



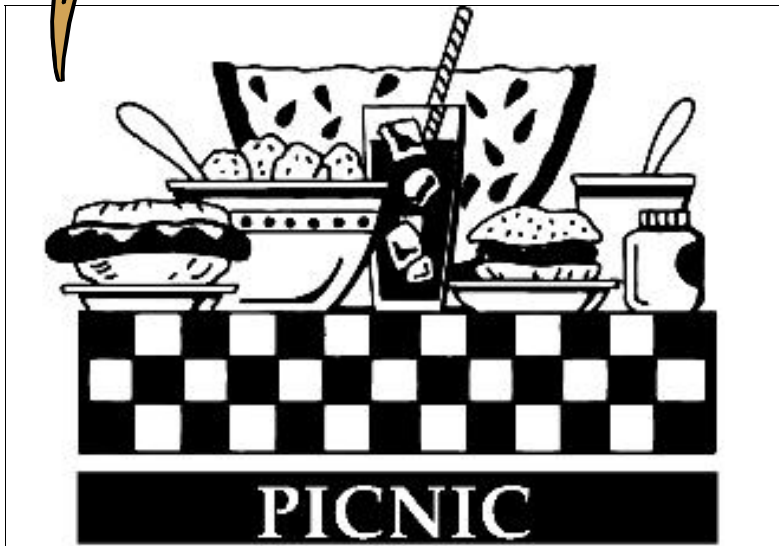
South Dakota Episcopal

# Church News

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## Diocesan Convention Issue



It's Great To Be An Episcopalian!

Delegates—plan to come early to Convention and join in the celebration of our great Church.

Not a delegate?—Please come! ALL are welcome to come for the picnic. It is especially handy for those who live in the central part of the state.



11:00—3:00  
Friday, September 27  
Steamboat Park in Pierre  
(across from the Ramkota)

**Bring:**

- A side dish or dessert to share
- Maybe a lawn chair
- Picnic lawn games

**Provided:**

- Grilled Burgers & Hotdogs
- Buns
- Condiments
- Water
- Tableware



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Grace and Peace to you . . .

On September 27-28 I will be part of the fourth Diocesan Convention as your bishop.

In recent years we have shortened the Convention by one day in order to make it more accessible financially to more people. We have kept it in Pierre so that the centralized location would make travel easier for those living in the far corners of the Diocese. Gas prices at \$3.50-4.00 a gallon have caused us to adjust much of our Diocesan life.

We hope that these changes make it easier for people to manage both the time and cost that Convention requires without affecting the quality of the gathering. We are somewhat at the mercy of the Ramkota Convention Center in Pierre as far as a September date because of their scheduling. The price and set-up of that venue makes it worth the flexibility.

This year we are adding a "I'm proud to be an Episcopalian" picnic from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Friday, September 27th. This is open to anyone in the Diocese regardless if you will or will not be attending Convention. The Diocese will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers and we are asking folks to bring a dish to share. It should be a fun afternoon.

Diocesan Convention and Niobrara Convocation are the two times each year when we gather as a Diocese. We remind ourselves that despite our diversity we are one church, the body of Christ, which identifies herself as the Diocese of South Dakota.

This gathering is a small reminder that we are part of something larger than our individual congregation. We are small and medium size congregations; Native, Anglo and Sudanese;



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

we are city, small town and rural; but despite all of our differences we are Episcopalians and part of the one, holy and apostolic church.

Unity is not an easy thing to embrace. The world demonstrates that continually whether it is our national congress or individual communities. Jesus prayed "that we all might be one" and in truth we are 'one', we just don't always act like it.

The most important part of Convention is celebrating our "oneness." In Christ we are all one. We are one with each other, one with our ancestors who have gone before, and even one with the generations that will follow us. Convention is an opportunity to say, "The love of God in Christ Jesus is more powerful than any or all of our differences."

+John



## Flourish in Faith: A Stewardship Program

**G**ood News! The Diocese of South Dakota is now a member of **The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS)**, an organization committed to inspiring generosity and faithful discipleship.

A primary benefit of membership is that every congregation in the diocese now has access to the 2013 Stewardship Narrative Series called **Flourish in Faith**, a program designed to complement and support the fall annual giving program. The series is available for download at the TENS website ([www.tens.org](http://www.tens.org)), and each congregation will soon receive a letter with the username and password to allow you access to this valuable program.

**Flourish in Faith** offers you the following materials:

- Seven Bulletin Inserts to include in Worship Bulletins, E-Newsletters, E-Blasts beginning October 6<sup>th</sup> through November 10<sup>th</sup>. Each reflection includes discussion questions that can be used for adult formation gatherings.
- Pledge card and proportional giving chart
- Prayers of the People to be used in liturgy over the course of six weeks
- Prayer over the Pledge Cards to be used at the in-gathering of pledges
- Introductory Letter from the Rector/Vicar/Priest-in-Charge
- Introductory Letter from the Stewardship Chair
- Letter of Encouragement from the Senior Warden

There will be a workshop introducing **Flourish in Faith** at the Diocesan Convention, and. . .

JR Lander, President of TENS, and Angela Emerson, Board Member of TENS, will be leading a free webinar on the **Flourish in Faith** Series, hosted by

The Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) on September 18, 2013, 7:00-8:00 pm EDT.

To register go to: <http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/flourishing-in-faith-celebrating-the-harvest/>. Hard copies of the materials will be available by request for those with limited internet access.

We give thanks to the ministry of **The Episcopal Network for Stewardship** for helping us to plant the seeds of faithful giving in our congregations, with the hope that we all flourish in faith.

With gratitude,  
The Rev. Bunker Hill  
Diocesan Stewardship Chair



## What is the United Thank Offering?

**B**efore I tell you what the United Thank Offering is, I would like to tell you what it is not.

- It is not some women's organization doing some kind of women's work.
- It is not a time to reach into your pocket for the donation because you see a note in your newsletter or an envelope in the pew.
- It is not a once or twice a year contribution.

It IS a personal and family devotional program of the Episcopal Church.

It IS the sum of our daily thanks for the blessings in our everyday lives – for good weather, happy times, job opportunities, an unexpected visit – there are so many things for which we can be thankful. Especially, we can be thankful to a God who loves us. Pause, think back over your day, thank God for your blessings, and take action by putting a coin in the blue box.

Twice a year you are asked to bring the amount of your daily thanksgiving for an Ingathering Service, where it is combined with the offerings of hundreds of thousands of other Episcopalians to become the

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### United Thank Offering.

UTO is an organization founded by women in 1889 and originally supportive of women missionaries. Today, the United Thank Offering grants are awarded for projects that address human needs and help alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally. In 2013 the Episcopal Church has awarded 48 grants for a total of \$1,517,280.91 – quite a total from those little blue boxes! South Dakota received a grant for \$65,856 for the repair and rebuilding of Holy Comforter Church on the Lower Brule reservation.

I urge you to pick up a little blue box, if you don't have one, and join the United Thank Offering. Put it in a convenient place. Take a moment each day to say thank you to God and put a coin in that box. We are not meant to be passive receivers, rather we are bid to be active participants in God's world.

Carol Houtkooper, UTO Coordinator  
Christ Church, Yankton  
from the August *Christ Church Connection*

### Diocesan UTO

As you read above, the Diocese of South Dakota again was fortunate to receive a United Thank Offering grant this year. This grant is to repair the church following flooding. Holy Comforter Church in Lower Brule will be presented with its certificate at Convention in Pierre Sept. 27-28, 2013



I would like to extend an invitation to all United Thank Offering chairpersons to stand with me as we make this presentation.

UTO information and Blue Boxes will be available at Convention as well.

In celebration with Holy Comforter's blessings and continued thankful giving for all of our blessings, we fill Blue Boxes with coins in service of others.

Many thanks to all and see you at Convention.

Diana Regan  
Diocese of SD UTO Chairperson

### ECW to meet in September

The Annual Fall ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Meeting will be held at the Ramkota Conference Center & Hotel (the Lewis and Clark Room) in Pierre, South Dakota just prior to the Annual Diocesan Convention.

