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**SUMMER 2019**



Bishop John Tarrant, wife Pat, and daughter Jessica were adopted and honored with a Hunka song sung by Robin Bowen, Smoky Bowen, and Kenneth Hawk.



Bishop John Tarrant passing the microphone (torch) over to Bishop-elect The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Folts

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Dear Saints of God:

May the peace of our Lord Christ be with all of you!

On Saturday, June 24th, as a plane was speeding me towards the Niobrara Convocation in Wagner in the very early hours of dawn, it occurred to me that I no longer was wearing two “hats.” More simply put, from the exciting afternoon of the election on May 4th to the evening of June 23rd, I had been the Rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Essex, Connecticut and the Bishop-Elect of the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota at the same time. Bishop John was still very much the bishop — yet there were some matters that called for my input and activity (as can be expected!). On the morning of June 23rd, however, as the plane lifted off the runway, I realized that only one “hat” was sitting atop my head. The story of our transition process was turning a new page and we were starting a new chapter! And I could think of no better way to start this new chapter of wearing “one hat” than by being able to be present at the Niobrara Convocation and meeting and greeting both new and familiar faces and worshipping with you at the closing Sunday Eucharist.

Our family is looking forward to this new ministry adventure very much! We have cleaned out our current home and, even as I am typing this from Texas, the garage sale that my wife, Kim, organized is wrapping up. I return to Connecticut from Texas on July 9th, the packers arrive on July 11th, and the movers show up on July 12th. Then, on July 13th, my Jeep and I will begin a three-day trek to South Dakota. Kim, Garrett (our middle son), and Chloe (our daughter) will join me in Pierre on July 20th to help with the moving-in process. The four of us will then spend some time relaxing and touring the state before they return to Connecticut on July 27th. Our eldest son, Cameron, will be coming for a South Dakota visit in the latter part of August before he returns to the University of New Hampshire where he is studying musical theater and theater education. This fall, Garrett will return to Ohio State University in August where he is studying psychology — and Kim and Chloe will remain in Connecticut for this upcoming school year because Chloe is a high school senior year and will be graduating with her class next May.

One of the questions that I am frequently asked relative to this move is what I am looking forward to the most upon after finally

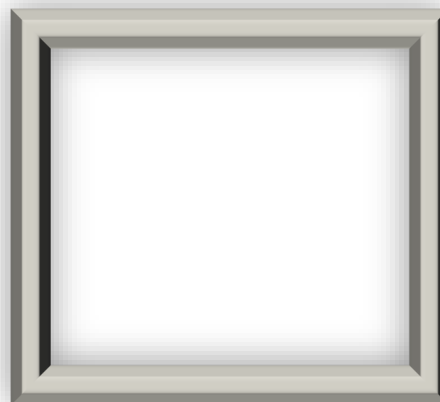
being settled in South Dakota — and that question is an easy one to answer. Above all, I am looking forward to traveling around our vast diocese, coming to know our clergy better, meeting the members of our churches, and learning about how God’s mission is being lived out in all the different places where God has planted us. I look forward to hearing your stories: the stories of how you came to be, the stories of your present moment, and the stories of where you are feeling the Holy Spirit’s tug. Similarly, I am looking forward to hearing the stories from the various committees of the diocese, how they have functioned in the past, how they are functioning in the present, and what direction God is calling them to go in order to best serve God and God’s people in South Dakota to the very best of their ability.

Then, during my second week....

Ok — I admit that this “getting to know each other” is going to take some time — and that’s perfectly all right. Think of the mission that God has given us as being the engine of a car. Our congregations, our ministries, and our committees are all a part of that engine. And so, during this time that is ahead of us, we’re going to be talking about and doing a little tinkering with that engine. I envision us hunkering over it and hearing stories of where God’s mission has led us in the past. I envision us doing some regular tune up work on that engine in order for it take us where God needs us to go in the present. And I envision us sharing the dreams of where this engine — of where God’s mission — will be taking us in the future. Throughout this process, I also envision new and old relationships being fostered and nurtured as the Body of Christ in South Dakota comes together in ways that brings our Creator glory, that forms us into the people whom God has called us to be, and that will help us transform the lives of others.

May God therefore bless this new relationship of ours and this new chapter of ministry that we have been called into living together! May God our Creator be forever worshipped in our churches as well as in our daily lives — may God the Son keep us, our loved ones, and all the members of our families safe, strong, and faithful — and may the power and comfort of God’s Holy Spirit surround, uphold, and empower us all as God’s “engine” takes us where God most needs us to go!

