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“Whom Are You Looking For?”

“Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, ‘Whom are you looking for?’” (John 18:4). In John’s Gospel, everything Jesus has experienced has led him to this climactic moment just before his arrest. In our search for the 11th Bishop of South Dakota, we’re not yet at the moment where we can ask ‘whom are you looking for?’, but our search process is leading us toward that climactic moment in the next stage of our communal life as Episcopalians in South Dakota. It’s an exciting time.

The Search/Nominating Committee met on May 26th in Pierre to finalize the questions used for the diocesan-wide survey. The Committee is deeply grateful for the 300+ individuals who took the time to complete the survey either online or on paper. We are especially grateful for the quick work of diocesan staff members Dr. Chris Corbin for posting the survey online and Marlys Fratzke who worked extra hard to get the paper copies completed in time for distribution at the Niobrara Convocation.

The surveys were evaluated and summarized to assist in developing deeper questions for the diocesan-wide Listening Circles held in each deanery. The Committee appreciates the helpful work of the Deanery Conveners who facilitated the Listening Circles across our area as well as all those who took the time to attend and share their thoughts, feelings, hopes, and dreams as we evaluate the Episcopal Church’s future in South Dakota. There’s been much positive energy flowing in and through the various Listening Circles, calling to mind Jesus’ words to his nervous disciples, *“For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of the Father speaking through you” (Matthew 10:20).*

As the Holy Spirit has spoken through those who have participated in the surveys and Listening Circles, the Search/Nominating Committee will use the thoughts, feelings, and insights of our Siblings in Christ to formulate a Diocesan Profile. The Profile is scheduled to be released on

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This section is under construction.
Please excuse our mess while we regroup.

Bishop John T. Tarrant



The Rev. Paul Sneve, Bishop John Tarrant, The Rev. John Floburg



A few of the 2018 TEC staff.



The Rev. Webster
Two Hawk,
Bishop Tarrant
and
Sr. Catechist, Er-
roll Geboe



Some of the members from the Bishop Search Committee.



Reverend Webster Two Hawk
And his Auntie Marie Randall



The Rev. John Floburg, Diocese of North Dakota
spoke about Standing Rock.

Jim Marrs Jr. was ordained to the Transi-
tional diaconate and will be helping Mother
Margaret on the Cheyenne River Mission.

Say CHEESE...Deacon Marty Garwood,
St. Andrews, Rapid City
Mother Lauren Stanley and the Rev.
Christina O'Hara, Good Shepherd, Sioux
Falls



The Rev. Canon Dr. Martin Brokenleg, Guest speaker at the 146th Niobrara Convocation

The Rev. Tony Bouqor—retired— Bishop Search Committee— Sioux Falls

The Rev. Jean Mornard— Grace Church— Huron

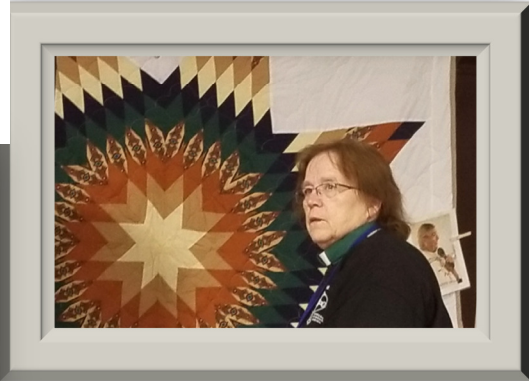


Deacon Jim Marrs thanking Carol Cloud Eagle and St. Matthews, Rapid City for their support during seminary.

Good conversation, good food and good friends could be found during the 146th Niobrara Convocation.



The Rev. Annie Henninger, Rosebud Deanery Convener.



Delores Kills In Water, with her great-grandson Alex, next to the sign honoring Meredith Kills In Water.

Meredith was a senior lay leader on the Rosebud Episcopal Mission, who died last July.

Meredith loved Coca-Cola; the Rosebud Episcopal Mission offered free Coca-Colas in her honor.



The Rev. Martin Brokenleg receiving a star quilt from the Rosebud Mission by the Rev. Dr. Lauren Stanley.



Senior Catechist & Rosebud Mission Itancan Erroll Geboe is honored at the 146th Niobrara Convocation.



The Rev. Webster Two Hawk with his wife Marge. Receiving a star quilt from Rosebud Mission's Itancan Mr. Erroll Geboe. This year marks Fr. Webster's 60th year as a priest. Thank you Fr. Webster for all you do for us in the Diocese of South Dakota.



Marlys Fratzke receiving a star quilt from the Rosebud Mission, assisted by the Rev. Pat White Horse Carda. Marlys was speechless at the time of presentation. For her it is an honor to work with such wonderful people throughout the Diocese.

Description of possible positions open for election at Diocesan Convention.

Diocesan Convention will be held September 28 & 29, 2018 at the 1st United Methodist Church in Pierre.

It is the usual course of business for delegates to vote on nominees to fill various positions.

**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 the next page

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
2018 Annual Diocesan Convention**

DEADLINE: Before the close of business on day one. (September 28th)

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

See page 4 for the instructions.

September 15. This document will be available online and in hard copy for those priests or bishops who feel the Holy Spirit beckoning them to discern a call to serve in our diocese. The Profile will celebrate the many gifts our diocese has to offer, including our diversity, commitment, and concern for one another and our environment. The Profile will be designed to be more than statistics and pictures, but will hopefully touch the heart of the one whom God is calling – the one whom we are looking for.

Anyone who has seen the sun rise over the Missouri River or set over the Black Hills; anyone who has watched deer gallop over a fence in the Eastern part of our state or calmly drink from a stream in the Western part of our state, the beauty of God's creation is spread out before us. These images and our stories will be a compelling part of stirring the soul of our next bishop.

After the release of the Diocesan Profile, applications and nominations will be received until October 15, 2018. Beyond that deadline, the work of the Search/Nominating Committee goes into prayerful overdrive as we evaluate the applications, conduct interviews, and hold a retreat for finalists. This stage of the process is done with the utmost respect for the applicants and, therefore, requires confidentiality. Many applicants need the freedom to discern with God without the distraction of their home congregation worrying about their potential departure to join us here. The Search/Nominating Committee

will gladly share information as it's available. We appreciate in advance everyone's understanding the need for confidentiality during the most sensitive period of work.

On February 25, 2019, the Standing Committee will present to the diocese a slate of candidates. From that point forward, with the names revealed to everyone, deep prayer by Episcopalians everywhere, but especially here in South Dakota, will be important. It will be at that climactic moment that Jesus' question will have a deeper meaning for us: "*Whom are you looking for?*"

The Rev. Chris Russell,
Rector Emmanuel, Rapid City

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Dakota has named the members of the Transition Committee in the search for the 11th Bishop of South Dakota.

The Transition Committee's charge will include arranging an appropriate celebration of the ministry and service of The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant, 10th Bishop of South Dakota; supporting Bishop Tarrant and the Diocesan staff during the time of transition; hosting and guiding the nominees throughout the nomination process; coordinate and handle the walkabouts for the nominees; working significantly on the Electing Convention, set for May 2019; guiding and caring for the Bishop-Elect during the time of transition; caring for the nominees who were not elected; and working significantly on the Consecration of the new bishop.

