Please fill them out and return on Saturday afternoon.

South Sudan Project Presentation: Moses Joknhial gave a talk and slide presentation showing us where money donated to the Diocese of South Dakota has gone to help build a school and a church, dig wells, and buy grinding machines in South Sudan. He expressed great thanks from himself and the people of Pangyang for the generosity of the people in South Dakota. After the presentation, Bishop Tarrant thanked Moses for his work and witness and the people of the Diocese for their commitment to Living Generously.

Honoring Rev. Lyle Martin: Bishop Tarrant spoke of his first meeting with Father Lyle Martin and the amazing character that Father Martin is. He said Father Martin is an example of taking note of The Kingdom of God when it presents itself. The Bishop thanked Father Martin for his years of service to the Church and the people of the communities where he has served. Father Martin was presented with a plaque in Honor of his retirement from active ministry.

Bishop's Address: Bishop John Tarrant addressed the Convention on the topic of Living Generously: Pouring ourselves out for the world as Jesus did. He gave thanks for the Diocesan Staff, including Mission Clergy, who give much more than they are compensated for; for the generosity of Lay Leaders and non-stipendiary clergy; for Church of All Angels offering of \$100,000 from a bequest for the Diocese to use on any project. From all this generosity comes the Vision to hire Horizon Stewardship Company to assist the Diocese in raising \$12 million to fund Youth Ministry in South Dakota. He spoke of seeing God's Spirit alive and moving across the Diocese and hearing the crying out for hope, someone who cares, from youth and young adults. Many events and "coincidences" made it clear as the calling of God to develop and initiate a powerful and transforming youth ministry in South Dakota. It will happen; our opportunity is to help it happen; God is calling us because of our generosity. We can, we will, because we must. He invites us on behalf of the Living God to be a part of this transformation in the Diocese of South Dakota.

Compline: Led by Eldon White Pipe from Church of the Incarnation Gregory.

The session adjourned at 8:45pm.

Plenary Session II

Following Morning Prayer led by Janet Speidel and Anne Montileaux, Bishop John Tarrant called the Second Plenary Session to order at 9:10am.

Credentials Committee Report: Deacon Marty Garwood announced that of 70 authorized clergy 46 were in

attendance; of 120 authorized lay delegates 99 were in attendance therefore a quorum was declared.

Parliamentarian: Steve Sanford was introduced and thanked by the Bishop for his tremendous gift of being the Chancellor for the Diocese. Steve reviewed procedures for speaking and making motions.

Minutes: Jean Lacher, St. Paul's Brookings, noted a name correction in the 2010 Convention Minutes; correction is noted and will be made. Jean made a motion to accept the Minutes of the 2010 Convention Minutes as corrected; seconded by Dennis Potter, Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls; motion carried.

Call for motion to accept Reports by Title: Motion by Jean Lacher to accept reports by title by various commissions and committees submitted and printed in the *South Dakota Church News* in July/August and September/October issues or otherwise distributed; seconded by Ginger Weber, Calvary Cathedral; motion carried.

Budget Presentation: Randy Barnhardt, Diocesan Administrator, gave a Power Point Presentation using pie charts, maps, photos, and other graphics to explain the Diocesan financial status. There was focus on the shift in cost of Medical Insurance Premiums over the next three years as employees take on a share of the cost. In 2012 employees will contribute 5%, in 2013, 10%, in 2014, 15%. Jim Marks, Calvary Cathedral Sioux Falls, made a motion to accept the Budget for 2011-2012; seconded by Conrad Ciesel, Sisseton; motion carried.

Report: Sandy Magnavito, St. Andrews Rapid City, Chairperson of the ECW Scholarship Committee, reported that there were 2 applicants for 3 ECW Scholarships. One scholarship was awarded. It went to Kathryn Oldencamp, St John's Deadwood. She is a senior at Colorado State University in Fashion Design. She was recommended by The Rev. Tom Campbell as an active member of St. John's and TEC.

Report: Don Metcalf spoke of his work at TEC this past summer and his experiences with the children and counselors. He urged us to support the work done at TEC to encourage our young people. He passed out envelopes for donations to TEC to be returned to him at Convention or mailed to TEC.

Resolutions: The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Chair of the Resolution Committee, read Resolution #01: Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, the General Convention renews and extends its historic commitment to Native American ministry and directs the Program, Budget, and Finance Committee to continue, and where

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possible, extend the financial support of The Episcopal Church for this ministry. The Very Rev. Ward Simpson explained the history of funding from General Convention and the need to continue to show our thanks and need for their support here in South Dakota. This Resolution will highlight the ministry with Native Americans and give us a chance to tell our story in Committee. Dennis Potter, Calvary Cathedral Sioux Falls made a motion to accept Resolution #01; seconded by Deacon Susan Lyman, St. Paul's Vermillion. There was no discussion. Motion carried, Resolution #01 is passed.

Constitutional Amendments: The Very Rev. Ward Simpson read Constitutional Amendment #01: Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-seventh Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota amend the Constitution of the Diocese of South Dakota, Article VII, Section 1 (Membership) to include deacons, as well a presbyters and lay persons eligible for election to the Standing Committee of the Diocese. The amended section would read as follows: The Standing Committee shall consist of eight members made up of four confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing and four canonically resident members of the clergy, of which no more than two shall be deacons. The Rev. Stan Woolley, Trinity Winner, made a motion to accept Constitutional Amendment #01; seconded by Deacon Susan Lyman. Discussion followed; various clergy, deacons, and lay delegates gave positions on the matter. Seeing no other people at the microphones, the Bishop called the question. By voice vote, Constitutional Amendment #01 is carried; to be brought again to the 2012 Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota, needing two consecutive acceptances to be changed.

