



Diocesan Convention

September 26-27, 2014
Ramkota in Pierre

Information and Registration forms were mailed to each delegate and alternate—here's some of that information.

1. Pre-Convention Deanery Meetings (PCDM)

These meetings are a chance for delegates and any other interested persons to review and discuss the 2015 Diocesan budget and any resolutions submitted by then. They are also an opportunity for Deaneries to gather separately for any deanery business.

PCDM Schedule

WEST

Sat, Sept 6, 2:00 pm, St. Luke's, Hot Springs
1915 Washington

CENTRAL

Sat, Sept 13, 2:00 pm, Trinity, Pierre
408 N Jefferson

EAST

Sun, Sept 14, 4:00 pm, St. Paul's, Brookings
(3:00—separate meetings of East and Northeast Deaneries)
726 Sixth Street

2. Clergy Conference will be Sept 25-26 (Thurs afternoon through Fri morning).

- Noon—2 pm: Dental Insurance Option
- 2:00 pm—Niobrara School Curriculum
- Friday—Initial Visit about Alcoholism

3. Picnic: Again this year, an It's Great To Be An Episcopalian Picnic will kick off convention. From 11:30 am—1:00 pm at St. Michaels (2815 E. Sully at the Pierre Learning Center), brats and burgers will be served. Please join us and bring a side dish to share. Everyone is invited!

4. Opening Reception Meal

After the picnic, delegates can then relax, check in, register, and grab a little supper at the opening reception. As before, there will be TWO buffet lines with DIFFERENT menus, so feel free to check out both. There should be something for everyone.

5. Next year's hosts: Central and Northeast Deaneries. Preliminary meeting of those delegates at 4:30 pm on Friday in Lake Sharpe A.

6. Positions Open, to be elected:

- Standing Committee
- 1 Clergy (priest or deacon), term exp 2018
- 1 Lay, term exp 2018

7. Don't forget to pick up your church's 2015 **CALENDARS** at the St. Augusta Shop tables.



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The writer of Hebrews reminds us, “Jesus is the same yesterday and today and for ever.” The challenge for the church is to continually be reforming, so as to better serve our never changing God in this ever-changing world.* In the early part of the 20th century leaders like Anglican priest Roland Allen began to revision how leadership and structures in the church could be reshaped to better allow the Spirit of God to flow more openly among the people of God. In the latter part of the 20th century Bishop Wes Frensdorff and others took up the cause of reshaping our institutional rules and structures so the Holy Spirit working through God’s people, lay and ordained, might more freely live Jesus’ kingdom vision for the church and the world.

The goal was, and I believe should still be, to move more toward ministry shaped by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit than by the structure and rules of the institution. In other words, let’s not stifle imagination and overlook opportunity through micro management by canons, bylaws and resolutions. God did create order out of chaos, but it was through breathing life into the chaos, not by passing a resolution that there should be no chaos. Order does not mean control. So the challenge is for the church to use its order and surrender control at the same time so that God’s will might be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

In this early part of the 21st century we in the Diocese of South Dakota are going to take a stab at reordering some of our ministry in order to become more effective servants. Not to worry, nothing revolutionary, but I hope the changes we evoke give opportunity for the Spirit to use each of us and each moment of the present to God’s glory.

Diocesan Council will be putting forth a resolution to revise Canon 13, the canon structuring deaneries (see p. 7). The revision takes into consideration the differences in the geographic deaneries, both in their make up and opportunity for joint ministry. The geographic deanery designations still have a purpose, but that purpose is best served when defined



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

by local

need. This Canon revision will much simplify the present Canon 13. In 2015 I will be using part of my sabbatical time to continue the process of re-visioning our Diocesan ministry through revising our canons, Diocesan Policies and Ministry Handbook (exciting stuff). All revisions will be presented to Diocesan Council and Convention as appropriate.

The Diocesan Council has approved a process for moving Diocesan offices from Sioux Falls to Pierre. This process will take several years, but the first step will be to establish a ‘bishop’s residence’ in Pierre. We hope this can be accomplished in the next eighteen months. This will be both an investment and a cost savings for the Diocese. More details will be given at Convention. This will not affect the present Diocesan staff, except the bishop, or the status of the Cathedral. Five years ago we moved most Diocesan meetings to Pierre, utilizing both Trinity Church (thanks to their warm hospitality) and the former St. Michael’s Church building.

In 1998 a joint project was embarked upon by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls and the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota to create a joint worship facility to serve the Native American Community in Pierre. St. Michael’s Church, which was in disrepair, was torn down and a new joint facility was built in 2001. This past year the Roman Catholic Diocese ceased using the building, and it reverted back to us. Episcopal

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Visiting the sick

On Wednesday, July 9, 2014, **Northeast Deanery** clergy and several members of **St. James, Enemy Swim** and **St. Mark's, Aberdeen**, gathered at the nursing home in Webster for a Eucharist with **Fr. Les Campbell**, who was recovering from surgery.

Bishops Tarrant and Robertson were also in attendance, with Bishop Robertson celebrating Eucharist. It was wonderful to hear Fr. Les singing his favorite Dakota hymns again.

After the service, the quilting/sewing guild from St. Mark's, Aberdeen, presented Fr. Les with a comfort quilt to help him with a speedy recovery.

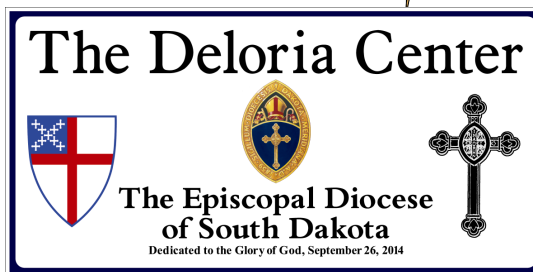


Stephen Ministry expands caregiving at Emmanuel Church

Three members of Emmanuel Church, Rapid City, were among more than 300 pastors and congregation leaders at the 200th Stephen Series Leader's Training Course held July 13-19 in Dallas, Texas. **Deacon Virginia Bird, Deacon Jo Hedin,** and **Parish Nurse Vicki Sweet** were trained as Stephen Leaders at the seven-day training event.