The Standing Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of The Rev. Clay Riley, Rector of the Episcopal Church of All Angels, Spearfish, as the Chair of the Transition Committee.

The other members of the committee are:

- Ms. Tessa Avery, Our Most Merciful Savior Church, Santee, NE;
- Ms. Sharon Cloud, St. James, Enemy Swim;
- Ms. Shirley Crane, Holy Comforter, Lower Brule;
- The Rev. Henrique Fleming, Vicar, St. Matthew's Episcopal/Woyatan Lutheran, Rapid City;
- Ms. Eva Gilbert, St. John's Church, Eagle Butte;
- The Rev. Ed Hunt, Superintending Presbyterian, Pine Ridge Mission;
- Mr. Richard Miner, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, White Horse;
- The Rev. Jean Mornard, Rector, Grace Episcopal Church, Huron;
- Mr. Keith Rouse, St. Philips Church, Lake Andes;
- The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Dean, Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls;
- The Ven. Paul Sneve, Rector, St. Paul's Church, Vermillion; and
- Ms. Wilma Standing Bear, Pine Ridge Mission.

The Transition Committee will begin its work on Aug. 4 at a retreat with our Search Consultant, The Rev. Thad Bennett, in Pierre.

Please hold these servants in your prayers as they help the Diocese in this process.

The Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley
President, Standing Committee

I recently attended the ECW Triennial Convention in Austin, Texas. This has been a spirit filled and very informative experience. I am so excited to share with you the LOVE that our presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, has filled our hearts with.

We have learned our Church has many fantastic people who spread the word of Our Lord in many different avenues.

We need to explore more of those avenues and not just do business. We need to lift our voices so that All may hear the Word.

Please, I am sincerely inviting all Episcopal Women to make it a special point to attend our Fall meeting in Pierre, SD on Sept 28, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Church. Reach out and ask your parishioners to join us. It takes new ideas to keep the enthusiasm moving forward.

We are going to conduct our meeting in a new format and want you all to participate in our journey to make this an enjoyable experience.

Thank you all,
With Love,
Diana Regan

ISO: riding lawn mower:

St. Philips, Lake Andes is **In Search Of** a riding lawn mower for their property. If you have a gently used riding lawn mower to donate or for St. Philips to purchase. Please contact Faith Spotted Eagle @ (605) 481-0416. Or you may donate money for the purchase of St. Philips estimates they would need between \$1800-\$2000 to purchase one.



Niobrara School for Ministry 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 @ chris@episcopalchurchsd.org or contact Marlys Fratzke at office.episcopalchurchsd.org for more information.

Please go to the Niobrara School website at www.episcopalchurchsd.org/niobrara-school-for-ministry to register for ministry weekends or if you do not have access to the internet then contact Marlys at 494-2020.

2018

Enrichment Weekends

October 7 & 8, 2018:

Introducing the Dakota/Lakota Language from Deanna Stands (Pierre)

November 2 & 3, 2018:

Interpreting the Gospels for Preaching with Fr. Benjamin Thomas (Pierre)

November 16 & 17, 2018:

Dakota Experience East Calvary Cathedral (Sioux Falls)

2019

Enrichment Weekends

January 11 & 12, 2019:

Either Evangelism or Emergency Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention (location TBD)

March 8 & 9, 2019:

Either Evangelism or Emergency Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention (location TBD)

March 15 & 16, 2019:

Dakota Experience West (tentative)

May 17 & 18, 2019:

The Book of Common Prayer (Pierre)

Anti Racism Training: TBD

Summer Seminary: TBD

2018 Convention Registration Form

Circle those that apply.

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

Please return completed Form by September 4, 2018

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@episcopalchurchsd.org 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 the 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, you need to send the registration form in advance.

Registrants need to check in at the Convention Registration table at the First United Methodist Church 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 **following hotels**. You are responsible to make your own reservations.

Call to book your room and tell the front desk you're with "The Diocese of SD Convention."

DO NOT call the 800 numbers or try and register on line, they cannot see room blocks.

Days Inn: 520 W. Sioux Ave., Pierre, SD 57501 224-0411

Quality Inn: 410 W. Sioux Ave. Pierre, SD 57501 224-0377

Holiday Inn Express: 110 W. Stanley Road, Ft. Pierre, SD 223-9045

See



your convention packet for a listing of more hotels available in Pierre and Fort Pierre.

Episcopal News Service – Austin, Texas] The voices and stories of women played a significant role in the workings of the 79th General Convention, from a [liturgy](#) where bishops offered laments and confession for the church’s role in sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse, to [Resolution D087](#) that allows deputies to bring infant children on the floor of the House of Deputies to feed them.

On the night of July 4, before the convention officially opened, a Liturgy of Listening featured stories from women and men who were victims of sexual misconduct perpetrated by someone in the church. Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe of the Diocese of Central New York, who planned the service, said it was designed to help set a framework for General Convention’s consideration of resolutions dealing with sexual misconduct, exploitation and gender disparity. As part of a response to that liturgy, the House of Bishops on July 8 adopted a [covenant](#) that commits them to seek changes in their dioceses to combat abuse, harassment and exploitation. The document, which applies only to bishops, is entitled “A Working Covenant for the Practice of Equity and Justice for All in The Episcopal Church.” Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves of the Diocese of El Camino Real said the covenant grew out of the Liturgy of Listening because it was clear that “there is no way we can do this and nothing more.” She said, “Sexual abuse, harassment and exploitation are part of the system. This is about acknowledging and accepting that.”

Special House of Deputies committee offered resolutions

In February, the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, president of the House of Deputies, appointed a 47-member special committee to draft proposed legislation on sexual harassment and exploitation. This followed a [letter](#) to the Episcopal Church in January from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Jennings, calling for the church to “examine its history and come to a fuller understanding of how it has handled or mishandled cases of sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse through the years.”

The special committee, sometimes dubbed the “MeToo Committee,” proposed more than two dozen resolutions on topics ranging from changes to the canons on clergy discipline to issues of clergy compensation and pension equity for lay employees. Other resolutions touching on issues of gendered language and clergy employment were proposed by deputies from outside the committee. The convention adopted many of the proposals.

Changes to Title IV canons on clergy discipline:

[D034](#) eliminates the statute of limitations for victims of clergy sexual misconduct for three years between Jan 1, 2019 and Dec. 31, 2021.

[D074](#) amends the start of the process for filing charges.

[D076](#) protects people who file charges against a member of the clergy from retaliation and allows confidential filings for those who fear retaliation.

Several resolutions dealt with changes to structures inside the church:

[D016](#) creates a Task Force on Women, Truth and Reconciliation to help the church “engage in truth-telling, confession, and reconciliation regarding gender-based discrimination, harassment and violence against women and girls.”

[D021](#) removes from the materials that clergy file with the Office of Transition Ministry any reference to gender or current compensation, since statistics show women in the church are paid

less than men of comparable experience.

[D022](#) creates a task force to track resolutions from this convention that relate to challenges of women in ministry and to report findings twice a year to the Executive Council.

[D025](#) creates a task force on clergy formation and continuing education, especially regarding preparation for ordination.

