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New Presiding Bishop Elected



Presiding Bishop-Elect Michael Curry with Bishop John Tarrant at the 2015 General Convention in Salt Lake City.

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The Installation of Bishop Curry as the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church will be at noon on Sunday, November 1, 2015 (All Saints Day) at the Washington National Cathedral. A reception on the cathedral campus will be held immediately after the service. Bishop Tarrant, while on sabbatical, will attend this service.

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Easy Summertime Living

This has been an active summer. It began May 29th with work weekend at Thunderhead Camp. A few volunteers accomplished a great amount of work as we got TEC ready for one of the largest camp seasons in a long, long time. Summer seminary followed, the first week of June. Archdeacon Paul Sneve and I offered an opportunity for several enthusiastic participants to explore the art and practice of preaching.

I officiated at the marriage of Fr. Michael Johnson and Cathy Koch on the afternoon of Sunday, June 7th, a joyous occasion for all. I made my annual Sunday visitation to the churches in Lead, Deadwood and Hot Springs, respectively, all before heading to the Niobrara Convocation on Standing Rock Mission, June 18th through June 21st.

We were blessed to have three bishops attend this year's Convocation. Bishop Michael Smith, North Dakota; Bishop Jeffery Rowthorn, retired bishop of the Convocation of the Episcopal Churches in Europe, and his wife Anne; and Bishop Stephen Charleston, former bishop of Alaska, and his wife Susan. Bishop Stephen Charleston was our preacher at the Sunday Eucharist which was both an inspiration and treat to those who attended. He had been ordained at St. Elizabeth's in Wakpala over thirty years ago.

On the Tuesday following Convocation I was off to Salt Lake City for the Episcopal Church's 78th General Convention. Niobrara Convocation and General Convention are opposite types of church events. You can attend Convocation for the cost of gas, if you camp. General Convention is designed for the economically privileged (our Diocese pays most of the expenses for our deputies or it would be unaffordable). Convocation is highly relational with a little bit of church business thrown in; General



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

Convention is heavily business and highly political with relationships happening more by accident than design. Both events had wonderful worship experiences for those who were open to the Spirit and it is our "common prayer" that brings unity in the midst of our diversity.

The high point for me was the election the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, as our next Presiding Bishop. He was elected on the first ballot by a large majority of voting bishops. Bishop Curry has a deep faith in Christ Jesus and a powerful evangelical style of preaching. He is a witness and example to many of us of "faith in action." Bishop Curry will begin this leadership position November 1, 2015 with an Investiture Service at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC.

General Convention had over 400 resolutions to consider along with other business to conduct. This overloaded agenda gave little time for deep discussion on significant discernment about some very important issues. Unfortunately, this model of decision making leaves many of us feeling like much is done, but little accomplished. The king-

"At camp I learned that I am a child of God who is blessed and loved."

-- High School Camper

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TRANSITIONS



- **The Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes** (St. Andrew's, Rapid City) will be moving to Wisconsin to take a new position beginning September 1.
- Need to call the Diocesan Office? The Pierre office number is 605-494-2020. Or continue using the same phone number (605-338-9751) for a while. Through the marvels of modern science and technology, you will be connected immediately or with a push of a button to Barney in Sioux Falls or the Bishop's office in Pierre.

The "old" fax number (605-336-6243) will go to the machine in Sioux Falls. A new fax number (605-494-2025) will connect you to a machine in Pierre.

Emails for the Administrative Assistant, the Bishop, the Administrator, the Missioner for Youth & Young Adults, the Canon to the Ordinary & Transition Officer, and the Archdeacon will remain the same:

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- Introducing **Marlys Fratzke**:

We welcome **Marlys Fratzke** to the position of Administrative Assistant. She began in the Pierre office on August 17.

Marlys may be new to the Diocesan Office, but she is no stranger to the Episcopal Church or to Pierre. Born and raised in Fort Pierre, Marlys has been an active Episcopalian throughout her life. She is currently a member of Trinity and just completed two terms on Diocesan Council, representing the Central Deanery.

Marlys has worked as a Unit Secretary at the Avera St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre since 1994 so she has

the experience and qualities important to assisting the Bishop, Diocesan staff, and the Diocese in the ministry we are called to do.

Mary Armin feels very confident in turning the reins over to Marlys, and knows the diocese will have patience while she transitions. She also knows that Marlys will be working with and for the very best bunch of people ever.

Tom Campbell celebrates 50 years

Father Tom Campbell celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate of the Episcopal Church during the high school camp at Thunderhead Episcopal Center in June. He was there to be with the current Director, the Rev. Portia Corbin, one of his former campers. It was a joy for him to join the young people who included three from his last parish in Deadwood.

Fr. Tom was ordained at Good Shepherd Church in Sioux Falls on June 11, 1965, by Bishop Conrad H. Gesner after graduating from the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Interestingly, he began his ordained ministry as the Director of the Camp and Conference Center of the Diocese of Newark that first summer. On September 1, he and his family moved to Sioux Falls, where Fr. Tom served as the Curate at the Cathedral and was ordained priest on December 20. In 1966 he became the Rector of his home parish, All Angels, in Spearfish. Over the years he directed camp on both the old and new sites of Thunderhead. After a ministry often focused on youth in Episcopal schools, camps and institutions, he and Elizabeth moved back to South Dakota in 1998 to retire in the Black Hills.



On top, Joel Walker
Under the "camp bell" (gong), the Rev. Portia Corbin, Kiara Stone, Kaleb Walker, and Fr. Campbell.

Ministry Weekends Fall 2015

Sept 11-12 Suicide Prevention
Oct 2-3 Hospital/Home Visits: Practical Guide
Nov 20-21 Holistic Self Care: Mind, Body, Spirit
Dec 12 Introduction to the Canons
& Title IV Training

Niobrara School for Ministry Registration

Mail this information to:
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Course I am registering for:

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Dakota Experience

Though technically not a part of the Niobrara School for Ministry, Dakota Experience is an educational course open to anyone interested in the culture, history, spirituality, and theology of the Dakota/Lakota people.

It is required for people in the ordination process and for clergy new to the diocese.

Cost is \$30 which covers 2 meals. The session begins at 5:30 pm on Friday with supper, and ends about 2:00 pm on Saturday, after lunch.

2015 Dates

Nov 6-7—Calvary Cathedral
March—Emmanuel, Rapid City



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General Convention wrap-up: Historic actions, structural changes

**NORTH CAROLINA BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY
ELECTED PRESIDING BISHOP**

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BUDGET EMPHASIZES RACIAL RECONCILIATION, EVANGELISM

The General Convention adopted the 2016-2018 triennial budget July 2 after agreeing to add \$2.8 million for evangelism work. While the addition passed with relatively little debate in the House of Deputies, it faced some opposition in the House of Bishops. The 2016-2018 triennial budget is based on \$125,083,185 in revenue, compared to the forecasted \$118,243,102 for the triennium that ends Dec. 31 of this year. The expenses are projected to be \$125,057,351. The budget comes in with a negligible surplus of \$25,834. Its revenue projection is based in part on asking the church's dioceses and regional mission areas to give 18 percent of their income to fund the 2016 budget, 16.5 percent for the 2017 budget and 15 percent in 2018.

The version of the budget presented July 1 by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance (PB&F) also included a major new \$2 million initiative on racial justice and reconciliation, even as it reduces the amount of money it asks dioceses to contribute to 15 percent by 2018.

