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Dear People of the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota:

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

May the grace, peace, and protection of our risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you, your families, your loved ones, and your friends. When I find that the confining nature that this COVID-19 virus has brought upon us feels just a little bit too confining, I tend to think of those words which we have been using to open our worship services since Easter Sunday. The Lord is indeed risen! And we, as our Lord's Church, will also rise! In fact, our diocese – and all our congregations began to rise shortly after the COVID-19 virus dealt its first blow to us several weeks ago. And with the help of the risen Christ, we are continuing to hold fast.

When it became readily apparent that none of us, in any of our communities or contexts, would be able to safely gather and worship in our buildings, clergy and lay leaders across our diocese rose to the challenge. As a result, many of us discovered skills that we never thought that we would ever use, much less need to learn! Others of us learned that, when it comes to church matters, we can and will adapt as our circumstances and resources permit us. Some of us have watched worship services being live-streamed from our parishes. Some of us watched as our priests have led worship services from their homes, sitting around their tables. Some of us are in places where our priests cannot come onto our lands while, at the same time, others of us have been able to receive communion in the parking lots of our churches or at our doors (safety precautions being taken). Wherever we are, we have risen to this occasion – and, with the help of the risen Christ, we will continue to hold fast.

Your clergy have been meeting with me and each other online, once a week, to share information and to solve shared problems and situations. We have grieved not being able to see our people and to be with our people, as we are so used to doing. We are saddened by not being able to gather as we have become accustomed to gathering, especially at baptisms, weddings, wakes, and funerals. Bishop's visitations, confirmations, receptions, and affirmations are having to be rescheduled. All of this feels so contrary to the vocation into which God has called us! At the same time, we who are ordained – and those who have been specially licensed – we recognize that we are in foreign territory that has not yet been explored to its fullest. We know that the rules of this territory are different! – and that they change and continue to change, from place to place.

As I mentioned before, one of our priests cannot come into the reservation whose people he serves. At the same time, however, in another reservation, their priest (and I) were welcomed,

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even encouraged to come! Some government leaders are saying that our services are not considered essential, while other government leaders are saying that the people need their spiritual leaders now, more than ever. Those who are wishing for one standard, for one common directive for everyone – well, those people have found themselves disappointed, for we all live in different places, with different officials, with different opinions. We are not living in a “one size fits all” country. We are not living in a “one size fits all” state. At the same time, we are the Church. And the Church has to learn how to be the Church, and how to preach the Gospel, in different places and in different contexts – even contexts where the “rules” will not be, and cannot be, the same. Yet through the adaptive leadership, through common sense, and through looking at this situation through the lens of “love of God, love of neighbor” – we have risen to this occasion. And with the help of the risen Christ, we will continue to hold fast.

Recently, we learned that one of our clergy members was infected by the virus while working at the Smithfield processing plant. Others of you already know of family, or friends, or relatives of people who have been infected. We are not even yet in the peak stage here in South Dakota, a peak which may not take place until mid-June, according to recent projections. Some of those who are infected are amongst the most vulnerable in our state. And regretfully, at this time, we do not have a group of people across our diocese whose identified passion is to advocate for justice concerning issues that are affecting our common life the most. We do not have a group of people who have built partnerships between our diocese and other denominations or organizations to help transform the conditions of the neediest and vulnerable. That being said, I have recently invited all of our deacons to share what they see in their communities insofar as the COVID-19 virus is concerned, and the impact that this virus is having on the most vulnerable in their communities. Archdeacon Paul Sneve and I will take their advocacy statements and will be compiling them into one document. This document will then be shared with our state leaders and distributed back to our clergy so that it can be shared with local leaders. So even though our diocese does not yet have a committee of advocates – we are rising to this occasion. And, with the help of the risen Christ, we will continue to hold fast.