[D026](#) adds family status, including pregnancy or child care plans, to the list of things for which no one in the church can be denied rights, status or access to an equal place in the life, worship, governance *or employment of the church*.

[D037](#) directs the Church Pension Group to expand its Clergy Compensation Report to include more specifics on items relating to gender.

[D045](#) affirms that pension plans for clergy and lay employees need to be more equitable and calls on the Church Pension Group to study how to make that happen.

[D046](#) continues reauthorizing the expansive-language rites in the Enriching Our Worship series and calls on the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to create principles to use in developing additional expansive-language liturgical texts.

[D067](#) encourages the use of inclusive and expansive language for God and humanity, offering examples of how to do that based on the stylebook of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Addressing the needs of women in society:

[A178](#) calls for a halt to inhumane and unjust immigration policies that are harmful to migrant women, parents and children.

[D017](#) calls for policies that reduce sexual harassment, assault and exploitation in the workplace.

[D031](#) encourages clergy and congregations to educate themselves on resources to combat and deal with domestic violence.

[D032](#) **advocates for equal access to quality health care regardless of gender.**

A thankful committee

The Rev. Laurie M. Brock, deputy from Lexington, Brock thanked Jennings “for recognizing that as Christians we have the responsibility to respond to the plight and exploitation of women and all who are victims of abuses of power in this culture.” “Thank you for giving this house and the House of Bishops a way to engage in the holy work of reconciliation and of love. Thank you for helping us all magnify the Lord and filling those who were hungry for good things of equality, of justice, of safety and, most importantly, of love,” Brock said.

While the House of Bishops is overwhelming male, 53 percent of the deputies to this General Convention are women. That is just slightly lower than the Episcopal Church as a whole, which according to 2014 statistics, is 55 percent women. *Melodie Woerman is director of communications for the Diocese of Kansas and is a member of the ENS General Convention reporting team.*

**2017 Diocese of South Dakota Convention
Pierre, SD
29-30 September 2017**

Plenary Session I

Called to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer: Canon David Hussey, BCP p. 818, #12
2. Introductions
 - Bishop John Tarrant thanks the Black Hills Deanery for hosting us this weekend.
 - Introduction of head table: Lauren Stanley, Secretary of Convention, and David Hussey, Canon to the Ordinary. Our chancellor, Steve Sanford, is unable to attend. It was moved by Jean Mornard and seconded by Marty Garwood to re-elect Lauren Stanley as the Secretary of the Convention. Motion was approved without opposition. We will have a hearing tomorrow at 8:00 am on the Canonical changes being proposed. Chris Roussell and Lauren Stanley will lead that discussion. Also, tomorrow we will have a second reading and vote the Constitutional changes introduced at last Convention. This needs to be done in the exact form as last year.
 - Dispatch of Business (David Hussey): If anyone wants to offer an announcement or has a question for the Bishop, please go through Canon Hussey
 - Please turn off your phones or have them on vibrate.
 - Bishop points out the pages. If you need something, hold up your yellow card and someone will come address those needs. Don Metcalf, our 'sergeant at arms', is in the hospital in Rapid City. His presence is missed.
 - Credentials committee report: Deacon Marty Garwood, Chair
 - Quorum declaration: Lay order, out of the 136 possible delegates, we have 95 present; Clergy order, out of 45 possible clergy, we have 35 in attendance, thereby making a quorum in both orders.
3. Introduction of guests:
 - Bishop Michael Smith, North Dakota our preacher tomorrow. Bishop Michael was presented with a gift brought back from the H.O.B. meeting in the Diocese of Alaska, which he was unable to attend because of a death in the family.
 - The Rev. Benjamin Thomas from St. Francis Mission, he will speak later.
4. Regrets sent.
 - Deacon Twilla Two Bulls and Rev. Kim Fonder, both at a Episcopal Church wide meeting.
 - Ward Simpson, the Dean of Calvary Cathedral, is attending to his spouse, Barbara who is undergoing chemo-therapy for cancer. We will keep Barb in his prayers.
 - Sandy Williams, Belle Fourche, had to work and couldn't get away.
 - Claude Vershure, Hot Springs, has a place in Florida that was damaged in the hurricane and is taking care of that.
5. Introduction of New Clergy or New Positions
 - The Rev. Ed Hunt and spouse Mary, Ed has been called to be Superintending Presbyterian on the Pine Ridge Mission

- The Rev. Hal Weidman and spouse, Michelle, Hall has been called as rector, St. Andrew's, Rapid City.
 - The Rev. Portia Corbin, has been called as rector at Christ Church, Lead.
 - Deacon Twilla Two Bulls, who is not here. She was ordained deacon last June at the Niobrara Convocation.
 - Deacon Erin Rath, who is not here, ordained deacon in June, and has been called to serve a congregation in the Diocese of Upper South Carolina.
6. Clergy or Personnel who have left the Diocese or retired since last Convention.
- The Rev. Craig West retired. He and Miriam have moved to the Olympia, Washington area.
 - Deacon Susan Lyman moved over the summer from Vermillion to Wyoming.
 - The Rev. Harold Eagle Bull, interim on Pine Ridge, will retire at end of September when he turns 72.
 - The Rev. Canon David Hussey will retire at the end of October when he reaches 72.
7. Clergy deaths since last convention:
- The Rev. Lyle Martin died last June.
 - The Rev. Charles Thayer from Sioux Falls died this late spring.
 - The Rev. Charles King, living in Connecticut, died this past July.
8. A motion was made by Conrad Ciesel and seconded by Portia Corbin to give both voice and vote to the Rev. Charley Chan, Sisseton Mission; the Rev. Daryl Schubert, St. Mary's Mitchell; the Rev. Henrique Fleming, St. Matthew's, Rapid City. Motioned approved.
9. The Minutes from last year's Convention were printed in the *Church News*. Annie Henninger moved and Nyle Hedin seconded that the minutes be accepted as printed. Motion approved. The convention reports from different commissions and committees also were printed in the *Church News*. Nyle Hedin moves and Charles Walker seconded that these reports be accepted. Motioned approved.
10. An overview of the schedule was given.

This year we have four workshops

Gladys Hawk is ill, so we won't have the Lakota stories. Please tell her she was missed.

Chris Clem will offer a workshop: "The Forever and Ever Amen", investments, endowment and memorial funds for congregations. He has been involved in this for years, and will outline ways to help develop strategies that will serve congregations generations to come.

Chris Roussell will offer a workshop on the Death with Dignity initiated measure to be voted on in November 2018. That will be in Amphitheater 1 - that will give you a chance to learn about this measure, so that when it comes around next year, you will be informed.

The bishop and David Hussey will offer a workshop on stewardship in mission congregations. We want to offer some stewardship strategies for small mission churches. We will have a Creation Care workshop as well.

The deadline for the submission of any nominations is before the beginning of the Opening Eucharist.

Following the service, the tabulation ballots committee - Pat LeBeau and his assistants - will meet in convention office. Tonight's offering will go to hurricane relief; many of our brothers and

sisters in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, and Puerto Rico. This is an opportunity for us, who have been blessed, to be a blessing to them.