These trained leaders will now begin planning, organizing, and implementing Stephen Ministry, a system of Christian caregiving, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Part of their role will be to train others. Stephen Ministers will be trained to provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals experiencing a crisis such as grief, divorce, loneliness, relocation, hospitalization, unemployment, or terminal illness. Stephen Ministers walk with the care receiver, providing listening, caring support.

St. Michael's renamed



St. Michael's chapel, once called St. Michael's & Blessed Kateri, on the grounds of the Pierre Learning Center, will be renamed The Deloria Center to honor the contribution of the Deloria family to the ministry of the Episcopal Church in South Dakota.

The Center will be dedicated at the pre-convention picnic on Friday, September 26 (11:30—1:00). Join us at 2815 E. Sully.

Off to college?

No matter where you may be attending college or technical school, the Episcopal Church wants to welcome you.

If you would like to know the name, address, or contact information for an Episcopal Church near your school, contact the Diocesan Office for assistance.



(L-R) Deacon Virginia Bird, Deacon Jo Hedin, Founder Kenneth Haugk, Parish Nurse Vicki Sweet

Parish & Mission Endowments and Legacy Giving Opportunity

Since January 1, 1992, The Diocese of South Dakota has provided an opportunity for parishes, mission congregations and other entities to invest monies into a pooled investment fund, titled The Parish and Mission Endowment Fund. In the beginning, and because this was not a true endowment fund, investors could withdraw their investment at any time.

The initial amount invested was \$113,552.56, and the first investors were:

Gethsemane Church – Sisseton	3,201.86
St. Mary’s Church – Webster	25,000.00
Suffragan Bishop Fund	1,000.00
Rosebud Episcopal Mission	20,000.00
Holy Apostles – Sioux Falls	500.00
St. Paul’s – Vermillion:	
• Hampl Fund	14,359.40
• Slagle Fund	9,180.60
St. Mary’s School Scholarship Fund	40,310.70

Over the subsequent years, other churches and organizations have invested funds into this account, and some have totally liquidated their investment from the fund. By July 31, 2012, there were 36 separate churches or other entities investing a total of \$1,822,522.96.

In the fall of 2012, the diocesan investment committee reviewed the investment fund and came to a consensus that it was under-performing in comparison to other like funds. After thoughtful consideration, the Diocesan Council, under the advisement of the investment committee, voted to move the assets from this fund, with the investors’ permission, and invest them with the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation (SFACF).

The SFACF was established in 1984. It manages assets over \$115 million, in over 900 separate funds throughout the region, and makes distributions of over \$100 million. They specialize in managing endowments and currently recommend a 4% distribution rate of the average value of the fund over 12 trailing quarters.

The goals of the SFACF are to provide a stable, sustainable stream of revenue to its beneficiaries, mitigate the loss of purchasing power due to inflation, fees and investment risk, and to perform competitively relative to established benchmarks.

Their annualized returns, net of fees, are:

Twenty Years	8.3%	Five Years	12.9%
Fifteen Years	5.9%	One Year	17.8%
Ten Years	7.6%		

Our investment now in the SFACF is truly an endowment fund and is irrevocable. Once an investment is made by a church or entity, the principle cannot be withdrawn. But it will provide an “endless harvest” of a revenue stream to the church.

As of July 31, 2014, The Parish and Mission Endowment Fund now has 34 separate funds that total \$2,141,859.97.

To illustrate how one fund has developed, the beginning value of the St. Paul’s Church-Hampl Fund on January 1, 1992 was \$14,359.40. The value of this fund on March 31, 2014 was \$28,163.59. In addition to the market value increase of this fund, it has provided St. Paul’s Church with over \$4,800.00 in operating revenue in the last six years alone.

Legacy Giving

If you as an individual would like to consider providing your church with a legacy gift that will be in place in perpetuity, or if a church within the Diocese wishes to begin an endowment, please feel free to call me for further information. The Diocese receives no fee as a custodian of this fund. Aside from a nominal administrative fee charged by the SFACF, the church or entity that invests in this fund will be the sole beneficiary of the revenue the investments provide.

Another example of legacy giving: an individual deeded his house over to benefit St. Luke’s, Hot Springs. The owner had the right to possess the property during his lifetime. Upon his death the property will be sold, with the proceeds benefiting his church.

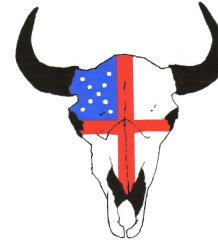
For further options, details, and information, contact:

Randy Barnhardt, Administrator
605-338-9751
randy.diocese@midconetwork.com

See the chart on the next page for the current funds in SFACF.

**The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral
Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation
July 2014**

NIOBRARA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF
SOUTH DAKOTA

Accounts	Current Balance
2100 - Sisseton - Gethsemane	-27,015.06
2140 - Native American Youth Work Fund	-114,290.20
2160 - Mobridge - St. James'	-11,256.14
2170 - Mobridge-St. James' Rectory Fund	-26,213.32
2250 - Chamberlain - Christ Church	-22,282.57
2260 - Gettysburg-Christ Church	-3,370.27
2350 - PRM - St. Julia's	-9,129.06
2355 - Pine Ridge Mission Outreach	-10,207.17
2400 - Rosebud Episcopal Mission	-64,793.72
2500 - Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles	-983.55
2550 - Thunderhead Episcopal Camp	-119,932.97
2600 - Vermillion - Hampl	-28,163.59
2650 - Vermillion-St. Paul's Church	-18,391.97
2700 - Vermillion - Slagle	-17,984.95
2710 - Vermillion - Clem Memorial	-74,324.11
2720 - YM - St. Philips	-10,607.23
2730 - RM - Holy Innocents	-1,073.03
2735 - RM - Holy Spirit	-12,440.92
2740 - Bishop Hare Complex	-216,176.81
2750 - Winner - Trinity	-79,421.76
2760 - Lurvey Memorial Fund	-4,203.54
2765 - Robert Mesteth Memorial	-9,047.75
2770 - Herbert Welsh Memorial Fund	-39,118.90
2780 - Two Hawk/Lambert Memorial Fund	-17,152.38
2785 - Robert Maule Memorial Fund	-37,097.26
2800 - St. Mary's Scholarship Fund	-653,988.03
2820 - Niobrara Youth Fund	-3,627.84
2825 - Niobrara Ministry Fund	-393,006.04
2826 - Bishop Walter Jones' Trust	-26,419.02
2827 - Chapter of Cal. Cathedral-SFACF	-28,416.31
2829 - Ken Owens' Memorial Fund	-2,619.97
2830 - SRM - St. Elizabeth's Scholarship	-16,922.31
2835 - Cheyenne River Mission - Acee Mem.	-2,330.84
2836 - Niobrara School for Ministry Fund	-39,851.38
	-2,141,859.97