Bishop-elect  
The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Folts





Pat and Dottie LeBeau @  
the BCU table

Niobrara Deanery  
ECW officers



Niobrara Council  
Board Members



Installation of our first class  
from the Catechist program



The Rt. Rev. Jeffery Rowthorne,  
his wife, Ann, and their daughter  
Virginia, receiving star quilts @  
the 147th Niobrara Convocation.







Right:  
Elaine Provost & Barb Macias, members of  
St. Paul Indian Mission, Sioux City, IA

Below:  
A packed room for the Women's Meeting!



Bishop Tarrant visiting with The Rev. Shaneequa Brokenleg, Trinity, Watertown.

Description of possible positions open for election at Diocesan Convention.

**D**iocesan Convention will be held September 27 & 28, 2019 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. Refer to the nomination ballot for those positions open this year.

**Standing Committee**— 1 clergy filling an open term.  
(priest or deacon)

**Standing Committee**—1 lay person

**Standing Committee**—2 clergy (priest or deacon)

**General Convention Representatives-**

4– Lay persons

4– Clergy

**Standing Committee description:**

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

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

*A member of Standing Committee is a voting delegate to Diocesan Convention.*

**General Convention:**

The main governing body of the Episcopal Church, which meets every three years. In 2021, General Convention will be held in July in Baltimore, Maryland. The General Convention is made up of two houses: the House of Bishops (HOB) and the House of Deputies (HOD), which present, consider, modify, and ratify resolutions that direct the work of the church for the next three years.

**The nomination form is posted on the diocesan website ([www.episcopalchurchsd.org](http://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-fifth 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 is two weeks before the opening of Convention.**

*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  
2019 Annual Diocesan Convention**

**DEADLINE: Before the close of business on day one. (September 27<sup>th</sup>)**

**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 2023)**

- \_\_\_\_ 1 Clergy (Priest or Deacon) to fill 4-year term  
 \_\_\_\_ 1 Clergy (Priest or Deacon) to fill an open term till (2021)  
 \_\_\_\_ 1 Lay person to fill 4 year

**General Convention**

- \_\_\_\_ 4 Clergy General Convention (2021 Baltimore, Maryland)  
 \_\_\_\_ 4 Lay people General Convention (2021 Baltimore, Maryland)

**Definitions you will be hearing more about in the coming months.**

**Acolyte:** From the Greek meaning “to follow,” an acolyte is anyone who assists the presiding bishop or priest during the celebration of a sacrament.

**Bishop:** In the Episcopal Church, bishops are elected by their dioceses.

**The Book of Common Prayer (BCP):** The Book of Common Prayer is the basis of the Episcopal worship service. For more information: [Book of Common Prayer](#).

**Called to Common Mission:** Called to Common Mission is the agreement of communion between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), which was first celebrated in 2000. For more information: [Ecumenical/Interreligious](#); [Called to Common Mission](#).

**Compline:** Based upon monastic night prayers, compline (pronounced “KOM-plin”) is the last of the four services in the Daily Office (Book of Common Prayer, p. 127).

**Diaconate:** The diaconate is one order of the ordained ministry of the Episcopal Church, priests (presbyterate) and bishops (episcopate) being the other two. Some persons are called to serve as permanent deacons. Those who will be ordained to the priesthood are first ordained to the “transitional” diaconate. For more information: [Association for Episcopal Deacons](#).

**Diocesan Council:** The diocesan council is the governing board for a diocese, composed of bishops, appointed and elected priests, and lay persons, and which bears responsibility for the development work of the diocese, particularly in between sessions of the diocesan convention.

**Episcopal Church Women (ECW):** Episcopal Church Women is an organization that strives to support all women in the church in their ministries. ECW was first organized in 1871 as the Women’s Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. The 49th Triennial Meeting of Episcopal Church Women will take place in Austin, Texas, July 5 through July 13, 2018. For more information: [National Episcopal Church Women](#).

**Episcopal News Service (ENS):** This officially sponsored online news source of The Episcopal Church offers in-depth reporting and analysis of local, regional, national and international news for Episcopalians and others interested in the church’s mission and ministry. Providing written and multimedia coverage, Episcopal News Service is the officially sponsored online news source of the Episcopal Church. For more information: [Episcopal News Service](#).