Convention presentations:

The Rev. Benjamin Thomas, from the St. Francis Foundation, speaking to Convention: You may have wondered who I am. I am Director of Church Relations for the St. Francis Foundation, which serves 15,000 children and families every year in five states and two foreign countries. We provide hope and healing to children and families in three ways: 1) We provide care for children and families in crisis (families falling apart because of addiction, etc.) We help with foster care and adoption. 2) We offer care for adults with cognitive difficulties at our facility in Mississippi. 3) Our newest service is Clover House. Clover House is for girls who have endured trauma from sex trafficking. We do a lot of work with education on human trafficking, particularly in Central America in the areas of poverty and domestic violence My father-in-law lives in Madison. I am outside at the booth. Stop by and we can talk about how we can partner and I will answer any questions you have about the St. Francis Foundation.

The Rev. Richard Zephier, representatives from Standing Rock and Sisseton Missions along with the Bishop honored Fr. Les Campbell with a beaded Lakota stole. Fr. Les Campbell is being honored for 41 years of ordained ministry, much of it in the Diocese of South Dakota. We want him to know that he's a blessing to the Church and that we are grateful for his faithfulness. He receives a standing ovation.

Sandy Magnavito, Chairperson of the ECW scholarship committee: Last year there were no applications. This year we had four, thanks to Marlys and pushing the information out in the newsletter and emails. With the money from last year's fund - \$1,500 - we gave \$3,000 to four people, all of whom are well qualified, are active in their churches, and are supported by their churches: Amber Allen from Emmanuel, Rapid City; Valerie Regina Two Hearts, from St. James, Enemy Swim, Sisseton; Haley Foster, from Emmanuel, Rapid City; and Shelby Constant, from All Angels, Spearfish.

A second scholarship fund is, the St. Mary's Scholarship. There is \$500 available from this fund per applicant. This scholarship be open to anyone in the Diocese seeking higher education. All you have to do is be an Episcopalian in good standing and submit your transcript with letter of application to Randy Barnhardt. He forwards the information to the St. Mary's board who do the actual granting.

Presentation on disaster preparedness from Deacon Tom Regan:

There is a booth with handouts for everyone. There is one on individual family preparedness. There is a list of resources available in the state of South Dakota for getting in touch with emergency managers, county and reservations, with phone numbers. You are encouraged to make contact and let them know who you are and what resources you have to share in event of a disaster. They are always looking for other resources.

There is other material as well. Please, take those resources with you. We are encouraging every congregation to find at least one individual who can network in the event of a disaster in various regions. Please, work with Paul Sneve on populating the Asset Map. That lists within the larger Episcopal Church the network of assets available in our diocese in order to help with emergency situations. There are regular webinars through Episcopal Relief and Development. I hope to have someone speak to us next year. Everyone should have a ready bag of some kind. This afternoon, I was just about asleep when the lights went out. At first it was fine and quiet, then I thought, 'What else is out?' I cruised around town to check out the power failure. It was a construction interruption

of power in the entire west end of Pierre. You just don't know. These things happen in a heartbeat. We owe it to ourselves and our congregations to be prepared in simple way. Those suggestions are on the table for you.

Other announcements: There are several tables out in the hall. There are items for sale and a table for giveaways. BCU has a table. Also, on your tables you have UTO boxes. Please make sure as you are feeling thankful to put money in your boxes. UTO has been an incredible blessing to this Diocese. We can say, "thank you" by putting something in the boxes. There is one announcement: Registration folks have run out of packets. They will have more packets before the opening session.

We will take a recess so we can prepare for the Eucharist Service. The service will start in about 10 minutes.

Convention goes into recess at 7:58 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant, South Dakota

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Michael Smith, North Dakota

Saturday, 30 September:

Plenary session II - reconvened at 9:08

Announcements:

1. Linda Simon: St. Mark's, Aberdeen, has a sewing group that makes comfort quilts, for people in nursing homes, sick, end of life, new beginnings, baptisms, confirmation. This year was not good for us. Three of our quilter past on the last year. That leaves us three quilters. But all is not lost: My great-granddaughter at age 5 is learning. Father Charlie says there's a group in one of his churches; we will try to get together with them. We are carrying on. I did bring some quilts. Just come out and tell us who they are for. Thank you!

2. Lisa Kautz: UTO coordinator. UTO boxes on tables. We do accept bills. I will collect them at the end of the day.

3. The Rev. Pat White Horse-Carda had to leave for a wedding.

Carol Cloud Eagle reported that she went to visit Don Metcalf recently. He's doing really well, sends his love to everyone, and claims he's going to slow down.

This morning before I came here, got a call, our grandson Travis was in a car accident, and is in surgery. He has breaks and fractures in his legs. The initial reports are that he is mendable, but it will be some time possibly six months in rehab. Please keep our grandson Travis in your prayers. We all have lives beyond the work we do in the church - larger lives out in the world. Be kind to those you meet; you never know what road they are walking, often by themselves. Please keep Travis in your prayers.

1. Credentials Committee: Marty Garwood

Lay Delegates: 138 are registered, 101 are in attendance. Clergy Delegates, 45 are registered, 35 are here. We have a quorum in both orders.

2. Report of the parliamentarian: **See printed comments.**
3. Budget Presentation by Chris Clem, Treasurer of the Diocese.
Treasurer, Chris Clem gives narrative presentation to the financial reports and the 2018 Diocesan budget. The actual reports are part of the minutes.
Congregational support is level. Much of the rest of the income is the same. There is about \$27,000 less in expense and revenue for the year. By percentage, about 20% of income comes from individual congregations. 15 percent from our endowment. Almost 50% comes from the General Convention Block Grant that we receive to support the mission work we do in South Dakota on behalf of the larger Church. Opportunity for questions in given. Jean Lacher moves, Sandy Magnavito seconds to accept the reports as presented. Unanimous approval.

Presentation to Bishop Michael Smith: Even though Father Chan said to say this is from the Diocese, it's from the Sisseton Mission. These are some munchies for the road, and Fr. Chan wanted to share his honey with you.

Election Report: Pat LeBeau “Mr. President, pursuant to Rule of Order 7.3 of this Convention, there being only one nominee for the Office of the Clergy position and the Lay position of the Standing Committee, and of the clergy position on the Diocesan Council, the Secretary shall cast a unanimous ballot for The Rev. Hal Weidman, St. Andrew’s, Rapid City for the four-year clergy position of the Standing Committee; Tamara Fonder, Standing Rock Mission, for the four-year lay position of the Standing Committee; and The Rev. Kim Fonder, Standing Rock Mission, for the four-year clergy position on the Diocesan Council.”

Bishop: So ordered.

Resolutions Committee. Mikayla Dunfee and Don Eagle.

Mikayla Dunfee: I come to you from the Cheyenne River Mission. Let me briefly present the first resolution on **Creation Care** and invite those who submitted it to speak if they wish. (Reads the resolution.) It has been moved by the committee, seconded by Jean Lacher. Carol Smith, Christ Church, Yankton: We felt that this resolution was a good idea because we believe that there are several resources that the Episcopal Church has in supporting the use of some of the materials to incorporate creation care into your ministries. One of the things is that resolution would help congregations do so. There are so many things that you can do. We encourage folks to explore the resources. Maybe this resolution would help with highlighting and encouraging activities in your congregations.