2014

October 18—Trinity, Pierre

- Pastoral Care

November 7-8—Calvary Cathedral

- Dakota Experience

November 14-15—Trinity, Pierre

- Certain Special, Seasonal Liturgies

2015

January 17—Trinity, Pierre

- Secrets to Good Liturgy

February 13-14—Trinity, Pierre

- Deacon Craft
- Priest Craft

May 2—Trinity, Pierre

- Marriage Liturgy

May 31-June 5—Thunderhead Camp

- Summer Seminary: Preaching

Niobrara School for Ministry

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

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

Here is the schedule for this upcoming school year:

To register, contact the Diocesan Office. Fees (except for Summer Seminary) are \$15/day.

Questions? Contact Archdeacon Paul Sneve
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**2014 PLEDGE TO THE DIOCESE
June 30, 2014**

	Pledge	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance	ChurchNews	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance
PARISHES:								
Aberdeen - St. Mark's	12,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	60.00	30.00	0.00	60.00
Belle Fourche - St. James'	3,938.00	1,969.00	1,970.00	1,968.00	100.00	50.00	100.00	0.00
Brookings - St. Paul's	12,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	195.00	97.50	195.00	0.00
Deadwood - St. John's	3,911.00	1,955.50	1,955.52	1,955.48	100.00	50.00	49.98	50.02
Huron - Grace	15,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	195.00	97.50	97.50	97.50
Lead - Christ Church	5,748.00	2,874.00	2,874.00	2,874.00	100.00	50.00	100.00	0.00
Mitchell - St. Mary's	2,000.00	1,000.00	833.35	1,166.65	70.00	35.00	70.00	0.00
Mobridge - St. James'	1,927.00	963.50	1,000.00	927.00	30.00	15.00	0.00	30.00
Pierre - Trinity	9,000.00	4,500.00	3,750.00	5,250.00	115.00	57.50	115.00	0.00
Rapid City - Emmanuel	44,466.00	22,233.00	22,233.00	22,233.00	340.00	170.00	0.00	340.00
Rapid City - St. Andrew's	32,344.00	16,172.00	16,281.55	16,062.45	180.00	90.00	180.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Calvary	60,738.00	30,369.00	30,369.00	30,369.00	1,005.00	502.50	530.22	474.78
Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd	14,000.00	7,000.00	7,002.00	6,998.00	35.00	17.50	0.00	35.00
Spearfish - All Angels	27,223.00	13,611.50	27,223.00	0.00	300.00	150.00	300.00	0.00
Sturgis - St. Thomas'	4,668.00	2,334.00	2,334.00	2,334.00	105.00	52.50	105.00	0.00
Watertown - Trinity	100.00	50.00	0.00	100.00	80.00	40.00	0.00	80.00
Winner - Trinity	4,290.00	2,145.00	2,145.00	2,145.00	90.00	45.00	90.00	0.00
Yankton - Christ Church	21,500.00	10,750.00	10,750.03	10,749.97	320.00	160.00	159.50	160.50
TOTAL PARISHES	274,853.00	68,713.25	150,220.45	124,632.55	3,420.00	1,710.00	2,092.20	1,327.80
Chamberlain - Christ Church	3,200.00	1,600.00	1,599.96	1,600.04	125.00	62.50	62.53	62.47
Cheyenne River Mission	1,336.00	668.00	950.00	386.00	365.00	182.50	90.00	275.00
Crow Creek Mission	2,080.00	1,040.00	100.00	1,980.00	210.00	105.00	50.00	160.00
Flandreau - St. Mary's	1,200.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	60.00	30.00	60.00	0.00
Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's	1,800.00	900.00	1,800.00	0.00	60.00	30.00	60.00	0.00
Gregory - Incarnation	500.00	250.00	500.00	0.00	50.00	25.00	50.00	0.00
Herrick - All Saints	252.00	126.00	168.00	84.00	70.00	35.00	60.00	10.00
Hot Springs - St. Luke's	7,050.00	3,525.00	2,937.50	4,112.50	155.00	77.50	155.00	0.00
Lower Brule Mission	2,201.00	1,100.50	0.00	2,201.00	40.00	20.00	0.00	40.00
Madison - Grace	2,161.00	1,080.50	1,875.00	286.00	35.00	17.50	35.00	0.00
Martin - St. Katharine's	4,200.00	2,100.00	1,750.00	2,450.00	200.00	100.00	83.35	116.65
Milbank - Christ Church	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,455.00	1,545.00	90.00	45.00	90.00	0.00
Pine Ridge Mission	2,185.00	1,092.50	968.90	1,216.10	315.00	157.50	138.00	177.00
Rapid City - St. Matthew's	2,300.00	1,150.00	960.00	1,340.00	120.00	60.00	50.00	70.00
Rosebud Mission	4,628.00	2,314.00	1,498.50	3,129.50	120.00	60.00	120.00	0.00
Santee Mission	1,818.00	909.00	149.00	1,669.00	140.00	70.00	140.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	85.00	42.50	85.00	0.00
Sisseton - Gethsemane	500.00	250.00	0.00	500.00	60.00	30.00	0.00	60.00
Sisseton Mission	2,620.00	1,310.00	618.00	2,002.00	60.00	30.00	20.00	40.00
Standing Rock Mission	920.00	460.00	560.40	359.60	160.00	80.00	70.00	90.00
Vermillion - St. Paul's	4,000.00	2,000.00	1,670.00	2,330.00	150.00	75.00	150.00	0.00
Webster - St. Mary's	1,453.00	726.50	600.00	853.00	45.00	22.50	45.00	0.00
Yankton Mission	861.00	430.50	350.00	511.00	175.00	87.50	100.00	75.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	50,265.00	25,132.50	21,110.26	29,154.74	2,890.00	1,445.00	1,713.88	1,176.12
TOTAL PARISH AND MISSIONS	325,118.00	162,559.00	171,330.71	153,787.29	6,310.00	3,155.00	3,806.08	2,503.92