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA):** The Episcopal Church is in full communion with ELCA. For more information: See **Called to Common Mission**; [The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#).

**Evensong:** The daily rite of Evening Prayer set to music, usually from start to finish with the possible exception of the Lessons. Often accompanied by incense, to symbolize the “lifting up of prayer as the evening sacrifice,” it is among the most beloved of Church traditions. But it is in essence simply an elaboration of a service deliberately simple enough to be done every single day by every single person.

**General Convention (GC):** The main governing body of the Episcopal Church, which meets every three years. In 2018, General Convention will be held July 5-July 13 in Austin, Texas. The General Convention is made up of two houses: the House of Bishops (HOB) and the House of Deputies (HOD), which present, consider, modify, and ratify resolutions that direct the work of the church for the next three years. For more information: [General Convention](#).

**The House of Bishops (HOB):** One of two governing bodies at General Convention, this group is composed of the bishops of the Episcopal Church. For more information: [House of Bishops](#).



**The House of Deputies (HOD):** One of two governing bodies at General Convention, this group is composed of elected clergy and lay representatives from all Episcopal Church dioceses. For more information: [House of Deputies](#).

**Lectionary:** The Lectionary is the set of Biblical readings appointed for use by the church throughout the year. For more information: [Lectionary](#).

**Miter:** A miter is the triangular-shaped cap worn by bishops.

**Oblation:** *Oblatus* is Latin for “something that has been offered.” During the Eucharist, the elements, bread and wine (and sometimes the gifts of the congregation as well) are offered to God early in the Eucharistic Prayer. Celebrants who are returning to classic Christian practice often actually lift them up during the words of oblation, “recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.”

**Presiding Bishop (PB):** The Presiding Bishop is the head bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church. Elected at General Convention for a nine-year term, the Presiding Bishop presides over the House of Bishops and represents the Episcopal Church at meetings of the primates of the Anglican Communion and other international gatherings. The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry was elected as the 27<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop at the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Salt Lake City, UT on June 27, 2015. For more information: [Presiding Bishop](#).

**Primate:** The primate is the head of each of the 38 provinces in the Anglican Communion. In the Episcopal Church, the Primate is the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry.

**Province:** Province has two meanings: (1) The nine geographical groupings of dioceses in The Episcopal Church; and (2) the designation so used for groupings in the wider Anglican Communion.

**Revised Common Lectionary (RCL):** This is the set of Biblical readings appointed for use by the church throughout the year. For more information: [Lectionary](#)

**“Smells and bells”:** This is an informal way of referring to high church liturgical practices; the “smells” are incense and the “bells” are Sanctus bells.

**Standing Committee:** This elected body in each diocese includes four clergy and four lay leaders whose duties are many, including serving as counsel to the bishop.

**Thurible:** A thurible is a vessel that contains burning incense.

**Thurifer:** A thurifer is the acolyte designated to carry the thurible in procession.

**Vergers:** This lay person assists the clergy in conducting worship. They often carry an ornate virge (or mace) in procession.

**Vespers:** This is the alternate name for any service of Evening Prayer; originally, one of the seven (or eight) monastic hours, which were incorporated into Morning and Evening Prayer in the Anglican traditions.

**Vestry:** The vestry is an elected group of parishioners in a congregation. The room where vestments were kept gave its name at some point to the group of people who met in that room and governed the local parish. They now have the legal and statutory responsibility and rights involved with the maintenance and trusteeship of the church and its property, subject to their relationship with the larger diocesan authorities.

Definitions found on the Episcopal website: [General Convention Glossary of Terms](#)

It has been a very busy time for your transition committee. During this time of transition, we have had walkabouts that attempted to reach all of our diocese while being good stewards of time and treasure. We would like to thank the people, clergy and staff of Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls; Trinity, Pierre; the Rosebud Mission; the Cheyenne River Mission and Emmanuel Church in Rapid City for hosting these events. The Committee is also very thankful for the help of staff members, especially Marlys Fratzke who was such a support with logistics, and the Rev. Portia Corbin who kept everyone safe and on time by driving and shepherding a very important flock!

The work then continued and with God's help, we, as a diocese, held an election that was Spirit filled! From that election, the Holy Spirit called The Reverend Dr. Jonathan Folts to be the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of South Dakota. We, as a committee, were overjoyed with the wonderful prayerful and discerning work done on that day. We were also thankful and continue to be thankful for the openness of Bishop Elect Jonathan, Fr. Floberg, Fr. Story, and Fr. Two Bulls and their families who put themselves forward to be a part of this Spirit filled process.