**Friday, September 27, 2013**

11:00 am (Central) – 12:00 Noon

Program — “New Beginnings”

Speaker: The Rev. Portia Hurney Corbin  
The new Diocesan Youth Coordinator

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Lunch — Croissant Club Sandwich

(Turkey, ham, cheese, lettuce, tomato, and mayo on a croissant)

Lunch is self-pay (\$10.00)

1:00—3:00 pm

Business Meeting

Please join us for fellowship, community, outreach and connection to Episcopal Church Women!

### ELCA elects Presiding Bishop

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton was elected Aug. 14 as presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Eaton is the first female to be elected as a presiding bishop of the ELCA. Three out of the four nominees were women.

Eaton currently serves as bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod. Prior to becoming synod bishop, she served as pastor for ELCA congregations in Ohio. She earned a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and a bachelor's degree in music education from the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. Eaton is married to the Rev. Conrad Selnick, an Episcopal priest who is rector of St. Christopher's by the River Episcopal Church in Gates Mills, Ohio.

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2013 PLEDGE TO THE DIOCESE								
As of July 31, 2013								
	Pledge	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance	Churchnews	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance
<b>PARISHES:</b>								
Aberdeen - St. Mark's	9,000.00	5,250.00	5,250.00	3,750.00	30.00	17.50	30.00	0.00
Belle Fourche - St. James'	3,188.00	1,859.67	1,863.00	1,325.00	120.00	70.00	120.00	0.00
Brookings - St. Paul's	12,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	5,000.00	230.00	134.17	0.00	230.00
Deadwood - St. John's	4,637.00	2,704.92	2,704.94	1,932.06	60.00	35.00	35.00	25.00
Huron - Grace	11,433.00	6,669.25	5,718.00	5,715.00	200.00	116.67	100.00	100.00
Lead - Christ Church	7,281.00	4,247.25	4,270.00	3,011.00	160.00	93.33	160.00	0.00
Mitchell - St. Mary's	2,000.00	1,166.67	1,169.00	831.00	110.00	64.17	110.00	0.00
Mobridge - St. James'	2,000.00	1,166.67	1,000.00	1,000.00	65.00	37.92	65.00	0.00
Pierre - Trinity	9,000.00	5,250.00	5,844.51	3,155.49	65.00	37.92	65.00	0.00
Rapid City - Emmanuel	44,466.00	25,938.50	22,233.00	22,233.00	340.00	198.33	0.00	340.00
Rapid City - St. Andrew's	31,029.00	18,100.25	18,100.81	12,928.19	180.00	105.00	180.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Calvary	62,370.00	36,382.50	36,382.50	25,987.50	1,005.00	586.25	583.31	421.69
Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd	14,000.00	8,166.67	8,063.00	5,937.00	30.00	17.50	0.00	30.00
Spearfish - All Angels	28,561.00	16,660.58	21,420.75	7,140.25	300.00	175.00	225.00	75.00
Sturgis - St. Thomas'	4,497.00	2,623.25	2,623.25	1,873.75	130.00	75.83	130.00	0.00
Watertown - Trinity	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	80.00	46.67	80.00	0.00
Winner - Trinity	4,962.00	2,894.50	3,040.00	1,922.00	75.00	43.75	75.00	0.00
Yankton - Christ Church	19,314.00	11,266.50	9,702.74	9,611.26	470.00	274.17	224.92	245.08
<b>TOTAL PARISHES</b>	<b>269,738.00</b>	<b>157,347.17</b>	<b>156,385.50</b>	<b>113,352.50</b>	<b>3,650.00</b>	<b>2,129.17</b>	<b>2,183.23</b>	<b>1,466.77</b>
Chamberlain - Christ Church	2,129.00	1,241.92	1,241.87	887.13	105.00	61.25	61.06	43.94
Cheyenne River Mission	2,157.00	1,258.25	667.00	1,490.00	350.00	204.17	65.00	285.00
Crow Creek Mission	1,956.00	1,141.00	897.00	1,059.00	150.00	87.50	150.00	0.00
DeSmet - St. Stephen's	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	5.00	2.92	0.00	5.00
Flandreau - St. Mary's	700.00	408.33	700.00	0.00	90.00	52.50	90.00	0.00
Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's	1,500.00	875.00	1,500.00	0.00	60.00	35.00	60.00	0.00
Gregory - Incarnation	750.00	437.50	750.00	0.00	60.00	35.00	60.00	0.00
Herrick - All Saints	200.00	116.67	136.00	64.00	30.00	17.50	30.00	0.00
Hot Springs - St. Luke's	4,908.00	2,863.00	2,863.00	2,045.00	170.00	99.17	170.00	0.00
Lower Brule Mission	1,927.00	1,124.08	0.00	1,927.00	40.00	23.33	0.00	40.00
Madison - Grace	2,188.00	1,276.33	1,465.98	722.02	50.00	29.17	50.00	0.00
Martin - St. Katharine's	3,698.00	2,157.17	2,157.19	1,540.81	210.00	122.50	122.50	87.50
Milbank - Christ Church	3,000.00	1,750.00	1,787.50	1,212.50	80.00	46.67	80.00	0.00
Pine Ridge Mission	1,553.00	905.92	1,017.50	535.50	275.00	160.42	143.00	132.00
Rapid City - St. Matthew's	2,600.00	1,516.67	1,302.00	1,298.00	90.00	52.50	60.00	30.00
Rosebud Mission	5,135.00	2,995.42	2,770.00	2,365.00	300.00	175.00	300.00	0.00
Santee Mission	1,653.00	964.25	516.00	1,137.00	140.00	81.67	140.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	85.00	49.58	85.00	0.00
Sisseton - Gethsemane	800.00	466.67	300.00	500.00	60.00	35.00	0.00	60.00
Sisseton Mission	2,400.00	1,400.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	60.00	35.00	20.00	40.00
Standing Rock Mission	826.00	481.83	576.00	250.00	116.00	67.67	76.00	40.00
Vermillion - St. Paul's	8,000.00	4,666.67	4,002.00	3,998.00	150.00	87.50	150.00	0.00
Webster - St. Mary's	1,858.00	1,083.83	600.00	1,258.00	35.00	20.42	0.00	35.00
Yankton Mission	783.00	456.75	318.48	464.52	175.00	102.08	0.00	175.00
<b>TOTAL MISSIONS</b>	<b>50,721.00</b>	<b>29,587.25</b>	<b>26,767.52</b>	<b>23,953.48</b>	<b>2,886.00</b>	<b>1,683.50</b>	<b>1,912.56</b>	<b>973.44</b>
<b>TOTAL PARISH AND MISSIONS</b>	<b>320,459.00</b>	<b>186,934.42</b>	<b>183,153.02</b>	<b>137,305.98</b>	<b>6,536.00</b>	<b>3,812.67</b>	<b>4,095.79</b>	<b>2,440.21</b>

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According to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Eaton “is considered a moderate who supported the denomination’s decision to allow partnered gay clergy while allowing room for churches to disagree.”

Eaton’s six-year term as presiding bishop will begin on Nov. 1.

## Diocese gathers in September

Diocesan Convention is just around the corner.

### Pre-Convention Deanery Meetings

#### Black Hills Deanery

1:00 pm

Saturday, September 7

**St. Matthew's Church, Rapid City**

#### Eastern and Northeast Deaneries

3:00 pm separate meetings

4:00 pm joint meeting

Sunday, September 8

**St. Paul's, Brookings**

#### Central, Pine Ridge, Rosebud, Northwest Deaneries

1:00 pm

Saturday, September 14

**Trinity, Pierre**

These deanery meetings are a time to review the 2014 Diocesan Budget, nominations, and any early resolutions to convention, conduct deanery business including elections, and enjoy fellowship with old and new friends.

### Clergy Conference

The Clergy Conference will begin at 1:00 pm on Thursday, September 26 at Trinity Church. Bishop Gordon Scruton will be the conference leader, and the Eastern Deanery (this year's host) will provide supper for clergy and their guests. The conference will conclude before noon on Friday, September 27 when all will adjourn . . . . . to Steamboat Park for "It's Great To Be An Episcopalian" picnic.

See front page for more details on the picnic.

### Opening Reception

There will be a light buffet supper/reception on Friday at the Convention Center between 5:30 and 6:45 pm. Convention business begins at 7:00 pm.

### Guests

As of the date of this printing, **Bishop George Young** from our companion diocese of East Tennessee, and **Bishop Gordon Scruton** (retired, Western Mass) will be our guests at convention.