(Convention . . . Continued from page 1)

RESOLUTIONS to date

#1—Submitted by: Diocesan Council

RESOLVED, that the 130th Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota replace Diocesan Canon 13 Region Deanery with the attached Canon 13 (Amended) Regional Deanery.

Explanation: It is our belief that Canon 13 does not reflect the current reality of the deanery system in this diocese. The Amended Canon 13 simplifies the structure and obligations of the Deaneries while retaining their benefit to their members and to the diocese, in terms of ministry, governance, and fellowship.

Impact on Diocesan Budget: None

To read the current Canon 13, check the diocesan website or contact the Diocesan Office for a copy.

Proposed CANON 13 (Amended)

REGIONAL DEANERY

Section 1. Number and Composition

The Diocese shall be divided into geographical regional deaneries. The Diocesan Council, in consultation with the Regional Councils affected, shall determine from time to time, the number of Regional Deaneries, together with their boundaries and names.

Section 2: Membership and Leadership

Each Deanery will have a Regional Council.

- 1) The Bishop shall appoint a Convener every two years for each Regional Deanery.
- 2) Lay delegates to Diocesan Convention (or Alternate should a delegate be unable to attend), elected each year, will also be delegates to the Regional Council in the deanery of which their congregation is a member.
- 3) All clergy in the Deanery shall be delegates to the Regional Council of that Deanery.
- 4) The deanery-elected representative to Diocesan Council shall be a member of the Regional Council.
- 5) In the event that a Regional Deanery shall encompass no more than one mission council as defined in Canon 12-5 and no more than two other congregations, that Regional Deanery may combine Regional Council and Mission Council into one body provid-

ing that the Mission Council and vestries or Bishop's committees of the other congregations concur.

Section 3: Duties

- 1) The Regional Council shall elect a representative to Diocesan Council for a term of four years.
- 2) The Regional Council shall be responsible to see that the programs of the Church and Diocese are being carried out in the Regional Deanery.
- 3) The Regional Council may develop a strategy of church work, church extension and activities, ministry development and related endeavors in the Regional Deanery and administer the programs and directives to attain it. After the development of such plans the same shall be presented annually to the Diocesan Council. The Regional Council may generate funding within its own Regional Deanery for the support of such previously approved plans.
- 4) Rules or activities of the Regional Council shall not be in conflict with the General Convention or Diocesan Constitution and Canons.



WORKSHOPS

Delegates may participate in the Saturday workshop of their choice. An additional workshop has been added to the list contained in the delegate mailing:

Creation Care Network Workshop

A nascent Creation Care network has formed within the Diocese. Creation Care or care of God's Garden implies stewardship of our environment from the parish lawn to planet Earth. A more inclusive term is Eco-Justice, which implies connections between the quality of the environment and quality-of-life issues for humans.

The Diocesan Network organizers, Chuck Berry, Brookings, and Connie Vicuna, Huron, had three goals: 1) find like-minded people who are willing to be active within their congregations in eco-justice education, reflection, and action (see Resolutions of 2007 Diocesan Convention), 2) observe Earth Day Sunday in April with a special event or activity, and 3) meet at Convention to share experiences and foster growth of the network.

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COMMISSION ON MINISTRY Report to 2014 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

Co-Chairs:	Barbee Hovelson
The Rev. Judy Flagstad	The Rev. Michael Johnson
Dottie LeBeau	The Rev. Jean Mornard
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Carol Cloud Eagle	Barb Simpson, Secretary
The Rev. Portia Corbin	The Ven. Paul Sneve
Shirley Crane	

The COM continues to meet twice a year at Trinity Church in Pierre. We are forever 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 the 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 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. Judy Flagstad, Co-Chair
Commission on Ministry

Summary of Diocesan Council Actions Since 2013 Convention

January 25, 2014—Pierre, SD

Action Taken

1. Administrator will research options for dental insurance and offer one or more to employees who wish to purchase it and pay 100% of the premium costs.
2. Put St. Stephen’s, DeSmet buildings and property on the market.
3. Accepted new Bylaws of the Diocesan Council
4. Approved the appointment of 3 persons to the Commission on Ministry
5. Approved the appointment of 1 person to the TEC Board.

Reports Received

1. Revised 2014 budgets for the Chapter & Diocese
2. Year end reports for Diocese
3. Bishop’s Deacon’s Distribution Policy
4. Deanery Restructuring, proposed Canonical change
5. Revised guidelines for discretionary funds (Policy #12)

April 26, 2014—Pierre, SD

Action Taken

1. Set 2014 Diocesan Convention fee at \$60 per person

2. Voted to support a resolution to Convention amending SD Canon 13 (Region Deaneries)
3. Voted to support a resolution to Convention amending SD Canon 29 (Church Records)
4. Approved Revised Policy 12 (Discretionary Funds)
5. Approved Policy #37 (Medical Parity)
6. Approved the gift of Messiah, Lower Brule church building and land.
7. Approved a sabbatical leave for Bishop Tarrant (Oct-Dec 2015)
8. Approved the appointment of 2 persons to the St. Mary's Leadership Development Board

Reports Received

1. Term length and boards/committees structural revision discussion

July 12, 2014—Pierre, SD

Action Taken

1. Voted to sell or auction a house in Edgmont, SD left to the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral to benefit St. Luke's, Hot Springs, after first determining the assessed value of the property.
2. Accepted and approved the proposed 2015 budgets for the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral and the Diocese of South Dakota.
3. Accepted the results of the audit of the financial statements of the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral, Diocese of South Dakota, and South Dakota Episcopal Foundation.