To be sure, we are experiencing disappointments during these days. Besides the obvious ones, there have had to be the cancellation of events, special events, Christian life-forming events that we look forward to each and every year! College graduates and high school graduates, my daughter being included, have

had their hopes and expectations of what the end of this year would look like – completely changed. People are being laid off and furloughed. At the same time, our churches are seeking to meet their bills, and those bills will be paid primarily on how well the people of those congregations are able and are willing to respond. We are in foreign territory. And as I said before, not all the nooks and crannies of this territory have been fully explored. We still have a ways to go.

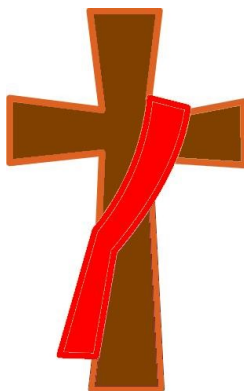
But there again – I go back to how this message to all of you began: “Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!” If Christ could come out of that tomb; if Christ could beat death itself; if Jesus created the Church as the rock against which even the gates of hell could not prevail; then I know, and I believe, down to the very soul of my being – we will get through this. This virus will not beat the Church. This virus will not stop the Church! As Christ lives, the Church lives! And the Church, my friends – well, the Church is you and me. We are, as you have heard many times before, the body of Christ. We are Christ’s body in our communities – and we are Christ’s body in the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota.

I want you to know that I love you. I want you to know that I am praying for you. I want you to know that I miss seeing you and being able to be with you. And I want you to know this, too – we’re going to get through this together. Because we are the body of Christ! And as the body of Christ, we are rising to this occasion. And, with the help of the risen Christ, we will continue to hold fast. Together. With him. And with each other. Always.

Faithfully,



Bp. Folts



ECW Honored Women Nominations

Honored Woman nomination from
Church of All Angels, Spearfish
Marcia Smith



Honored Woman nomination from
Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls
Mary Soukup



Honored Woman nomination from
Emmanuel, Rapid City
Marilyn Jones



Honored Woman nomination from
St. James, Belle Fourche
Lorraine Klinger



Honored Woman of the South Dakota Episcopal Church Women.

Here are the candidates for 2020 Honored Woman of the South Dakota Episcopal Church Women (ECW).

The ECW membership is open to every interested woman in our diocese.

If you wish to receive updates on what we are doing, please email Holly at hhflutterby6@gmail.com and put ECW mail in the subject line.

Give your preferred contact method (email, text, print) and information details along with the name of your church home.

Please send Holly the name (and best way to reach her) of a woman from each congregation, mission, parish, etc. so that we can ensure that every congregation is represented.

We will be choosing our Honored Woman via these contacts, since we do not know when we will be able to greet each other in person again.

Persons sending contact information by May 15 will receive more detailed biographies of our Honored Woman nominees and information about our Zoom meeting on June 20th.

Thank you for your help in reaching the women of our diocese.

All the Best,

Holly Moseley

ECW VP and Honored Woman chairwoman

Episcopal Church Women
Scholarship Application

Instructions:

Fill out the enclosed application form.

Write a letter describing your educational goals and how the scholarship will help you achieve them. Mail it with the application form to the chair of the scholarship committee at the address below. You may e-mail this also.

Give the recommendation form to your priest, deacon, senior warden, or a long-standing member of your parish or mission, and ask him or her to complete it and send it to the chair at the address below.

Ask one other person not related to you – a member of your parish or mission, or a high school counselor or teacher, or an employer – to write a letter of recommendation for you and have him or her send it to the chair-person at the address below.