### Hosts

This year's convention will be hosted by the Eastern Deanery. They will bring the snack cookies and provide on-site workers and worship participants. Next year's convention will be hosted by the Northeast Deanery. There will be a brief meeting at 4:30 pm on Sept 27 for NE Deanery delegates to learn about their hosting opportunities for the following year.

### Registration

Registration fees were raised by Diocesan Council to \$60 (the additional \$10 over last year goes to hospitality and to help pay registration fees for those who cannot afford them.) The Registration form is on page 9, on the diocesan website, and was also mailed to delegates and alternates.

### 2014 liturgical calendars



The new calendars will feature St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala. Be sure to **PRE-ORDER** your calendars and arrange for them to be picked up at the St. Augusta Bookshop table at Convention. This will assure you get your calendars on time and save you a lot in postage costs.

### Workshops

- Gladys Hawk will share her group's translation project of the Dakota Hymns into English. You might be surprised!
- The Anti-racism committee will continue its training on relationship building.
- Bishop Gordon Scruton will lead the Clergy Conference AND a workshop.
- The Stewardship Committee will help us Flourish in Faith.
- There will be something for everyone!

**Diocesan positions are open**

**H**ere are the positions to be elected on September 28, 2013. The Nomination Form is on page 8 (or at the Diocesan Office or website).

See page 10 for nominations received to date.

**General Convention** Deputies for 3 year term

4 Clergy + Alternates

4 Lay + Alternates

- *One deputy is also part of the Provincial Synod*
- *The next General Convention, when the new Presiding Bishop is elected, will be in Salt Lake City June 25—July 3, 2015*

**Treasurer** (3 year term)

**Secretary of Convention** (3 year term)

**Historiographer/Registrar** (3 year term)

**Diocesan Council\***

Convention Representative to Diocesan Council (4 year term)

*(Eastern Deanery and Rosebud Deanery have DC representatives whose terms expire at the end of the 2013 Diocesan Convention; Northwest Deanery should elect a representative to fill the existing vacancy.)*

**Standing Committee\*** for 4 year term

1 Clergy (priest or deacon)

1 Lay person

*\*Election to the Diocesan Council or Standing Committee means that you will also be a delegate to Diocesan Convention AND may be a member of the Title VI Disciplinary Board.*

**Exhibit Tables**

Exhibit tables will line the lobby where delegates register and where we gather for snacks and beverages. Do you wish to have an exhibit table?

- Showcase your ministry
- Offer information
- Offer items for sale
- Pass along used vestments, books, etc.

13 exhibitors have reserved tables so far, and there is room for many more. Just let us know.

To reserve a table(s)

- return the form below to the Diocesan Office,
- contact the office with the following information, or
- reserve a space online at <https://www.diocesed.org/> under administration & resources

**Reservation for Exhibit Space**  
2013 Annual Convention

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Person in charge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (daytime) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of display

Number of tables needed \_\_\_\_\_

I need electricity

I need audio/visual equipment from the hotel

Other needs \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? call Mary  
at (605) 338-9751

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. . .The Next Generation!*

**Nomination Form**  
**2013 Annual Diocesan Convention**

**Canonical DEADLINE: September 27 at 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:**

\_\_\_ **Standing Committee**

\_\_\_ 1 Clergy (Priest or Deacon) to fill 4 year term (term expires 2017)

\_\_\_ 1 Lay person to fill 4 year term (term expires 2017)

\_\_\_ **General Convention (July 2015)**

\_\_\_ 4 Clergy for 3 year term + alternates

\_\_\_ 4 Lay for 3 year term + alternates

\_\_\_ **Treasurer** (3 year term)

\_\_\_ **Secretary to Convention** (3 year term)

\_\_\_ **Registrar/Historiographer** (3 year term)

\_\_\_ **Diocesan Council** (Representative from Convention) (4 year term expires 2017)



## 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 Thursday dinner & 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:
- \_\_\_ Gladys Hawk, Dakota Hymns translation
  - \_\_\_ Anti-racism training: Difficulty of Building Relationships
  - \_\_\_ Bishop Scruton: Deepening Our Connection with Jesus
  - \_\_\_ Stewardship: Flourish In Faith

**REGISTRATION FEE:** (includes meals, snacks, picnic, hospitality, and materials. Saturday breakfast is on your own)

\_\_\_ **\$60** for **Clergy Delegates, Lay Delegates, Alternates, and Visitors**

**MEALS ONLY:** (for children / anyone not-attending except for the meal)

**Saturday Lunch Buffet**

- \_\_\_ @ \$10.50 each (This is for children and people who are not sitting in on convention sessions or workshops; who are just joining the group for lunch.)

**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.diocesasd.org](http://www.diocesasd.org) and use Donation/Payment button)

## NOMINATIONS RECEIVED TO DATE

(listed in alphabetical order)

### GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTIES

**Tamara Fonder**, Holy Comforter, Lower Brule  
Nominated by Niobrara Council

**Erroll Geboe**, Trinity, Mission  
Nominated by Niobrara Council

**Jean Lacher**, St. Paul's, Brookings  
Nominated by the Rev. Les Campbell

**Rick Lutes**, St. Andrew's, Rapid City  
Nominated by Janet Tippett

**Don Metcalf**, Emmanuel, White Horse  
Nominated by Niobrara Council

**Dennis Potter**, Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls  
Nominated by Deacon Mary Husby

**Carol Traversie**, St. John's, Eagle Butte  
Nominated by Niobrara Council

**The Rev. Kim Fonder**, Mni Sose Cluster  
Nominated by Niobrara Council

**The Rev. Annie Henninger**, Rosebud /Gregory  
Nominated by Canon David Hussey

**The Rev. Canon David Hussey**, Canon to the  
Ordinary & Transition Officer  
Nominated by Niobrara Council

**The Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes**, St. Andrew's,  
Rapid City  
Nominated by Niobrara Council

**The Very Rev. Ward Simpson**, Calvary Cathedral,  
Sioux Falls  
Nominated by the Rev. Christina O'Hara

**Archdeacon Paul Sneve**, St. Matthew's, Rapid City  
Nominated by Niobrara Council

### STANDING COMMITTEE

**Don Metcalf**, Emmanuel, White Horse  
Nominated by Niobrara Council

**The Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes**, St. Andrew's,  
Rapid City  
Nominated by Niobrara Council

**The Very Rev. Ward Simpson**, Calvary Cathedral,  
Sioux Falls  
Nominated by Mary Armin

### DIOCESAN COUNCIL (Convention Representative)

**The Rev. Kim Fonder**, Mni Sose Cluster  
Nominated by Niobrara Council

### REGISTRAR/HISTORIOGRAPHER

**Dr. April Brooks**, St. Paul's, Brookings

### TREASURER

**Chris Clem**, Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls  
Nominated by Rita Powell

### SECRETARY TO CONVENTION

None

## Canon to the Ordinary Report to Diocesan Convention - 2013

### *Congregations in Transition*

#### The Rosebud Episcopal Mission

The Rev. Lauren Stanley, formerly of the Diocese of Virginia, was called by the Rosebud Mission Council and began serving as the Priest in Charge of the Rosebud Mission on February 17, 2013. In addition to her serving the West side Churches of the Mission, Mo. Lauren works with the Intentional Young Adult Community at the Bishop Hare Center and also serves on the board of the Rosebud Habitat for Humanity Chapter.

#### St. Mark's, Aberdeen

St. Mark's continued to grow in faith, witness and strength during this past year and is now ready to begin the Search Process this Fall to call a half time Rector. The congregation continues to be blessed by the presence of Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, which rents worship space from St. Mark's and occupies the undercroft for their Sunday School and Church Office. Sovereign Grace's contributions to the life of St. Mark's have included continuing gifts of time, talent and treasure for building maintenance, landscaping, decorating and a sharing in the cost of installing central air conditioning for the Sanctuary.

#### St. Paul's, Brookings

The Rector's position is open following the recent retirement of Fr. Ryan Hall and his and his family's move to Nebraska and secular vocation. Bishop John has been working with the Vestry, who have begun the search process and have several candidates who are interested in the position. St. Paul's will be working with a Priest in Charge model, where the person called signs on for a two year ministry agreement as Priest in Charge, which if successful to both parties, can then be called as Rector.