Reports Received

1. Discussion of the most fruitful and prudent way(s) to disseminate news in the diocese.
2. Status report on the sale of the St. Stephen's, DeSmet lot and buildings.
3. Continued exploration of the possible move of the Bishop (and eventually the Bishop's Office) to the Pierre area.
4. Discussion on Deaneries continuing to host diocesan convention.
5. The Deloria family gave permission to rename the former St. Michael's and Blessed Kateri church at the Pierre Learning Center to The Deloria Center. It will be dedicated at the Friday Convention picnic to be held there.

**Ecumenical Relations Committee
Report to 2014 Convention**

The Diocese of South Dakota is a member of the Association of Christian Churches of South Dakota (ACCSD).

This organization is comprised of 9 other denominations with representation from throughout the state. We meet quarterly. Our purpose is to be a ministry of presence, advocacy and support for all in need in the state of South Dakota.

2013-2014 Programs

- Supporting legislation in South Dakota
- Medicaid expansion
- Advocate for food stamps (TANF and SNAP programs) and eliminate increases in food tax
- Support minimum wage raise
- Repeal the death penalty
- End video lottery and predatory lending
- Supporting Prison Ministries
- M-2 and P-2 programs
- Hope Prison Ministry
- New Life Coalition
- Advocacy for Children
- Children At Risk program
- Bread for the World
- Supporting South Dakota Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD).
- Responding to short and long term crisis.
- October 2013 blizzard
- Propane assistance
- Our Diocese received a \$10,000 grant and additional funds from the Episcopal Relief and Development in order to help provide relief for the above needs.
- Supporting the chaplaincy program at Flandreau Indian School
- Addressing issues facing communities in South Dakota that are directly affected by the North Dakota oil boom.
- Increased traffic, growing number of families, impact on schools and roads.
- Distance from emergency services and burdens/stress on emergency responders.
- Increase in sex trafficking.

Other discussion included re-thinking the purpose of ACCSD and services provided this year and in the future, due largely to less involvement and funding by members.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Mercy G. Hobbs
Ecumenical officer

**Niobrara School for Ministry
Report to 2014 Convention**

This year we have continued improving our curriculum and discovering more alternatives for Ministry Training. Of course if we are to take our Baptismal Covenant seri-

ously, all of us are called to Ministry and so our Curriculum needs to be available to everyone. We have developed a 4 Unit Curriculum that uses the skills and support of a local Mentor who then assists with the coursework as well as providing a means for swift evaluations that will help our students to complete their studies in a timely manner without unnecessary delays. Students who are preparing for ordination will be able to be evaluated by the Board of Examining Chaplains as each student completes a class, thus eliminating the need for a lengthy and daunting examination at the end of their training. We have deliberately kept deadline time constraints to a minimum thus allowing the students to still keep their fulltime jobs and maintain existing ministries while working through the courses. It should be stated though, that through steady and consistent interactions between Student, Mentor and NSM Director, excessive delays should be prevented. Recently a Board has been established with the goal of providing oversight and support in the implementation of the new Curriculum.

Summer Seminary

This year, Summer Seminary was held again at Thunderhead Episcopal Center with Dean Ward Simpson teaching "Ethics and Moral Theology". This class was specifically designed to help Lay and Ordained Ministers assess ethical dilemmas being faced by others and then to provide clearly defined options to better aid those facing these dilemmas. We had 16 participants for this event which was a good number for discussions as well as enjoyable fellowship during the entire week. In the evenings, special discussions were held to clarify liturgical questions the students had and help them to refine and improve their home liturgies.

Ministry Weekends

Ministry Weekends attract many different people for many different reasons, but all share a desire to learn more about God's Kingdom. Some of the Ministry Weekends are designed to support the curriculum being studied by some of our students in their home churches. Other Ministry Weekends are offered with the goal of enriching everyone's life in the church. Instructors are chosen not only for their knowledge of the subject matter, but also for their ability to teach in a way that makes the class informative and enjoyable. Ministry Weekends that were offered this year included "Open Spaces/Talking Circles Meeting Process" taught by John Gehm, Diocesan History taught by Archdeacon Paul Sneve, and Church Polity and Administration taught by Canon David Hussey and Diocesan Office Manager Mary Armin.

Dakota Experience

This year's Dakota Experience classes were well attended and well received. One was held in November at the Cathedral in Sioux Falls and the second was held in June at

Emmanuel, Rapid City. This course satisfies the anti-racism requirement for all new employees of the Diocese, but is generally attended mostly by non-employees who are interested in learning more about Native culture in our Diocese. It would be simplistic to state that this class is just an introduction to Lakota culture. This class provides tools that the participants can use to help them interact with all cultures to keep them sensitive to their differences and learn more about their own cultures as well.

Upcoming Year

This next year, we will be offering a number of Ministry Weekends, including "Pastoral Care in the Home and Hospital", "Special Seasonal Liturgies", "Secrets to Good Liturgy", "Priest and Deacon Craft", and "Weddings: the Celebrant's Perspective". Summer Seminary will offer a course on Preaching to be taught by our own Bishop Tarrant, with Seminar Discussions on Occasional Liturgies. This will be the second year since we began using our new curriculum and just as we have implemented changes as we have gone along, we anticipate continually tweaking the program with a desire to provide the most accessible and effective education that can be offered. We have also applied for a number of grants both for individual students as well as for the School in general. A fund raising committee is being formed, both to solicit funds for students as well as to promote the value of the School. Watch for fund raising events to occur across the Diocese.