Deadline for submission of materials is July 31. Scholarships will be announced in August and will be published in the Fall issue of South Dakota Church News. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the college or university that you will be attending, to the office that you select. For questions or additional information, please contact:

Sandra Magnavito, M.Ed.
Scholarship Chair, EWC
255 Texas Road Apt# 412
Rapid City, SD 57701

605-390-7698
(leave a message if there is no answer)

Or e-mail: ahedlupus@aol.com

Diocese of South Dakota
Episcopal Church Women
Scholarship Application
Deadline: July 31

Name _____

Home Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail: _____

College, University or Technical School (with address) that you plan to attend:

Proposed plan of study or major _____

Church Membership (Name and address of parish or mission) _____

Church Activities _____

Signature _____ Date _____

ECW PRESIDENT'S SPRING REPORT

Greetings from the Chair,

It has been a very busy, informative and inspiring beginning for me as I am getting to know many of you. Based on my visits at some of the churches and attending the Weekend Ministries at the Diocese, I want us to be supportive of Bishop Jonathan's goals to develop a community of proactive believers to carry out his vision for:

- A. Relationships
- B. Communication
- C. Formation
- D. Transformation
- E. Advocacy

My hope is to find the commonalities we share as people and work together to make changes for a better community for our children as the Epistle of Paul states to the Romans in 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

I strongly believe we need to build our church communities to address and make a difference in our communities, but first we need to create and develop our own individual **positive** memories of the people who make up the communities we live in. I will do what I can to help in this endeavor.

Our Governor requests limited travel and self-isolation, which has halted life as we know it and provided us time to reflect on the past, present, and future. What skills and knowledge have we learned from the past to help us with the difficulties and the challenges we are faced with today, and what will we take from these experiences to deal with and create a different and better future?

Eileen Grinnel, ECW President



It is with great sadness that the Niobrara Council is announcing the cancellation of the 148th Niobrara Convocation June 25-28, 2020.

Only three other times has Convocation been cancelled. This was not an easy decision but the safety of our elders and the safety of our loved ones who struggle with health issues were our main focus and concern.

Please keep Niobrara Council in your prayers.

We hope soon to have the location for Convocation 2021, and we will announce the information as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Richard Zephier, Itancan.





THE RT. REV. DR. JONATHAN H. FOLTS
Bishop

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Camp Remington to be Closed for Summer 2020

It is with sincere regret that we must announce that Camp Remington will not be able to open for the summer of 2020. There are several reasons that this hard decision had to be made, and they are all related to the COVID-19 virus. First and foremost is the matter of people's safety. At this point, the COVID-19 virus is not expected to peak in South Dakota until early to mid-June. All the cabins, the chapel, and the outhouses would have to be cleaned down entirely before the summer, and then everything would have to be cleaned again in-between people coming and going. We do not have the funds to hire a cleaning company to do this, nor do we have the volunteer power. Secondly, there is no way to ensure that proper precautions are being taken by the people residing at Camp Remington, such as keeping the numbers of those who gather at less than ten and observing appropriate physical distancing. Third, as long as social/physical guidelines are in place nationally, we cannot obtain the umbrella insurance that the state of South Dakota requires us to have and to produce before opening up Camp Remington to guests.

Camp Remington is an exceptional place in our diocese, and we are sorry that it will not be available for people's use this summer. We do not, however, want to put anyone's health at risk and thus compromise their ability to be able to return to Camp Remington in the summer of 2021. Any reservation fees that have been paid will be refunded unless the renters decide to offer their reservation cost as a donation (which will be tax-deductible if made in 2020).

Thank you for your understanding, your support, and for your love of Camp Remington. And may God keep you safe and sound until this virus has passed us by.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Jonathan H. Folts

Thunderhead Suspends In-Person Camp Season and Launches ‘Season of Sabbath’

After much prayer, discussion, and consultation with medical authorities and other Episcopal camp leadership, we have decided that it is necessary to suspend all in-person gatherings for the 2020 Thunderhead Camp Season. This decision is not made lightly, but rather out of an abundance of caution for our young people, their families, and this year’s class of counselors. Young people have always—and will always—be a priority of the Diocese of South Dakota.



Since having in-person camp season is not an option this year, Thunderhead Episcopal Center will launch a ‘Season of Sabbath’ for the 2020 summer season. Although this sabbath rest is not something we anticipated or even desired, we will transform this time of sorrow over cancellations and suspensions into a season of rest and growth. This sabbath will allow us to focus on strengthening the ministry of Thunderhead Episcopal Center so that it can continue serving the Diocese of South Dakota—and especially the young people of our diocese—for many years to come.