#### St. Paul's, Vermillion

Following the Rev. Rita Powell and her family's move to Boston, Massachusetts, The Rt. Rev. Creighton Robertson was called and has graciously accepted to serve as Supply Priest and Search Consultant. As a stand alone position, the Vicar of St. Paul's will be only a part-time position, but with a lovely Rectory and all the advantages of being a University community to attract candidates for the

position, we are hopeful of finding a good Priest for Vermillion.

### *Canon's Support to Congregations*

During the past year, I have supplied for and worked with various congregations and clergy throughout the Diocese which were or are in Transition or to assist clergy with services during vacations and times away.

Pastoral Care, Spiritual Direction and Clergy support are an active and ongoing part of the Canon's work.

- Rosebud West - Oct. - Feb.
- St. Peter's, Ft. Pierre - continue to serve one or two Sundays per month.
- St. Mark's, Aberdeen - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday
- Trinity, Watertown
- Cheyenne River Mission

## COMMISSION ON MINISTRY Report to 2013 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 Rev. Jackie Bernacchi  
Don Eagle  
The Rev. Judy Flagstad  
Barbee Hovelson  
Dottie LeBeau  
Barb Simpson, Secretary  
The Rev. Paul Sneve  
The Rev. Evelyn Weaver, Chair

This past year the Rev. Rita Powell and the Rev. Rich Ressler left the Diocese to continue their ministry elsewhere. They both brought wisdom and knowledge to the Commission, and we keep them in our prayers as they continue their faith journey. They will be greatly missed in our Diocese.

*COM Activities*

The COM continues to meet twice a year at Trinity Church in Pierre. As I have stated before, we are grateful to Trinity and all their members for so willingly sharing their church for Diocesan meetings. Their gift of welcoming and hospitality is very much appreciated.

Our meetings begin on Friday afternoon with prayer followed by our business session. We always have on our agenda a review of the people in the process. We track their educational formation and hold them up in prayer. Each individual in the process has an Advocate on the Commission who keeps in touch with them between meetings and reports on their progress when the COM meets. Everyone on the Commission is always available to assist each of them in any way possible.

We also make recommendations to our Bishop on people in the process, and meet with individuals who are discerning their ministry. We finish business by noon on Saturday. It is always a busy, productive, and Christ filled weekend.

This past year we had the privilege of interviewing or “visiting with” eight individuals who are discerning their call to ordained ministry. Two of those are attending or will be attending seminary. The other six are being locally trained. The Commission truly enjoys our visits with those who are discerning their ministry and enjoys walking their walk with them. It is truly a blessing to be involved in that part of their lives.

At the present time, we have 14 individuals in the process. Three individuals are in discernment. Discernment is the time when they explore and wrestle with their call to ministry. Eleven are Postulants, who are pursuing their academic path either locally or in seminary. When a Postulant is about three-quarters through their academic studies they can apply for Candidacy.

COM continues 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, either lay or ordained, and provides opportunity to ask questions. We enjoy getting

to know individuals from around the Diocese and hear about their faith journeys.

The COM keeps Bishop John and the entire Diocese in our prayers. We offer prayers of thanksgiving for everyone who is involved in the ministry of the Diocese, either lay or ordained. Ministry continues to be alive and well in the Diocese of South Dakota, thanks to all of you!

Faithfully,  
The Rev. Evelyn Weaver, Chair  
Commission on Ministry

**SUMMARY OF  
DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS  
since 2012 Convention**

September 22, 2012  
Pierre, South Dakota

Motions Approved/Actions Taken

1. Gave Trinity Church, Watertown a \$50,000 bridge loan or line of credit for 2013.
2. Adopted a Diocesan Procedure on lodging expense.
3. Approved the election of TEC Board of Directors.
4. Approved moving the Parish & Mission Fund to the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation.

November 17, 2012  
Pierre, South Dakota

Motions Approved/Actions Taken

1. Accepted Trinity, Watertown’s petition to revert to mission status.
2. Adopted a policy that allows for a purse of appreciation to be collected upon a priest’s or bishop’s retirement, but no further compensation other than the generous pension benefits already provided.
3. Authorized the Finance Committee to reimburse mission clergy for business travel beyond their yearly allowance, if the funds were available at the end of the year.

Reports Received

1. Income & Expense reports for the Diocese of South Dakota and the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral.

2. Update on active searches by the Transitional Officer.
3. Archdeacon report on a tribal first responders healing retreat he will be participating in.
4. St. Michael's, Batesland will start a food pantry.
5. Update on Rebuilding South Sudan's application for 501(c)3 status.
6. Joe Skinner, Standing Rock, is on the committee to select the slate for the next Presiding Bishop.

March 15, 2013  
Pierre, South Dakota

#### Motions Approved/Actions Taken

1. Adopted a \$60 convention registration fee for 2013 with \$5 of the fee going to a registration "scholarship" fund and \$5 of the fee going to help fund an "It's Great To Be An Episcopalian" picnic on Friday afternoon of convention.
2. Amended Diocesan Policy 4 (Holidays) for clarification.

#### Reports Received

1. Revised budget and end of year financial statements for Diocese of South Dakota and Chapter of Calvary Cathedral.
2. Update on the Trinity, Watertown re-start.
3. Treasurer Conradi announced he would not seek re-election in 2013.
4. John Beebe will be the interim facilities manager at TEC this summer.
5. The Standing Rock Youth Project completes its second year, and the program will be expanded to include Cheyenne River Mission next year.
6. Building damage at St. Philip's, Lake Andes: repair or rebuild?

August 10, 2013  
Pierre, South Dakota

#### Motions Approved/Actions Taken

1. Approved the 2014 budgets for the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral and the Diocese of South Dakota.
2. Approved the appointment of 4 individuals to the Commission on Ministry.

3. Gave provisional approval to the appointment of 3 individuals to the TEC Board.
4. Approved putting the proceeds from the sale of the Gettysburg church building and property into the TEC endowment.
5. Authorized the Executive Committee to make a decision based on research and surveys on the renewal of the cell tower leases at Okreek and Parmelee.

#### Reports Received

1. Accepted the reports of the audit of the accounts of the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral, the South Dakota Episcopal Foundation, and the Diocese of South Dakota.
2. Report of a TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship) conference in Salt Lake City, attended by the Chair of the Stewardship Committee.
3. Status of Convention preparations
4. Update on various churches and properties around the diocese (Watertown, Gettysburg, DeSmet, Norris, Pierre, Porcupine, Lake Andes, Vermillion, Brookings, Rapid City).

### **Ecumenical Relations Association of Christian Churches of SD Report to 2013 Convention**

This group is comprised of 10+ representations from different denominations within South Dakota. Ours is a ministry of presence, advocacy and support. Currently the group has been meeting on a quarterly basis in order to address the needs and concerns of the people we are serving.

- The ACCSD, in cooperation with the U.S. Military and organizations supporting released imprisoned persons, offered a free workshop in August 2012 entitled "Welcoming Them Home." This workshop was held in Pierre, Rapid City and Sioux Falls. This program was designed to help clergy and laity of faith-based groups as well as organizations and individuals to better understand the challenges these two groups face coming home. Those who attended were educated about needs, available resources, and consider developing supportive measures, perhaps in partnership with others, benefitting all.

- The ACCSD is an advocate for Children At Risk. The goal is to improve family income, children who are in assistance programs, support the Unemployment System that can better help working families. In addition the ACCSD supports that all children should have full health care, have childcare, after-school and youth programs and remove sales tax from groceries and utilities.
- The ACCSD is an advocate for Bread Days, sponsored by Bread for the World. This annual event, which is held when the SD Legislation is in session, is a faith-based event to raise awareness and stir action on issues of poverty and hunger.
- The ACCSD advocates an end to predatory lending and ending video lottery.
- The ACCSD advocates help for farm crisis resources and peace and justice issues that affect our state.
- The ACCSD is developing a training session for clergy that addresses qualifications/specific challenges in ministering to multiple denominations.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Mercy G. Hobbs

### **Episcopal Church Women Scholarship Committee Report to 2013 Convention**

This year, we received five (5) inquiries from individuals from Eastern and Western South Dakota. However, we received only two completed applications. We are pleased to announce that two \$500.00 scholarships have been awarded this year.