Extension Curriculum

As stated earlier, our Curriculum is an "Extension" program which means that students will study materials at home with the assistance of a local Mentor who in turn will keep the Director and Registrar, as well as the Commission on Ministry (if necessary), informed to their students' progress. The entire Curriculum is designed to satisfy the Canonical Areas of learning for ordination (Diaconal and Priestly) although everyone is welcome to participate in the program. Each Unit of the Curriculum is designed to take about a year, but students can go at their own pace.

The following is an outline of new Curriculum:

Unit 1

- Old Testament Studies
- New Testament Studies
- Exegesis and Biblical Criticism

Unit 2

- Early Church History
- History of the Episcopal Church in Europe & America
- History of the Diocese of South Dakota
- Introduction to Theology
- Lakota Theology

Unit 3
Ethics and Moral Theology
Liturgy, Church Music and Worship
Preaching

Unit 4
Pastoral Care
Spirituality
Social Issues
Church Polity, Constitution and Canons
Theory and Practice of Ministry
Church Administration
Specific Diaconal or Priestly Studies and Training

Also required:
Dakota Experience
Safeguarding God’s Children, Safe Church Training
Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training

**Official Acts of the Bishop
2013-2014
Report to 2014 Diocesan Convention**

Consents:

Resignation of The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan, Bishop of Central Gulf Coast (10/3/13)
Resignation of The Rt. Rev. Paul V. Marshall, Bishop of Bethlehem (10/3/13)
Election of Matthew Alan Gunter to be Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac (12/10/13)
Election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of South-east Florida (12/12/13)
Election of Allen K. Shin to be Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of New York (12/26/13)
Resignation of the Rt. Rev. Nathan D. Baxter, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania (1/11/14)
Resignation of the Rt. Rev. James J. Shand, Bishop of Easton (1/22/14)
Election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of West Texas (3/4/14)
Election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of the Dominican Republic (4/15/14)
Election of Alan M. Gates to be Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts (5/29/14)
Election of Heather Elizabeth Cook to be Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Maryland (6/11/14)
Election of Brian R. Seage to be Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi (6/24/14)

Election of Robert Stuart Skirving to be Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina (7/8/14)
Resignation of the Rt. Rev. M. Thomas Shaw, Bishop of Massachusetts (7/17/14)
Confirmed/Received: 55 persons (reported to Diocesan Office)
Ordained to the Priesthood:
The Rev. Portia Corbin on 12/21/2013
Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate:
Richard G. Zephier on 1/19/2014
Sam Adams on 5/31/2014
Clergy Transferred Out:
The Rev. Jackie Bernacchi to Diocese of Minnesota
The Rev. Liam Muller to Diocese of Vermont

Clergy Transferred In:
Deacon Jerlyn Williams from Diocese of Maine

Church Opened/Consecrated:
Tiwahe ed Wacekiyapi, Norris

Church Deconsecrated:
St. Stephen’s, DeSmet
St. Luke’s, Iron Lightning

Approval of Re-marriage After Divorce: 9

Licensed 245 Lay Ministers

**Canon to the Ordinary
Report to Diocesan Convention - 2014**

Congregations and Clergy in Transition

Emmanuel, Rapid City
The Rev. Chris Roussell is the new Rector of Emmanuel, where Fr. Chris and his family are a delightful and welcome addition to the Diocese and community.

Mni Sose Cluster
The Rev. Kim Fonder is serving as Part-time Interim Priest in Charge of the Cluster, following the retirement of the Rev. Liz Powers. I am working with the Mission Council to seek their guidance as to how they wish to proceed in the search process.

St. Mark’s, Aberdeen
2014 began with the Ordination in January of The Rev. Deacon Richard Zephier as Transitional Deacon. St. Mark’s continues to grow in strength and faith through their ministries of outreach and hospitality and the engag-

ing preaching of their new Deacon.

St. Mary's, Mitchell

The Rev. Liam Muller has accepted a call in the Diocese of Vermont and will begin serving a Parish in Rutland, VT on September 1, 2014. Bishop John is working with St. Mary's as they prepare for the search process for their next Rector and to help in providing pastoral coverage during the interim.

St. Matthew's, Rapid City

The Rev. Cliff Moore of the Diocese of Wyoming is serving as Interim Vicar of St. Matthew's, a half-time position, and commutes from his home in Wyoming to live in St. Matthew's Vicarage and provide leadership and pastoral care for the congregation.

St. Paul's, Brookings

The Rev. Larry Ort was called to be Rector of St. Paul's in March of 2014 and along with his wife Judy is settling into the parish and community.

St. Paul's, Vermillion

The Ven. Paul M. Sneve, began serving as Vicar of St. Paul's in January 2014 and continues to serve the Diocese as Archdeacon with responsibilities for the Niobrara School for Ministry and Dakota Experience.

Trinity, Watertown

The Rev. Portia Corbin and her husband Chris have moved to Watertown, where Portia is serving as Vicar of Trinity, Watertown in addition to her Diocesan Staff responsibilities.

Trinity, Winner and Holy Spirit, Ideal

In May, The Rev. Stan Woolley and his wife Pat retired to South Carolina after having served well and faithfully with great energy and enthusiasm for over five years in their congregations and the larger Diocese. The Rev. Annie Henninger of the Rosebud Mission is serving as Interim for Winner and Ideal.

Other Ministries

- Transition Ministry - searching for and recruiting new clergy for the Diocese
- Pastoral Support and Spiritual Direction for Clergy
- Supply Ministry at congregations in Transition and for Clergy on leave or vacation
- St. Mary's Hospital, Pierre - volunteer Chaplain
- Pierre Police Department - volunteer Chaplain

Thunderhead Episcopal Center Board Report to 2014 Convention

The TEC Board is a separate non-profit organization but

is subject to the approval of elections and decisions made from the Bishop and the Diocesan Council. The Board meets on a quarterly basis. The members of the Board are David Wheeler (Chair), The Rev. Portia Corbin, Don Metcalf Pat LeBeau, Tamara Fonder, The Rev. Mercy Hobbs, Chris Soukup, Julie Gehm, Gladys Hawk, and Doris White.