Chuck Berry from St. Paul’s Church in Brookings is recognized: I am the author of this resolution. We are growing this network and want to bring forward and put in the spotlight some good resources from the Episcopal Church that can help some dioceses and congregations bring creation care into the educational activities of a congregation. We are going to have a workshop today on this. All the materials are free. There is a huge amount of material for anyone who wants to learn about creation care as an obligation of stewardship by a religious community. This is our resolution and this is our story.

Vote taken, the resolution passes.

Don Eagle: (Greetings) I bring to you the resolution amending the Constitution of the Diocese of South Dakota, second reading. (Reads the resolution.) It has been moved by the Committee and doesn’t need a second. It needs to be approved as presented: otherwise, if it is

changed, we will need to bring those changes to next year's convention. After hearing no questions, the vote was taken. The motion passes.

Revision of the Canons prepared by Chancellor, Steve Sanford are presented. Don Eagle: "Mr. President, I offer a resolution to totally replace the canons of the Diocese of South Dakota as printed in your white pamphlets." The Committee moves their adoption. Canons can be changed at one convention. If we have questions and the committee or I can't answer, we can get the Chancellor on the phone. He knows we are having this conversation. A table of contents will be added.

Bishop: It has been moved by the committee and does not require a second. The canons that are in the packet replace the existing canons of the Diocese of South Dakota. Steve's objective was to re-organize and simplify these canons, re-order them, make them conform to what we actually do. There are minor changes and we improved the numbering system. We did not touch the disciplinary canon because we revised it several years ago. It is important to know that the canon that calls for the functioning of the Niobrara Deanery has not been changed. That will be a project for the Niobrara Council.

Hal Weidman, St. Andrew's Rapid, "I have an amendment to section 4.7 is not consistent with section 4.3. 4.7 starts at bottom of page 5, carries over to page 6. 4.3 is on page 5. It deals with Diocesan Council. I move to replace the word "vice chair" in 4.7 with "chancellor" as listed as an officer in 4.3."

Moved. Seconded by Fr. Chris Rousseau.

Following no discussion, vote taken, motion passes.

Father Charlie Chan, Sisseton Mission. "On page 22, 15.4.2 reads that services must be held by the vicar, deacon or worship leader not less than once each month. My amendment: "Services must be held on Sundays by the vicar, a deacon assigned or a worship leader; with the permission of the Bishop for pastoral concerns, a congregation may meet for worship not less than once each month."

Bishop suggests that the wording be changed to "Saturday/Sunday" to cover those who worship on Saturday night. Fr. Chan accepts the friendly suggestion.

Fr. Chan moves, Deanna Stands seconds.

Following no further discussion, vote taken, motion passes.

Are there any other questions, concerns, thoughts on the canons? Following no further discussion, vote taken, motion passes.

Thank you very much. We are so blessed to have Steve Sanford as the chancellor of this diocese and part of the vote today represents your confidence in our chancellor. I will let him know.

Bishop: I would like to offer a courtesy resolution to offer the greetings of the 133rd Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota to Ann Robertson, widow of Creighton; Marilyn Jones, widow of Walter; and to Craig and Liz Anderson. (Moved and seconded. Approved.) It is good to let folks know that we are thinking about them.

Bishop calls on Portia Corbin for her report on Thunderhead Episcopal Camp. Written report attached to minutes.

Portia has moved to Christ Church in Lead to serve as the vicar of that congregation. Part of this move is to bring her closer to the camp. We hope this will help congregations use the facility after camp season. This will stretch the gift of that ministry. Please keep that in mind. It's a great facility.

Canon David Hussey is recognized. David has been my canon to the ordinary for the eight years I have served as bishop. He is a friend and colleague. There is a mandatory retirement age of 72. David will reach that in the middle of October. He will formally retire at the end of October. He will serve as the interim superintending presbyter of Mni Sose and continue at St. Peter's in Ft. Pierre. I want to thank him for his faithful service. At the end of the month, the staff will gather in Pierre and take him to dinner as an appreciation.

David Hussey: "Thank you. In 1995, my wife, Mercy, and I graduated from seminary and she brought me home to South Dakota. Over the years when I have shared stories with friends and colleagues from around the nation, I tell stories about how beautiful South Dakota is. The camping, fishing, hunting, parks - everything. They are awestruck. About the one thing I can't emphasize enough, the best part of South Dakota is not the scenery, the hunting, the fishing - not even the churches. It's you, the people. You are the finest people. I was a stranger and you took me in. It has been an honor and a privilege. Mercy and I intend to spend the rest of our lives here I want to thank you for the honor and privilege of being part of your lives in South Dakota."

Announcements:

The quilt for sale from the Sisseton Mission includes pillowcase and pillow. Grace Church, Madison is selling raffle tickets for a quilt. The money will go to restore their stained-glass windows. Please recycle your red and green cards. Before you leave for workshops, take everything with you. Thank you to all the churches that donated quilts for the permanent display.

We will recess until 11:00 a.m.

More announcements:

The Northeast Deanery is sponsoring a **retreat** on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Abbey of the Hills, formerly Blue Cloud Abbey. The leader is the Rev. Robert Two Bulls, Jr. This is for lay and ordained.

Paul Sneve on **Asset Map**: Emergency preparedness is linked to the Asset Map. All of our congregations have a little dot on that map online, so people can find your church. The information about your church is up to you. Anyone can write information, but I need to approve it first. Check what's online and follow the directions, and you can make a correction or add something, and then I will look at it, make sure it's correct, and then post it. Most of you have not done this yet. If you're not listed, please let me know. Get a sheet and do your part. Get the sheets on the table for Emergency Preparedness and Asset map out in the corridor.

Holy Apostles Church, Sioux Falls

Peter Deng Marial, Holy Apostles Church, presents their Sunday School students: On behalf of the church, we are thankful to be here. We want to thank each and every one of you, for your warm welcoming and for your support, and for everything you have done. When we first came here, we were only Lost Boys, just young men. We came in 2001. Look at what we have done (all the children). Isn't this wonderful? For those of you who know Holy Apostles Church, we used to sit in front. Father Warren knows exactly how many we were when we first came. Now we are about to expand that church. The church has grown. The Dinka congregation has grown. This is the group we have brought, but we have more at home. It is a blessing that we have been able to come here today, and we are grateful. The children have a lot to say through song: "Where are you guys going?" and the children answer, "We are going to worship our Lord Jesus Christ." They chose the song.

On the way here, the people at the gas station asked where we were from. We said Sioux Falls, but people at the station did not believe us. In 16 years, they have never seen people like us. We told them, “we are going to pray to our Lord Jesus Christ. We are going to Pierre. This is their first time.”

We thank God every day for our life. We manage here because of our Lord Jesus Christ. I’m going to hand the microphone to Deacon John Mayen. Thank you all very much. The children enter singing.

Bishop: I want to thank you very much. Holy Apostles in Sioux Falls is the fastest-growing church with the largest Sunday School in the Diocese. They are a blessing to the Diocese of South Dakota. I give thanks to Bishop Creighton who caught the vision, with Father Warren, to incorporate this congregation into the life of the Diocese.