Some highlights of this Season of Sabbath:

Virtual camp activities, liturgies, and other resources will be produced by camp staff and distributed to *all* the young people of our diocese.

Videos of accompaniment—warm wishes, blessings, memories, expressions of concern and love—will be filmed by current and previous camp staff and sent to former campers.

Much needed—and long deferred—maintenance on camp facilities will be completed.

Thunderhead Episcopal Center will launch social media accounts and its own website to serve as a platform for former campers from every generation to share their experiences of Thunderhead.

A fundraising campaign will be launched to help fund scholarships for our young people and families.

Virtual retreats for young people, adults, and parish communities will be planned and offered for late summer and early fall.

We anticipate this Season of Sabbath to last through the end of the summer and perhaps into the fall and winter seasons. Keep an eye out in *The Church News* and on the diocesan social media accounts for updates from camp about possible in-person activities for the fall or winter.

If you would like to serve on a maintenance, fundraising, or program committee during this Season of Sabbath, please be in touch with the Rev. Cody Maynus, TEC Program Director, by email (cody@episcopalchurchsd.org) or by calling St. Andrew’s, Rapid City (605-343-4210) and leaving a message.

Note: The Rev. Canon Portia Corbin, Canon for Formation and TEC Executive Director, is currently on a maternity leave lasting through part of the summer. All questions related to the 2020 Thunderhead Episcopal Center season should be directed to the Rev. Cody Maynus, TEC Program Director.

All are Welcome to join any of the following online services in our Diocese.

CALVARY CATHEDRAL, SIOUX FALLS

(Sundays 10:00 AM & 12:30 PM CDT)

https://www.twitch.tv/calvary_cathedral/

CHRIST CHURCH, LEAD

(Sundays 9:30 AM MDT, Mondays 6:00 PM MDT)

<https://www.facebook.com/christchurchlead/>

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, SIOUX FALLS

(Sundays 8:00 AM CDT, Wednesdays 7PM CDT)

<https://www.facebook.com/churchofthegoodshep>

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RAPID CITY

(Sundays 10:15 AM MDT)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/EmmanuelEpiscopalRC>

ROSEBUD EPISCOPAL MISSION

(Sundays 8:30 AM CDT; Monday-Friday 9PM CDT)

<https://www.facebook.com/lauren.r.stanley.5>

ST. ANDREWS, RAPID CITY

(Sundays 10:00 AM MDT; Monday-Saturday 5:30 PM MDT)

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintAndrewsRapidCity/>

ST. MATTHEWS, RAPID CITY

(Sundays 10:00 am MDT)

<https://www.stmatthewsrapid.org>

ST. PAULS, VERMILLION

(Sundays 10:00 AM CDT)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=etubeTy_k0Q

TRINITY, PIERRE

(Sundays 9:00 AM CDT)

<https://www.facebook.com/trinityepiscopalpierre/>

Diocesan Convention will be held
September 25 and 26, 2020
at the First United Methodist Church in Pierre.

It is the usual course of business for delegates to vote on nominees to fill various positions. This year, Delegates to Diocesan Convention will be asked to fill the two following positions:

Standing Committee—1 lay person to serve a four year term

Standing Committee—1 clergy (priest or deacon) to Serve a four year term

According to our diocesan canons, nominations are to be submitted to the diocesan office before August 1st. Nominations may be made only by region deanery assemblies, the Niobrara Convocation, or a certified Convention delegate, for any position open for election.

Standing Committee Description

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.

The nomination form on this page may be used to submit a name. This form is also posted on the diocesan website.
www.episcopalchurchsd.org

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 convention delegate, church, or deanery).

RESOLVED, that the One Hundred Thirty-sixth 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)

According to Rules of Order, Rule number 6.1

No proposed resolution may be submitted for consideration after the close of the first plenary session. All proposed resolutions shall be referred to a Convention committee by the Chair, in consultation with the Dispatch of Business Committee. Such reference may be appealed in the same manner as a procedural decision of the chair.

