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2017 Niobrara
Convocation
Christ Church, Red
Shirt Table, Pine
Ridge Mission

When you look
around some peo-
ple see only dry,
hot, unusable land.

What do you see?

Do you see God's
loving hand at
work? Do you see
how God painted
creation with all
the colors one can imagine? Do you see all the beau-
ty of this land and Thank God, that we are able to
live on this land, enjoy God's creation and realize
just how very lucky we are to experience God's love
and grace.



*Guest Preacher Sunday June 25, 2017
The Most Reverend Michael J. Curry*

The Diocese of South Dakota



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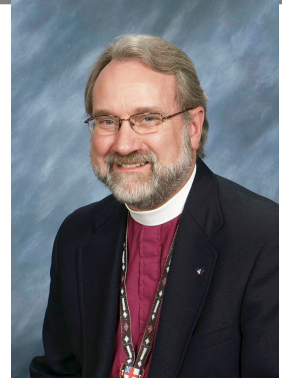
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I hope you are having a blessed summer despite the heat and dry weather. The below is the 2017 mid-year report I sent to the Episcopal Church Center. I send two reports each year along with Randy Barnhardt's financial report to account for the Block Grant the Diocese of South Dakota receives from the General Convention budget as partners in our ministry with and among Native Americans in South Dakota. These reports are shared with the Diocesan Council and in the future, I will have them put on the Diocesan website, so those who are interested have access to them.



Background:

The Diocese of South Dakota is comprised of 79 congregations; 54 are Native American congregations, most of which are located on one of nine reservations in our Diocese covering an area of well over 15,000 square miles. This includes one Native congregation in Minnesota, two in Nebraska and two urban Native congregations. Most of our other 25 congregations also have Lakota/Dakota members, which would increase the percentage and number of Episcopalians who are Native American. Twenty-nine of our church buildings have no indoor plumbing. Most of those churches do have a "pretty good outhouse."

Ministry:

In June of this year we held the 145th Niobrara Convocation at Christ Church, Red Shirt Table, Pine Ridge Mission. This is the summer gathering of Native American Episcopalians from the Dakotas, and in recent years we have been joined by some of our sisters and brothers from Minnesota and Iowa. At this year's Convocation we were blessed to have with us our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. This was a wonderful reminder to the people that our ministry among Native Americans in North and South Dakota is a ministry of the whole Episcopal Church. The Presiding Bishop was not a guest, but a participant in this vital ministry that belongs to the whole church of which he is the leader.

As you know the Episcopal Church has had a long history in Indian work. The result of this work is that well over one half of the Episcopalians in the Diocese of South Dakota are Native American and Native ministry has shaped much of the life and work of the Dioceses of North and South Dakota. Neither Diocese nor the larger church would be as vital and rich without our Native sisters and brothers in Christ. The church has been blessed to walk side by side with the peoples who occupied this land when the church first arrived on what is now known as the North American shores.

Challenges:

We continue to be understaffed in our eight mission fields, with some clergy being responsible for seven congregations or more. Our mission clergy are highly committed to live out the Gospel among an often-forgotten people. The church is present because of

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Just before Twilla ordination: Deacon Tom Regan, Spearfish, Bishop John Tarrant, Twilla R. Two Bulls and The Most Rev. Michael Curry

Welcome our newest Deacon Twilla R. Two Bulls



Bishop Craig Anderson & his wife Lizbeth, Bishop Tamihere (New Zealand) , Bishop Tarrant



Bishop Smith (North Dakota) & Bishop Tamihere (New Zealand)



2017 Diocesan Convention Positions Open

Diocesan Convention will be held September 29 & 30, 2017 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)

Convention Representative to the Diocesan Council

Convention Representative is a person elected by the body of the Convention, who will attend Diocesan Council meetings giving voice, vote and representation on behalf of the convention

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.

The nomination form is posted on the diocesan website (www.episcopalchurchsd.org) and on page 6.

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-third 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 one week before those meetings and the deadline for submitting resolutions generated at pre-Convention deanery meetings is no later than the Friday following those meetings.**

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
2017 Annual Diocesan Convention**

DEADLINE: Before the close of business on day one. (September 29th)

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 expires 2021)

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

___ 1 Lay person to fill 4 year

___ **Convention Representative to Diocesan Council** to fill a 4-year term expiring 2021.

See page 4 for the instructions.

this commitment that comes with a heavy personal cost. Our Mission clergy are far from the highest paid clergy in the church, but they are without exception some of the hardest working clergy in the church. The physical and emotional cost to them is high. Their sacrificial ministry cannot be captured well on YouTube, but it is very much embraced by the heart of God. I am continually in awe of the sacrifices they make for Jesus sake.

Opportunities:

The Episcopal Church in South Dakota, thanks to grant received, is developing youth ministry on two of our mission areas and we hope to expand it to a third soon. We have also revamped our local ministry training program, again thanks to a grant received through the wider church. These efforts will help us better address the issues of suicides, substance and physical abuse, school dropout rates, gang involvement and poverty, which many of our people face on a daily basis.

Our church camp program in the Black Hills continues to grow and flourish. Native and non-Native children and youth are brought together each year for a week of prayer, play, learning and living together in community. This helps break down the barriers that separate us and these camp weeks are a vivid reminder that as children of God we are more alike than different. We are all relatives of the one Holy and loving Creator. Our partnership with the Diocese of Wyoming in this camp experience has been a rich opportunity for both diocese.

Just a reminder:

None of the block grant money we receive is used to support the diocesan office or administrative structure, including bishop and staff. None of the block grant money is used to support buildings. All of it is used to support "on the ground" mission and ministry. The Diocese of South Dakota asks for 16% of disposable income from her congregations, including mission congregations, which along with endowment and miscellaneous income supports administrative expense as well as advancing our mission priorities. The Diocese spends two to three hundred thousand dollars more each year on Native ministry than we receive from the Block Grant. We also help support a Sudanese congregation in Sioux Falls, South Dakota as well as advancing other ministry opportunities. You will see from our financial report that our staff is not over paid when compared to others in similar positions around the Episcopal Church in the U.S.

Some thoughts:

Almost one half of the Episcopalians in South Dakota live at or below the poverty level and yet their generosity is profound. Most of the Episcopalians in South Dakota would be considered powerless by world standards and yet their faith in the power of God is inspiring. The Diocese of South Dakota is grateful for the commitment of the Episcopal Church as we partner in this ministry. As we face the wealth disparity within our own church, I believe diocese like South Dakota are a reminder that we need to transform our own house, the Episcopal Church, as we work to transform the world. Christ is more visible among the poor and powerless. I know this to be true because I have witnessed it with my own eyes and I have been changed by the amazing people I serve with and among.

Conclusion:

The General Convention budget support enables us to live God's vision for the world more vividly. Without that support, we would not be able to continue the vital ministry that the Episcopal Church began over 150 years ago in the Dakotas and the Kingdom of God would seem more distant to many of the least and the last in the mind of the world, but the most and the first in the heart of God. It really is that simple.