MANDATORY ASSESSMENT

General Convention made mandatory the current voluntary diocesan budgetary asking system for the 2019-2021 budget cycle and imposed penalties for noncompliance. The mandatory assessment will not apply to the upcoming 2016-2018 triennial budget, but becomes effective Jan. 1, 2019. Without getting a waiver, a diocese that does not pay the full assessment will be unable to get grants or loans from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society unless the Executive Council specifically approves disbursing the money. (The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society is the name under which The Episcopal Church is incorporated, conducts business, and carries out mission.)

The resolution allows the council to begin granting waivers to dioceses that do not pay, based on financial hardship, beginning Jan. 1, 2016. Council agreed in January to create a so-called Diocesan Assessment Review Committee to work with dioceses that do not meet the full church-wide asking. The resolution also agrees to study the issue of whether the House of Deputies president ought to receive a salary.

DIVEST FROM FOSSIL FUELS, REINVEST IN RENEWABLES

General Convention passed two resolutions aimed at environmentally responsible investing and creating a climate change advisory committee.

- Resolution C045 calls upon the Investment Committee of Executive Council, the Episcopal Church Endowment Fund and the Episcopal Church Foundation "to divest from fossil fuel companies and reinvest in clean renewable energy in a fiscally responsible manner."
- Resolution A030 calls for the creation of a climate change advisory committee with one representative from each of The Episcopal Church's nine provinces. The resolution also calls on each province to create a Regional Consultative Group composed "of no fewer than five experts in areas of environmental sustainability appropriate to the demographic, ecological, cultural and geographic specifics of each region."

AGREES TO MAJOR STRUCTURAL CHANGES

The General Convention approved two resolutions making major changes to the structure of The Episcopal Church.

- Substitute Resolution A004 slightly expands Executive Council's appointment power concerning three members of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society's executive staff, including the chief operating officer, chief financial officer and chief legal officer (a position created in the resolution).
- Substitute Resolution A006 reduces the number of the church's standing commissions from 14 to two. The two would be the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons, and the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music. The presiding bishop and House of Deputies president would appoint study committees and task forces to complete the work called for by a meeting of General Convention, with council's approval. All of those bodies would expire at the start of the next General Convention unless they are renewed.

OPPOSE DIVESTMENT IN ISRAEL, PALESTINE

The House of Bishops sent a strong and clear message July 2 that divestment from companies and corporations engaged in certain business related to the State of Israel is not in the best interests of The Episcopal Church, its partners in the Holy Land, interreligious relations, and the lives of Palestinians on the ground.

- The bishops rejected Substitute Resolution D016, which would have called on the Executive Council's Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to develop a list of U.S. and foreign corporations that provide goods and services that support the infrastructure of Israel's occupation "to monitor its investments and apply its CSR policy to any possible future

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investments” in such companies.

- General Convention passed two resolutions on peace-making. Substitute Resolution B013, proposed by Bishop Nicholas Knisely of Rhode Island, “reaffirms the vocation of the Church as an agent of reconciliation and restorative justice,” and recognizes that “meaningful reconciliation can help to engender sustainable, long-lasting peace and that such reconciliation must incorporate both political action and locally driven grassroots efforts.”
- Resolution C018 expresses solidarity with and support for Christians in Israel and the Israeli-occupied territories; affirms the work of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem in healing, education, and pastoral care; and affirms the work of Christians engaged in relationship building, interfaith dialogue, nonviolence training, and advocacy for the rights of Palestinians. The resolution also urges Episcopalians to demonstrate their solidarity by making pilgrimage to the Holy Land and learning from fellow Christians in the region.

PLANS TO BE CREATED FOR PRAYER BOOK, HYMNAL REVISION

General Convention 2015 took a step toward revising the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and The Hymnal 1982, directing the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to prepare plans for revising each and to present them to the next convention in Austin, Texas, in 2018.

- Among other liturgical issues, the convention directs bishops to find ways for congregations without clergy to receive Communion, but the House of Bishops defeated proposals to allow unbaptized people to receive Holy Communion or to study the issue.
- The convention approved making available a revised version of “Holy Women, Holy Men” with additional saints’ commemorations but left “Lesser Feasts and Fasts” as the church authorized supplemental calendar of commemorations. The revised “Holy Women, Holy Men,” is called “A Great Cloud of Witnesses.”

CONVENTION TAKES A FIRST STEP, ADMITS: ‘ALCOHOL AFFECTS US ALL’

General Convention passed three resolutions on the issue of alcohol and drug abuse.

- Resolution D014 recommends that ordinands should be questioned at the very beginning of the discernment process about addiction and substance use in their lives and family systems.
- The bishops also passed Resolution A159, which acknowledges the church’s role in the culture of alcohol and drug abuse.

- Resolution A158, to create a task force to review and revise policy on substance abuse, addiction and recovery, passed with one amendment

MARRIAGE EQUALITY

The following is from Bishop Tarrant:

In the wake of the June 26th U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalizing same-sex marriage for all Americans, the General Convention followed suit on July 1st with canonical and liturgical changes. These changes provide the opportunity for all Episcopalian couples, regardless of gender, to have equal access to the marriage rites of the church.

Both the House of Deputies and House of Bishops approved a canonical change eliminating gender specific language in regards to marriage (Resolution A036). Both Houses also authorized for trial use two new marriage rites with language suitable for either same-sex or opposite-sex couples (Resolution A054). These two liturgies are authorized for used after Advent I 2015.

This has been a very divisive issue for the church. Many people rejoiced at these decisions; many people felt these decisions go against core church teachings. This is not the first time in church history where decisions were made that caused great consternation and I am sure it will not be the last.

In our baptism liturgy we proclaim “one Lord, one Faith and one Baptism.” Our Lord is Jesus, our faith is in Jesus, and we are baptized as Jesus commanded in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. To maintain our unity in the midst of our diversity in the Diocese of South Dakota, both congregation and clergy retain the prerogative to not allow or officiate at same-sex marriages. Both congregation and clergy also have the prerogative to allow or officiate at same-sex marriages. This discernment should take place in the midst of prayer and teaching. The bishop will address this issue further at the clergy conference to take place just before Diocesan Convention.



The South Dakota Deputation (L-R):

Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes, Rick Lutes, Twilla Two Bulls, Canon David Hussey, Rev. Kim Fonder, Don Metcalf, Tamara Fonder, Bishop Tarrant, Archdeacon Paul Sneve.

2014 Convention Minutes

**The Diocese of South Dakota
Diocesan Convention
26-27 September 2014
Ramkota Hotel, Pierre, SD**

Plenary Session I:

Canon David Hussey opened the session with prayer, and Bishop John Tarrant called the 130th annual convention to order.

He thanked the Northeast Deanery, the hosts of this year's convention for all their work, including the clergy dinner last night, which was wonderful.

Bishop Tarrant introduced the head table: The Rev. Lauren Stanley is the convention secretary, David Wheeler is the parliamentarian in the absence of Steve Sanford, Chancellor, and David Hussey, the canon to the ordinary, is dispatch of business. If anyone has a request for time to speak or to get a message to the bishop, it's most helpful if you talk to David Hussey.

The pages were introduced. They will help pass out and pick up ballots and other material, and can also be summoned by raising the yellow card on each table.