Bishop’s Address

Bishop then announces the quilt auction, lunch, the meeting of the Standing Committee, and the workshops following lunch.

Paul Sneve conducts the quilt auction.

Lunch and workshops

Bishop re-gathers the Convention at 3:07 p.m.

Marty Garwood moves to adjourn the Convention, Bitsy Ceisel seconds. Motion carried. The Convention is adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
The Rev. Dr. Lauren Stanley



Missioner of Support: Report to the 2018 Diocesan Convention: Since last Convention, I've:

Offered several months of supply coverage at Trinity: , Watertown, including their Christmas Eve 2017 service. I am excited to see their lay-led outreach initiatives and the arrival of their new Vicar, The Rev. Isaiah Brokenleg.

Continued to provide a diocesan liaison with the Dinka congregation at Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls. I've aimed for monthly attendance but that's not always been possible - still, I've managed to get to a Sunday service there most months (have preached and led a Dinka hymn thanks to the help of Deacon John Mayan and the generosity of Fr. Abraham Mayom) and have met with the clergy and lay leaders to help them navigate some governance and administrative issues.

Continued to serve as intake for online registration for Safeguarding God's Children. Congregational participation in the abuse prevention/detection program remains hit and miss, with some congregations getting teams of people trained and others not as active. I encourage congregational leaders to look into the program as it has training components that might be useful in a number of settings beyond the traditional Sunday School and Youth Group, such as preventing Elder Abuse, protection of people with Special Needs and other possibilities for extending safety and dignity in the church and in the world around us.

Helped re-start the Diocesan Facebook page and was blessed by Chris Corbin's nationally recognized revitalization of our diocesan social media.

Am presently serving as interim Rector at Christ, Yankton, in support of their Rector search (goal is new Rector call by spring/summer 2019).

I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve with Bishop Tarrant and his team and blessed by the welcome and work I've experienced in several congregations of this diocese.

The Rev. Timothy Fountain+

Commission on Ministry's Report to the 2018 Diocesan Convention

The Commission on Ministry has met twice during the past year. We met briefly during the 2017 Diocesan convention but had no recommendations to consider. COM'S second meeting was held April 20th, 2018. At that meeting, we recommended one person for ordination to the permanent diaconate and one for the ordination to the transitional diaconate. One person was recommended for ordination to the priesthood and two people were recommended for postulancy. Both will be attending seminary in the fall. Finally, we recommended one person for candidacy who is seeking ordination to the permanent diaconate.

The Bishop met with the COM in April and reviewed the terms for COM members. All terms expire at the end of a calendar year. Terms that expired at the end of 2017 are Carol Cloud Eagle, Shirley Crane, and Linda Simon. All agreed to serve another 4 year term which will expire December 2021.

Two year terms that expired at the end of 2017 are Michael Johnson and Jean Mornard. They have agreed to serve another 2 year term which will expire at the end of 2019.

At the end of 2018, the terms of Judy Flagstad, Barbee Hovelson and Barb Simpson will expire.

Also serving on the COM, is the Ven. Paul Sneve who is the Bishop's liaison.

Two members have resigned from the COM this year – Dottie LeBeau and the Rev. Portia Hurney. We thank them both for their invaluable work during their years of service on the commission. Both will be greatly missed.

The final business of the April meeting was assigning a COM advocate to each of the people in the process to help them manage the process and keep them on track.

For the Commission on Ministry
Judy Flagstad

Transition: Last year I began working as the transition officer for the Diocese, meaning that I work with clergy seeking to serve in South Dakota and help faith communities going through search processes. In this role, I have also taken a more active interest in congregational development, helping faith communities to refine their missions and visions to be the most faithful witnesses possible to God's restorative work in their communities. This last year the Diocese has worked with Trinity, Watertown, and we are excited to announce that the Rev. Isaiah Brokenleg was called as Vicar and began work there on July 3rd, 2018. We are also excited that the Rev. Jim Marrs began a full-time position on Cheyenne River Reservation on August 1, 2018. Both St. Andrew's in Rapid City and St. Luke's in Hot Springs have begun working with me to collaboratively clarify their missions and visions and become more present in their communities. Furthermore, after looking at the transition policies of several dioceses including Nebraska and Maryland, I have begun developing a standard policy and process for congregations and communities in transition and searching for new clergy.

Communications: Starting in February 2018, I took on the role of Communications Director for the Diocese. Most of my work has involved expanding and enriching our social media presence, which has proven an unprecedented success. We have increased our Facebook page following from under 50 to over 500 (and growing) as well as starting Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube accounts. This work has included posting the Daily Office readings and daily Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, Facebook photo caption contests, Twitter book giveaways, and updates from around the Diocese. Because of my connection with Niobrara School for Ministry, we have also begun offering more online seminars (including three on using Social Media in your congregations), #DefiningFaith—an initiative to make academic theological terms more accessible, and several instructional videos through YouTube and Facebook. As we continue to expand our Social Media presence, we hope that people around the Diocese will let us know what content they would like to see. If you have not done so already, like our Facebook page (The Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota), follow us on Twitter (@DioceseSD), and follow us on Instagram (@episcopalchurchsd).

Discernment and Niobrara School for Ministry: The biggest thing happening in the world of discernment and ministerial formation in the Diocese of South Dakota is the Catechist training program. The inaugural seven-person class of Catechists began the first year-long training this last July. Together they will go through a program to equip them to better exercise a ministry of preaching, teaching, helping to administer the sacraments, and providing pastoral care and evangelism. This training program, which includes a collaborative group project, monthly group gatherings, and individual study, has been developed specifically and explicitly for the unique needs of our Diocese and is called *Transformed by God's Story*. Those who successfully complete the first year of training will primarily help to relieve the ministry needs of our extremely hard-working mission clergy. Furthermore, those in this first class of participants will help to refine the training curriculum so that we can continue offering this training for the foreseeable future in our Diocese and so that our Diocese can offer this desperately needed and innovative training program to the larger Episcopal Church.

However, while the diocesan focus this year is on the development and support of the Catechist training program, we have not neglected other aspects of ministry development and formation. We have issued a new revision of the Ministry Handbook which includes a distinct three-year local training program for deacons. We have continued to see great successes with our annual discernment retreats. Finally, we had one person finish the formal local discernment and education process and be ordained to the priesthood this year, we have two people from our Diocese beginning seminary this year as they discern calls to the priesthood (one going to Virginia Theological Seminary and one to Berkeley Divinity School at Yale), and we have four additional people continuing in the formal discernment process right now.

Dr. Chris Corbin
Missioner for Leadership Development and Transitional Ministry

Annual Report from The Standing Committee The Diocese of South Dakota For the year ending June 30, 2018

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):

2018: The Rev. Annie Henninger, Deanna Stands
 2019: The Rev. Patricia White Horse-Carda, Pat LeBeau
 2020: The Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley, Joan Sutton
 2021: The Rev. Hal Weidman, Tamara Fonder

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, 2018, the Standing Committee took the following actions:

- Elected the Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley as President.
- Elected the Rev. Patricia White Horse-Carda as Secretary.

Consented to the following elections of bishops:

- Consented to the election of The Rev. Canon Kevin D. Nichols as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Bethlehem (PA).
- Consented to the election of The Rev. Canon Michael B. Hunn as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of the Rio Grande.
- Consented to the election of The Rev. Carlye Hughes as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Newark (NJ).