Respectfully submitted,
Bishop John T. Tarrant

Sunday
August 20

**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

Saturday
August 26

**Pre-Convention
Deanery Meeting**

St. Matthew's Church
620 Hines Ave.
Rapid City

2:00 pm— Pre Convention Meeting

Sunday
August 27

**Pre-Convention
Deanery Meeting**

Trinity Church
408 N. Jefferson
Pierre

2:00 pm—Pre-Convention Meeting



**St. Mary's
Episcopal Church
Old Agency
South Dakota**

**135th Anniversary
Celebration
August 11-12, 2017**



Friday, August 11, 2017

3:00pm OPEN HOUSE

5:00 pm Evening Prayer

6:00pm Meal

7:00 pm Presentation by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve

Saturday August 12, 2017

8:30 am Morning Prayer

9:30 am Archdeacon Paul Sneve

11:00 am Holy Eucharist /Bishop John Tarrant



Row 1. Andrew Weston, Eric Wright, James Munck, Dean Harry Henning, Bishop Gesner, Archdeacon Vine Deloria, Sidney Martin, James Dwyer, Webster Two Hawk, Frank Thorburn,

Row 2. Daryl Stahl, Ed Harnsberger, Richard J. Welsh, Donald S "Sandy" Walsh, John Lurvey, William Fahsing, Douglas Hiza, George Pierce, William Fay, I think the last one is Charles Vergith but I'm not positive.

Rows 3 and 4 Harold Luxon, Bob Dunn, ?, James Marrs, Richard Miller, Frederick Jessett, ?, Noah Brokenleg, Ernest Badenoch, Wilbur Bearsheart, Stephen Moccasin, Paul Brisbane, ?, ?, ?, Frederick H. C. Wild, Charles A. Sunderland, Dennis Tippett, ?, Walter Jones, George Selwyn.

This picture must have been taken in 1963 or 4 since some of the clergy in the picture served only in those years. Some of those I couldn't identify could have been any of the following who are listed in the 1964 Journal of the diocesan convention.

R.D. Crawford, Robert Wagner, Paul Clark, Hanford King, E. W. Andrews, Gerald Richards, G.M. Armstrong, Fred L Pickett, Charles Greene, Philip Allan, John Tederstrom, A.E. Longfellow, Thomas Russell, and Robert Greene.

I hope this helps keep the history of the diocese alive. Grace and peace, **The Rev. Fred Jessett**

I myself want to also thank **Stephen and James Lurvey** for their help with identifying their dad and other clergy. And thank you also to **Linda Frederick** who helped identify some of the clergy.

Greetings All,
Here are photos of the clean up some of us did at Camp Remington earlier this spring preparing for the summer use.

There was a new storage shed brought up, a riding lawn mower and grass trimmer and four new picnic tables placed. All the cabins and the chapel were cleaned, mattress's put out, outhouses cleaned, stove and refrigerators started, grass mowed and trimmed, old picnic tables loaded up and removed.



A big thank you to all who helped. The camp looks great and is ready for our summer visitors.

It was a great day weather wise and everyone had a great time. Those participating included Fr. Claude Vershure, Tom Slaughter, Key and Mary Parker, Lyn VonWald, Mara Vucurevich, Les and Cora Koss, Jackie Newell and Nicole Christen.

Les and Key

Pictured below are the confirmands from St. Paul's, Little Eagle (left to right)

Dale Henry, Demetra White, Trevonna Henry, Zoey Weasel, Yukonna Henry, Navea Skawin, Bishop Tarrant, Rev. Kim Fonder, Nuchala Henry, and Quenessa Long Elk.





This mural was done by Dimitri Kadi-ev, an artist from Los Angeles, who was at Convocation with the Red Shirt Table Project.

You will find a better picture of the finished product on Ritchie Two Bulls photos on Facebook.

Dimitri is also working on a mural at Cannonball, ND.

Little Dresses for Africa at TEC



Little Dresses for Africa is a non-profit Christian organization dedicated to provide relief to vulnerable children throughout Africa and beyond. Simple little dresses are sewn by volunteers all over the world.

Teams from the organization form relationships with communities and meet the needs of those communities by focusing on three areas: Clean water, Primary education, and Community. Beginning as a grass roots effort with a goal to take 1000 dresses to a single village, Little Dresses for Africa currently sends little dresses for girls and little britches for boys to 83 countries in and around Africa.

During this camp season, Thunderhead campers were given the opportunity to learn the life-long skill of serving and giving to others in need. The new sewing room was alive with excitement and 26 campers gave of their time

and talent to learn how to sew and produce 36 dresses. These dresses will certainly bring smiles to their sisters in Christ thousands of miles away.



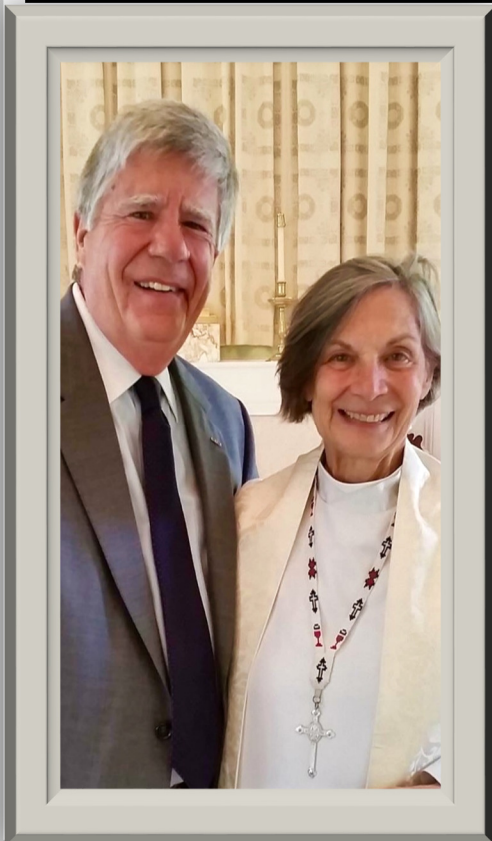


Dottie and Pat LeBeau celebrated an early 50th Wedding Anniversary.

We thank all those who were able to attend, and have appreciated your friendship.

50 years ago, December 21, 1967, Dottie and Pat were married at St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala during that years worst blizzard by Dottie's uncle Rev. Webster Two Hawk.

Not wanting to repeat the blizzard portion they decided to try a "summer renewal of marriage vows."



Congratulation to the Rev. Elizabeth Bryan- Rhode and Bill Rhode. Elizabeth and Bill were married this past January at St. Andrew's, Yardley, Bucks County Pennsylvania.

Province VI ECW Retreat will be held on August 18-19, 2017, in Chadron, Nebraska. Taking place at Grace Episcopal Church, Chadron.

Registration is from 4-6 pm on Friday, August 18th. The speaker is The Reverend Canon Liz Easton, who has traveled throughout Nebraska, and will convey her encounters with Jesus in this sacred geography.