Note: Steve Sanford, Parliamentarian, later ruled a vote by orders was necessary. A new voice vote was taken by orders. Constitutional Amendment #01 was adopted by both Clergy and Lay Delegates to be sent to the 2012 Convention.

Canonical Changes: The Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes, St. Andrew's Rapid City, read Canonical Change #02: Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-seventh Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota should change Diocesan Canon 22, Vestries of Parishes, Section 2, Qualifications of Wardens and Vestryperson, from "Wardens and vestrypersons must be confirmed adult lay communicants of this Church in good standing eighteen years of age or over and regular contributors to the support of the congregation by pledge or otherwise", to "Wardensin good standing sixteen years of age". The Rev. Monson Lutes explained there are an increasing number of young people in our churches who need to be heard from in both voice and vote. Deacon Marty Garwood, St. Andrew's Rapid City, made a motion to accept Canonical Change #02; seconded by John Korkow, Calvary Cathedral Sioux

Falls. Discussion followed; various clergy, deacons, and lay delegates gave positions on the matter. Steve Sanford, Chancellor, explained concerns of potential liability. Seeing no other persons at the microphones, the Bishop called the question using a card count vote. 67 votes in favor; 64 votes against; Canonical Change #02 is accepted.

Steve Sanford, Diocesan Chancellor, read Canonical Change #01: Resolved, that Canon I of the Canons of the Diocese of South Dakota be amended by striking the wording of Section 2 and replacing it with the following sentence: The three elected clerical and three elected lay deputies to General Convention who received the most votes shall also serve as deputies to Provincial Synod for the same term and the fourth deputy to General Convention in each order and the alternates to General Convention shall serve as alternates to Provincial Synod. Steve explained that the Province meetings are designed to bridge diocesan and national church concerns and every three years are devoted to the upcoming General Convention issues. It makes sense to have delegates the same and many dioceses have adopted this practice. The Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes made a motion to accept Canonical Change #01; seconded by David Wheeler, Grace Church Huron. The Very Rev. Ward Simpson amended the motion "be it further resolved that this amendment shall be effective immediately upon adoption." Seconded by Dennis Potter. Discussion followed. Seeing no other people at the microphone, the Bishop called the question. By voice vote Canonical Change #01 was adopted.

Due to the adoption of Canonical Change #01, no election of Province VI Deputies will be necessary.

Margaret Hawk Presentation: Bishop John Tarrant introduced Bonnie Anderson, President of the House of Deputies. Bonnie Anderson expressed her joy at being among us once again. She explained the House of Deputies role and privilege of honoring people with the House of Deputies Distinguished Service Award. The President of the House of Deputies Award for Distinguished Service honors "individuals and communities who have exhibited an exceptional commitment to the work of reconciling a broken world." Bonnie Anderson was here to present the Distinguished Service award posthumously to Sister Margaret Hawk. Sister Hawk's granddaughter, Alice Testerman, was there to accept the award on behalf of her family. In 1963, at the age of 50, Margaret joined the Church Army and went away to train and work in New York City and Buffalo, NY. After her return to South Dakota, she served for 18 years on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations. In 1970, when the Episcopal Church's Convention allowed women deputies, Margaret was one of the first seated. In her retirement in 1983, she contin-

ued to be active in Christ Episcopal Church in Red Shirt Table where she made her home. Sister Margaret died in 1993. Other members of Margaret's family were present, including her nephew, The Rev. Robert Two Bulls.

Bishop Tarrant thanked the Hawk family for their service and said it was an honor to see Sister Margaret honored in this way. He thanked Bonnie Anderson for her support of the Diocese of South Dakota and for coming to honor Sister Margaret.

Elections: Pat LeBeau introduced nominees.

- Historiographer/Registrar: Dr. April Brooks

Jean Lacher, St. Paul's Brookings made a motion to elect Dr. Brooks; seconded by Jim Marks, Calvary Cathedral Sioux Falls; motion is carried.

- Standing Committee:
1 Presbyter, 4 year term: The Rev. Les Campbell
1 Presbyter, 3 year term: The Rev. Webster Two Hawk
1 Lay Person, 1 year unexpired term: Carol Traversie

Rule of Order 7.3, There being only one nominee for each of these offices, the Secretary shall cast one unanimous ballot for those nominees.

Call for First Ballot:

1. Standing Committee: 1 Lay person, 4 year term: Jean Lacher, Sam Robertson

Introduction: Bishop Tarrant introduced Deacon Brandon Mauai as the Youth Director on Standing Rock Mission. His wife Angela is also a Deacon. They have been doing contact time with youth in the area at Powwows, tournaments and other community events. The plan is to keep open to the traditions of the past and keeping young people aware of who they are, where they came from, and where they are now. The "Club" will be beginning this next week.

Report of Tabulation of Ballots:

1. Standing Committee: 1 Lay Person, 4 year term: Jean Lacher

Youth Presentation: The Rev. Rita Powell spoke on the purpose of youth ministries and expressed concerns with the present and excitement for the future.

- We are in danger of losing the wisdom and creativity of the human experience through the Church.
- Need to get that connection rebuilt.
- Endowing a ministry, such as youth work, gets it going and keeps it going for ever and ever, amen, to keep the wisdom across cultures.
- We need economic development on the Reservations

through real and important job creation.

- Imagine the Church forward, what it is in the future
- Taize holds onto the best of the past and allows the imagining of the present and future.
- We will be seeing 3 to 4 Taize Youth Events across the US in the next few years, perhaps even in South Dakota.
- Working with he Bishop on an Intentional Young Adult Community at the Bishop Hare Center in Mission. Young adults committing to 2 years of living, praying, and working together and serving the wider community.