The work did not stop with the election. Many logistics and canonical requirements were completed and, with their completion, we are very happy to announce that there will be a consecration service on November 2nd at 11:30 am in Pierre. The consecration will take place at TF Riggs High School across from Trinity Church and the Diocesan Offices. This will be a wonderful event and the entire diocese is invited! Know that your Transition Committee, Staff, Standing Committee, Bishop Elect, and volunteers are prayerfully working to make sure that this event and all of the events surrounding the consecration are enjoyable and special to all who attend. Even with all of the work and diligence that this event will require, we know we are to trust in our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit to bring the Grace and give us all a glimpse of the Kingdom!

During this time, we also said good bye to and thanked God for our 10th Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Tarrant, his wife, Pat, and Jessica, their daughter. They were honored throughout the many events that our diocese gathered for in the past year. Please continue to thank God for their ministry and hold them in your prayers as they live into a new call in Massachusetts.

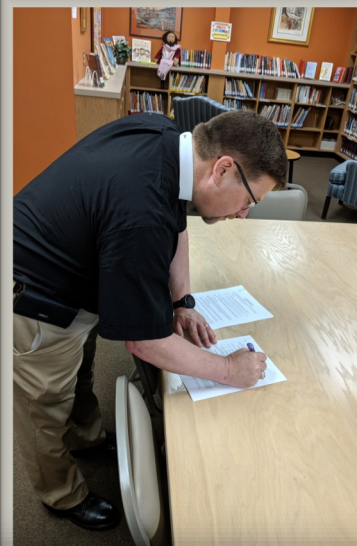
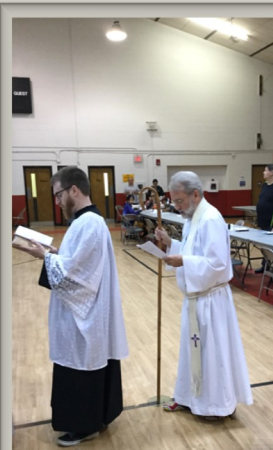
The Transition Committee of the Diocese is also very happy to report that Bishop Elect Jonathan is in Pierre! The move is still in process, so please keep Bishop Elect Jonathan, Kim and their entire family in your prayers!

Please stay tuned in the months to come for more information regarding details surrounding the consecration. This will include announcements regarding participation in the service, parking details, and accommodations. Also, we ask you to continue to pray for the Transition Committee, the Staff, the Standing Committee, the Diocesan Altar Guild, and Bishop Elect Jonathan as we all work on this important new chapter of the history of our diocese!

The Rev. Clay Riley,  
Transition Committee









In the last twelve months, Niobrara School for Ministry has been glad to offer several exciting Ministry Weekend opportunities, including an introduction to the L/Dakota language, preaching the Gospels, Dakota Experience, emergency pastoral care and crisis intervention, evangelism, and an introduction to the Book of Common Prayer. Furthermore, Niobrara School for Ministry went on the road, taking a short two-hour talk on evangelism and hospitality to local congregations in order to allow people who would otherwise not be able to come to Pierre for a full Ministry Weekend. This program proved to be a great success, with over 100 people having attended from across the state.

This last year also saw the first class of Catechists go through the year-long training and licensing program. These folks came to Pierre about once every six weeks in order to talk through the material they had worked on. The training material for the Catechist program is oriented around helping people better understand and tell their stories as part of God's story. In the process, it covers material such as the biblical story, theology, preaching, worship, pastoral care, evangelism, and the specifics of The Episcopal Church. Those who completed this year-long training, and we had five who were commissioned at Niobrara Convocation, are considered able to lead regular worship, teach, and provide pastoral care in their communities.

The next year will see the continuation of Niobrara School for Ministry's regular programming opportunities, especially Ministry Weekends. Topics for the upcoming year include the ethics and theology of the Eucharist, cross-cultural awareness, preaching the Old Testament, and financial literacy for local congregations. While those who are going through the ordination process are expected to come to these ministry weekends, they are intended for all the people of the Diocese. They are an excellent means for our clergy to fulfill the continuing education expected by our diocesan policies and the best practices of the church. Moreover, they are open to all lay people in the Diocese and provide an accessible way for all the people of the church to grow in their understanding of the faith. We have seen a steady increase in average Ministry Weekend attendance and we hope to see this pattern continue.