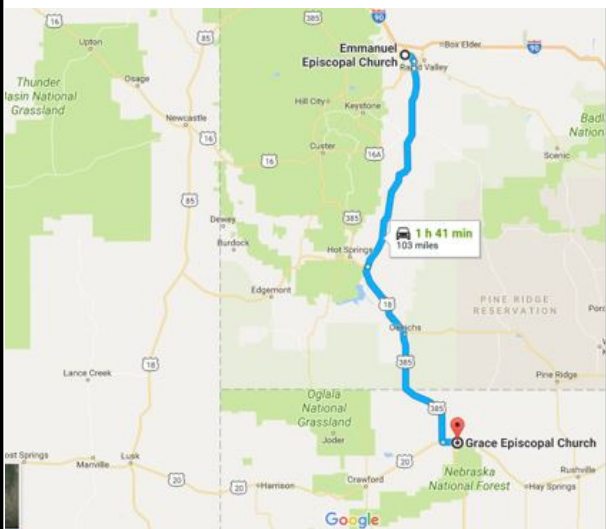
Cost of the retreat alone is \$70. If you stay at the camp lodge, the total cost will be \$120, and that includes 2 nights. We also have rooms available at the Super 8 Motel.

Please call them at 308-432-4471, and ask for rooms under Sandra Squires.

We will also be experiencing the Solar Eclipse on that following Monday, August 21st. I have set aside 5-6 rooms at the lodge for those of you who would like to stay after we conclude the retreat on Saturday, 4 pm.

Please consider this wonderful retreat, and register at: rthimes@wyoming.com.

Thank you. **Heather Bauer**



ECW Annual

I hope the Episcopal women of the Diocese of South Dakota are preparing for our annual Diocesan meeting which will be Friday, September 29 at 11 am.

Please make every effort to have your parish represented. There are so many projects we will be making very important decisions on and we want all of you to have a voice in the choices we make. I'm sorry to say too few women attended our Spring meeting and we need your support.

We will meet at 11a.m. at Trinity Church in Pierre. We will be joining the Great to be an Episcopalian Picnic. Please bring a dish to share, hot dogs, and hamburgers are provided.

Thank you to all who support our mission in the Episcopal Church.

Diana Regan



Niobrara School for Ministry 2017-2018 Schedule

1) Anyone in the Diocese may attend any Niobrara School event, and some weekends are well suited to lay leaders in the church or for clergy continuing education. Classes are \$15 per day, except Summer Seminary.

2) If you are in Niobrara School for the ordination process, you are **required** to attend every weekend that fulfills a requirement you have not yet fulfilled. If you have already fulfilled a particular requirement, you may still re-attend that weekend.

3) Summer Seminary and the enrichment weekend are required for everyone in the ordination process.

Email Chris Corbin at chris.diocese@midconetwork.com or contact Marlys Fratzke (605-494-2020 at office.diocese@midconetwork.com for more information. Please contact Marlys or go to the Niobrara School website at www.episcopalchurchsd.org/niobrara-school-for-ministry to register for ministry weekends.

2017 Self-Care/Community Care (Self-Care/Community Care)
August 18-19, 2017 5:30 (MST) PM Friday and ends 3:00 (MST) PM Saturday
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Rapid City, SD

Dakota Experience East (Dakota Experience)
November 3-4, 2017, begins 5:30 PM Friday and ends 3:00 PM Saturday
Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls, SD

Fall Discernment Retreat
November 10-11, 2017, times TBA
Pierre, SD (specific locations determined by number of participants)

2018 Constitution and Canons/Title IV
January 26-27, 2018, begins 5:30 PM Friday and ends 3:00 PM Saturday
Trinity Episcopal Church, Pierre, SD

The Episcopal Church in South Dakota (Episcopal Church in South Dakota)
March 2-3, 2018, begins 5:30 PM Friday and ends 3:00 PM Saturday
Location TBA

Dakota Experience West (Dakota Experience)
March 16-17, 2018, begins 5:30 (MST) PM Friday and ends 3:00 (MST) PM Saturday
Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Rapid City, SD

Finding Your Worship Voice (Congregational Speech and Song)
May 18-19, 2018, begins 5:30 (MST) Friday and ends 3:00 (MST) PM Saturday
Rapid City, SD

SUMMER SEMINARY: LAY LICENSE AND CATECHIST TRAINING *required for all*
August 12-15, 2018, Sunday through Thursday, specific times TBA Thunderhead Episcopal Center, Lead, SD
NOTE: *This Summer Seminary is also required for everyone beginning the Lay Catechist training program*

Enrichment Weekend (topic TBA) *required for all*
October 12-13, 2018, Friday evening through Saturday afternoon, Location & times TBA

Anti-Racism Training
Location, date, and time TBA



Being prepared for a disaster is an important pastoral obligation. By preparing for a disaster, congregations, deaneries, and indeed the entire diocese is demonstrating God's love for its own members and for surrounding communities.

With wildland fires, tornados, floods, winter storms, and other events that can affect congregations and communities, the phrase "*this fragile earth, our island home*" from the Book of Common Prayer (see Eucharistic Prayer C, page 370) is received with the utmost seriousness in the Diocese of South Dakota.

We know too well that disasters can and do occur – often with little or no warning. But if we prepare, we can face nearly any disaster backed by knowledge, skills and a network that could endeavor to assess and address needs quickly and efficiently.

The Lord be with you.

Let us Pray:

O God, our times are in your hand. Help us to be faithful stewards of time, talent, and treasure as we live and move and have our being in community, so we might prepare for, respond to, and in hope, mitigate disaster. In the midst of uncertainty lead us by your never-failing grace as we seek to be agents of healing, hope, and your love. Walk with us through difficult times; watch over us in danger; and give to us your Spirit of love and compassion for those who suffer and mourn. And finally remind us that you have promised never to leave us, so that even in the valley of the shadow of death your love may be felt, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Individual & Family Preparedness

According to FEMA and the American Red Cross, there are three basic things you can do that will make a big difference in ensuring you and your family's safety and well-being: **make a plan, be informed and get a kit.**

PREPARE WITH YOUR FAMILY

Make a Plan

- **Phone numbers.** Be sure you and your family memorize a phone number for someone outside of your immediate area that you can call in case of an emergency. Keep in mind that cell phones can be lost/stolen or batteries can run out, so memorize the number. Inform other family and friends who this contact person will be.
- **Make a wallet card.** Make a card that includes important numbers and information. Make your own, or print and fill out the card from the following link:
http://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/FamEmePlan_Adult.pdf
- **Texting.** Teach all members of your family to text. Text messages may still work even when phone calls don't go through.

Be Informed

- **Find an easy way to access information.** You can sign up for text alerts. To find a local agency providing alerts, go to:
<http://www.ready.gov/alerts>.
- **Local area weather radio stations:**

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Get a Kit

- **Water, food and cash.** The three most basic things you'll need.
 - **Water.** One gallon of water per person for three days
 - **Food.** Enough non-perishable food items for three days. These purchases can be part of your regular grocery shopping.
 - **Cash.** It's also good to have small denomination bills and change.

Church & Congregation Preparedness

Key components of church preparedness

- **Roles and Responsibilities**
 - **Congregation representative** - designated church/community liaison (could be Junior Warden or other volunteer)
 - **Altar and Sacred Elements** - designated (could be Altar Guild person or other volunteer)
 - **Records and documents** - designated (could be administrative assistant, secretary or other volunteer)
- **Safety and Security and Evacuation**
 - **FIRE.** Alarms, exits, extinguishers up to date.
 - **Exit.** Primary and secondary egress marked and clear.
 - **Shelter.** Gathering location prepared and marked.
 - **Practice.** At least every 6 months practice what to do and where to go.