She also spoke about the camp experience at TEC this past summer. There was a spirited lesson on the Lakota words for God and then the Hebrew words for God. The children were very intrigued. The downside is that the attendance numbers were down. In order for creative teaching programs to produce learning, we must be more active in getting the children from our churches to camp. Don Metcalf spoke again of his time spent at TEC doing maintenance and just being among the children as a grandfather.

Capital Campaign Presentation: Bishop Tarrant explained more about his vision for a Youth Ministry across South Dakota beginning on Standing Rock and spreading to all the Mission areas on Reservations. From there the Native Community will have something of value to share across the whole state of South Dakota in revitalizing our communities. The plan is to raise \$12 million to endow that ministry into the future. Our part is to support the project and explain it as the Will of God to transform the world. We are working in an Incarnational Ministry - being the face of Christ amongst those speaking for the Holy - that's all of us. We can submit names of those we think may be capable of helping with the larger donations. Kristine Miller of Horizon Stewardship Company will do the contacting. We all viewed the video "The Spirit Just Keeps on Moving" made with voices and images of leaders in the Diocese. The video will go through its final editing and then be available to congregations and others who are interested.

The Rev. Bunker Hill, All Angels Spearfish, encouraged us to get involved, to be able to look at the success of the project in South Dakota and be able to say, "I helped build that."

Noonday Prayers: Led by Ben Conquering Bear

Recess: The Convention was recessed for luncheon.

Reconvened:

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Announcements: Please use your evaluation forms to help in the planning of future Conventions. Note workshops and locations. Please return at 3:30.

Report of Place of Next Convention: The 2012 Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota will be held on September 21-22, 2012, at the Ramkota Conference Center in Pierre, SD. The Black Hills Deanery will be the host. Note the later date due to conflicts at the Ramkota.

Recess for Workshops: Youth Ministers planning session for 2011-2012, Cultural Sharing by Gladys Hawk, Church Records Retention, Cultural Sharing by Sam Robertson, Make a Joyful Noise: Humor and Laughter in Our Worship

Reconvene for Announcements: The Rev. Rita Powell announced their workshop was productive. A state wide Youth Event with 6 locations is planned for April 21 and 22 with the common theme of Living Generously.

Standing Committee has new leadership: Dennis Potter, Sandy Williams, and Carol Traversie.

Bishop Tarrant gave his thanks to the Convention Committee for their work and to all who helped with the planning and running of Convention. He invited all present to remain together for the Ordination of Vern Cloud as a Deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota.

The 127th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota adjourned at 3:45 pm for the Ordination of Vern Cloud as a Deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota.

Respectfully Submitted by
Patricia Woolley
127th Diocesan Convention Secretary

Church Periodical Club Report to 2012 Convention

CPC (Church Periodical Club) is an independent affiliated organization of the Episcopal Church. Since its pioneering beginning, CPC has depended entirely on voluntary contributions to carry out its unique ministry. Your contribution is worth more than words. There is an unending list of mission projects: juvenile facilities, prisons, alcohol/drug abuse centers, retirement homes, seafarers institutes, companion dioceses, and we have used some of our funds locally for the Niobrara School of Ministry and for Children's Sunday School Materials.

CPC functions at all levels: parish, diocesan, provincial

and national. Through the National Granting Program, grants are allocated worldwide based on contributions available in two funds. Applications are processed through the CPC Office at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City.

The National Book Fund is the first national granting fund of the Church Periodical Club. Since 1922, this fund has helped meet religious and secular needs by providing printed and audio-visual materials to individuals, churches and organizations affiliated with the Anglican Communion.

The Miles of Pennies Fund became the second national granting fund of the Church Periodical Club in 1989. This separate fund is for children only, pre-school to grade 12. In addition to providing printed or taped hooks and related materials, Miles of Pennies gives grants for the shipping costs of recycled children's books.

This year CPC is collecting good used children's books for our children on the reservations or for any congregation in need of children's books. There will be a table especially for children's books at our Convention this year. Please feel free to add or take these books for use by our children.

Judy I. Graves, Deacon
CPC Chairperson
Diocese of South Dakota

Summary of Diocesan Council actions (additions to previous report)

August 11, 2012
Pierre, SD

Motions Approved/Actions Taken

1. Approved the 2013 Program Budget for the Diocese
2. Approved the increase of clergy minimum salary guidelines by \$2,000, and travel expense reimbursement for FT mission clergy to \$7,500.
3. Ratified the switch to Church Insurance Company for property insurance, effective September 1, 2012.
4. Directed the Finance Committee to present a plan for assistance to the Church in Watertown.

The Commission on Ministry Report to 2012 Convention

The Commission on Ministry (COM) of the Diocese of South Dakota is an appointed body, which serves under

the direction of the Bishop. The members are both ordained and lay ministers from the Diocese. The COM is charged canonically to assist the Bishop with recruitment, training, and management of the process of preparation for lay and ordained ministry.

COM MEMBERS

The Very Rev. Jackie Bernacchi
Don Eagle
The Rev. Judy Flagstad
Barbee Hovelson
Dottie LeBeau
The Rev. Rita Powell
The Rev. Rich Ressler
Barb Simpson, Secretary
The Ven. Paul Sneve, Vice Chair
The Rev. Evelyn Weaver, Chair

This year we welcomed four new members to the Commission on Ministry. They were appointed to serve on the Commission by Bishop John Tarrant. Our new members are The Very Rev. Jackie Bernacchi from Trinity Church, Watertown; Don Eagle from Mission; The Rev. Rich Ressler from Emmanuel Church in Rapid City; and Barb Simpson, who serves as the COM secretary from Sioux Falls.