There must be an opportunity for a hearing on any resolution, other than a courtesy resolution, before it will be brought before the whole body of the convention.

**Nomination Form
2020 Annual Diocesan Convention**

DEADLINE: August 1, 2020
PLEASE print legibly

Name of Nominee: _____

Mailing:
address _____

e-mail: _____

Best contact number: _____

Congregation/City: _____

Nominated by:

(Signature)

(printed signature)

I nominate this person for:

Standing Committee (terms expire 2024)

___ 1 Clergy (Priest or Deacon)

___ 1 Lay person

Each position is for a 4 year term

___ Yes, I accept this nomination:

(Signature)

(printed signature)





2020 DATES

We have a new class being offered by the Venerable Paul Sneve:

Anti-Racism: October 16 & 17, 2020

Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls

Anti-Racism: This is required for people in the ordination process and for new clergy in the diocese.

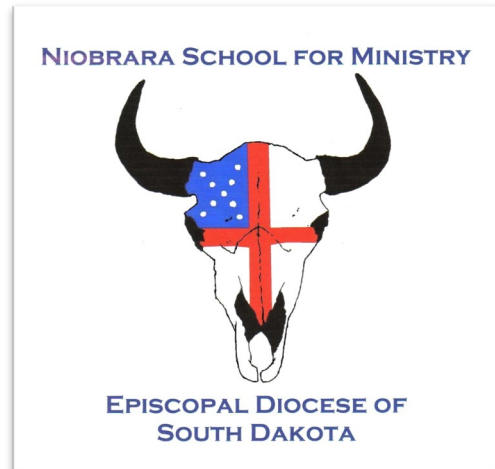
Current clergy in the diocese are encouraged to attend this workshop or a later workshop.

Registration is available online at www.episcopalchurchsd.org via the Niobrara School page.

Questions? Contact Archdeacon Paul Sneve

605-659-2018

pmsneve@gmail.com



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.

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.

November 13-14, 2020

Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls

Dakota Experience East

Every copy of *The South Dakota Church News* that has an incorrect address ends up being returned to the Diocese with a 75¢ postage due charge.

Please use this form to update your address or supply your new address **BEFORE** you move.

Moving? Please tell us...

Change Cancellation Contribution

Name.....

NEW mailing Address:

City, ST, Zip

Effective Date

Church we plan to attend after the move :.....

Please mail your changes to Diocese of South Dakota
408 N. Jefferson Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-2626

Bishop's visitation & travel dates are in **bold letters**.
Please remember the Bishop's schedule is subject to last minute changes.

Diocesan Calendar

Due to COVID-19, the Bishop's visitation schedule is in a holding pattern. As soon as number restrictions have been lifted, the Bishop will revise the schedule and churches will be notified of the new visitation dates.

May:

See page 10 regarding TEC

June:

Niobrara Convocation has been cancelled.

July:

August:

Next issue of the Church NEWS

September:

Diocesan Convention

September 24 Clergy Conference, Pierre

All clergy are expected to attend.

September 25 & 26 Diocesan Convention

1st United Methodist Church

107 N. Central Ave., Pierre

South Dakota Episcopal Church News

Thunderhead Episcopal Center



“The most spiritually meaningful part of camp was actually experiencing absolute silence and having questions I’ve always had answered.” ~ 11th Grade Camper

41% of campers in 2019 required a **full scholarship**

Registration Fee for an individual camper: \$150
Actual Cost for an individual camper: \$700

EVERY camper is subsidized. Your contributions are essential to the ongoing ministry of Thunderhead.

I will support TEC and our youth by:

- Sponsoring a camper scholarship for \$150
- Sponsoring the actual cost of camp for \$700
- Contributing \$_____ TEC endowment to ensure the future of camp.

*Send your support to: TEC
 c/o Diocesan Office
 408 N. Jefferson Ave.
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