Emergency preparedness for individuals, families, and congregations is a dynamic process, which can be used by churches just as it is used in other businesses. Planning, though critical is not the only component. Training, conducting drills, testing equipment and coordinating activities with the community are other important functions. Is it important for churches to care about emergencies? Absolutely! Churches cannot afford to ignore the seriousness of emergency management. The most important aspect of church emergency preparedness should be the safety of the congregation. The church must do everything in its power to avoid any situation that can cause death or significant injury to its employees, church members, or visitors; or a situation that can disrupt church services, cause physical or environmental damage, or threaten the church's financial standing or public image.

As the Diocese of South Dakota Disaster Preparedness & Response Coordinator I am available to consult and provide direction and resources but can not do it alone. At the 2017 Diocesan Convention a breakout session will be offered to present resources for individuals and congregations. In the meantime, I am available for Deaneries, Convocations, and Congregations. My contact information is provided below.

Knowledge, awareness, prevention, training, and preparation are the keys to successful emergency planning.

Go in peace to love and serve the LORD, working in the Jesus movement to his glory, protecting resources through sound biblical principles, wise counsel, and effective emergency, safety, and security practices.

Deacon Thomas Regan, Diocesan Disaster Preparedness & Response Coordinator

Phone: 605-580-1156 or Email: tregan@rushmore.com

132nd Annual Convention, Diocese of South Dakota, 30 September- 1 October 2016

The Rev. Canon David Hussey opened Convention with a prayer.

Bishop Tarrant called the 132nd Annual Convention to order at 7:03 p.m.

The Bishop thanked the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Deaneries for hosting this year's convention.

The Bishop reminded all of the UTO boxes on their tables, then introduced the people at the head table: The Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley, Secretary of the Convention; Steve Sanford, Chancellor of the Diocese; The Rev. Canon David Hussey, Dispatch for Business.

The Bishop asked people to direct questions for those at the head table through Canon Hussey. Those wishing to make an announcement should also talk to David. Don Metcalf is our page and he will be soliciting other to assist him. If you need Don to do something, hold up your yellow card.

Credentials report: Marty Garwood, Chair of the Credentials: Out of 140 eligible lay delegates, 92 here; out of 69 eligible clergy delegates, 40 are present, thereby making a quorum. Marty reminded all delegates to pick up credentials and red or green voting cards.

The Bishop intruded the Rev. John Floberg, Mission Priest on the Standing Rock Reservation, North Dakota, as our guest. Fr. John Floberg: "From your neighbors to the north, your brothers and sisters, some of whom are part of the Niobrara Deanery, our six native congregations there, and from the rest of the Diocese of North Dakota, I bring you greetings, and from the Executive Council, which I serve as the Province 6 representative, I bring you greetings as well." Fr. John has been an important partner in ministry in South Dakota, and has been helpful in our receiving grants for youth ministry and adult leadership formation.

The Rev. Robert Two Bulls, Jr. from the Diocese of Minnesota sent his regrets; he had intended to be with us at Convention. He extends his greetings.

We have regrets from several people: The Rev. Portia Corbin and her husband, Chris, and their daughter, Louisa, who is 2 weeks old, cannot be here. Other clergy who also sent their regrets: The Rev. Marion Paulis, Christ Church Milbank, the Rev. Karen Hall, Grace Church Madison, Deacon Jo Hedin, Emmanuel Rapid City, Deacon John Keyes, Christ Church Yankton and the Rev. Webster Two Hawk.

Introduce of new clergy:

The Rev. Clay Riley, All Angels, Spearfish began his ministry in South Dakota on Ash Wednesday.

The Rev. Henrique Fleming, St. Matthew's, Rapid City

The Rev. Mikayla Dunfee, curate on Cheyenne River Mission, ordained to the priesthood at the 144 Niobrara Convocation in Eagle Butte.

The Rev. Tim Fountain has stepped down as rector at Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls, and is joining our staff part-time, to become Support Missioner.

The Rev. Harold Eagle Bull has transferred his canonical residency to South Dakota from Minnesota. He is serving as interim on the Pine Ridge Mission.

Two clergy that have retired and left the Diocese – the Rev. Kay Jennings now serving in the Diocese of Rio Grande, and the Rev. Vern Raschke has moved to Texas.

This past year has seen the death of two clergy and one clergy spouse: the Rev. Agnes Tyon and the Rev. Daniel Makes Good, and Moyra Martin, wife of the Rev. Lyle Martin. "May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

The bishop requested voice and vote be given to the following clergy, who are not canonically resident in

this diocese but are serving congregations or missions: the Rev. Robert Two Bulls Sr. serving Christ Church, Red Shirt Table and St. John's, Oglala; the Rev. Charley Chan, Sisseton Mission; the Rev. Daryl Schubert, St. Mary's Mitchell, and The Rev. Henrique Fleming, St. Matthews Rapid City. Father Tom Campbell moved and Deacon Marty Garwood seconded to give them voice and vote; passes unanimously.

No additions or corrections were given to the 2015 Diocesan Convention minutes as printed in the September/October Church News. Nyle Hedin moved, Ward Simpson seconded that the minutes be accepted as printed. Approved unanimously.

Tom Campbell moved and Jean Lacher seconded a motion to accept reports by title of commissions and agencies, as printed in the Church News. Approved unanimously.

An overview of the Convention schedule was given. We have three resolutions this year. One will be on the changes in the Diocesan Constitution, which were prepared by Chancellor Steve Sanford. The other two other resolutions were not available for all deanery meetings, so we will have a hearing for them tomorrow at 8 o'clock. Dean Ward Simpson will be facilitating these hearings which will be held in this room. One resolution is on bullying in the Church, and the other is to offer support for the actions of the Standing Rock Reservation tribal council in North Dakota in opposition to the pipeline being built. We will reconvene for our second plenary session following daily devotions at 9:00 am.

The bishop honored the Rev. Charley Chan, serving Sisseton Mission, with a presentation of a Niobrara cross and lanyard. He is the senior serving Mission priest. Fr. Chan received a standing ovation.

Deacon Tom Regan, Disaster Preparedness coordinator for the Diocese, gave a presentation on his ministry.

Announcements: There is a table of free items in the hall. The BCU is having a white elephant sale. Vendors are: The Two Bulls' family selling jewelry and crafts and Augustana Bookstore.

UTO boxes are available; please feel free to take them. The Diocese of South Dakota received its first UTO grant in 1928, St. Paul's, Little Eagle. We have received over \$1,723,000 in UTO grants since that time. \$1,723,242. In 2016 dollars that would be equivalent to over \$4 million. So when you think of those things in your life for which you are thankful, one should be the UTO and its generosity to our diocese.

Tomorrow' afternoon workshops are as follows: Gladys Hawk will offer a presentation on Lakota prayers and hymns; Paul Sneve on ABCD, Christine O'Hara adult education program. Carol Smith and Larry Ort will have a workshop on creation care.

The prayer room is Lake Sharp B, sponsored by Black Hills Daughters of the King. We thank them for that ministry.

The Rev. Lauren Stanley has been nominated as a clergy person for Standing Committee. Please add her name on your blue slip.

Chancellor Steve Sanford: Just a reminder that in conducting the convention we will function under the rules we have used from convention to convention, printed in the convention packet. The convention is free to amend those rules.