Bishop Tarrant introduced convention guests:

- Bishop David Zelmer of the ELCA, South Dakota Synod will be the preacher at Saturday's Eucharist. David has been a friend and a colleague of Bishop Tarrant since their time in Pierre. David was the chief pastor at Lutheran Memorial Church in the time before he was elected bishop of the ELCA. He is a good person and has helped facilitate a restoration of our relationship with the ELCA.
- Aníbal and Barbara Deloria Sánchez are also visiting here, to be present at the dedication of the Deloria Center on Sully Avenue at noon today in honor of the Deloria family, who have had a significant impact on the church, the nation and the world. It honors the Diocese to honor them.

He passed along the regrets of clergy who could not attend the convention: John Keyes, Pat White Horse-Carda, Liz Powers, Les Campbell, Judy Graves, Marty Garwood, Craig West, and Sandy Williams.

Bishop Tarrant announced some new clergy or new positions:

- Richard Zephier was ordained this past year to the transitional diaconate.
- Sam Adams, who is on staff at St. George's, Nash-

- ville, was ordained to the transitional diaconate in May. He will be ordained to the priesthood about Dec. 11 in Nashville by the bishop of Tennessee.
- Cliff Moore is serving as interim at St. Matthew's, Rapid City.
- Paul Sneve was installed as vicar in St. Paul's, Vermillion.
- Portia Corbin was just recently installed as vicar of Trinity, Watertown. She is also the youth and young adult missionary for the Diocese.
- Chris Roussel was installed as rector of Emmanuel, Rapid City. One year ago today, he was received as a priest in the Episcopal Church.
- Jeri Williams transferred from the Diocese of Maine, and is serving at Good Shepherd in Sioux Falls.
- Judy Graves transferred from the Cathedral to Good Shepherd in Sioux Falls.
- Virginia Bird transferred from St. Andrew's to Emmanuel, Rapid City.
- Larry Ort is priest in charge of St. Paul's, Brookings.

The clergy or personnel who left the Diocese since last convention:

- Liam Miller resigned from Mitchell to take position in Rutland, VT.
- Jackie Bernacchi transferred from Trinity, Watertown, to the Diocese of Minnesota.
- Stan Woolley and his wife, Pat, retired to be closer to family in South Carolina.
- Liz Powers retired as priest in charge of Mni Sose Cluster.

Clergy deaths:

- Rev. David Schmidt of Pierre.

Other transitions:

- Rosebud Mission: St. Thomas, Corn Creek, and St. Paul's, Norris, have a new joint ministry in a new building in Norris, called Tiwahe ed Wacikiyapi (Family Worship). They are maintaining their historic buildings as well.
- The building at St. Luke's, Iron Lighting, was deconsecrated. It was not being used as it wasn't a safe facility.
- St. Stephen's, DeSmet, building was deconsecrated. The congregation elected to hold services at the nursing home.

The Bishop went over the highlights of the schedule for the remainder of the day and then introduced the Rev. Tim Fountain who gave an update on the Rebuilding South Sudan through Education project. He ended by thanking everyone for their support of this project for

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many years, with a special thank you to the Church of the Holy Apostles in Sioux Falls, the epicenter for all this. For 14 years, they have hosted the Dinka service.

Bishop Tarrant added that through a grant through the Episcopal Church Center, the diocese has been able to offer Father Abraham Mayom a small grant after all these years. So he need work only part-time to meet his needs. We hope to be able to stipend him more fully so that he can further develop that congregation. He has taken some courses through Sioux Falls seminary, with Father Tim mentoring him. They have the largest number of young adults – under the age of 40 – of any congregation in the Diocese of South Dakota. They have twice the number of young adults of any congregation in the Diocese of South Dakota. In fact, they have three times the number of young adults of any congregation in the Diocese of South Dakota. God has blessed this diocese. There are not too many times when you have a congregation laid in your midst. We have been blessed and we hope to honor that blessing by encouraging that congregation as it serves our Lord.

Diana Regan, UTO Officer, reported that \$225 was collected last year from the blue boxes on the tables at convention. Bishop Tarrant reminded everyone that we should be grateful. One of the ways we expressed our thanks is by giving. The Diocese of South Dakota has been a regular recipient of UTO grants. The UTO grants committee has blessed us by supporting many projects (church renovation at Lower Brule, the parish hall in McLaughlin). Because we have been so blessed by UTO, we have a higher obligation to give to the UTO.

Bishop's Address

Rev. Portia Corbin led the Compline service, and the Convention was declared in recess until 8:30 Saturday morning, when we gather for Morning Prayer.

Saturday, September 27, 2014

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:40 a.m. Area blackout.
9:23 a.m. Power back on.

PLENARY SESSION II

The Bishop called the session back to order after the overnight recess. (9:30 a.m.)

He designated the offering from the day's Eucharist be used toward enlarging the basketball court at TEC to full-

size, a frequent request from campers. Rosebud Mission will provide the basketballs. He also encouraged prayerful donations to TEC for camper scholarships and other expenses.

Credentials committee report:

David Wheeler: Our credentials committee has reported that of 75 potential clergy delegates, 40 are present for 53 percent. Of 140 potential laity delegates, 100 are present, or 71 percent. It appears we have a quorum.

Parliamentarian report:

David Wheeler reviewed the rules of order for the convention which are found at the end of the diocesan canons. They are in effect from convention to convention, so there is no need to re-adopt them. If there are any amendments to the rules of order, now would be the time.

There are three priests who serve congregations in our diocese but are not canonically resident here, and therefore do not automatically get voice and vote. They are Rev. Robert Two Bulls Sr., Rev. Charlie Chan and Rev. Cliff Moore. You can vote to give voice and vote to them.

+JT: All in favor? (all) Opposed? (none) So granted.

As is the custom, the minutes were published in the Church News, in September/October, knowing how eagerly you await and read your Church News. If there are any corrections or additions as printed, I would ask for a motion to approve it.

Moved by Leona Volk, St. Mark's, Aberdeen.
Seconded by Bobbi Dunfee, St. Andrew's, Rapid City.
All in favor: all. Opposed none. Motion passed.

Other reports from committees and commission, as is our custom, were printed in the September/October Church News, as well as in the June/July Church News. I would entertain a motion to accept those reports as printed.
Moved: Mary Potter, Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls
Seconded: Deacon Bitsy Ciesel, Sisseton
All in favor: all. Opposed: none. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda will be the election for the Standing Committee. This is a switch from the printed agenda because of the delay in starting. Nominees for the 2 open positions on Standing Committee are:

Clergy (one position)

- The Rev. Annie Henninger, nominated by Niobrara Council.
- The Rev. Chris Roussel, nominated by Emmanuel Church, Rapid City.

Lay (one position)

- Deanna Stands, nominated by Niobrara Council

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- Mary Soukup, nominated by Calvary Cathedral.
- Michael Mornard, nominated by Grace, Huron.

The ballots were distributed and then collected. The election was declared closed, but it was soon evident that several delegates had not yet been given their credentials to vote.

A motion was made to allow the polls to remain open for those at the credentials table to vote. (Moved by Mary Olson, Emmanuel, Rapid City; Seconded: Carol Smith, Christ Church, Yankton.)

All in favor: most

No: some

Motion carries.

After the additional ballots were distributed and collected, the Bishop declared the election closed, not to be reopened. The Ballot Counters were excused to do their duty.