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

- Consented to the Commission on Ministry's recommendation of Rev. Deacon Virginia Bird for Ordination to the Priesthood;
- Consented to the Commission on Ministry's recommendation of Seminarian James Marrs to the transitional diaconate with a call to priesthood.
- Consented to the Commission on Ministry's recommendation of Iva Blue Coat Traversie to the permanent diaconate.
- Consented to the Commission on Ministry's recommendation of Robyn Shores-Foster as Candidate for Ordination to the Diaconate.

In other business, the Standing Committee:

- The Standing Committee met 10/21/2017 at Trinity Church, Pierre, SD. Bishop John Tarrant gave the opening prayer. He read a letter written by him calling for the election of a bishop in South Dakota. He explained Bishop Todd Ousley's role representing the Office of Pastoral Development and the election of a bishop. A consultant will be named from the Office of Pastoral Development, after the bishop sends his email to the public. Search and Transition Committees will be assembled from names submitted by the Standing Committee.
- The Standing Committee met 02/16-17/2018 at Trinity Church, Pierre, SD. Bishop John Tarrant introduced a guest, The Rev. Thaddeus A. Bennett. This Initial Retreat is specifically for the Bishop Election Process involving The Rev. Thaddeus A. Bennett, Consultant, the Standing Committee and the Search/Nominating Committee.
- The Standing Committee held a teleconference call 05/08/2018. President Stanley reported and gave an update on the Search Process for the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of South Dakota and is going as well as it can.
- The Standing Committee held a teleconference call 06/12/2018. The Standing Committee members submitted their votes to President Stanley and it was recommended taking into consideration the chairman of the committee needs to be someone who can do the work required. The votes are to be submitted to President Stanley by June 26, 2018 and release the information to us.
- The Standing Committee held a teleconference call 06/27/2018. President Stanley tabulated the results of the voting for the Transition Committee. President Stanley asked that each nominee be contacted by Friday, 29 June. If anyone says no, she will send out the next list of nominees who received two votes for Standing Committee members to vote on. President Stanley asked that each nominee be told about the Transition Committee meeting with the consultant on Saturday, August 4, 2018 in Pierre.

Respectfully submitted, The Rev. Patricia White Horse-Carda, Secretary of the Standing Committee

Since our last Diocesan Convention Diocesan Council has meet twice and had an approval for new Diocesan Treasurer via email or phone.

During Februarys meeting we reviewed the year end financial report for the Chapter and discussed having a list of all the real estate the property the Diocese owns. We tabled a discussion of how or what formula to use when asking for pledges. And we reviewed the process for the search and election of a new Bishop. Meeting dates were set for the rest of the year. Diocesan Council discussed the TEC board and its 501c3. Diocesan Council approved increasing the cabin fee at Camp Remington to \$35 per night. Convention registration fee was set again at \$60. And the Bishop reviewed what his plans will be during his exit as 10th Bishop of SD.

In May Diocesan Council did not have enough on our agenda to warrant a meeting but we did by phone or email approve the appointment of Ellen Walker, Trinity Pierre as the new Diocesan Treasurer due to the resignation by Chris Clem.

Diocesan Council was to meet in August but this was moved to July 21 due to scheduling conflicts. During this meeting Diocesan Council discussed several issues including the Bishop elects compensation package, Bishop Search/Nomination/Transitions budget. Along with reviewing the sick leave and vacation policies. And the COM appointees terms.

Respectfully submitted by Marlys Fratzke

CAMP REMINGTON ASSOCIATION

Camp Remington Report 2018

The following is an accounting of work done at the camp this past year. The southwest corner of the Bishops Cabin was raised back into position. Flashing has been added to the fascia on the Guest House. The cabins have been cleaned inside and made ready for use last spring and this spring and the cabins were closed last fall. This spring all four of the pit toilets were pumped. Various repairs have been made to the cabins. Four new picnic tables were added and the old tables hauled away. A storage shed was placed in the lean to for storage of riding lawn mower and grass trimmer, sign and etc. The picnic tables were stored in the lean to for the winter and moved out this spring. The Diocese has new contacts in Les Koss and Key Parker of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, who are heading up the maintenance of the camp. (their contact information is listed below) The Forest Service burned three piles of limbs this past winter, and we have cleaned one of the areas and will have the other two areas cleaned up this summer. New identification signs have been installed on the cabins.

Les Koss: 605-390-7451, lesk0@rap.midco.net
Key Parker: 605-484-6898, keypar-ker45@gmail.com

Property update by Pat LeBeau

Several buildings have been damaged by storms. The Diocese has had to cover costs for other unforeseen problems with our aging structures on the Reservations.

We have ad snake & bat problems to deal with in a few of our units and fire loss.

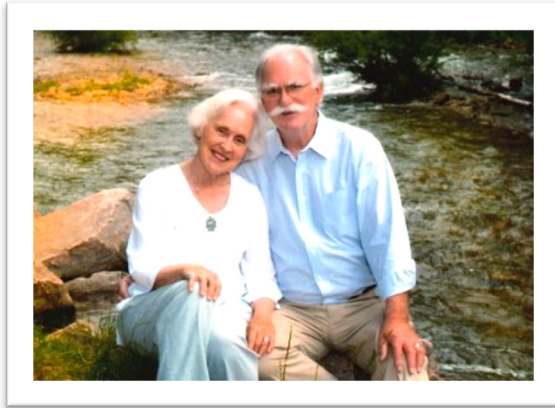
We have put on some metal roofs, built some ramps, painted some buildings, fixed fences and sis some remodeling work on some of our rectories.

A lot of roofs have been or are being replaced due to age and storm damage.

Dedication of the Fellowship Arbor honoring the Rev. Webster Two Hawk, at the Bishop Jones building.



We said goodbye to the Rev. Tom & Elizabeth Campbell. Tom and Elizabeth have moved to Northfield, Minnesota to be closer to where their son Robb, Erika, Annie and Lizzie are now living.



We said Goodbye to the Rev. Mikayla Dunfee this summer. Rev. Mickayla took at position in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.



We welcome Deacon Jim Marris and his daughter to the Cheyenne River Mission.

Deacon Jim was ordained in July during Niobrara Convocation and he will be working with the Rev. Margaret Watson.

We welcome the Rev. Isaiah “Shaneequa” Brokenleg. Isaiah recently moved to Trinity, Watertown from the Diocese of Fond du Lac



And we grieve the loss of **Deacon Charlie Walker**, Trinity, Pierre this August, **Deacon Judith Peterson**, Brookings in January.

The **Rev. Leslie Campbell**, St. James, Enemy Swim, this past December and the **Rev. Charles King**, Calvary Cathedral, last September.

[Episcopal News Service – Austin, Texas] General Convention addressed some 18 resolutions further strengthening its position on stewardship of the environment and creation care, sending a message of engagement to Episcopalians churchwide.

“The number of care of creation resolutions that passed General Convention 79 was remarkable and a sign of a growing, vital spirit in the Episcopal Church around creation care,” said California Bishop Marc Andrus, a member of the [Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation Committee](#) and co-chair of the Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation, in a statement emailed to Episcopal News Service.