They bring much wisdom and knowledge to the Commission and we are thankful they are willing to share their gifts and ministry with the COM.

COM ACTIVITIES

At the present time, the COM meets twice a year as a Commission and participates with the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council at the annual Mega Meeting. Our COM meetings are held at Trinity Church in Pierre. We convene at 1:00 PM on Friday and try to adjourn by noon on Saturday. We meet in Pierre because it is a central location for all the members. We very much appreciate everyone at Trinity for sharing their church with us and making us feel so welcome. The gift of hospitality is truly a ministry and Trinity Church does it well.

Our meetings begin with a worship service. On Friday, we usually begin with Noon Day Prayer and on Saturday morning we have Morning Prayer together. Our worship together is followed by our business session. At every meeting, we review the individuals who are in the process in our Diocese and track their progress. We hold them up in prayer not only at our meetings but throughout the year. Each of the people in the process is given an advocate from the COM who also keeps in touch with them and is available to assist them.

This past year we have conducted interviews, or as we prefer to call them, “visits”, with two individuals who are planning on attending Seminary to pursue their Masters of Divinity. As a Commission, we enjoy our visits with everyone who comes to us discerning their ministry, whether that be lay or ordained ministry.

We have made three recommendations for Ordination to Bishop John Tarrant and several individuals have moved forward in the process to the next step. We have sixteen people in the process. We have eight who are in Discernment. That means they are continuing to discern their call to ministry. We have five who are Postulants. A Postulant is an individual who is pursuing an academic path either locally or on a seminary track. We also have three Candidates. A Candidate is an individual who is approximately halfway through their academic studies. Candidates who are ready to apply for Ordination take a GOE prepared by the Board of Examining Chaplains to ascertain their readiness for Ordination. The Board then sends their report to the COM and the COM sends their recommendation to the Bishop.

This past year, we have had some worthwhile discussion on how we as a Commission can help measure an individual’s progress as they proceed through the process toward their goal. We work with the individual’s mentors and also with the Niobrara School for Ministry to help ascertain their progress. It is a discussion that we will continue to have at our meetings and come up with a guide that will work for everybody.

We continue to host, with the Standing Committee, informal receptions at Niobrara Convocation and Diocesan Convention. We have found this to be a good way to connect with those who are discerning their call to ministry and provides an opportunity for them to ask questions. We enjoy getting to know individuals from around the Diocese and hearing more about their faith journey.

The Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Diocese of South Dakota who is involved in the ministry of this great Diocese. We thank all the lay people who are sharing their gifts for ministry with the rest of us. We thank all those who are discerning a call to the ordained ministry as well. Ministry is alive and well in the Diocese of South Dakota. thanks to all of you!! May God Bless you!

Faithfully,
Reverend Evelyn Weaver
Chair of the Commission on Ministry

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ECW Scholarship Committee
Report to 2012 Convention

This year the scholarship committee had one qualified non-traditional applicant. The committee unanimously approved Amie Williams to receive the 2012 ECW scholarship. She has been accepted into the nursing program at the University of South Dakota (Rapid City). She is a working mother of three children (5 , 7, and 17 years old), who has time to volunteer at Emmanuel and serve on the Vestry. Her educational goals are set in "stages" so she can work and support her children in all the activities they do. She is very passionate about a nursing career and wants to continue her education after she receives her Bachelor's degree. She had excellent letters of recommendations from her priest, Father Rich Ressler, and her employer, Denise Baldwin, of Regional Health.

The committee requested and received the approval of the ECW board to award Amie \$1,750.00. The scholarship fund had accumulated that amount over the past two years, therefore with no other qualified applicant, we decided to give the entire amount. This allowed Amie to purchase a computer from the University, which will be a necessity throughout her entire course of study. The committee also reviewed and prepared a revised set of guidelines to be presented at the annual Fall ECW meeting on September 21, 2012. Copies will be available at the meeting. If anyone wants a copy emailed to them, please contact Sandy Magnavito (ahedlupus@aol.com).

Sandra Magnavito, Chair
Vaudeth Oberlander, Secretary
Lois Moose
Gloria Pearson, Treasurer

Niobrara Council
Report to the 2012 Convention

Niobrara Council Officers:

Itancan: Don Eagle
Treasurer: Rev. Kim Fonder
Vice-Itancan: Rev. Craig West
Sergeant-at-Arms: Don Metcalf
Secretary: Rev. Patricia White Horse-Carda

The Niobrara Council met four times during the 2011-2012 year. Topics discussed and funding provided for some:

- Laity monetary incentive designated through Wopila Fund
- Youth Group Fund provided on a yearly basis
- Taize Partnership through the partnership of Rev. Rita Powell and various age groups

- "Pop Cans" fund raiser for Niobrara Council, cans brought to each meeting with money
- Reverend Deacon Brandon Mauai is the Standing Rock Youth Minister
- Lutheran ELCA and Diocese of SD sponsoring a joint ecumenical venture with young adults living at the Bishop Hare Center
- 140th Niobrara Convocation (2012) held on the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota for the first time. It was efficiently organized, held in a central air conditioned building, the meals prepared there and all meetings held in various rooms.
- The 141st Niobrara Convocation (2013) will be held at Lower Brule, SD, hosted by the Central Deanery.
- The 142nd Niobrara Convocation (2014) will be held at Santee, NE, hosted by the Santee and Yankton Mission Council churches.
- The officers for Niobrara Council will remain the same for the next two year term which will end in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Patricia White Horse-Carda
Niobrara Council Secretary

Official Acts of the Bishop
2011-2012
Report to 2012 Diocesan Convention

Consents:

- Election of Gregory O. Brewer to be Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida (12/13/12)
- Election of Andrew M.L. Dietsche to be Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of New York (12/13/12)
- Election of Ogé Beauvoir to be Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Haiti (1/17/12)
- Resignation of The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf, Bishop of Rhode Island (2/15/12)
- Resignation of The Rt. Rev. Robert R. Gepert, Bishop of Western Michigan (5/18/12)
- Resignation of The Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia (5/18/12)

Confirmed/Received: 83 persons (reported)

Ordained to the Priesthood:

Marion Paulis, Christ Church, Milbank, on 11/26/2011
Christina O'Hara, Calvary Cathedral, on 12/10/2011

Clergy Transferred Out: The Rev. Katharine Stebinger to Diocese of Minnesota

Clergy Transferred In:

The Rev. Margaret Watson from Diocese of Virginia
The Rev. Jean Mornard from Diocese of Minnesota

Church Re-Opened:

Holy Name, Lower Brule

Church Closed:

St. Andrew's, Bonesteel

Approval of Re-marriage After Divorce: 10

Licensed 275 Lay Ministers

**Stewardship Commission
Report to the 2012 Convention**

The continuing concern of the Stewardship Commission this year has been to work on developing a Capital Campaign for the Diocese to support the Bishop's vision. Progress is being made, but much more needs to be done. We have been working with Kristine Miller of Horizons Stewardship to accomplish a feasibility study. That feasibility study is complete, so we will be planning the next steps. Work is progressing on locating grants to assist with our fund-raising. The needed funds have been raised to complete the \$100,000 challenge grant from Church of All Angels. We have produced a video to help communicate the Bishop's vision across the Diocese.

In addition, we continue The Alleluia Fund appeal to raise capital funds to support Thunderhead Episcopal Camp. We want to put TEC on a solid foundation to accomplish God's call to mission.

- *To equip our young people for the work of ministry*
- *To establish TEC as a self-sustaining ministry*
- *To diversify and expand TEC's resources for ministry*
- *To enhance TEC's facilities*
- *To expand our horizons for the future*

The TEC Endowment has grown to over \$100,000. That shows that the people of our Diocese are blessed with an abundance that exceeds any in the history of the world. We are called to share that abundance for the welfare of those we serve through our ministries. Together we can do great things. Alleluia! Give Thanks and Praise.

Faithfully,
Bunker Hill+
Stewardship Chair

**Thunderhead Episcopal Camp
Report to 2012 Convention**

A wakan season of camp!

This summer's youth program at TEC was a delightful experience of life in community. The staff gathered on June 9 under the leadership of Portia Hurney, seminarian and head counselor, to begin life together anchored in daily prayer and service to each other. At each session, the team made up of Chris Soukup, Joe Skinner, Josh Hanscom, Jimmy Bloomquist, Emily Salisbury, Taylor Andrade, Miranda Marks, and Em Endorf welcomed groups of young people into the Thunderhead community.

At Convocation in Ft. Yates, ND, the team was privileged to work with Deacons Terry Star and Brandon Mauai. We even got to have breakfast with Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori!

At middle school camp, Bishop Tarrant confirmed Chris Soukup and Mikayla Dunfee which was an inspiration to the middle schoolers assembled. Portia Hurney's program led the camp through a different word of the Baptismal Covenant promises each day: Continue, Persevere, Proclaim, Seek, and Strive. Those words were made into posters which now line the walls of the chapel.

For high school camp we welcomed Father Rob and Jeanne Schwarz as our spiritual directors, with organist/choirmaster Michael Smith as our 'teacher' for the week. Michael led the young people through some history of church music, challenging us to develop our vocabulary to be able to talk and think critically and appreciatively about the music we hear. As the week progressed, Michael led us in an experience of group composition. The high schoolers started with the Sanctus as found in the Lakota hymnal, and watched as a new song emerged from it. Our song will be shared with all of you at convention. Being part of this creative process was inspiring and empowering!

And Family and 5th and 6th grade camp was a joyous way to end the summer. Father Ryan was our spiritual director and Holly Moseley helped the youngsters transplant young trees to grow where trees killed by the pine beetle will be lost. It was a lovely witness to the possibility of new life and a great teaching moment for the kids.

Rita Powell,
Diocesan Youth Coordinator

Nomination Form**2012 Annual Diocesan Convention****Canonical DEADLINE: September 21 at Convention****Preferred:** Mail to Diocesan Office by September 14

Diocesan Office
500 S. Main Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814

*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:**____ **Standing Committee**

____ 1 Presbyter (Priest) to fill 4 year term (term expires 2016)

____ 1 Lay person to fill 4 year term (term expires 2016)

Standing Committee

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 and deals with certain property issues.

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.

Members whose terms are up at the 2012 Convention:

The Rev. George Parmeter and Carol Traversie.

Both are eligible to serve an additional term.

Nominations received to date:

The Rev. Margaret Watson, CRM

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Return completed form by SEPTEMBER 12.