We will take a brief recess as we prepare for the Eucharist. Following the service, with the dismissal, that will be our formal recess until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock when we reconvene for Daily Devotions.

Saturday, October 1:

Bishop called the convention back to order on Saturday at 9:30 am

Josh Floberg from the Diocese of North Dakota spoke to the convention about the 2017 Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) to be held on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma July 10-14, 2017. Josh is part

of the planning team. The theme for this event is “Path to Peace.”

Sandy Magnavito spoke on the availability of ECW scholarships for young women throughout the diocese attending college.

St. Mark’s, Aberdeen, brought comfort quilts. They are made with prayer and sent with love. If you have anyone in your congregations who could benefit from receiving one please help yourself. Linda Simon would appreciate any history or background on any quilts from congregations hung around this room, so proper appreciation can be given.

The Rev. Christina O’Hara, associate priest and canon at the Cathedral, spoke on behalf of the South Dakota Public Faith and Life and their paper that is a moral response to payday lending and a recommendation that churches and religious organizations study it, particularly in light of Measure 21 on the November ballot to institute a cap at 36 percent on the payday loan industry. She has some suggestions for resources if you want to study this issue more. Please, contact her if you are interested.

Jean Lacher announced that there are also at least two quilts in the hall for silent auction. There are brochures for how to talk to young adults and children about human trafficking. Please help yourself.

By acclamation we offer greetings to Ann Robertson, widow of Bishop Creighton Robertson; to the Rt. Rev. Craig Anderson and his wife, Liz; and to Marilyn Jones, the widow of the Bishop Walter Jones.

Chancellor Steve Sanford: We’re functioning under the same rules we functioned under last year. If you want to speak or intend to make a motion, you should come to the microphone and wait to be recognized by the chair. If you are offering an amendment or calling the question, please say before you speak to the motion. If there are issues of debate, please do not repeat what has already been said. We will offer opportunity for both pro and con opinions on resolutions. Please say your name and the church you represent.

Randy Barnhardt offered his financial presentation.

Barney’s final address:

“I began serving you and the people of this place we call The Diocese of South Dakota on March 16, 1987. “I stand before you with a humble and grateful heart, and ask you to bear with me today. At the risk of offending my wife, who is a Minnesota Twins fan, if I may plagiarize and quote a New York Yankee great, Lou Gehrig, “I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth.”

“I am lucky that God has given me 30 years to serve you. There have been many times I felt inadequate for the tasks placed before me, and I am sure there have been times I fell short and for my shortcomings, I sincerely apologize. If I have wronged anybody by things I have done or left undone, said or left unsaid, I am truly sorry and humbly ask your forgiveness.

“I am lucky to have been able to drive many thousands of miles across this great state and visited every holy church in this diocese. I have seen eagles fly over me, all sorts of wildlife, sunrises, sunsets, the Black Hills, the prairies, the Badlands, and the lakes. I have said many times there is beauty in this state.

“I am lucky to call you my friends, brothers and sisters. “I am lucky that Bishop Robertson placed his trust in me in 1996 when he appointed me administrator for this Diocese. “I am lucky that Bishop Tarrant allowed me to continue in that position. And so lucky that he is my biggest supporter. For that I will be forever grateful.

“I am lucky to have worked with great treasurers from E.B. Morrison, Jim Black, Chuck Bahnson, Gary Conradi and Chris Clem. “I am lucky to have had great chancellors to support me with Bob Maule and Steve Sanford. “I am lucky to have worked with super staff members, Mary Armin, David Hussey, Rita Winters, Rita Powell, Portia Corbin, Marlys Fratzke, Karen Hall and Paul Sneve.

“I am lucky to have worked with many mission clergy. In my humble opinion, these men and women who serve on the missions are the most dedicated and hard-working people that I have ever had the privilege to know. Father Chan, Father Fonder, Mother Henninger, Mother Red Owl, Mother Stanley, Mother Watson, Father West, and Mother White Horse-Carda, and those who have left us.

“I am lucky that God blessed us with two beautiful, wonderful children. My son Zac and daughter Rachel, with Zac’s fiancé, Sarah, and Rachel’s significant other, Pat. “I am so lucky that God blessed me with my wife Linda. She keeps me humble, is not afraid to point out when I am wrong, and has been my support and the love of my life for almost 35 years.

“But maybe it wasn’t luck. I think that it is perhaps God’s Amazing Grace and his unfailing love that has given me this wonderful life, and I will be forever thankful. “So now, I move into retirement and the next stage of my life in the diocese, doing the thing that I really love to do, working with the numbers. “Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart, for making my life so much better than I could have hoped or imagined.”

Tom Campbell moved and Ward Simpson seconded the financial reports be accepted as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Don Metcalf, Richard Zephier, and Kim Fonder presented a star quilt to Barney on behalf of Niobrara Council. (Standing ovation of thanksgiving for Barney’s ministry.) Don Eagle and Pat LeBeau presented a star quilt to Randy and his wife Linda on behalf of the Brotherhood of Christian Unity (BCU). This quilt is in starburst colors. The bishop also offered gifts to Randy in appreciation for his ministry through the diocese. This is Barney’s last convention as administrator. Randy introduces his family.

Marty Garwood, credentials Committee: Out of 140 eligible lay delegates, 104 are present; out of 69 clergy, 41 are present, thereby making a quorum.

Elections: Standing Committee; two positions are open, one clergy and one lay. Lauren Stanley was nominated for the clergy, and Joan Sutton for the laity. Tom Campbell moved and Bunker Hill seconded that one ballot be cast for election. Unanimous approval.

Election ballots are distributed with instructions for General Convention deputies for the 2018 Convention. You must vote for four candidates in the lay order and four in the clergy order. General Convention 2018 will be held in Austin, Texas. The top four vote getters will be the deputies. The fifth person will be the alternate. There will only be a runoff if there is a tie in the fourth and fifth place. Candidates are introduced.

The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, introduces resolution.

Ward Simpson: The first resolution is in support of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. I move this resolution, seconded by Jean Mornard. The Rev. Lauren Stanley makes introductory comments as the writer of the resolution. Dean Simpson notes that the key resolve is that we stand in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe with their efforts to bring a halt to the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

After a period of debate a vote was taken by show of voting cards. Green means support; red means against. The motion is passed by a clear majority.

A 15-minute break is taken. The Bishop calls the convention back to order at 11:10 a.m.

Announcements: We are printing the diocesan directory once a year, and will send out through email corrections as they come in. Please pick up your directory before you leave.

Dean Ward Simpson presented the resolution on bullying. The committee moves this resolution. There is no second needed. Margaret Watson, please introduce the resolution.

Margaret Watson, priest serving the Cheyenne River Mission, the State and the Federal Government all have policies, proscriptions, and procedures to deal with bullying, and we do not. This proposal emanates from that concern. There was one minor change in the Resolution, in the third resolve, the second bullet, in red, "Through a survey of experiences within our diocese." This is an outline of their work. The intent of this is to find out what bullying looks like in our churches and our committees, if indeed it exists, and to inform and educate our committees, our churches, our congregations, and to propose to the Bishop and to this convention a means to mediate.

Margaret Watson moved and Michael Mornard seconded this amendment.