The first was given to Lara Joseph, a longtime active member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Deadwood, SD. She has served as an acolyte, sung in the choir, and helped with Vacation Bible School. She has been dealing with issues that interfered with her career goals but has rectified those problems and is excited about pursuing her dream. She will be continuing her education at Black Hills State University with a major in Education.

The other recipient was Stacey Kilber, a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Rapid City. She is a

non-traditional student who will be returning to SDSU School of Nursing to complete her bachelors degree in Nursing. She started classes 10 years ago and had continued taking classes off and on in between raising children, caring for her father, and dealing with serious life threatening health issues. Her strong faith in God gave her the determination to go on.

On behalf of the ECW Scholarship committee, we applaud these courageous Christian women in pursuing careers that help the sick and feed children's minds with knowledge and love.

The committee's members are: Sandra Magnavito, chair; Vaudeth Oberlander, secretary; and Gloria Pearson, treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandra L. Magnavito, M.Ed.  
Chair

### **Minutes of Convention**

128<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention (2012)  
The Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota  
Ramkota Conference Center - Pierre, South Dakota  
September 21-22, 2012  
"Partnering With God: Transforming the Church"

### **Plenary Session I**

**Call to Order:** The 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota was called to order by Bishop John Tarrant at 7:05pm. An opening prayer was given by Canon David Hussey.

**Introductions:** Bishop Tarrant thanked the Black Hills Deanery for their work as hosts of this year's Convention. 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. Microphones are set up and ready to go. Please use them when you wish to address the Convention. There are pages available to help or carry messages. Use your yellow card to call them.

Bishop Tarrant introduced The Rev Margaret Watson, the Priest in Charge of Cheyenne River Mission. Also, The Rev Jean Mornard, the Rector of Grace Church, Huron. She will be installed on October 14.

Bishop Tarrant announced that The Rev Kate Stebinger has transferred to the Diocese of Minnesota.

St. Andrew's, Bonesteel closed on May 12. Trinity Church in Watertown is in transition, looking to do something different with their building and ministry.

An overview of the schedule was given. Information is in your packet. Housekeeping announcements were made.

Bishop Tarrant explained the M&M containers. They are a fund raiser for the establishment of a Youth Ministry Fund. It has been learned that people are more apt to donate to an established fund rather than to the Diocese. The containers will hold quarters, or coins of all sizes, as well as cash and checks. They can be refilled many times. Please be generous.

**Anti Racism Committee:** Sam Robertson, chair of the Anti Racism Committee, asked his committee to stand. He said the committee will be using a manual published by the national church at meetings this coming year. They have done a program in Vermillion as well as two sessions of Dakota Experience. It was decided not to continue doing the program at the same time as Dakota Experience as there is so much material to cover for both programs there is not enough time. Bishop Tarrant and Sam plan to travel to different areas of the Diocese to present the program every other month. They will begin with the Cathedral, Sisseton, and Wagner.

**South Sudan Project Presentation:** Rhoda showed a video about the importance of educating women and girls in South Sudan. They are the greatest untapped resource. Studies show that there is a 90% economic return on educating women and girls as opposed to 40% for males. Educated females are healthier and have healthier children. We need to continue our work in South Sudan.

Moses Joknhial will finish his work at SDSU in early December. He then plans to return to South Sudan to get projects going. There is need for a new truck, more school buildings, a perimeter fence, latrines, teachers, school supplies, desks, and uniforms. He thanked the Diocese of South Dakota for being the heart and backbone of the project. They are especially thankful for the prayer books, hymnals, and Bibles. He acknowledged UTO for the funding for work on the school and clinic. There is much work to be done and he is hopeful we can continue to work together.

**General Convention Presentation:** Dean Ward Simpson and Pat Woolley, two of the deputies to General Convention, gave an overview of the Convention. Ward introduced the rest of the deputation: Rev Kim Fonder, Rev George Parmeter, Rev Kathy Monson Lutes, Tammy Fonder, Jean Lacher, Dennis Potter. There will be a chance to hear more and ask questions at the workshop on Saturday afternoon.

**Bishop's Address:** Bishop John Tarrant addressed the 128<sup>th</sup> Convention. The Bishop reflected that we have been presented with the opportunity to learn both in the challenges we have faced and the mistakes we have made. He quoted a simple model for evaluating any activity: *What did you do? What happened? What did you learn?* He spoke of the changes and challenges in the Church and our grieving of the church we knew passing away. There comes a time to pass through the grieving and embrace the life that awaits us with the God of the living. There have been two churches reopened on Lower Brule and St John's in Oglala is open again. We have the Rosebud Young Adult Intentional Community going on the Hare Center, the vibrant Youth Ministry on Standing Rock and an international Taize event coming to Red Shirt on Pine Ridge. This is all God's business. We need to be praying for God's business and get others to pray for this business. God has called us to trust that He will do more than we can ask for or imagine.

**Compline:** Led by Shelli Vallis, St Andrew's Rapid City.

**Recess:** 8:50pm

### Plenary Session II

Following Morning Prayer led by St James, Belle Fourche, Bishop John Tarrant called the Second Plenary Session to order at 8:50am.

Deacon Charlie Walker from Trinity Pierre announced that the Knights Templar of the Masonic Lodge have selected Rev Ryan Hall from St Paul's Brookings for a trip to the Holy Land in Feb.

**Credentials Committee Report:** Deacon Marty Garwood announced that of 73 authorized clergy 46 were in attendance; of 125 authorized lay delegates 88 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:** Finding no additions or corrections for the minutes of the 2011 Convention, Bishop Tarrant declared them approved as printed.

**Call for motion to accept Reports by Title:** Motion by Dean Ward Simpson to accept reports by title by various commissions and committees submitted and printed in the *South Dakota ChurchNews* in July/August and September/October issues or otherwise distributed; seconded by Rev Kim Fonder; motion carried.

**Constitutional Amendment:** The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, for the Committee on Resolutions, did the second read of 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 as 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. Dean Simpson moved the question, seconded by Gloria Pearson, Christ Church Yankton. No discussion. The amendment passed in a voice vote by orders. This will officially replace the previous text in the Constitution.

**Elections:** Pat LeBeau introduced nominees for Standing Committee:  
1 Presbyter for 4 year term: The Rev Margaret Watson, The Rev Kathy Monson Lutes, The Rev George Parmeter.  
1 Lay Person for 4 year term: Johnny Wilson, Jan Sanford

Ballots were distributed, marked, and collected for counting.

**Budget Presentation:** Randy Barnhardt, Diocesan Administrator, gave a Power Point Presentation using pie charts, graphs, and other graphics to explain the Diocesan financial status. He went through the proposed balanced budget. Randy noted the increase in the Block Grant to Aided Dioceses from General Convention, the decrease in Endowment income, a shift to taking 4.3% of Endowment income for budget, and a 1% increase in Diocesan asking. It was noted looking over time, the amount of giving from people to churches and churches to Diocese has remained steady even through the hard economic times. Mission Clergy will receive a one time increase of \$2000 as well as a percentage increase and a COL increase this year. Medical insurance premiums have decreased 10% and employees will be taking over a larger share this year. Travel money for clergy is increased by \$2000 to \$7000 per year. Some travel reimbursement for non stipendiary clergy is also in the budget.

There has been a change in the property insurance company. In some cases the coverage went up and costs are down. Property insurance policies are with the Church Insurance Group.

Julie Gehm asked about the value of the endowments. It is about \$6.4 million as of July 2012. This is up from \$5.7 million in 2011. The Investment Committee made a decision to reduce the amount withdrawn to help keep the growth going for the future. The investments are being reviewed.

Jim Pearson, Christ Church Yankton, made a motion to accept the budget, seconded by Connie Vicuna, Grace Church Huron; approved.

**Report of Tabulation of Ballots:**

Standing Committee:

1 Presbyter for 4 year term: Rev Margaret Watson  
1 Lay Person for 4 year term: Jan Sanford

**UTO Presentation:** UTO Chair Diana Regan asked any UTO coordinators present to come forward as well as Father Rob Schwarz and Jeanne and others from Standing Rock. Father Rob explained the need for a building at St Peter's Church in McLaughlin. It has a very active congregation, is a meeting place for the youth group, and had a small building with no basement. The St Peter's and Good Shepherd ladies have been making quilts, pillows, aprons and other handmade items for sale to raise \$3000 to help the building project for the youth group. The project has just been awarded \$67,000 by the UTO.