The next order of business was the presentation of the budget.

Randy Barnhardt, Diocesan Administrator presented the proposed budget for 2015, previously mailed to delegates.

Barney: This year's presentation will be a little different than other years. We won't have as many statistics, columns or numbers, graphs, or boring conversations about health insurance. What we would like to do is show some of the ministry we do in this diocese.

(Barney's presentation is complete, at the Diocesan office.) Slide show by Dean Ward Simpson

There were no questions on the budget, but Dr. Nyle Hedin, Emmanuel, Rapid City, acknowledged how much effort and work Randy puts into the budget as well as being at all pre-convention deanery meetings, and expressed our appreciation for all his work.

The Bishop asked for a motion to accept budget. Father Tom Campbell, retired, Spearfish, moved; Jean Lacher, St. Paul's, Brookings, second. All in favor: unanimous.

David Wheeler announced the Standing Committee election results: Annie Henninger has been elected to the clergy position. The lay position will require a run-off, between Deanna Stands and Mary Soukup. The election requires a majority, and there was no majority on the first ballot.

The Rev. Portia Corbin, youth and young adult missionary for the diocese as well as vicar of Trinity, Watertown,

gave her presentation of the state of youth and young adult ministry in this diocese. It generated questions on the physical camp facility, our new partnership with the Diocese of Wyoming, Taize, the young adult demographic,

The Bishop reiterated that there is always the opportunity for any group (interest, age, etc) that wants to organize a retreat or gathering at TEC.

Ward Simpson, on behalf of the resolutions committee, presented the single resolution put before the convention – amending diocesan Canon 13. The amendment basically replaces the old Canon 13 on the regional deanery with a new Canon 13. The primary change is the number of deaneries. The new canon removes the numbers as a restriction; it allows us a little more flexibility. The rest of the changes are lots of minutiae in the old canon, which is two pages long. Most has been eliminated from the new canon, allowing deaneries a lot more flexibility and function in the ways that works best for them. Dean Simpson formally moved the resolution to adopt. Second: Michael Mornard, Huron.

There was no discussion, so a voice vote was called. All in favor: all. Opposed: none. Canon 13 has been amended.

Bishop Tarrant acknowledged and honored the Rev. George Parmeter, who has served as the chair of the liturgy committee for the past eight years, including the Bishop's ordination/consecration. "But he is going to step down from that position, and I want to honor him publicly, and give him a token gift of appreciation for his service and dedication to the Diocese. This has happened in many forms, but certainly the liturgy committee has been one of those. Publicly, on behalf of the Diocese and on behalf of God, who thanks us always as we pour out our lives for the sake of God's kingdom."

Linda Simon, for St. Mark's, Aberdeen presented Mary Armin with a quilt, an example of a rich ministry performed by that congregation, for her behind-the-scenes work to keep the diocese running smoothly.

With the announcement that Deanna Stands was elected as the lay representative to the Standing Committee, convention was recessed to prepare for the Eucharist and then lunch.

1:36 pm: gathering

Last minute announcements and instructions and then dismissed for the workshops. Six were offered, and people could chose one to attend.

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Reconvene at 2:32 p.m.

The Bishop remind everyone to place what could be recycled and/or reused into the proper containers at the registration table, and he thanked again the NE Deanery for hosting this year's convention.

David Wheeler, also Chair of the TEC Board, had a quick report:

- Four of the six cabins at TEC that needed updating have been renovated at the cost of about \$1,000 each. Thank you to those groups which donated to this effort. \$2,000 is still needed. It would be a good Deanery project.
- Don Metcalf, Facilities Manager, noted that even 39 sheets of OSB at about \$11 each would also be helpful.
- The Rev. Mercy Hobbs is coordinating transportation to TEC around the Diocese this year. Please talk with her ahead of time as soon as you know you have campers coming, so we can plan transportation routes. If we can get enough campers on the North side of the state, we have to know ahead of time to plan that kind of route. We would be very glad to do that.
- Finally, we really want people to come out May 29-31 for a work weekend. Come for as little or as much as you can. There will be a lot of painting this year. It doesn't take a lot of skill. Just bring yourself. There is no cost for you to attend. Just let us know ahead of time so we can prepare food for you.
- Bishop Tarrant added that a group in the Diocese is planning to have a fund-raiser at TEC during the Sturgis Rally. TEC is an alcohol-free property. If you know people who are coming to the 75th rally in Sturgis to enjoy being part of the event and not drinking, let them know. Mary Soukup is handling reservations, along with Don Metcalf. A lot of folks come to the Rally are not interested in boozing it up. They appreciate a space where they can retreat to where they don't have to worry about some of the offenses that alcohol consumption creates. Please talk that up.

Dean Ward Simpson thanked everyone for the comments and positive feedback on Barney's budget presentation, and asked for continued help for future presentations. As you have events, take pictures and send them to us at pix@calvarycathedral.net all during the year, as we want to expand that portion of the presentation.

Bobbi Dunfee, St. Andrew's, Rapid City: This year we made an attempt at promoting at an exhibit table our young adults in mission and those in seminary and in pur-

suit of discernment. We would like to challenge all the members of the Diocese to promote all of our youth and put their faces in front of the Diocese.

Bishop Tarrant concurred: When we see people that look like us in positions of leadership, then that empowers us to believe we belong as well, that there is a place for us. If we don't see people who look like us (whatever "us" is), then we don't believe we belong. Look at the women here ... when we began to invite women into the circle, then we believed that women belonged. I want to highlight that because we see that as empowerment.

Upon the completion of the agenda, the Bishop blessed the gathering and declared that we stand adjourned until next year.

130th Diocesan Convention
adjourned 3:37 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. Lauren Stanley, Secretary of Convention

Annual Report Board of Examining Chaplains For the year ending June 30, 2015

The Rev. Portia Corbin
The Rev. Canon David Hussey
Dottie LeBeau
The Very Rev. Ward Simpson
The Rev. Robert Two Bulls, Jr.

The Examining Chaplains are appointed by and serve at the will of the Bishop. As a body we provide a review of the academic progress of people in the ordination process. Our findings are reported to the Bishop and the Commission on Ministry. Because of the small number of candidates being examined at any one time, the Examining Chaplains work from a standard set of questions, but tailor each examination to the circumstances of the individual being examined. For example, while the examinations are typically in written essay format, we have also performed oral examinations and taken examples of work already completed as evidence of a particular person's level of expertise. The standards to which people are examined are dictated by the canons of the church. The standards of examination and the areas of academic study set by the canons are listed below.

When a person is examined the Examining Chaplains

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will either certify that this person has met the standard set by the canons or that there is a deficiency in some area. If a deficiency is found, the Examining Chaplains then work with the individual, the Commission on Ministry, the Bishop and others to determine an appropriate means of correcting the deficiency and then follow up on this until such time as the person is able to meet the required standard. It is worth noting that much of the preparation for ordination is non-academic in nature and is therefore beyond the scope of the Examining Chaplains.

The disclosure of individual exam results in this setting would be inappropriate. The members of the diocese may rest assured that all persons being ordained in the Diocese of South Dakota meet the standards set by the canons prior to ordination.