After some discussion the amendment is adopted by voice vote.
The amended resolution was considered. Through a show of colored cards the resolution passed.

Ward Simpson: the Convention addresses constitutional changes. The resolution was put on the projector screen. A Resolution Amending the Constitution...

There are a couple of changes in the text in front of you. In Article 1, St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church. Article VI, The Standing Committee, Section 3, officers capitalized. Section 4, we changed "had" to "held." Section 4, comma deleted after "members." The Constitution as proposed is now before you. The changes coming from the Resolutions Committee, so we don't need a second.

Chancellor Steve Sanford: The purpose of the changes I am proposing, is not to alter substantively any basic principle of either The Episcopal Church of the United States or the Diocese of South Dakota, but simply to better organize them in a simpler, more understandable ways, to jettison duplication and put things in the place where they belong. Nothing is intended to alter anything that we do or the way we do it. The changes simply make clearer and more organized what the Constitution details for us. Example: Our existing constitution says that the date of the next annual convention is fixed by the existing convention or is decided by the budget. We never fix next year's date by this year's body. So why say so? So I've stricken that sort of thing. I have simply reorganized a number of other things to make things proceed in a more logical fashion. That's about all there is to it. Changes to the Constitution need to be done at two consecutive Conventions. If we adopt them, we have to adopt the exact same changes next year.

Ward Simpson: Seeing no other discussion, under the Constitution, it must be a vote on by orders both years.

First the lay delegates: All green, no opposed. It has passed in the lay order. Clergy: Green card, no opposed. It has passed the clergy order. The resolution has passed.

Ward Simpson: This doesn't go into effect this year. It goes into effect after it passes next year's Convention. That concludes the committee's report.

Elizabeth Campbell, UTO Coordinator, invites the Rev. Abraham Mayon to stand. Holy Apostles in Sioux Falls were recipients of a UTO Grant this year. They have 65 children in their Sunday school and are a growing congregation. They now have new furnace to help lower utility bills and provide more balanced heating to the facility. Abraham thanked the UTO for their support.

Bishop's Address given.

Election results:

Clergy Deputies:

C1: The Rev. Kim Fonder
C2: The Very Rev. Ward Simpson
C3: The Rev. Chris Roussell
C4: The Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley
Alt 1: The Rev. Annie Henninger

Lay Deputies:

L1: Donald Metcalf
L2: Twilla Two Bulls
L3: Tamara Fonder
L4: Richard Thompson Jr.
Alt. 1: John Red Bear

Break for lunch.

After lunch the quilt auction was held followed by workshops. The Bishop called the Convention back to order at 3:00 p.m.

Next year's Convention will be in Pierre on September 29-30.

Following final announcements, the Bishop adjourned the 132nd Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota with a blessing at 3:04 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by The Rev. Dr. Lauren Stanley
Convention Secretary*

Workshops 2017 Diocese of South Dakota

1) 'How to keep your members forever and ever, Amen!' led by Diocesan Treasurer Chris Clem

Does your church have many of its members over or at retirement age? Then this workshop is for your church, or even for yourself. The workshop will discuss how to replace current pledge income with endowment income. No current "pledge income" your church is too small. WE will touch on how to build endowment funds that can be directed back to your small church and how gifts can grow over time. A penny saved is a penny errand and if you add several pennies together we can and will be rich beyond our dreams.

Attention: Sr. Wardens, Bishop Committee members, Deacons, Church treasurer, this workshop is for you.

2) Creation Cares will have a workshop again this year, led by the Rev. Hal Weidman St. Andrew's, Rapid City and Rev. Larry Ort, St. Paul's, Brookings.

3) Dakota Stories will be the subject of this years presentation led by Gladys Hawk.

4) "Stewardship in the Mission Congregations" led by Bishop John Tarrant

2017 Convention Registration Form

Please return completed Form by September 4, 2017

Circle those that apply.

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| Lay Delegate | Clergy Delegate | Alternate | Visitor |
| Diocesan Council | Niobrara Council | Standing Committee | Diocesan Office |

Last name _____ First name _____

First name is prominent on nametag.

CLERGY, will you be attending the Clergy Conference & Thursday Supper? ___ **YES** ___ **NO**

If **YES**, including you, how many will attend the supper? _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

Church _____ Location/City _____

Phone (day) _____ Phone (evening) _____

e-mail _____

Would you be interested in singing in the Choir? Yes or 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)
(Extra lunches are \$12)
___ \$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 online with credit card (www.episcopalchurchsd.org and use Donation button)

___ I will pay at Convention.

INSTRUCTIONS

REGISTRATION

Please use only one (1) name per form.

Return registration forms (and payment - check or money order) by September 4th to:

The Diocese of South Dakota
408 N Jefferson Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

Call (605) 494-2020, or email office.diocese@midconetwork.com if you have any questions.

You have the option to register on-line at www.episcopalchurchsd.org
You may also pay on-line using a credit card. Debit cards do not work.

Payment is a separate step. Use Donation button at the very bottom of the page.

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 their 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, Sat Lunch, Breaks, and Materials.

Breakfast is on your own.

HOUSING:

We have a block of rooms at the **Ramkota** again this year. You are responsible to make your own reservations. Call **605-224-6877** to book; tell them you're with "The Diocese of SD Convention."

DO NOT call the Best Western 800 number. They cannot see room blocks.



Those participating in Niobrara School for Ministry over the last program year have likely experienced continuity with the past, certain changes, and even the revival of some traditions. Niobrara School continued to provide educational opportunities for local ministerial formation programs as well as for lay and ordained people seeking continuing education and enrichment. Ministry weekends this last year covered topics like the practice of biblical exegesis and improving speaking and singing in worship. Fr. Paul Sneve offered an important weekend-long anti-racism training session last fall. For the first time in several years, Niobrara School for Ministry held its annual Summer Seminary somewhere other than Thunderhead Episcopal Center. From Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25, people from throughout the Diocese gathered in Rapid City to learn about the theory and practice of liturgy in the Episcopal Church. Participants stayed at Terra Sancta retreat center and travelled to the three Episcopal Churches in Rapid City (St. Matthew's, St. Andrew's, and Emmanuel) for hands-on training in Morning and Evening Prayer, Baptisms, the Eucharist, and funerals. Fr. Chris Roussell of Emmanuel Episcopal Church served as the primary facilitator and instructor. Additionally, Deacons Marty Garwood and Virginia Bird, Frs. Hal Weidman and Clay Riley, and Bishop John Tarrant all served as lecturers and facilitators. While everyone could not stay for every session, 19 people, in addition to facilitators and instructors, participated in Summer Seminary 2017.