Father Rob introduced Brian Barry from the Diocese of Long Island. He is planning to enter seminary and is required to do a year of service beforehand. He is working closely with Father Rob.

**Youth Ministry Presentation:** Rev Rita Powell was pleased to say that exciting things are happening by youth for the Diocese. We need to remember that youth is not just a special interest group but the energy and questioning we need to continue and grow the church.

Michael Two Bulls and Quineta Hairy Chin spoke about their experience living in the Taize Community in France this past summer. They participated in prayer 3 times a day, worked within the community, conducted workshops for others from around the world to teach about Lakota culture, learned new languages themselves, and connected with others who are "with church". Feels it gave them a grounding and a community to deal with the sense of isolation that sometimes comes living on the Reservation.

When Brother John from Taize visited in South Dakota last year he visited Christ Church, Red Shirt Table with Father Robert Two Bulls from Minnesota. It was a discussion they had about the painful story of life on the reservation where Father Two Bulls spoke of a need for new songs to be sung there that was the seed for the Taize event to be held at Red Shirt on May 24 - 27, 2013. This will be part of the "pilgrimage of trust on earth" being planned by the Taize community in France. It will be a weekend of prayer and workshops, a 3 day long experience of communion. This is an ecumenical event. It creates possibility of relationship across divisions through the planning as well as attending the event. If you are interested in helping to plan, please attend the workshop this afternoon.

The Rosebud Intentional Community is going along



with two people in residence at the Broken Leg House over the winter. This type of community is springing up across the country, young people putting up their lives for the Gospel. Mikayla Dunfee from St Andrew's in Rapid City told her story of coming to the Intentional Community. She had the opportunity to travel to Taize last fall and is excited to see the relationship grow. She and Kieran have been doing prayers 3 times daily at the chapel to ground themselves and be prepared for what God is calling them to do. Kieran Conroy is from New York State and has attended Harvard Divinity School. He had worked with new church planting, Taize, and Native American community in New England. He was working in Nebraska when he heard about Rosebud Intentional Community and wanted to be a part of the work here. Mikayla thanked the Bishop, the Diocese, and the Rosebud Mission Council for believing in them.

Rita spoke about the excellent camp this summer at Thunderhead. A musician she knows, Michael Smith, came to work with the children on music and worship. He worked with the high school camp to compose a Taize style chant that will be used here at Convention worship and around the Diocese. The chant is influenced by the Taize experience, the Lakota Hymnal, and the surroundings of the Black Hills.

Chris Soukup, from Sioux Falls, spoke about his involvement as a counselor at TEC. He has experienced personal change in his relationship to the church and has seen that change in TEC as well. He was pleased to see the connections children had made and kept from one year to the next as they came back to TEC. Chris was interviewed for an article by the Washington Post.

Rita commented that all the youth ministry around the Diocese has a way of being intertwined and supporting each other. Bishop Tarrant thanked Rita and all the young people for their work and dedication. They are an amazing group!

**Capital Campaign Presentation:** Bishop Tarrant reported that Horizons Communications had been hired to study the feasibility of doing a Capital Campaign. That study showed that we need to work to flesh out the programs and get them running well. It is important to get the engineering right and have a solid product and then work to raise the money. That is what we are doing. It agrees with the recommendation to establish a specific Youth Ministry Fund in the Diocese.

**Recess:** The Convention recessed at 10:15 until 10:45 for Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows, Renewal of Ordination Vows, and Blessing of Oils. Luncheon will be immediately following Eucharist. Workshops will begin at 1:30. There will be no Stewardship or Anti Racism Workshop.

**Convention Reconvened:** Convention reconvened at

3:20pm. Announcement of raffles and drawings were made. Next Convention will be September 27-28, 2013 at the Ramkota in Pierre. Hosts will be the Eastern Deanery.

There are no evaluation forms in the packet, however please give any suggestions you may have to the Diocesan Office.

The 128<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota adjourned at 3:25 with a Blessing from Bishop Tarrant.

Respectfully Submitted by

Patricia Woolley  
128<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention Secretary

2012 UTO REPORT				
Church Name	City	2012 SPRING	2012 FALL	2012 TOTAL
St. James'	Belle Fourche		150.00	150.00
St. Paul's	Brookings	60.10	211.26	271.36
St. John's	Deadwood	79.75		79.75
Grace Church	Huron	191.79	226.17	417.96
Christ Church	Lead		50.00	50.00
St. Mary's	Mitchell	10.00		10.00
St. James'	Mobridge		300.00	300.00
Trinity	Pierre	69.84	82.00	151.84
Emmanuel	Rapid City	760.17	50.00	810.17
St. Andrew's	Rapid City	513.27	725.53	1,238.80
Calvary Cathedral	Sioux Falls	50.00	247.76	297.76
All Angels	Spearfish		482.50	482.50
Trinity	Winner	52.34		52.34
Christ Church	Yankton	469.52	322.98	792.50
St. Peter's	Ft. Pierre	100.00		100.00
St. Luke's	Hot Springs		35.00	35.00
Grace Church	Madison	144.16	154.24	298.40
Christ Church	Milbank	126.90	67.00	193.90
Church of Jesus	Rosebud	51.81		51.81
St. Mary's	Old Agency	92.19		92.19
Diocesan Convention			217.53	217.53
Individual Donations		50.00		50.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>2,821.84</b>	<b>3,321.97</b>	<b>6,143.81</b>
Balance Forward				15.00
TOTALS				6,158.81
(Checks to National UTO)				(6,150.00)
Balance as of 12/31/12				8.81
2004 Totals				11,851.24
2005 Totals				9,825.74
2006 Totals				7,358.23
2007 Totals				11,590.79
2008 Totals				7,796.56
2009 Totals				10,264.30
2010 Totals				7,766.35
2011 Totals				9,277.65
2012 Totals				6,150.00

**State of Youth Ministry in South Dakota,  
Report to 2013 Convention**

I would like to thank the Niobrara Council, Calvary Cathedral Youth Leaders, the Mission Clergy, the

TEC Board, Mary Armin, Randy Barnhardt, and Bishop John Tarrant for all of the support, friendship, and shared ministry that has helped begin to build a Diocesan network of ministries by, for, and with young people. It has been an exciting five years of work and dreaming together, and I am grateful to each and every one of you. I believe that the youth and young adult ministry is ready to be coordinated, nurtured, and expanded in the coming years.

*Taize-Pine Ridge, and Campus Ministry*

This is the hardest story to tell in a quick summary form! I know you've all seen it, but the ENS article is the best and most comprehensive report on the event itself. <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2013/05/28/pilgrimage-of-trust-taize-community-come-to-pine-ridge-reservation/>

Taize is a great friend for South Dakota. It is a simple catalyst for campus ministry that can reach people across denominations. There are vibrant prayer and ministry options related to Taize at the School of Mines (Erin Schendzielos,) USD in Vermillion (Tom Emanuel,) and SDSU (Chris Soukup.) There is also a consistent youth-led Taize prayer at Calvary Cathedral. Taize has hosted South Dakota young adults (Mikayla Dunfee, Micheal Two Bulls, and Quinetta Hairy Chin,) as "permanents" or volunteers and would be happy to continue to provide that opportunity for the right young people.

*Thunderhead Camp*

TEC, finally, is fully reclaimed from the tragic episode in its past. We have set a precedent for safe church practices with all program staff and re-created a culture of trust and community. We have seen a significant increase in young Native participation. We have seen numbers rise from approx 11-15 campers per session when I arrived to 22-31 campers per session this summer. In 2007, there were zero campers at Family Camp. In 2013, there were 4 families for a total of 18 people. We have created a kind of pilgrimage experience, with chapel twice daily and the framework of love and community as the abiding theme.

Interim camp manager John Beebe has done work that will leave a legacy. He has taken meticulous care of the property, and the camp is truly a joyous and welcoming place.