Several creation care resolutions, including A018, addressed Episcopalians’ participation in the Paris Agreement. The Paris [Agreement](#) calls on the countries of the world to limit carbon emissions voluntarily, which will require a decrease in dependence on fossil fuels in favor of renewable energy sources; and for developed countries, those responsible for the majority of emissions both historically and at present, to commit to \$100 billion in development aid annually by 2020 to developing countries.

By addressing participation in the Paris Agreement, the Episcopal Church joined the [We Are Still In](#) movement.

“We said we valued our participation in the United Nations climate summits and resolved to fully engage in them,” said Andrus. “At the level of us as Episcopalians, and in our congregations, institutions and dioceses, we began the beautiful, big commitment to daily choices leading to sustainable lives. It is possible that the Episcopal Church is the first denomination to join the partnership of businesses, cities, states, regions, faith bodies and tribes working together to keep the United States’ commitment to the Paris Agreement,” Andrus said.

Resolution [C049](#) encourages churches to serve and promote locally grown food. [B027](#) introduced gender inclusivity in climate change action. [A213](#) promotes energy and water efficiency across the church. [B025](#) urges the church to learn about regional watersheds and aquifers, recognizes water as a publicly held natural system and access to water and sanitation as a human right. [C063](#) advocates for ocean health through public policy advocacy, for example “to prevent or limit adverse effects to species and ecosystems from offshore oil, gas, and mineral exploration, drilling, and extraction and to support sustainable fisheries” and “to prevent illegal fishing, over-fishing, and by-catch.” [D081](#) helps communities affected by change in energy use as they transition to clean energy economies. And [D053](#) encourages stewardship of creation with church-owned land.

“[What] these resolutions are helpful for is, that while we do live on the frontline of creation, we do have a lot of variety in the sorts of parishes and property that we use,” said Alaska Bishop Mark Lattime, who served as the committee’s secretary.

“I’ve got churches in our urban areas that have been asking about what kind of support we can get so that we can perhaps change some of our properties, how we could be more energy efficient, how we can be more active in reducing greenhouse gases, and I think the resolutions that we adopted and looked at this year will help to provide those resources, as well.”

Energy companies view the [Arctic National Wildlife Refuge](#), particularly its 1.5 million-acre coastal plain, as a potential oil and natural gas bonanza. This conflict has fueled for more than [30 years](#) a contentious debate over whether this coastal plain should be opened to oil drilling or kept as unspoiled [habitat](#).

In December 2017, the Trump administration and congressional Republicans [opened](#) the refuge to oil exploration. In April this year, a [first](#) step was taken toward allowing drilling.

“Finally, [A068](#) called for eventual liturgical revisions to the Book of Common Prayer “that incorporate and express understanding, appreciation, and care of God’s creation.”

During convention, the Diocese of California launched a [web-based carbon tracker](#) for the Episcopal Church intended to support personal and communal choices. The fully functional carbon tracker will be available to U.S.-based diocese of the Episcopal Church by spring 2019 and the rest of the church by the fall.

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When the bishop entered me into the ordination process for the priesthood two years ago, after 28-plus years of ordained ministry as a deacon, one of the first questions I was asked was, “What will we call you when you are ordained a priest?” My quick response was, “Well, Mother Bird has a nice ring to it!” My response was quick, because when someone suggested many years ago that I should be a priest, I thought, not with my name! (I wonder if there has ever been a male priest with the last name of Time?)

Since I have now been asked the what we will call you question multiple times in the last few weeks, and the ordination to the priesthood has taken place, I guess it is worth answering seriously at this point. There is a woman priest in the Episcopal church who goes by “Father” and states a couple of reasons for doing so: (1) She notes that it has been a traditional title for a priest and (2) she finds it is a great conversation starter. However, it doesn’t feel quite right to me, especially since I don’t have long pretty hair like she does; my using “Father” might confuse someone looking up at me from a hospital bed, under the influence of the latest pharmaceuticals that the medical profession has to offer. I know some women priests have used “Pastor” and others have used nothing; neither of these seem the appropriate choice, either. Proper English does not, by the way, allow “Reverend” as a proper spoken title in directly addressing someone. It is always meant to have “The” in front of it and is therefore used as a written title or in speaking about someone, such as “The Reverend Jane Doe is the most wonderful preacher!” You would not say “Rev. Doe, you gave a really meaningful sermon Sunday.” (Mo. Doe sounds almost as amusing as Mo. Bird, doesn’t it? Is there a Fr. Time in the church?)

Never mind. Back to the original question, what to call me. Simply Mother Virginia, abbreviated Mo. Some women priests do use Mthr. instead of Mo., I have noticed; but I will use Mo. (perhaps that says something about my age and my failure to text or something). Oh, by the way, don’t err by calling me ‘Mother Superior’...although maybe with a small “s”...just kidding. (It’s late.)

In Christ, Mo. Virginia

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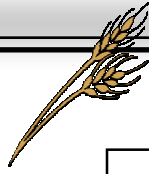
Bishop's visitation & travel dates are in bold letters.

Please remember the Bishop's schedule is subject to last minute changes.

Diocesan Calendar

August	December
August 5	December 2 St. Lukes, Hot Springs
August 12	December 9 Grace, Madison
August 19	December 16 Trinity/Holy Spirit, Winner/Ideal
August 25 & 26 Cheyenne River Mission	December 23 No Visitation
	December 30 No Visitation
	January 6, 2019 St. Marks, Aberdeen
	<u>DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME</u>
	Ends: Fall Back November 4, 2018
	Begins: Spring ahead March 10, 2019
September	
September 2 No visitation	
September 9 St. Thomas, Sturgis	
September 16 Christ Church, Milbank	
September 23 Rosebud Mission, East	
September 27-29 Diocesan Convention, Pierre	
October	
October 7 St. Peters, Ft. Pierre	
October 14 St. James, Belle Fourche	
October 21 St. Pauls, Vermillion	
October 28 Good Shepherd & Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls	
November	
November 4 St. Marys/Our Blessed Redeemer, Flandreau	
November 11 No Visitation	
November 18 Grace, Huron	
November 25 No Visitation	

Tentative 2018 CONVENTION SCHEDULE



FRIDAY, September 28

Noon we may begin setting up tables.

- 11-4 pm ECW Fall Gathering (*Trinity Church*)
- 4-5:30 pm COM
- 3-7 pm Registration and Credentials
- 1-4 pm Niobrara Council
- 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, *Music Room*

- 5:30-7 pm Opening Supper/Reception

- 7:00 pm Plenary Session I
(Trinity Center/lg meeting room)
Initial Business

- 8:00 pm Opening Eucharist

SATURDAY, September 29

- 8-10 am Registration and Credentials
- 8:00 am Resolution Hearing
- 9:00 am Daily Devotions
- 9:30 am Plenary Session II
Convention Business
2018 Budget, Elections, Resolutions
- 10:30 am *Break*
- 11:00 am Bishop's Address
- 12:00 pm Lunch buffet
Standing Committee
- 1:00 pm Announcements
- 1:30 pm **Workshops**

- 3:30 pm Plenary Session III
Final business

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