Areas of academic study and standards of examination as set by the canons

For those being ordained as a deacon under Canon III.6:

Canon III.6.5(f) Before ordination each Candidate shall be prepared in and demonstrate basic competence in five general areas:

- (1) Academic studies including, The Holy Scriptures, theology, and the tradition of the Church.
- (2) Diakonia and the diaconate.
- (3) Human awareness and understanding.
- (4) Spiritual development and discipline.
- (5) Practical training and experience.

For those being ordained as a priest under Canon III.8 the Commission on Ministry must certify that the person has demonstrated proficiency in the areas of academic study set forth in Canon III.8.5(g). The Commission on Ministry relies on the report of the Examining Chaplains in making this determination. The seven areas of study set forth in Canon III.8.5(g) are:

- (1) The Holy Scriptures.
- (2) Church History, including the Ecumenical Movement.
- (3) Christian Theology, including Missionary Theology and Missiology.
- (4) Christian Ethics and Moral Theology.
- (5) Studies in contemporary society, including the historical and contemporary experience of racial and minority groups, and cross-cultural ministry skills. Cross-cultural minis-

try skills may include the ability to communicate in a contemporary language other than one's first language.

(6) Liturgics and Church Music; Christian Worship and Music according to the contents and use of the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal, and authorized supplemental texts.

(7) Theory and practice of ministry, including leadership, and the ministries of evangelism and stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Chair

**Summary of Diocesan Council Actions
Since 2014 Convention**

November 7, 2014
Pierre, SD

Action Taken

1. Reimburse mission clergy for actual documented miles to the end of 2014 and devise better formula for 2015.
2. Chancellor will research investment proposal by Touchmark re: Waterford at All Saints.

Reports Received

1. Financial report though end of October, 2014
2. DeSmet church building and parish hall were sold.
3. Transitional Ministry report
4. Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls is working on a protocol for churches that learn of a registered sex offender in their congregation.
5. Grant coming to help fund a second clergy position for Cheyenne River Mission.

February 21, 2015
Pierre, SD

Action Taken

1. Approved changes to the 2015 budgets.
2. Approved changes to the diocesan meal reimbursement policy
3. Approved amendment to Policy 36
4. Repealed Policy 26

Reports Received

1. Year end financial reports
2. Updates on proposed move of Bishop and Diocesan Offices to Pierre
3. Updates from Transitional Officer, Niobrara School, and Camp Director
4. Reports on status of Capital Campaign and the AT&T cell towers at Okreek and Parmelee.

May 9, 2015
Pierre, SD

Action Taken

1. Approved the sale of a modular house on the Bishop Hare campus.

Reports Received

1. Financial Report
2. Update of Bishop's Residence in Pierre. Purchase made with closing on June 1, 2015
3. Update on moving diocesan offices to Pierre
4. Mary Armin (Administrative Assistant) will be retiring at the end of August, 2015.
5. Jill Christopherson has been hired to assist and back up Randy Barnhardt (Administrator).
6. Updates on former Trinity Watertown building, on Summer Camp and a Young Adult Retreat, the collaboration between the Dioceses of North Dakota and South Dakota, and a proposed amendment to the vacation policy for mission clergy.

June 2, 2015
Single Agenda Email Conference

Action Taken

1. Set the 2015 Diocesan Convention registration fee at \$60.

August 8, 2015
Pierre, SD

Action Taken

1. Approved proposed 2016 budgets for Chapter of Calvary Cathedral and Diocese of South Dakota
2. Approved sharing expense of new air conditioner and furnace with Trinity, Pierre
3. Approved amendment to Policy 32 (Vacation)

Reports Received

1. Audit report of Chapter, Diocese, Foundation, Centennial Challenge Accounts
2. Report on General Convention
3. Update on Diocesan Office move to Pierre
4. Report of sale of former Trinity, Watertown church building
5. Report on Summer Camp and Young Adult Retreat

**Niobrara School for Ministry
Report to 2015 Diocesan Convention**

The 2014-2015 school year has seen continued progress by our students working towards ordination as they work through the new curriculum. This season we presented Ministry Weekends that taught Pastoral Care for the Sick, Lay Lead Seasonal Liturgies, Secrets to Good Liturgy and Deacon Craft. A Ministry Weekend was planned for Weddings, but was canceled due to scheduling conflicts, but will be held at another date. This year's Summer Seminary was taught by our own Bishop John Tarrant who taught a great class on preaching. Students learned to begin their sermon work with good Biblical study and then experimented with various styles after listening to a number of great preachers via video and audio presentations. Dakota Experience was held in Sioux Falls and Rapid City with good participation from all walks of life in the church.

Our students in the Ordination Process that participated in the Ministry Weekends and Summer Seminary numbered 11 with most studying in the Niobrara Curriculum with two using Seminary Curriculae. 14 others have participated in our classes that are not in the Ordination Process.

Another new development for Niobrara School was the Niobrara Benefit which was a fund raising event held May 1st. This event featured donated Artwork that was auctioned off at the event as well as online. Music was provided by the "Johnson Brothers" and food was catered by Mary Dobier-Soukup. Julie Nelson-Gehm, Deb Husby and Mary Dobier-Soukup worked very hard as they organized this event. Discussions are underway for a second Niobrara Benefit which will be held at another location in 2016. The money raised by this event will be dedicated to student expenses not covered by any financial aid.

This next year we will present Ministry Weekends on Suicide Prevention, Self Care, and Introduction to the Canons including Title IV Training. Other Weekends will be scheduled that are not part of the Ordination Curriculum that will appeal to those Lay Folk interested in learning more about the Bible and the Church. Summer Seminary will be a introductory course on Theology with special consideration to Lakota Spiritual Thought. We are also participating in a number of combined educational events with the Diocese of North Dakota and will continue to find ways that our two Dioceses can share other resources.

In Christ's Love,
The Venerable Paul Sneve,
Director of the Niobrara School for Ministry.

The Standing Committee For the year ending June 30, 2015

The Standing Committee is elected by the Diocesan Convention. Each year the Diocesan Convention elects one lay person and one clergy person to serve a four year term. The canons allow up to two of the clergy seats to be occupied by deacons.

The current membership of the Standing Committee (terms expire with the election of a successor at the Diocesan Convention in the year indicated):

2015: The Rev. Les Campbell, Jean Lacher
2016: The Rev. Margaret Watson, Jan Sanford
2017: The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Tamara Fonder
2018: The Rev. Annie Henninger, Deanna Stands

Annually at the first meeting following the election of new members, the Standing Committee elects a president and secretary who serve until the next Diocesan Convention.

During the year ending June 30, 2015 the Standing Committee took the following actions:

Elected the Very Rev. Ward Simpson as President of the Standing Committee.

Elected the Rev. Margaret Watson as Secretary of the Standing Committee.

Consented to the following elections of bishops:

- The Rev. R.S. Skirving, Bishop Diocesan for the Diocese of East Carolina
- The Very Rev. Peter Eaton, Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Southeast Florida

Actions relating to the ordination process:

- Approved of the application of Jerry Vanderlee as a Candidate for Holy Orders under Canon III.6
- Approved of the application of Carol Traverse as a Candidate for Holy Orders under Canon III.6
- Consented to the Ordination of Sam Adams as a priest under Canon III.8
- Consented to the Ordination of Richard Zepher as a priest under Canon III.8
- Consented to the Ordination of Jerry Vanderlee as a Deacon under Canon III.6

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Pres.