We will also begin our second year of Catechist training. One thing we learned was that while Pierre is centrally located, it can become difficult for many people to come to for the eight sessions over the course of the year. One thing we will be trying to make the Catechist program more accessible to people is to offer the year-long trainings in the southern, central, and northern parts of the state on a three-year rotation. This coming year the program will be taught in Mobridge, and then the following year it will come to somewhere in the southern part of South Dakota in a central location.

Finally, the success of the local night-long talks has shown that there is a real desire for further local formation. Using this information, Niobrara School for Ministry will be seeking opportunities to offer more of these short, locally offered training opportunities. If you have requests or ideas for what you'd like to see, please let us know!

Respectfully submitted by  
The Rev. Dr. Chris Corbin

## 2019 Convention Registration Form

Circle those that apply

<b>Lay Delegate</b>	<b>Clergy Delegate</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Visitor</b>
<b>Diocesan Council</b>	<b>Niobrara Council</b>	<b>Standing Committee</b>	<b>Diocesan Office</b>

Please return completed  
Form by September 6, 2019

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 meals are \$5)

\_\_\_\_ **\$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](http://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](mailto:office@episcopalchurchsd.org) if you have any questions.

You have the option to register on-line at [www.episcopalchurchsd.org](http://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.**

**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.

*Diocese of South Dakota 134th  
Annual Diocesan Convention*  
**Pierre, South Dakota**  
**First United Methodist**  
**Church**  
**September 28, 2018**

The Right Rev. John Tarrant called the convention to order at 7:19 p.m.

Dr. Chris Corbin to lead the opening prayer.

Bishop Tarrant expressed the thanks of the Convention to the Eastern Deanery and the Rev. Christina O'Hara for hosting this year's convention. He also expressed the thanks of the Convention to the clergy and people of 1st United Methodist Church for their hospitality.

Bishop Tarrant made several introductions and announcements:

The Preacher for convention will be the Rev. Kay Russell, director of the Pine Ridge Retreat Center, ELCA

Barb Simpson, Assistant to the Secretary. The Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley, Secretary, is absent due to illness

The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Dean of the Cathedral and Parliamentarian Pro Tem due to the absence of Steve Sanford, Chancellor and Parliamentarian

Dr. Chris Corbin, Dispatch of Business

Bishop Tarrant identified the pages who are available for messages or other assistance.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was presented by Deacon Marty Garwood:

Of 119 potential Lay Delegates, 92 were present and registered.

Of 82 eligible clergy, 44 were present and registered.

Bishop Tarrant then declared that there is a quorum present.

Bishop Tarrant then introduced the Rev. Kay Russell, Pine Ridge Retreat Center, and invited her to address the Convention. Pastor Kay and Nicholas Breining spoke of the joint work of the Lutheran Synod and the Episcopal Diocese on the Pine Ridge Reservation among the youth.

Bishop Tarrant introduced Isaiah Floberg and Gilbert Summers from Young Life, who are working in youth ministry thanks to a grant from the national church and Young Life. Danny Gangone is working on the Rosebud, but is not here.

Bishop Tarrant reminded everyone of the UTO boxes and encouraged all present to use them.

Bishop Tarrant shared regrets from:

Deacon Nancy Donovan



Deacon John Keyes  
 The Rev. Lauren Stanley  
 Steve Sanford

Bishop Tarrant introduced new clergy and changes in positions:

The Rev. Virginia Bird, Emmanuel, Rapid City  
 The Rev. Isaiah Brokenleg, Watertown  
 Deacon James Marrs, Cheyenne River Mission  
 Deacon Ina Traversie, Cheyenne River Mission  
 The Rev. Ed Hunt, Pine Ridge Mission  
 The Rev. Leigh Vicens, transfer in from the Diocese of Milwaukee  
 Ellen Walker, Diocesan Treasurer

Bishop Tarrant then informed the Convention of the following clergy who transferred out of the Diocese or retired:

The Rev. Erin Rath, Diocese of Upper South Carolina  
 The Rev. Mikayla Dunfee, Diocese of Nevada  
 The Rev. Tom & Elizabeth Campbell, Northfield, MN  
 The Rev. Jim Pearson  
 The Rev. David Hussey  
 The Rev. Harold Eagle Bull

Bishop Tarrant then informed the Convention of the deaths of the following clergy or clergy spouses since the last Convention:

Deacon Judith Peterson  
 The Rev. Les Campbell  
 Marlene Campbell (Ron)

Deacon Jo Hedin, St. Matthews, Rapid City, moved, and Deacon Marty Garwood, Emmanuel, Rapid City, seconded, giving seat, voice, and vote to the following clergy who are not canonically resident in the Diocese, but serve within the Diocese and are resident within the Diocese: the Rev. Robert Two Bulls Sr.; the Rev. Charley Chan; the Rev. Daryl Schubert; the Rev. Henrique Fleming. The motion carried.