CHECK ONE:

Clergy Delegate Lay Delegate Alternate Visitor

Name _____
Last First MI

First name is prominent on nametag. How would you like your first name to read? _____

CLERGY, will you (and guests) be attending the Friday lunch & Clergy Conference? ____ **YES** ____ **NO**
 If YES, how many for the meal? _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

Church _____ Location/City _____

Phone (day) _____ Phone (evening) _____

e-mail _____

Will you sing in the Convention CHOIR? Yes No

Do you wish to have an EXHIBIT table? Yes How many tables? _____ No
 (Set up begins at noon on Friday)

- ✓ Check the **Sat** workshop you will attend:
- ___ Pine Ridge Taize Planning Meeting
 - ___ Cultural Piece (family, kin) with Gladys Hawk
 - ___ Rhythms of Grace
 - ___ Cultural Piece with Sam Robertson
 - ___ General Convention Q&A
 - ___ Charter for Lifelong Faith Formation
 - ___ Nuts & Bolts of Stewardship
- ___ There will also be a Youth Ministers planning session for 2012-2013 on Friday evening

REGISTRATION FEE: (includes Sat lunch, snacks, and materials. Saturday breakfast is on your own)
 ___ **\$50 for Clergy Delegates, Lay Delegates, Alternates, and Visitors**

MEALS ONLY: (for children / anyone non-attending except for the meal)
Saturday Lunch Buffet
 ___ @ \$10.50 each

TOTAL: \$ _____

___ **Payment Enclosed** (make checks/money orders payable to "The Diocese of South Dakota")

___ I will pay at convention.

___ I will pay online with credit card (www.diocesesd.org and use Donation/Payment button)

**128th Diocesan Convention
Diocese of South Dakota**

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #01

Second Reading

Submitted by Steve Sanford, Chancellor

RESOLVED, that the One Hundred Twenty-seventh Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota amend the Constitution of the Diocese of South Dakota, Article VII, Section 1 (**Membership**)* to include deacons, as well as presbyters and lay persons, as persons eligible for election to the Standing Committee of the diocese. The amended section would read as follows:

The Standing Committee shall consist of eight members made up of four confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing and four canonically resident members of the clergy, of which no more than two shall be deacons.

Explanation: The national Constitution (Article IV) and Canons (Canon 12) do not use any restrictive descriptors in reference to the Standing committees of each diocese. There is nothing in the national constitution or canons which prohibit, directly or indirectly, a deacon from being elected to the Standing Committee of a diocese.

Although, as used in the New Testament and in the early church, presbyter referred simply to a leader or elder in the church, modern usage, especially within the Episcopal Church, has limited the meaning to a member of the order of priests. Within our diocese, the word “presbyter” within the meaning of Article VII, Section 1 of our canons has been interpreted to mean “priest” and no deacons may be elected Standing Committee.

As deacons represent one of the Orders recognized within our church, and as deacons bring a special voice and view to the church through the diaconal commitment to service in the church and in the world, allowing deacons to be eligible to serve on Standing Committee would bring greater diversity to Standing Committee. Further, although deacons serve the Bishop directly, they would not be any less independent in their voice in Standing Committee than mission priests who also serve under the direction of the Bishop.

Impact on Diocesan Budget: None

Preliminary Convention Schedule

FRIDAY, September 21

10:00—3:00 ECW Speaker, Lunch & Meeting
12:00 noon Clergy lunch @ Trinity Church
12:30—4 ish Clergy Conference @ Trinity

3-7 pm On-site Registration/Credentials
4-6 pm Various Meetings
(*Standing Comm, Niobrara Council*)
4:00 pm Hosts of Next Convention Mtg
(*Eastern Deanery*)

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

5:30-7 pm Opening Supper Reception

7:00 pm Plenary Session I
Initial Business
Bishop’s Address

9:00 pm Compline

- SC/COM Reception for those in the ordination process—after Compline
- Youth Ministers Planning Meeting for 2013 Youth Gatherings—after Compline

SATURDAY, September 21

8 am—10 am Registration
8:30 am Morning Prayer

Plenary Session II
Budget
Resolutions
Elections
Presentations

11:00 am Convention Eucharist

12:30 pm Lunch buffet

1:30 pm Announcements
Workshops (choice of 7 sessions)

3:30 pm Plenary Session III
Final business

Niobrara School for Ministry Registration

Mail this information to:
Pat Woolley, NSM Registrar
590 W. 9th
Winner, SD 57580-2406

Or—Call her @ 605-842-2033

Or—Email her: dsdmsm@me.com

Or—Register online at www.diocesesd.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

Church: _____

Email address: _____

Phone #'s _____

Registering for:

Course Name _____

Date _____

Fees & Expenses:

Classes are \$15 per day plus any text book cost

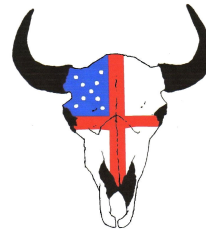
Payment method: _____

Schedule
Niobrara School for Ministry
2011-2012

***Contact Pat Woolley to register**
(dsdmsm@me.com).
(605-842-2033).

Oct 5-6	Biblical Exegesis & Criticism
Nov 2-3	Dakota Experience (East)
Nov 16-17	Exploring the Pentateuch
Jan 11-12	Major & Minor Prophets
Apr 12-13	Wisdom Literature

NIORARA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF
SOUTH DAKOTA

GRACE HAPPENS

Miss Ella Cara Deloria

The Episcopal Church in South Dakota has had many remarkable saints among its members. One who influenced my life greatly was Miss Ella Deloria. If you look her up on the internet you will find a great deal about this extraordinary woman.

Miss Deloria was born on the Yankton reservation but grew on Standing Rock where her father, the Rev. Philip Deloria, served Episcopal churches. Fluent in all three dialects of her tribal language and in English, she studied at Oberlin College and earned her bachelor's degree at Columbia University. She was a student and co-worker with Franz Boas, a pioneer in anthropology, and trained to be a teacher as well as an anthropologist. She had a deep understanding of the culture of the Dakota, Nakota and Lakota people as well as contemporary American culture.

In 1956 Miss Deloria was head of St. Elizabeth's School in Wakpala on the Standing Rock Reservation when a group of 15 college students gathered there for a six week work project. I was one of those students and she became a major influence in my life.