Thunderhead Episcopal Center Board Report to 2015 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) , Pat LeBeau (vice-chair), The Rev. Portia Corbin, Tamara Fonder, Julie Gehm, Gladys Hawk, Don Metcalf, Jan Sanford, Chris Soukup, Doris White and The Rev. Mercy Hobbs (secretary).

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

1. Tec Facility

- a. Don Metcalf, TEC facilities manager, reported on the needs of and work being done. Seven of the eight cabins have been insulated. Snow stops will be installed on roofs of cabins. The remaining cabin will be insulated and all cabins painted at the next TEC work weekend which is scheduled for May 2016.
- b. Supertent's roof will be reshingled. Carpet on main floor will be replaced by congoleum.
- c. Trees on property have been thinned out

- due to infestation of pine beetles. Existing slash piles will be burned and buried.
- d. A new washing machine was purchased.
 - e. Two TEC signs were placed next to the highway on the east and west side of the camp.
- 2. 2015 Camping Season.** The Rev. Portia Corbin, TEC program director, reported the following:
- a. 2015 is the biggest camping season so far with 139 campers. Junior Counselors will be reinstated to help out at the camp.
 - b. Campers from Wyoming attended due to joint program with the Diocese of Wyoming.
 - c. Camping sessions were High School, 5th/6th grades and Family and Middle School/Confirmation camps. New camping sessions will be added during the 2016 season.
 - d. Portia and counseling staff attended Niobrara Convocation at Wakpala.
 - e. Young Adult Retreat will be held August for 18 - 35 year old adults. This is a joint program with the Diocese of Iowa.
- 3. Transportation:** The Revs. Mercy Hobbs and Christina O'Hara served as transportation coordinators and drivers. They and the TEC Board would like to thank the following people and congregations for their generous support and prayers:
- a. Calvary Cathedral for providing rental vans, drivers and gas money
 - b. Mni Sosa Cluster for obtaining vans from the Tribe
 - c. Countless individuals who used their own vehicles
 - d. Campers who attended
- 4. Fundraising**
- a. Donations were received from congregations throughout the Diocese from offerings given on TEC Sunday.
 - b. Marketing TEC through advertisements in ecumenical groups, Website, Facebook, emails and SD ChurchNews.
 - c. Income was received through outside groups and individuals, leasing of TEC land and renting camp for retreats, weddings and family reunions.
 - d. TEC endowment and legacy giving
 - e. 2016 bed and breakfast camp will be available during Sturgis Rally.
- 5. Wish List:** Donation of following items and volunteering time will greatly improve the maintenance and well-being of the camp:
- a. Attend work weekends at TEC.
 - b. Bigger tractor is needed to do more efficient mowing and other projects at TEC.
 - c. Front end loader
 - d. 30 hp weed whackers
 - e. Full-sized basketball court
- A wish list will be available at the TEC booth during the 2015 Diocesan Convention.
- Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Mercy Hobbs, secretary

Transitional Ministry Canon's Report to Diocesan Convention 2015

Congregations and Clergy in Transition

- **St. Matthew's, Rapid City** - Fr. Cliff Moore of the Diocese of Wyoming continues his successful Interim Ministry as we continue with the ELCA Synod to look for a Priest/Pastor to serve both congregations on a permanent basis.
- **St. Mark's, Aberdeen** - Richard Zephier was ordained Priest and installed by Bishop Tarrant on April 11, 2015 as Priest in Charge as St. Mark's continues to move forward into a new era of growth and opportunities for mission.
- **St. Mary's, Mitchell** - The Rev. Daryl Schubert, ELCA began serving as Rector of St. Mary's and Pastor of New Home Lutheran Church in July, and was formally installed at St. Mary's on August 16, 2015.
- **All Angel's, Spearfish** - Following the retirement of Fr. Bunker Hill in May, All Angel's is well into their search process, having completed their Self-study and having developed their Parish Profile, are advertising Nationally and have begun receiving names and interviewing candidates.
- **Standing Rock Mission** - As of May 2015, Fr. Kim Fonder is now serving as Priest in Charge of the Mission and is residing in the rectory at Wakpala. Fr. Rob Schwarz and his wife retired in Jan-

uary 2015 to Eastern Pennsylvania.

- **St. Thomas, Sturgis** - Is now being served on a part-time basis by Fr. Bunker Hill. The Rev. Kay Jennings has retired and relocated to Alpine, TX where she is serving two small churches on the Big Bend Episcopal Mission.
- **The Pine Ridge Mission** - Fr. Harold Eagle Bull is now serving as Interim Priest in Charge of the Mission.
- **St. Andrew's, Rapid City** - The Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes has accepted a call to Janesville, WI in the Diocese of Milwaukee, with her last Sunday at St. Andrew's being August 23, 2015. Bishop John and I met with the Vestry and leaders of the Parish on August 5, 2015 to offer our support, encouragement and guidance as they begin their Search process and this time of transition.
- **The Mni Sose Cluster** - The Rev. Craig West has moved to Chamberlain, SD where he is serving as Priest in Charge of the Mission.
- **Trinity, Winner & Holy Spirit, Ideal** - These two congregations have been included in **The Rosebud East Episcopal Mission** and are being served by the Rev. Annie Henninger, who has been serving them as Interim since May 2015.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Report to 2015 Convention

"This is the year that changes everything."

This phrase found itself in our hearts and minds as we entered 2015. Little did we know, how overwhelmingly true that statement would be. It has never been more clear: The primary youth and young adult ministry in this diocese is that of Thunderhead camp. This year was indeed the year that changes everything.

Last year, we reported that there had been a significant increase in participation at TEC—as we saw the highest numbers in nearly a decade with 90 campers in the 2014 season. This year, the ministry of TEC saw the highest numbers of all time—with a grand total of 147 campers in only three camp sessions.

High School camp alone held 51 campers. 5th/6th/Family camp brought us to physical capacity—where every room in Super Tent, and every single cabin was occupied.

This year we were blessed to enter into a partnership with the Diocese of Wyoming. A number of Wyoming campers and adult helpers attended TEC this season. Together, we are already planning and preparing for the 2016 camp season. We are excited about this new friendship and are thrilled that the Diocese of Wyoming played a role in this year that changes everything!

The 2015 season program focused on storytelling. High School campers learned how to use both their words and bodies to share their stories and dreams. Charlie Gillespie of Philadelphia helped the campers to connect their own dreams and stories to those of God's. 5th/6th/Family Camp explored creation stories and the care of God's creation with the help of Carol Smith of Yankton and The Rev. Kay Flores of the Diocese of Wyoming. 7th & 8th grade camp used portions of the GLORY program to connect traditional Native stories to the Biblical creation narratives, thanks to The Rev. Christina O'Hara.

I could not be more thrilled to say that TEC has been utterly resurrected and transformed. It is not, however, purely about the large numbers. The success of TEC is rooted in God's ability to transform the lives of all who enter the gates of camp. TEC's ministry is not merely about the youth campers, but also the young adult staff who share God's love with the campers and each other. Camp has been transformed in large part because of their commitment and presence. A very special thank you to Taylor Andrade, Miranda Marks, Cassie Boettcher, Alycia Kirchmeier, Joe Skinner, Kyle Hawk Bear, Kennen Block, and Will Longworth. These young adults made "the year that changes everything" possible.