The Board met this year to discuss and participate in the following:

- Marketing TEC. Promoting TEC included contacting S.D. Tourism, ecumenical groups around the state, church retreat network, brochures, Facebook, email "blasts", congregations in the Diocese and by word of mouth. Currently a website for TEC is being set up which will further inform people about the camp.
- Fundraising. Donations received for the ministry of TEC included having TEC Sundays, donation containers in each congregation, and putting aside \$1.00 a day. Income was received from the leasing of TEC land and renting the camp for family reunions, weddings, retreats and those attending rallies in the Black Hills. Another part of fundraising for TEC has been making donations to the endowment as well as legacy giving.
- Adopt-a-Cabin project. This project has been very successful. The six camper cabins have been adopted by individuals, families and deaneries within the Diocese. The cost of adopting a cabin is \$1,220.00 to purchase materials to insulate, maintain and repair each building. Each cabin will have a plaque placed on it with the names of those who adopted it.
- TEC Workdays. Throughout the summer, dates were designated for making repairs and maintaining the camp site. TEC Board members and groups throughout the Diocese helped volunteer their time to be on site to do much needed repairs and upkeep. Thank you to everyone who helped out!

2014 Summer Camping Season

TEC held three camps this year. The three were the High School, Middle School/Confirmation and 5th & 6th Grade/Family Camps. Under the direction and guidance from The Rev. Portia Corbin, Missioner for Youth and Young Adults, and Don Metcalf, facilities manager, it was a great season! A total of ninety campers came from all over the Diocese making it a record year for attendance since 2004!

Transportation to TEC

Getting campers to TEC has always been a challenge. Individuals or congregations have provided transportation

to and from camp. The Board would like to thank the following people and congregations for providing and volunteering their time to do this:

- Calvary Cathedral for providing rental vans and drivers for the last two years.
- Mni Sose Cluster for obtaining vans from the Tribe.
- Countless individuals who used their own vehicles.

A future goal of counselor and camper exchange is in process with the Dioceses of Wyoming and Northern Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Mercy Hobbs
TEC Board secretary

The State of Youth and Young Adult Ministry in South Dakota Report to 2014 Convention

Thunderhead Episcopal Center

I am thrilled to announce that there has been a significant increase in participation from all across the diocese at TEC. For example, in 2007 there were zero campers at Family Camp. In 2013 there were four families for a total of 18 people. This year 40 people were at Family Camp. In the 2014 season, TEC saw a total of 90 campers—the largest numbers in nearly a decade.

In the past few years, we have worked hard to set a precedent for safe church practices with all staff at Thunderhead. This commitment has recreated a culture of trust and community—making TEC a safe and welcoming place of pilgrimage for our young people. In fact, 85% of campers reported that camp is special because of the people—and the new friends that they make while at camp.

With a framework of living together in love and community, campers build real and meaningful relationships with each other. Using a framework of relationship and prayer twice a day—using music from the Taizé community and the Lakota hymnal—campers participate in something much larger than themselves.

TEC, however, would not be what it is without the people who participate in many ways—whether as campers, parents, visitors, work weekend crews, or staff. A very special thank you is necessary to the amazing young adults who give up their time and talents to be with campers throughout the season. These young adults are absolutely essential, and camp would not be possible without their

love, friendship, and commitment. Thank you to Mikayla Dunfee, Taylor Andrade, Miranda Marks, Cassie Boetcher, Christopher Soukup, Joe Skinner, Kyle Hawk-Bear, Kennen Block, and Tom Emanuel—for all that they are, and all that they do to make camp special.

Rosebud Young Adult Intentional Community:

The Members of the Young Adult Intentional Community in Mission—Kieran Conroy, Taylor Andrade, and Anna Robinson—spent the year listening, asking questions, and continuing the exploration of this community.

With an emphasis on prayer, listening, and hospitality, members of the community are able to enter into meaningful relationships with each other, the Rosebud community, and those who come to visit.

This year, members of the community found themselves engaging in the larger Rosebud Community in exciting ways. Anna Robinson volunteered at the local radio station—offering her musical talents to the listening area. Kieran Conroy accepted a position with the local school district where he tutors local children. Similarly, Taylor Andrade worked for the Boys and Girls Club of Mission. The individual gifts, interests, and talents of the community members continue to shape who they are and what they do. The community has chosen to re-name themselves Wopila House, which represents deep thankfulness to God and each other.

Special thanks to Bill Tesch and the ELCA for continuing to support, encourage, and walk alongside us in this ministry.

Taizé and Campus ministry:

Since the Taizé Pine Ridge meeting last year, we have continued our relationship with the brothers of the Taizé community in France. In July, a small group returned to Taizé to visit the brothers—as well as participate in the communal life of prayer, work, and study. Nearly 3,000 other young adults from all across the world were visiting Taizé at the time, and this afforded unbelievable opportunities for friendship and fellowship.

Taizé has become an important part of our diocese in recent years—particularly for Young Adults. Through the Taizé model, young adults are able to meet other young people from across the world as they listen to one another, ask questions, and pray together.

This friendship and fellowship continues throughout the state with vibrant prayer ministries. Many young adults from different denominations gather for Taizé prayer services held in many different areas such as USD, SDSU, South Dakota School of Mines, and Calvary Cathedral.

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I thank each of you for supporting and encouraging youth and young adult ministries in this diocese.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Portia Corbin

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Creation Care Network members will get together at the Annual Convention in Pierre to accomplish their third goal. Others interested in Creation Care are welcome to attend.

The Creation Care Workshop will have three parts.