During our first week we were given Niobrara service books and hymnals. Miss Deloria then taught us to sing hymns in Lakota to prepare us for Niobrara Convocation on our first weekend. She explained about the three dialects, Dakota, Lakota and Nakota, spoken by her people, and said that while the service book and hymnal were written in D dialect, we would be among Lakota people on Standing Rock, so we would sing in Lakota. She taught us, "When you see a 'd', sing 'l' and, "when you see 'qa', sing 'nah'.

She told us that kinship, family, was the greatest value. To be a good relative was the mark of a good person. You needed to know how you are related to the people around you, in order to act properly toward them and speak properly to them. At that time she was collecting the old words, phrases, and stories from the elders of the tribe to record them before those elders were gone. When she talked with an elder she first had to establish how she was related to him or her before she could ask an other questions.

With one man she interviewed she had a hard time establishing their relationship until she finally mentioned the name of a man who the old man also knew. "What

did your father call him," the old man asked. "He called him brother," Ella relied. "I also called him brother," the old man said, "so you are my daughter." And from that moment he treated her as his daughter and told her everything she wanted to know.

She said told us that generosity was also very highly valued and it was a great compliment to say that a man or woman could "give without his or her breath quickening." She very generous to us with her time and energy that summer and she also gave each of us a copy of her book, Speaking of Indians.

Miss Deloria told us the traditional story of the White Buffalo Calf Woman who gave the Lakota the sacred pipe. Then she told about a day in her childhood when she was picking wild berries out of sight of where her mother and other women were picking. A woman in a beaded white buckskin dress walked by her and smiled. Later when she saw her mother, Miss Deloria asked who that woman was. Her mother and the other women said no woman in a beaded white buckskin dress had been there. Miss Deloria never said she saw a vision the White Buffalo Calf Woman, and we were all too much in awe of her by that time to press her with questions.

Miss Deloria was also a musician and played the organ at St. Elizabeth's Church. One week Miss Deloria persuaded us to form a choir, which she directed, and we sang an anthem on Sunday.

By the next summer, 1957, I was stationed at Ft. Carson, Colorado. I took two weeks leave from the Army to drive up to South Dakota and visit the priest at St. Elizabeth's, Fr. Bill Fay and his family, and Miss Deloria. At that time she told me more about her father and brother, and the trials, tribulations and triumphs of the Native American clergy in South Dakota. It was the best possible orientation I could have received before beginning a reservation ministry.

Our paths crossed one more time in 1962 when she moved to Mission on the Rosebud Reservation. I was then the very new vicar of Trinity Church, Mission. She helped the ladies there design and create altar hangings with Lakota designs made by cross-stitching on monk's cloth. And she played the organ some Sundays when the regular organist needed time off.

In 1971, along with many others from around the state and the nation, I made the sad trek to the Yankton Reservation for her funeral.

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Ella Deloria was truly a great person: scholar, teacher, writer, guide, saint of God and maybe most important to her and her great Native American people, she was a very good relative.

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Palmor, spokesperson, and Ambassador Jeremy Issacharoff, Deputy Director General for Strategic Affairs, both from the Israeli Foreign Ministry. As our conversation with Dr. Abu Zydeh earlier gave us the Palestinian perspective; we now heard about the conflict from the Israeli side from Mr. Palmor and Ambassador Issacharoff. These conversations only underlined the complexity of the two narratives.

We also visited the Israel Defense Headquarters in Tel Aviv (equivalent to our Pentagon). There we had an opportunity to listen to and ask questions of Major Eran Shamir-Borer, head of Strategic Affairs, International Law Department/IDF. Major Shamir-Borer gave us background and logistical information further adding to the complexity. We saw aerial photos from Gaza of men dressed in civilian clothes standing by schools or on apartment building roofs launching rockets into Israel. He explained that when the Israeli military is accused of targeting civilian areas it is their response to the Islamic militants using these areas as their military base of operations. He also told us that before they target a nonmilitary area they advise local residence as best they can, including making phone calls. This does not lessen the impact when civilians get caught in the cross fire, but it does remind us that in any conflict both sides share responsibility.

On Monday morning we were confronted with the harsh realities of this sixty-five year old conflict when we met with Gil Kleiman, former Israeli National Police spokesman. The following are excerpts from two articles from the Jerusalem Post written about Mr. Kleiman's experiences.

"Once the face and voice of Israel, Gil Kleiman is recovering slowly but steadily from the devastation that he suffered as an Israeli Police spokesman during the second intifada from 2000 to 2005.

"Palestinian suicide bombings killed 524 Israelis during those five years. Ironically, first responder Kleiman also became a victim of those attacks. His frequent visits to suicide bombing sites just minutes after the blast eventually led to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)."

"Kleiman recalls with clarity the day he realized he'd witnessed one too many suicide bombings. 'I just started crying in my office,' he says. 'I picked up the phone to call the police psychologist, but I could not speak in a coherent sentence. It was then I realized that I needed help.'

It was exactly one week after the suicide bombing at the Stage nightclub in Tel Aviv in February 2005. It was the 47th suicide bombing Kleiman had witnessed in less than four years as Israeli Police liaison for the foreign media - and he couldn't take it any more."

As he spoke to us you could hear the words of hope in his voice. It was not a hope that everything would be OK, but it was a hope that he could be OK and in fact was on the road to healing. Healing from severe trauma is a journey that only ends when God finally takes our souls and "wipes away every tear from our eyes." Mr. Kleiman speaks to groups around the world and has co-authored a book, Terrorist Suicide Bombings: Attack Interdiction, Mitigation, and Response.



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In our final two days we saw clear points of hope and it was not in the hands of the politicians. We had heard the narrative of the situation in the Middle East from the view point of the Palestinian leaders and Israeli governmental officials, but on these last days we began to hear another narrative that is being lived.