As the year that changes everything draws to a close, we look forward to the new possibilities to come. 2016 will indeed see changes, as we expand the camp season to fit our new and growing needs. Thank you, to each of you, for your commitment to TEC and our young people.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Portia Corbin

Ask Annie

Liturgical Questions

Why do we have blessings?

All Saints Church in rural Herrick (at Milkscamp) is the little church in the middle of a pasture where horses and cattle roam freely. Over the past few years many improvements have been made to the church building through the generosity and love of the members of the congregation who have worked hard to make it possible. An annual bake sale on the opening day of pheasant season has helped to fund the improvements.

The roof had been replaced with a red metal one before I became to South Dakota five years ago. The bell tower was restored and then dedicated on the Sunday on which I was installed as priest-in-charge of the East end of the Rosebud Mission. Now each Sunday on which Eucharist is celebrated the youngest members of the church family gather around to ring the bell that echoes across the prairie. The carpet has been replaced although there were some of us who had grown attached to the red and pink shag carpet. Pews and other altar furnishings came from St. Andrews in Bonesteel when it closed. Most of the members of that community now call All Saints home.

The wood door that had seen too many winters has been replaced with a red metal door. The windows have been replaced and the building wrapped in white vertically-hung metal siding. The only thing lacking was an outhouse! A few weeks ago that was finally added to the church property and as you can see it is clad in the same roofing and siding as the church itself. (Rumor has it that the door will also be red!)

As each step of this process was completed we took the time to celebrate the generosity of the community with a prayer and blessing. So a few weeks ago we blessed the new outhouse. And yes, the Book of Occasional Services (BOS) has such a blessing. The

part of the house blessing for the blessing of a bathroom was adapted for the occasion, prayers were offered and the outhouse and the gathered community were blessed.

But why do blessings in the first place? It is true that the BOS focuses mostly on blessings for objects set aside for worship. The Book of Common Prayer has many blessing for people for various circumstance. No matter what objects we bless the blessing is primarily intended for the people who will use the object, reminding them that they are the blessed ones whom God continues to shower with his blessings every day of their lives. So the blessing of the outhouse was a reminder to the All Saint's community that their generosity with their gifts to the community is blessed by God who has entrusted us with the care of all his creation, and that is a reason for celebration!



I hope to continue writing on liturgical questions in each issue of the *Church News*. Please send your liturgical questions to me at jahenninger@msn.com or to the diocesan office. If you have wondered why we do some of the ritual practices that are part of our worship, here is the place to ask the question. You can be sure that others are wondering the same thing.

-- The Rev. Annie Henninger

Miscellaneous Notes & Reminders

Don't forget to pre-order your
Ashby Calendars
 and arrange for them to be picked up (and paid for)
 at Diocesan Convention.

Calendars are \$2 each.

To pre-order: Call 605-494-2020

Or email
 office.diocese@midconetwork.com

It's Great To Be An Episcopalian Picnic

Friday, September 25
 11:30 am—2:00 pm

At Trinity Episcopal Church
 408 N. Jefferson

Outside or inside, depending on the weather.
 Bring a dish to share.

Provided: burgers, brats, buns, condiments, water.

Convention Workshops

1. Excellent video from the Diocese of Wyoming on Suicide Prevention.
2. Cultural Piece—TBD
3. Creation Care—by Chuck Berry of Brookings. An opportunity to learn about Creation Care, share ideas, join the South Dakota network.
4. General Convention—an opportunity to ask questions of the deputies
5. How To Run A Church—for churches without a full time priest (through vacancy or vacation) or served by supply priests, by lay people who have kept their congregations going. Bring your questions.

Calling all Acolytes – and other Worship Assistants

Representatives of the Dioceses of North Dakota and South Dakota have met a few times to discuss ways they can share resources for the betterment of ministry in both dioceses.

One to be explored is the sharing of an Annual Acolyte Festival. North Dakota has one scheduled for later this year. South Dakota acolytes (and other Worship Assistants) are invited to attend. In 2016 Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls will host the festival for both dioceses. If all works out well, Fargo will then host the following festival and/or there may be one held in Rapid City.

So mark your calendars . . .

November 20-22, 2015 – An Acolyte Festival will be held at Gethsemane Cathedral in Fargo, ND. It will include training for all sorts of worship assistants from Torch Bearers to Vergers and just about everything in between. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Guilds will all have seminars too. It won't be all work – there will be plenty of time for other activities as well. The weekend will be capped off with a Festal Eucharist held on Sunday.

The cost for the weekend will be \$40 per person.
Scholarship help is available.

So that the Fargo Cathedral can make the necessary preparations, South Dakotans interested in attending are asked to register with either person listed below by **MID-OCTOBER**. Questions can also be directed to them.

The Rev. Portia Corbin
 221 – 15th St NE
 Watertown, SD 57201
 605-280-4927
 youth.diocese@midconetwork.com

The Very Rev. Ward Simpson
 500 S. Main Ave
 Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814
 605-336-3486

Bishop Smylie to be guest speaker at 2015 Diocesan Convention

The Rt. Rev John Smylie from the Diocese of Wyoming will be our guest at Diocesan Convention this year.

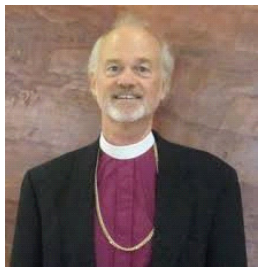
Bishop Smylie was born in Baltimore, MD. After graduating from the Episcopal Divinity School he was ordained a deacon and then priest in 1982. He has served in New Jersey, Western New York, Spokane, and Wyoming. He was consecrated bishop on July 31, 2010.

The dioceses of South Dakota and Wyoming are both in Province VI, so there has always been a relationship between us. This has deepened recently as they explore the sharing of our summer camp opportunities.

The Rev. Portia Corbin attended Wyoming's convention last year, and Bishop Tarrant will attend this year in October.

One of the workshops at our convention will be a viewing of an excellent video produced by the Diocese of Wyoming on suicide prevention.

WELCOME BISHOP SMYLIE!



(Bishop . . . Continued from page 2)

dom of God is not lived by the passage of resolutions, but rather by how we “walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.” *Eph. 5:2*

My return from General Convention on July 3rd was met with my need to help Pat finish packing, and hiring Mary Armin's replacement all by the moving day of July 14th. During June and July I logged about 6,000 miles across South Dakota along with a trip to Salt Lake City. The green landscape made these trips across our diocese especially beautiful.

The first week of August the movers came to take our office files and furnishings to Pierre. Thanks to an inordinate amount of work on the part of Mary Armin. Our office in Pierre has been painted, carpeted and, again thanks to Mary, is being put in good order. Diocesan Convention preparation continues and the Church News will get out on a somewhat normal schedule.

Change is seldom easy, even changes we initiate ourselves. It throws off our equilibrium. It disrupts our sense of order, but a new order emerges and soon the change is the status quo. No matter how much we resist it, change always comes.

We are hoping that this change of moving the “diocesan center” to the center of the diocese will serve us all better now and in the years to come. Please, be patient with us and hold us in your prayers as we move more deeply, as staff and a diocese, into our new center; remembering always that Christ is the only “center” that will sustain us.

God's peace be with you,

+John

2015 Diocesan Convention Positions Open

Diocesan Convention will be held September 25-26, 2015 at the Ramkota Hotel in Pierre.