- Charles Berry, St Paul’s in Brookings will briefly cover the history of the “greening of religion.”
- Rev. Larry Ort of St Paul’s in Brookings will speak about the eco-justice theme in the Bible.
- Members of the Creation Care network (Calvary Cathedral Sioux Falls, Emmanuel Rapid City, Trinity Pierre, St Paul’s Brookings and Grace Huron) will share their Earth Day Sunday experiences and other activities they have done to foster Creation Care thinking in their congregations.

Come to the Creation Care Network Workshop to learn more about this growing Network and their mission.

OTHER WORKSHOPS

1. Members of the NE Deanery members will be putting on a workshop: “Simple Directions for beginning Altar Guild members” to show new members, especially in small churches, how to take care of the altar. A simple manual will cover setting up the altar in easy steps, as well as some simple explanations of how and why certain things are done. Come see what happens “behind the scenes” every Sunday morning.
2. The Stewardship Committee will present a workshop entitled, “Walking the Way of Stewardship.”

3. "Being a Missionary in the 21st Century". AnnRae Herr from Watertown will offer a workshop on using the internet as an outreach tool - showing why we should be using this media, how to setup and use Facebook, sites for free websites, website building, and becoming more visible on the internet. The workshop will be a PowerPoint presentation with a booklet to take home.
4. Gladys Hawk, Wakpala, will continue her series on the translation of English hymns to the Dakota language for the Dakota Hymnal.
5. Anti-Racism, by Anti-Racism group
6. Simple Sunday School — all you need in order to have Christian Education and Formation for children – anywhere, anytime, by anyone, for one child or a roomful. Led by the Rev. Portia Corbin.



Convention Choir

If you would like to sing in the Convention Choir during the Eucharist on Saturday (Sept 27), please contact AnnRae Herr at himnherr81@aim.com. She will send you a copy of the anthem.



Registration

Register for convention online at www.diocesesd.org under Admin/Resources.

Going Toward Paperless



Much convention material will be projected onto screens, but if you are more comfortable with printed material, bring your prayer book and hymnals (and the convention materials) with you.

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worship services discontinued several years ago. Canon David Hussey began using the space for his office.

The large meeting area was converted into a smaller meeting area and the addition of two bedrooms, thanks to Pat LeBeau. B.C.U. and Niobrara Council now hold their meetings in this reconstituted space, and Diocesan staff uses it when needing to spend overnights in Pierre. On Friday, September 26th, at Noon we will rededicate and rename the building The Deloria Center. The Deloria family have had a major impact on the church, nation and world through their dedicated efforts as clergy, educators, lawyers, anthropologists, and authors. Philip Deloria (Tipi Sapa) became an Episcopal priest in 1892 and his figure is included in the 98 saints of the ages carved in the reredos at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. He is only one of three Americans so designated. Archdeacon

Vine Deloria, Sr. served as a priest of the original St. Michael's Church in Pierre.

These are only small steps as we move the Diocese more deeply into the twenty-first century where we discover that the church is not being called to be a great institution, but rather the call is to be more faithfully the body of Christ living into the Kingdom of God. I think we will find that that is more than enough to keep us busy.

God's peace be with you,

+John

**What we mean when we say God is "never changing" and the world is "ever-changing" is a necessary reflection, but not in this piece.*

**Bishop's visitation & travel
dates in bold letters**

Diocesan Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Sep 1 Diocesan Office closed
 Sep 5-6 Commission on Ministry, Pierre
Sep 7 Bishop visits Hot Springs
 Sep 6, 13, 14 Pre-Convention Deanery Meetings
 Sep 25-26 Clergy Conference, Pierre
 Sep 26 Picnic! in Pierre
 Sep 26-27 Diocesan Annual Convention
Sep 28 Bishop visits Ft. Pierre & Holy Name

OCTOBER

Oct 5 Bishop visits Rosebud Mission (East)
 Oct 10 *ChurchNews* deadline, Nov/Dec issue
Oct 12 Bishop visits Emmanuel, Rapid City
 Oct 13 Diocesan Office closed
 Oct 18 Ministry Weekend—Pastoral Care
Oct 19 Bishop visits Pine Ridge Mission
 Oct 21 Reservation Mission Clergy meeting
Oct 26 Bishop visits Sturgis

NOVEMBER

Nov 2 Bishop visits Good Shepherd, SF
 Nov 7-8 Mega Meeting, Pierre
 Nov 7-8 Dakota Experience, Sioux Falls
Nov 9 Bishop visits Cheyenne River Mission
 Nov 11 Diocesan Office closed
 Nov 14-15 Ministry Weekend—Liturgy

Nov 16 Bishop visits Aberdeen
Nov 23 Bishop visits Yankton
 Nov 27-28 Diocesan Office Closed

DECEMBER

Dec 7 Bishop visits Yankton/Santee Missions
 Dec 10 Deadline for *ChurchNews*
Dec 14 Bishop visits Huron
Dec 21 Bishop visits Winner/Ideal
 Dec 25 Diocesan Office closed

JANUARY 2015

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

FEBRUARY

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



Nomination Form
2014 Annual Diocesan Convention
DEADLINE: September 26

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

e-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Congregation/City: _____

Nominated by:

(Signature)

___ **Yes, I accept this nomination:**

(Signature)

I nominate this person for:

Standing Committee (terms expire 2018)

- ___ 1 Clergy (Priest or Deacon) to fill 4 year term
- ___ 1 Lay person to fill 4 year term (term expires

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UTO TABLE AT CONVENTION 2014

There will be a table for UTO at the convention in Pierre again this year. Please stop and pick up a packet of information and samples of UTO materials. There are instructions provided as well that will make your ordering much easier.

We hope to have Father Kim Fonder and Father Rob Schwarz give brief updates on the UTO grant work being done at Holy Comforter, Lower Brule, and St. Peters Church, McLaughlin.

Even though the Diocese of South Dakota did not receive a grant this year, we are so very thankful for previous grants received over the years.

As the year winds down, don't forget to drop those coins in the Blue Box as you give thanks for all of your blessings.

We will see you in Pierre.
 Sincerely,
 Diana Regan, UTO Coordinator
 Diocese of SD