One of the most significant changes to have begun for Niobrara School for Ministry is the development of a training program for a new lay Order of Catechists. The unique situations of many of South Dakota's congregations make a full-time, stipendiary priest unfeasible, and dedicated lay people enable these communities to have regular worship, pastoral care, Baptism and Confirmation instruction, and wakes and funerals. For the last several years, the Diocese has not had a single, formal way to recognize the work and authority of those who provide such valuable services or to ensure that these leaders receive consistent ministerial formation. Often, local communities, looking to ensure that these leaders received due authority, recognition for their service, and training, have put them forward for ordination to the diaconate. However, the diaconate is an order that symbolically bridges the gap between the world and the church by bringing the concerns of the world to the church and those of the church to the world; it is therefore not well suited to these particular local needs. Therefore, to maintain the integrity of the diaconate while also equipping and authorizing these leaders to serve more quickly than would be possible through local training for the priesthood (a process that takes a minimum of three years), the Diocese will institute an Order of Catechists to which one is formally commissioned. The title, authority, and responsibilities of the office of Catechist will require participation in a year-long training program from Niobrara School for Ministry. This office will be understood as a specific call to ministry by God like ordination; as such, once this program has begun, those with a possible call to this order will need it affirmed through participation at a Diocesan Discernment Retreat and by the successful completion of the subsequent year-long training program. Those who are recognized as duly called and successfully trained will be commissioned in the summer of 2019.

Without neglecting those in the local training process for ordination, Niobrara School for Ministry will invest considerable time this coming year in the development of Catechist training, local education about this program, and the identification of a vanguard class of participants. At the same time, Niobrara School will continue to provide a full array of ministry weekends and other training opportunities in 2017-18, including a weekend on the history of the Episcopal Church in South Dakota; training on the Constitution and Canons – with emphasis on Title IV; and an encore offering of *Finding Your Worship Voice: Congregational Speech and Song*. This coming year's Summer Seminary will kick off the Catechist training program, and it will focus on how to train members of one's congregation to live into those positions for which they are called and licensed (e.g., Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, Worship Leader, etc.), but it will also provide valuable training for everyone in the Diocese so licensed.

Submitted by Chris Corbin
Missioner for Leadership Development

Canon's Report to the 2017 Diocesan Convention

Congregations & Clergy in Transition since 2016 Convention

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Rapid City - The Rev. Hal Weidman, Rector

Christ Church, Lead - The Rev. Portia Corbin, Rector

Church of the Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls - The Rev. Christina O'Hara, Rector

Trinity Episcopal Church, Watertown - OPEN

The Mni Sose Cluster, Chamberlain - OPEN

Clergy in Transition since 2016 Convention

Fr. Tony Buquor and his wife Lou Ann, retired from Concord, MA and are back home in South Dakota and living in Sioux Falls.

Fr. Craig West and Miriam have retired from the Mni Sose Cluster and are relocating to the Pacific Northwest.

Commission on Ministry's Report to the 2017 Diocesan Convention

The Commission on Ministry has met twice during the past year. At their meeting during the 2016 Diocesan convention, COM recommended one person for Postulancy toward ordination as a priest and one person for candidacy toward the ordination as a priest. COM'S second meeting occurred during the Mega Meeting in April. At that meeting, we recommended one person for Postulancy toward ordination as a vocational deacon and two persons for Postulancy toward ordination as a priest. In addition, three people were recommended for candidacy toward ordination as a priest and two persons were recommended for ordination as transitional deacons.

The Commission on Ministry (COM) of the Diocese of South Dakota serves under the direction of the Bishop, with members appointed by the Bishop. Both lay and ordained persons serve on the commission. Current members are: The Rev. Portia Corbin, Carol Cloud Eagle, Shirley Crane, The Rev. Judy Flagstad, Co-Chair, Marlys Fratzke, Secretary, Barbee Hovelson, The Rev. Michael Johnson, Dottie LeBeau, Co-Chair, The Rev. Jean Mornard, Linda Simon, Barb Simpson, The Ven. Paul Sneve

Faithfully,
Dottie LeBeau and Judy Flagstad, Co –Chair
Commission on Ministry

Annual Report by the Standing Committee, The Diocese of South Dakota, 2017

The Standing Committee is elected by the Diocesan Convention, which each year elects one lay person and one clergy person to serve four-year terms. The canons allow up to two of the clergy seats to be occupied by deacons. Currently all four clergy persons are priests. The current membership of the Standing Committee (terms expire with the election of a successor at the Diocesan Convention in the year indicated):

2017: The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Tamara Fonder

2018: The Rev. Annie Henninger, Deanna Stands

2019: The Rev. Pat White Horse-Carda, Pat LeBeau

2020: The Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley, Joan Sutton

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, 2017, the Standing Committee took the following actions:

- Elected the Very Rev. Ward Simpson as President.
- Elected the Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley as Secretary.

Consented to the following elections of bishops:

- Consented to the the election of the Rev. Canon John Harvey Taylor as Bishop Co-Adjutor of the Diocese of Los Angeles;
- Consented to the election of the Rev. Canon Rafael L. Morales as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Puerto Rico;
- Consented to the election of the Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Indianapolis;
- Consented to the election of the Rev. Canon Gretchen Mary Rehberg as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Spokane;
- Consented to the election of Provisional Bishop David C. Rice as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of San Joaquin;
- Consented to the election of the Rev. Samuel S. Rodman III as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of North Carolina; and
- Consented to the election of the Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of West Texas.

The Standing Committee also consented to the call for the election of of a Bishop Co-Adjutor for the Diocese of Haiti;

In actions relating to the ordination process, the Standing Committee:

- Consented to Twila Two Bull's Ordination to the diaconate with a call to priesthood;
- Consented to Twila Two Bulls' application as a Candidate for Ordination to the Priesthood;
- Consented to James Marrs' application as a Candidate for Ordination to the Priesthood;
- Consented to the Rev. Deacon Virginia Bird's application as a Candidate for Ordination to the Priesthood;
- Consented to Erin Rath's Ordination to the diaconate with a call to priesthood.

In other business, the Standing Committee:

- Consented to the request for reinstatement to the Episcopal priesthood of the Rev. Ronald Gene Hennies, under Canon III.9.13;
- Consented to the request from the Standing Rock Mission for a \$10,000 loan from the Centennial Challenge Fund.

Respectfully submitted, The Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley, Secretary

Tentative 2017 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, September 29

Noon we may begin setting up tables.

- 11-5pm ECW Fall Gathering *Trinity Church*
- 3-4:30pm COM *Lewis & Clark*
- 3-7 pm Registration and Credentials, *in lobby*
- 4:30 pm Hosts of Next Convention, *Lake Sharpe A*
- 4:30 pm Niobrara Council, *Lake Francis Case A & B*
- 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, *Galleria E*
- 5:30-7 pm Opening Supper/Reception (in *AGF*)
- 7:00 pm Plenary Session I (*BCDE*)
Initial Business
- 8:00 pm Opening Eucharist

SATURDAY, September 30

- 8-10 am Registration and Credentials, *lobby*
- 8:00 am Resolution Hearing (*BCDE*)
- 9:00 am Daily Devotions
- 9:30 am Plenary Session II
Convention Business
2017 Budget, Elections, Resolutions
- 10:30 am *Break*
- 11:00 am Bishop's Address
- 12:00 pm Lunch buffet (in *AGF*)
Standing Committee (*Lewis & Clark B*)
- 1:00 pm Announcements (*BCDE*)
- 1:30 pm **Workshops**

Dakota Stories (*Amphitheater I*) (right side)

How to keep your members forever and ever, Amen
(*Lake Francis Case A & B*)

Stewardship in the Mission Congregations
(*Amphitheater II*) (left side)

Creation Care Network
(*Lewis & Clark A & B*)

- 3:30 pm Plenary Session III (*BCDE*)
Final business

Diocesan Council members include the following, Bishop Tarrant (Chair), Steve Sanford (Chancellor), Randy Barnhardt (Financial Officer), Chris Clem (Treasurer), Rev. Kim Fonder (Convention Representative), Rev. Chris Roussell (Black Hills Deanery), Richard Thompson Jr. (Central Deanery), Carol Smith (Eastern Deanery), Rev. Harold Eagle Bull (Niobrara Deanery), Rev. Richard Zephier (Northeast Deanery), Don Metcalf (Northwest Deanery), and Peter Haukaas (Rosebud Deanery)

During the December 2016 meeting, Diocesan Council discussed the following issues.
Financial Reports, TEC
Open clergy positions, Convention Development of the resolution from convention regarding an anti-bullying committee
Legacy giving
Standing Rock Mission (Centennial Challenge Loan)
Diocesan Office space agreement with Trinity.