First we visited Wolfson Medical Center (WMC) in Holon, Israel outside of Tel Aviv. They Sponsor the **Save a Child's Heart** program. Save A Child's Heart program came into being in 1995 and was founded by Jewish Dr. Amram (Ami) Cohen. This program has repaired the hearts of more than 2,900 children from a wide variety of underdeveloped countries with limited access to cardiac health services. The children, regardless of race, color, gender, religion, or financial consideration are treated with the finest medical care and cutting edge technology, all provided by Save a Child's Heart in cooperation with the Wolfson Medical Center. There were three babies from Gaza the day we visited.

They have a house, like Ronald McDonald House, for family members to stay during the treatment period. They also train doctors and medical staff from other countries. These Israeli medical workers serving hand and hand with Palestinian staff and volunteers are seeking peace through *'healing hearts.'* We don't read about this in our newspapers.

On our last day we returned to the West Bank, visiting the communities of Nablus and Ramallah. In Nablus we spoke with Mr. Ahmad Aweidah, the director of the Palestinian Stock Exchange. I was not aware that there was a Palestinian Stock Exchange. They have actually out-performed some of their European counterparts. There are many visionary, innovative entrepreneurs among the Palestinians. They are the best educated and in the diaspora most successful of the Arabs. There is great hope for economic development on the West Bank with outside support and financing. It was very energizing to listen to the young adult Palestinian dreams both great and small.



From Nablus we went back to Ramallah where we met with a business group of Palestinians at the company Massar International where they are planning and building the new city of Rawabi.

Rawabi, the first Palestinian planned city, is the largest private sector project ever carried out in Palestine. The cost of building this community will exceed \$850 million. This is a visionary group of Palestinian entrepreneurs who are building a small city through private funding.

The site for the new city is 5½ miles north of Ramallah, about 2 miles from Birzeit University. One of the developers referred to the project as **"economy for peace."** The construction phase will create between 8-10,000 jobs resulting in 3-5,000 permanent jobs. As we visited the site, our guide said that over the course of the development they would probably contribute \$80 million to the Israeli economy through construction and development needs.

The city integrates international planning principles, sustainable environmental practices, regionally appropriate architecture, state of the art infrastructure, and ease of access for both residents and visitors. Its amenities, which include a commercial center, art spaces, and medical facilities, will make it a destination as well as a home for all Palestinians. This is vision that transcends political posturing and tries to give an opportunity for everyone to be a winner. Another project not commonly picked up by the media.

At our General Convention we resisted resolutions that focused on only part of the Israel/Palestinian narrative and chose instead to invite the church to focus on positive economic investment. As we traveled around this Holy but broken land we heard many stories of pain and injustice. We saw the pot holes in the ancient Temple walls from past battles fought. The past hangs heavy in the air. But there are many who are working quietly among both the Palestinians and the Israelis to write this new narrative based on God's dream for their world. Our church has chosen to stand with them.

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Diocesan Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Sep 3 Diocesan Office closed (Labor Day)
Sep 7-8 COM Meeting, Pierre
Sep 9 Bishop visits St. Thomas, Sturgis
Sep 16 Bishop visits St. Matthew, RC
Sep 21-22 Diocesan Convention, Pierre
Sep 21 ECW Meeting 10:00 am
Noon—Clergy Conference at Trinity
5:30 pm Opening Reception
7:00 pm Convention begins
Sep 23 Bishop visits Ft. Pierre & Lower Brule
Set 30 Bishop visits Sisseton Mission

OCTOBER

Oct 5-6 Niobrara School (Exegesis)
Oct 7 Bishop visits Madison & DeSmet
Oct 8 Diocesan Office closed (NA Day)
Oct 10 *ChurchNews* deadline
Oct 12-13 Planning for Tomorrow Conference
Oct 14 Bishop installs Rector in Huron
Oct 21 Bishop visits Pine Ridge Mission
Oct 23-26 Bishop meeting in Alaska
Oct 28 Bishop visits Incarnation, Gregory

NOVEMBER

Nov 1 Begin Season of Thanksgiving
Nov 1 Bishop & Dean at All Saints (Waterford)
Nov 2-3 Dakota Experience, Sioux Falls
Nov 4 Bishop visits Good Shepherd, SF
Nov 9-11 Trinity Institute @ Cathedral
Nov 11 Bishop visits Emmanuel, RC
Nov 12 Diocesan Office closed
Nov 17 Diocesan Council meeting
Nov 16-17 Niobrara School (Pentateuch)
Nov 18 Bishop visits Aberdeen
Nov 22-23 Diocesan Office closed

DECEMBER

Dec 1 Bishop visits Tiospaye Wakan, SF
Dec 9 Bishop visits Yankton
Dec 16 Bishop visits Holy Apostles, SF





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those who are poor to focus our hearts and the mission of our congregations and dioceses on reducing poverty and increasing economic and racial justice.” Every meeting that takes place in the church is called to include time for prayer and reflection “on how our work engages issues of poverty and economic and racial justice networks” in order to “cultivate mindfulness about poverty in our communities and world.”

Eight bishops received approvals to their election consent process. General Convention approved a change in rules so elections held close to General Convention no longer need to go to General Convention for the consent process.

The 78th General Convention will be held in Salt Lake City in July 2015.



Deputies from the Diocese of South Dakota:

Jean Lacher, Tamara Fonder, Rev. George Parmeter, Dennis Potter, Rev. Kim Fonder, Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes, Rev. Ward Simpson, Cole Mayer (Province Youth Deputy), Bishop Tarrant, Pat Woolley.

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