*Standing Rock Youth Ministry*

The legacy of a relationship with North Dakota's Native Young Life and the initial explorations for the ministry with Deacon Brandon Mauai have taught us many things. In the coming year, Joe Skinner, Kyle Hawk Bear, and Quinetta Hairy Chin are gearing up to run the ministry with Contact Time, and Fusion4. They live in the communities they will be serving, which is important. They will be paid hourly, to encourage greater accountability and better use of resources. We know that starting a ministry is never easy, rarely linear. But we also saw that great success was possible if we can maintain some consistency.

*Rosebud Young Adult Intentional Community*

Thanks to Bill Tesch and the ELCA for bringing us this possibility! The first year, summer plus the school year, was a real success. Sam Adams, Mikayla Dunfee, and Kieran Conroy are to be congratulated on their pioneering this interesting new ministry. The Community Rule, emphasizing prayer and a listening presence in the community has won over local church leadership. This ministry is an important new experiment for the church — both because of what it means for young people to be leading/ imagining new ways of being church, but also because of what it means in the slow, careful work of living together as native and non-native Christians. It also serves some important church functions — welcoming mission groups and as a possible center for youth ministry.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Rita Powell



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<b>PARTNERING WITH A GENEROUS GOD</b>						
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
MISSION CLERGY AND SUPPORT:						
Salary and Housing - Note 1	348,867	414,333	440,326	220,768	399,881	416,755
Medical Insurance - Note 2	169,527	177,926	215,141	100,241	153,906	175,586
Less Employee Share	0	(9,917)	(14,888)	(9,012)	(16,345)	(26,335)
Travel	67,704	70,353	70,142	45,140	90,113	90,300
Housing & Utilities	25,353	24,920	26,054	55,311	82,376	68,700
Pension	80,871	89,556	100,028	51,879	101,431	102,707
Moving and Interview	1,614	11,277	7,000	5,306	6,000	0
Payroll Taxes	459	1,154	1,033	535	1,301	1,224
<b>TOTAL MISSION CLERGY AND SUPPORT</b>	<b>694,395</b>	<b>779,602</b>	<b>844,836</b>	<b>470,168</b>	<b>818,663</b>	<b>828,937</b>
THE LARGER CHURCH:						
Episcopal Church Center Support	27,226	27,226	27,226	26,138	44,808	47,569
General Convention Deputies - Note 3	7,275	5,456	7,230	3,675	7,350	7,350
Provincial Support	2,651	2,651	2,651	1,988	2,651	2,651
Provincial Synod Deputies	0	450	750	0	750	750
Lambeth Conference Reserve	750	750	750	750	750	750
<b>TOTAL LARGER CHURCH SUPPORT</b>	<b>37,902</b>	<b>36,533</b>	<b>38,607</b>	<b>32,551</b>	<b>56,309</b>	<b>59,070</b>
DIOCESAN PROGRAM SUPPORT						
Commissions and Committees:						
Aging	250	0	250	0	250	250
Commission on Ministry	2,257	3,355	2,500	1,140	2,500	2,500
Episcopal Women's Council	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	2,000
Liturgy and Music	176	188	500	0	500	500
Niobrara Council	3,600	3,600	3,600	2,700	3,600	3,600
Standing Committee	1,376	1,346	2,000	394	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Commissions and Committees</b>	<b>9,659</b>	<b>10,489</b>	<b>10,850</b>	<b>5,234</b>	<b>10,850</b>	<b>10,850</b>
Ecumenical Relations:						
Association of Christian Churches	1,531	2,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	2,000
Ecumenical Relations Chair	0	0	500	0	500	500
Flandreau Chaplaincy Program	1,000	1,000	1,000	750	1,000	1,000
<b>Total Ecumenical Affiliations</b>	<b>2,531</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>
Partners With A Generous God:						
Communications Goal:						
Communications/Website	652	1,188	1,500	197	1,500	1,500
South Dakota Churchnews	7,744	4,874	7,500	3,764	7,500	6,500
Other Communications	0	0	750	0	0	0
Ministry Development Goal:						
Clergy Conferences	436	1,914	6,000	1,092	7,000	7,000
Deacon's Conferences	0	0	1,000	0	0	0

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	12/31/2011 ACTUAL	12/31/2012 ACTUAL	2012 PROGRAM BUDGET	7/31/2013 ACTUAL	2013 PROGRAM BUDGET	2014 PROGRAM BUDGET
<b>Youth and Young Adult Ministry:</b>						
Rosebud Young Adult Community	0	0	0	17,619	60,000	60,000
Taize	0	46,387	13,450	38,681	59,000	0
Thunderhead Episcopal Camp	68,029	52,505	65,250	57,482	67,250	67,250
Youth Ministry	10,564	2,967	4,000	62	1,000	3,000
<b>Ministry Support Goal:</b>						
Ministry Support-Sudanese Program	0	0	0	0	0	5,000
Ministry Support Other	1,518	3,595	5,000	3,644	14,000	5,000
<b>Education Goal:</b>						
Theological Education/Board of Chaplains	599	0	1,000	164	1,000	1,000
Continuing Education	900	2,100	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
Education for Ministry	3,065	2,212	3,500	1,185	3,500	3,500
Seminarian Assistance	1,500	2,250	3,000	2,250	3,750	3,000
Seminarian Expenses	0	1,165	2,000	1,663	2,000	2,000
Education Other	0	0	1,250	0	1,250	1,250
St. Mary's School/Leadership Development	13,384	10,697	13,000	0	13,000	13,000
<b>Evangelism Goal:</b>						
Evangelism - Note 10	2,000	0	2,500	0	0	0
<b>Community Engagement Goal:</b>						
Jubilee/Anti-Racism	321	772	2,000	159	2,000	2,000
Community Engagement Other	16	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Stewardship Goal:</b>						
Stewardship	23,456	10,558	12,000	828	7,500	7,500
<b>Total Partners With God</b>	<b>143,506</b>	<b>157,153</b>	<b>167,700</b>	<b>138,741</b>	<b>274,750</b>	<b>210,500</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Program:</b>						
Remington Retreat Center	1,399	1,664	2,500	1,148	2,500	2,500
Other Conferences	1,210	1,324	1,000	849	1,500	750
Diocesan Companion Relationships	586	482	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Outreach	2,478	4,790	11,542	650	5,920	5,129
<b>Total Miscellaneous Program Support</b>	<b>5,673</b>	<b>8,260</b>	<b>16,042</b>	<b>2,647</b>	<b>10,920</b>	<b>9,379</b>
<b>TOTAL DIOCESAN PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>	<b>161,369</b>	<b>178,902</b>	<b>198,092</b>	<b>148,372</b>	<b>300,020</b>	<b>234,229</b>
<b>EPISCOPATE AND SUPPORT STAFF</b>	<b>198,438</b>	<b>200,888</b>	<b>200,888</b>	<b>120,400</b>	<b>206,401</b>	<b>208,207</b>
<b>DIOCESAN OPERATIONS</b>						
Hospitality	1,796	2,270	3,000	1,145	3,000	3,000
Payroll Taxes	6,842	6,535	6,564	3,856	6,711	6,795
Pension	35,718	36,160	36,161	19,926	37,152	37,478
Medical Insurance - Note 2	51,835	45,602	47,712	29,189	40,116	43,588
Less Employee Share	0	(1,225)	(1,269)	(1,327)	(2,274)	(3,752)
Travel	42,462	42,260	39,000	22,521	39,000	39,000
Audit & Professional Fees	6,900	5,714	7,000	5,980	6,500	6,500
Convention	9,065	9,106	9,000	111	9,000	9,000
Telephone	8,317	6,711	8,400	4,626	8,400	8,400
Office Space	4,483	4,502	4,502	2,626	4,119	4,200