During the January 2017 meeting, Diocesan Council discussed the following issues.
Financial Reports, Mission Clergy salary Increase, Audit committee, TEC Board, Convention, Standing Rock Mission (Centennial Challenge Loan), Introduction of Pat LeBeau (Diocese Property Manager).
Open Clergy positions
Introduction of the Rev. Tim Fountain (Diocese Missioner of Support)
Bishop's Report, Plans for an upcoming Mega meeting.

During the April 2017 meeting, Diocesan Council discussed the following issues.
Financial Reports, Audit committee
Annual compensations for Rev. Tim Fountain and Bishop Tarrant
Capital Fund Drive for Calvary Cathedral.
Convention, set of dates for 2018 and moving convention to the UMC in Pierre.
Chancellor spoke about the churches as a "Sanctuary"
Finalize the Diocesan Office space agreement with Trinity and Property update and inspections

Respectfully submitted by Marlys Fratzke

The Rt. Rev. Michael G. Smith was elected the eleventh bishop of North Dakota in 2004. An enrolled member of the Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma, he served churches in Oklahoma and Minnesota before coming to North Dakota. He is the Chair of the Bishops' Native Collaborative and Vice-Chair of the Executive Council's Committee on Indigenous Ministries.

Smith and his wife, the Rev. Lisa White Smith, are the parents of three grown children and the grandparents of five grandchildren. He holds degrees in psychology, music, social work and theology from Oklahoma State University, Marymount College of Kansas, the University of Oklahoma and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. Currently the bishop is pursuing a doctoral degree in preaching through Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis.

Bishop Michael places a high priority on the baptismal ministries of all the people of God, evangelism, youth ministry, the diaconate, Benedictine spirituality, spiritual vitality, preaching and theological education. His desire is that each of the congregations of the Diocese of North Dakota becomes a "community of disciples who make other disciples." As a Communion

Partner bishop, he works to keep as many people as possible in both The Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion.



Bishop Michael Smith
Eleventh Bishop of North Dakota

Pictured below from left to right.

Bishop Tamihere, Bishop Michael Smith,
Bishop Tarrant, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry,
Deacon Twilla Two Bulls and Deacon Marty Garwood.





A Creation Care Resource from The Episcopal Church

By Chuck Berry

The World watched as Pope Francis gave President Trump a signed copy of his 2015 book titled *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home* (176 pages). Pope Francis reminds us of Saint Francis of Assisi's canticle describing Earth like a sister with whom we share our life and a mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Mother Earth now cries out because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her.

In 2011, The Episcopal Church's House of Bishops issued a "pastoral teaching" that is similar to the Pope's message. The Bishops begin their 18-paragraph message as follows "We, your bishops, believe these words of Jeremiah describe these times and call us to repentance as we face the unfolding environmental crisis of the earth: How long will the land mourn, and the grass of every field wither? For the wickedness of those who live in it the animals and the birds are swept away, and because people said, "He is blind to our ways." (Jeremiah 12:4).

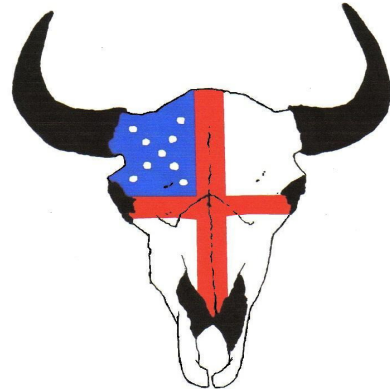
A study guide is now available to assist discussion of the Bishops' pastoral teaching. The guide is titled *A Life of Grace for the Whole World*. (64 pages, \$8.95 each for adult and youth versions) <https://www.churchpublishing.org/lifeofgraceforthewholeworldadult>

As science and politics battle over the environment, this Episcopal study guide engages participants in understanding how the call to care for Creation informs and deepens appreciation and love for God and God's work in Creation, and how that finds expression in the faith life of individuals and churches.

To read the House of Bishops' Pastoral Teaching, go to: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/episcopal-church-house-bishops-issues-pastoral-teaching>

The Creation Care Network in the Diocese in its 5th year of promoting creation care activities and sharing information among members. Look for Creation Care news at Convention or contact Chuck Berry at St Paul's in Brookings, cberry@itctel.com.

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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.

Fall 2017 & Spring 2018 Dates

- **Fall (East):** Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls
November 10 & 11, 2017
- **Spring (West):** 2018 Dates TBA
Emmanuel Church, Rapid City

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Diocesan Calendar

AUGUST

Aug 6 **St. James, Belle Fourche**
 Aug 11-13 **St. Mary's, Old Agency 125th**
 Aug 18&19 NSM Enrichment weekend
 Aug 15-22 **Vacation Time**
 Aug 16 Pre Convention Deanery
 2pm St. Matthew's, Rapid City
 Aug 20 Pre Convention Deanery meeting
 St. Paul's, Brookings 4PM
 Aug 27 **Trinity, Watertown**
 Aug 27 Pre Convention Deanery meeting
 Trinity, Pierre 2PM

SEPTEMBER

Sept 3 **Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls**
 Sept 9 **TEC Board, Pierre**
 Sept 10 **St. Thomas, Sturgis**
 Sept 17 **Grace Church, Madison**
 Sept 21-24 **HOB Fairbanks, Alaska**
 Sept 28 **Clergy Conference**
 Sept 29-30 **Diocesan Convention**

OCTOBER

Oct 1 **St. Peter's, Fort Pierre**
 Oct 8 **Rosebud Mission East**
 Oct 15 Rapid City
 Oct 22 **St. John's, Deadwood**
 Oct 29 **Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls**

NOVEMBER

Nov 1 **All Saint's, Sioux Falls**
 Nov 4 **Diocesan Council, Pierre**
 Nov 5 **St. Mary's, Flandreau**
 Nov 11 **Discernment Retreat, Pierre**
 Nov 12 **St. Paul's, Vermillion**
 Nov 19 **Grace, Huron**
 Nov 26 **Thanksgiving weekend**

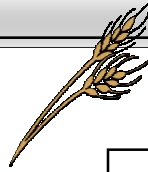
DECEMBER

Dec 3 **St. George's, Middlebury, CT**
 Dec 10 **St. Luke's, Hot Springs**
 Dec 17 **Christ Church, Milbank**
 Dec 24 **Christmas Eve**
 Dec 31 **New Years Eve**

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Ends: November 5, 2017 Fall Back

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