It is the usual course of business for delegates to vote on nominees to fill various positions. This year the following positions will be open for a 4 year term:

Standing Committee—1 lay person
Standing Committee—1 clergy (priest or deacon)

A nomination form is available below. It will also be posted on the diocesan website (www.diocesesd.org) and will be available in the convention mailings to delegates and churches.

* See the back page for further information on the Standing Committee in South Dakota.

Nomination Form 2015 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 2019)

___ 1 Clergy (Priest or Deacon) to fill 4 year term

___ 1 Lay person to fill 4 year term

*Resolutions
to Diocesan Convention*

All Resolutions to Diocesan Convention are to be submitted in writing to the Committee on Resolutions through the Diocesan Office. They should be clearly typed. The committee requests that resolutions do not begin with “whereas” but simply state the resolution, followed by the explanation and rationale. The “whereas” is not part of the resolution. This format for resolutions allows for greater clarity as to what the resolution is attempting to communicate.

Resolutions should take the following form.

Submitted by (name of individual, church, or deanery).

RESOLVED, that the One Hundred Thirty-first Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota (state the resolution).

RESOLVED, (Further resolves may also be stated).

Explanation: (This is where informative material and rationale for the resolution is inserted. It is used in place of “whereas”)

Impact on Budget: (This is where an estimate of costs is placed and suggestions for funding)

*** The **deadline** for submitting resolutions generated before the pre-Convention deanery meeting is two weeks before those meetings and the deadline for submitting resolutions generated at pre-Convention deanery meetings is no later than the Friday following those meetings.

August
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Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting

St. Paul’s Church
726 Sixth Street
Brookings

3:00 pm—Separate Meetings

(Eastern & Northeast Deaneries)

4:00 pm—Pre-Convention Meeting

Sept
12

Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting

Trinity Church
408 N. Jefferson
Pierre

2:00 pm—Pre-Convention Meeting

Sept
13

Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting

Emmanuel Church
717 Quincy St.
Rapid City

2:00 pm—Pre-Convention Meeting

2015 Convention Registration Form*

Return completed form by SEPTEMBER 15.

CHECK ONE:

Name _____	Clergy Delegate <input type="checkbox"/>	Lay Delegate <input type="checkbox"/>	Alternate <input type="checkbox"/>	Visitor <input type="checkbox"/>
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First name is prominent on nametag. How would you like your first name to read? _____

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

Church _____ Location/City _____

Phone (day) _____ Phone (evening) _____

e-mail _____

Would 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)

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

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

PAYMENT:

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

_____ I will pay at convention.

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

* You may also register online at www.diocesesd.org under Admin/Resources

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Register EARLY so it doesn't get lost in the move!

REGISTRATION

- Please use only one (1) name per form.
- **Return registration forms (and payment - check or money order) by September 15 to:**
The Diocese of South Dakota
500 S. Main Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
- You have the option to **REGISTER ON-LINE** and also to pay on-line on the diocesan website www.diocesesd.org (under Admin & Resources)
Payment is a separate step. Use Donation/Payment button.

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- Payment is preferred in advance, but can be made on-site at the registration table. However, it is VERY helpful if you at least send the registration form in advance.
- Registrants need to check in at the Convention Registration table at the Ramkota to receive packet of materials.
- Delegates (Clergy & Lay) must also check in at the Credentials table after registering.

MEALS

- Registration fee for Delegates, Alternates, and Visitors includes Fri Picnic, Fri Opening Reception, Sat Lunch, Breaks, and Materials.
- Breakfast is on your own.

HOUSING:

- Our room block rate at **Ramkota** is guaranteed through **August 26**. Call 605-224-6877 to book; tell them you're with "The Diocese of SD Convention." Rates: \$86.99/night (for 1-4 people) plus tax.
- DO NOT call the Best Western 800 number. They cannot see room blocks.
- Alternate lodging is available at area motels.

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Diocesan Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Sep 6 Bishop visits St. Philips, Lake Andes
 Sep 7 Diocesan Office closed
 Sep 11-12 Ministry Weekend
 Sep 12 Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, Pierre
 Sep 13 Pre-Conv Deanery Mtg, Rapid City
Sep 13 Bishop visits Emmanuel, Rapid City
Sep 20 Bishop visits Good Shepherd, SF
 Sep 24-25 Clergy Conference
 Sept 25-26 Diocesan Convention, Pierre
Sep 27 Bishop visits St. Thomas, Sturgis

OCTOBER

Oct 1 **Bishop begins 3 month sabbatical***
 Oct 2-3 Ministry Weekend
Oct 3 Diocese of Wyoming convention
 Oct 10 *ChurchNews* deadline (Nov/Dec issue)
Oct 17 Diocese of North Dakota convention
Oct 25 Bishop Smith visits Brookings*

NOVEMBER

Bishop on sabbatical
Nov 1 Bishop attends PB Investiture
 Nov 6-7 Dakota Experience, Sioux Falls
Nov 8 Bishop Smith visits Huron*

Nov 11 Diocesan Office closed
Nov 14 Diocese of Long Island convention
 Nov 14 Diocesan Council
 Nov 20-21 Ministry Weekend
 Nov 20-22 Acolyte Festival, Fargo
 Nov 26-27 Diocesan Office closed

DECEMBER

Bishop on sabbatical
 Dec 10 *ChurchNews* deadline (Jan/Feb issue)
 Dec 12 Ministry Weekend
Dec 20 Bishop Smith visits Aberdeen*
 Dec 24-25 Diocesan Office closed

*during this sabbatical time Bishop Michael Smith (Diocese of ND) will make several visitations for Bishop Tarrant



Standing Committee

With a Bishop in charge of the Diocese, the Standing Committee shall be the Bishop's Council of Advice. When the Diocese is without a Bishop...the Standing Committee of the diocese shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority as provided by the General Convention Constitution and Canons. The Standing Committee also plays a part in the ordination process and deals with certain property issues.

The Standing Committee consists of eight members, and election shall be made by the diocesan convention for a term of four years. Members are entitled to election for two terms. The Standing Committee meets 3-4 times a year, or as needed.

A member of Standing Committee is a voting delegate to Annual Convention. A member of Standing Committee is also a member of the Title IV Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board.

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Tentative CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 24

1:00 pm Clergy Conference & Dinner, *Trinity Church*

FRIDAY, September 25

9:00 am Clergy Conference, *Trinity Church*

10:30 – 3:00 ECW Program, Lunch & Meeting

11:30 – 2:00 Picnic – *Trinity Church*

3-7 pm Registration and Credentials, *lobby*

4:30 pm Hosts of Next Convention, *Lake Sharpe A*
(Rosebud & Pine Ridge)

4:00 pm Niobrara Council

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, *Galleria E*

4:30 pm Standing Committee

5:30-7 pm Opening Supper/Reception

7:00 pm Plenary Session I & Compline
Bishop's Address

9:00 pm SC/COM Reception for those in process

SATURDAY, September 26

8-10 am Registration and Credentials, *lobby*

8:30 am Morning Prayer & Plenary Session II

11:00 am Convention Eucharist

12:30 pm Lunch buffet

1:30 pm Announcements & Workshops

3:30 pm Plenary Session III—Final business

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

The Episcopal Church in South Dakota is a sacred circle gathered around Jesus in prayer, loving and serving God and our neighbor in Jesus' name.