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<b>INCOME</b>						
<b>CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT:</b>						
Parish and Missions - Note 5	321,714	316,017	332,464	183,153	317,280	325,666
Late Payments	8,636	8,056	6,806	4,092	4,092	4,000
Total Congregational Support	330,350	324,073	339,270	187,245	321,372	329,666
<b>CHAPTER ENDOWMENT SUPPORT - Note 6</b>	218,284	205,000	264,286	107,000	217,174	248,764
<b>GEN. CONVENTION BLOCK GRANT - Note 7</b>	562,000	562,000	562,000	408,333	700,000	700,000
<b>YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:</b>						
Rosebud Young Adult Community	0	0	0	14,334	60,000	60,000
Taize	0	38,335	9,200	60,377	56,000	0
Thunderhead Episcopal Camp	33,953	26,962	37,250	15,887	37,250	30,000
Youth Ministry	8,459	0	0	0	0	1,000
<b>EDUCATION:</b>						
Niobrara School for Ministry Registrations-Note 8	5,644	6,342	5,000	3,928	6,000	6,000
<b>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME:</b>						
Gifts	17,098	18,590	26,000	1,825	20,000	20,000
Remington Retreat Center	4,430	3,980	5,500	1,420	4,000	4,000
Convention Fees & Registrations	10,262	9,390	10,000	180	10,000	9,000
South Dakota Churchnews	6,513	6,007	7,000	4,096	6,500	6,000
Clergy Conference/Retreat Registrations	1,150	1,300	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
Undesignated Income	20,000	21,110	25,000	26,195	25,000	25,000
Designated Income - Note 9	73,121	166,701	140,254	43,575	107,091	82,462
Other Interest	14	6	25	6	10	10
Total Miscellaneous Income	132,588	227,084	215,779	77,297	174,601	148,472
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	1,291,278	1,389,796	1,432,785	874,401	1,572,397	1,523,902
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>(48,488)</b>	<b>(4,207)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 2014 Proposed Program Budget Notes

- Salary and Housing:** Salaries are budgeted with an incremental increase for years of service of approximately 1.25%. The Current budget reflects nine FTE clergy, one FTE Diocesan Youth Coordinator, 1 PTE Standing Rock Mission Youth Coordinator, 2 PTE youth helpers on the Standing Rock Mission, 4 PTE clergy, 1 PTE lay staff position on the Rosebud Mission and one PTE TEC Director.
- Medical Insurance:** Premiums are budgeted for a 10% increase.
- General Convention Deputies:** Budget to include payment of registration fees, estimated at 450.00 per delegate, plus an allowance of 2,000.00 per delegate. 8 delegates plus 1 bishop.
- Niobrara School for Ministry:** Christian Formation, Lay Ministry Formation, and the Dakota Experience are part of the Niobrara School for Ministry.
- 2014 Congregational Support:** Budget for a 2% increase over 2013 pledges.
- Chapter Endowment Support:** 4.6% of a three year running average of market value of investments, reported on December 31 of 2011, 2012 and April 30, 2013.

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7. **General Convention Block Grant:** Increase in support from the National Church – based on the action of general convention.
8. **Niobrara School for Ministry:** Anticipated Conferences registration fees: Summer Seminary (\$4,000), Ministry Weekends (\$1,000) and Dakota Experience (\$1,000).
9. **Designated Income:** Anticipated amounts that help offset specific line item expenses:
- St. Mary’s Scholarship 13,000
  - St. Katharine, Martin 3,300
  - Grant & NSM funds 6,000
  - Standing Rock Project 29,962
  - Trust from 815 29,000
  - Mobridge 1,200
10. **Evangelism:** The Evangelism line item is included in the Mission Support line item.

## Toolkit helps get the message out

**C**ommunication is evangelism – and the Episcopal Church’s Office of Communication has many resources to help evangelize the Good News and engage communities in the work of the Episcopal Church. These resources include tools to assist with building awareness of your work, gaining a stronger voice on topics that you care most about, and enhancing perceptions among influential, highly-engaged groups inside and outside the Church.

Included in *The Toolkit* are useful materials, such as forms to develop key messages and create local news media coverage, and a step-by-step guide on how to place your leaders on local opinion pages and websites to gain community leader buy-in on topics important to you. You’ll also find information about other tools, help and counsel available, often at no cost, through the Office of Communication.

These will help enhance your message, broaden your reach and offer tips for placements into regional, secular, and other media – both traditional and social. The goal is to enable you to prepare your messages not only for your diocese but your regional area, your ecumenical partners, and beyond.

The contents of The Toolkit reflect items that are designed to make research and facilitation as problem-free as possible for you.

Contents include:

Catalog – a list of important topics along with any actions taken by The Episcopal Church and General

Convention.

Getting started - an easy how-to for getting started in preparing materials, news releases, op-eds, etc.

Topics – topics of interest that you may want to address, whether liturgically, socially, or the hot news that people are discussing.

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/public-affairs-toolkit>

## Sampling of Topics for September & October

### September 1

David Pendleton Oakerhater, first ordained Native American in the Episcopal Church, was a Cheyenne warrior and spiritual leader who eventually became the first ordained Native American in the Episcopal Church. He was instrumental in founding and operating schools and missions to the Cheyenne nation in Oklahoma. Oakerhater was a warrior who returned to his people as a messenger of peace.

### October 4

St. Francis of Assisi was an Italian friar who founded three holy orders and is well known for his love of animals and nature. Care and justice for all creation is a core value of the Episcopal Church, and the Episcopal Network for Animal Welfare offers information on pet blessing ceremonies in honor of St. Francis, as well as other resources for ways to ensure the protection of all God’s creatures. These ceremonies often become interesting items for local news media to cover and attract interest when posting photos to a church’s social media page

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Bishop's visitation & travel dates in bold letters

# Diocesan Calendar

## SEPTEMBER

- Sep 2      Diocesan Office closed
- Sep 7-8    Bishop visits Sisseton Mission**
- Sep 7      Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, St. Matt's, RC
- Sep 8      Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, Brookings
- Sep 13-14    COM, Pierre
- Sep 14      Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, Pierre
- Sep 15    Bishop visits Hot Springs, Red Shirt Table, Oglala**
- Sep 18-25    House of Bishops, Nashville, TN**
- Sep 26-27    Clergy Conference, Pierre
- Sept 27    ECW Fall meeting
- Sep 27    "It's Great to be Episcopalian" Picnic
- Sep 27-28    Diocesan Convention
- Sep 29    Bishop visits Ft. Pierre**

## OCTOBER

- Oct 6      Bishop visits St. Matthew's, RC**
- Oct 10      *ChurchNews* deadline
- Oct 13    Bishop visits Santee/Yankton Missions**
- Oct 14      Diocesan Office closed
- Oct 20    Bishop visits Pine Ridge Mission**
- Oct 27    St. Thomas, Sturgis**

## NOVEMBER

- Bishop Tarrant begins 5<sup>th</sup> year of his consecration
- Nov 3      Bishop visits Good Shepherd, SF**
- Nov 10    Bishop visits Standing Rock Mission**
- Nov 11      Diocesan Office closed
- Nov 17    Bishop visits Aberdeen**
- Nov 24    Bishop visits Cheyenne River Mission**
- Nov 28-29    Diocesan Office closed

## DECEMBER

- Dec 8      Bishop visits Christ Church, Yankton**
- Dec 15    Bishop visits Grace, Huron**
- Dec 21    Ordination, Pierre (tentative)**
- Dec 25      Diocesan Office closed



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**October 9**

This is Stop America’s Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Day. The SAVE initiative was launched by the American Medical Association Alliance in 1995 and recognizes the toll that violence takes on our communities. Over 700 local anti-violence programs have resulted from this effort. Take this occasion to learn more about the Episcopal Church’s own anti-violence initiatives.

Activities could include talking to children about violence and its consequences (whether it is bullying, domestic violence, or other violence); arranging a fund raiser or supporting a local domestic violence shelter, mentoring programs, programs that prevent child abuse, or mental health screening programs appropriate for your community.

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**TEC Facilities Manager**



**T**he Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota seeks a part-time facilities manager who will be responsible for the care and maintenance of Thunderhead Episcopal Center, located approximately 20 miles south of Lead/Deadwood.

This is a seasonal position from approximately May through September. In addition to care of the buildings and grounds, duties include providing hospitality to the users of facility, such as cleaning, preparing rooms for guests, and laundry.

This person will hire and train support staff, promote the use of the camp, abide by and enforce Diocesan policies, prepare and manage an annual budget, be present at meetings of the TEC board, and report as required to the board and Diocesan Bishop.

Required skills include land and property management, indoor and outdoor maintenance, good hospitality, a friendly attitude with a diverse population, the ability to work without direction, and first aid training.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and résumé to 500 S. Main Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104. For more information, contact the Diocesan office at 605-338-9751.

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