Motion by Jean Lacher, seconded by Barbee Hovelson, to approve the minutes of the 133rd Annual Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. Hal Weidman, St. Andrew's, Rapid City, seconded by the Very Rev. Ward Simpson, to accept the reports of the Committees, Commissions, and Agencies as submitted and printed in the Summer *Church News*. Motion carried.

The Bishop called on Dr. Chris Corbin for announcements.

Bishop Tarrant announced that the Convention would be in recess at the dismissal of the Convention Eucharist and would reconvene for morning devotions at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, September 29. Bishop Tarrant dismissed the Convention for opening the Eucharist at 8:03 pm.

Following the Dismissal from the Eucharist, the Convention recessed until 8:45 a.m., September 29, 2018.

*(Submitted by Barb Simpson, Assistant Secretary)*

*Saturday morning, 9/29/18*

Bishop Tarrant called the Convention back to order at 9:03 a.m.

He asked Warren Hawk to report on his mother, Gladys Hawk's health, and asked us to sign a card for Gladys. He added that Gladys is a blessing to the Diocese and to him.

Bishop recognized the Rev. Tony Buquor, who transferred back into the Diocese, and is serving on the Search Committee.

Chris Corbin announced upcoming ministry weekends: (Open to anyone in the Diocese.)

Introduction to Lakota/Dakota Language 10/5-6, Trinity, Pierre;  
Preaching the Gospels 11/2-3, Trinity, Pierre;  
Dakota Experience East, Calvary Cathedral, 11/16-17;  
Dakota Experience West, Emmanuel, Rapid City, 3/15-16;  
Emergency Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention, 1/11-12/2019, Trinity, Pierre  
Evangelism course will be next spring, 3/8-9/2019, at Trinity, Pierre  
Course on History of the BCP, 5/17-18/2019, Trinity, Pierre  
Please post posters and watch online for more information  
The cost will be \$30 per person for whole weekend + housing.

Bishop Tarrant noted that scholarships are available.

Deacon Marty Garwood gave the credentials report: Out of 119 possible laity, we have 96 registered. Out of 82 clergy, 45 registered. There is a quorum.

Bishop Tarrant reminded everyone of the UTO boxes the tables, and then called upon Diana Regan, ECW President for South Dakota. ECW has raised more than \$3,000 for their annual project to give to Puerto Rico's bishop to help in hurricane recovery. Linda Simmons is the new UTO chairperson. The Convention was reminded, "that every single penny given goes to the UTO

grants.” Linda Simmons reported that the Episcopal Church loves our change. Our change can change lives. Linda attended the ECW Triennial for Province 6, which donated \$196,791.36. Out of that, South Dakota gave \$25,000. The Diocese received a grant for \$43,200.00 which purchased a 12 passenger van for TEC and youth ministry in South Dakota. We also received \$45,000 to share with North Dakota for the composition of the Lakota prayer book. Last year, UTO raised \$3,738,989.47. So fill your boxes with change; we take dollars as well!

Announcements: Steve Sanford, the Chancellor, is not here for health reasons. Mike Reade was asked to show off his T-shirt: *“Moses was the first person with a tablet downloading data from the cloud.”* Friday’s T-shirt read, *“The point isn’t that glass is half empty or half full. The point is, the glass is refillable.”*

The Bishop asked Dean Ward Simpson to serve as the parliamentarian. Dean Simpson gave his report, acting on behalf of Steve Sanford, with reminders that the rules enacted by previous conventions are still in order. He asked those who wish to speak to remember to go to a microphone, and to identify themselves by name and church.

Bishop Tarrant presented Pastor Karen Russell and Nicholas Breining a gift package from Sisseton Mission: soybean oil, Himalayan salt, honey in appreciation for their being present with us. Pastor Russell thanked the Bishop and the Convention, noting that it was nice to be in partnership with the Diocese of South Dakota.

Dean Simpson gave the General Convention report.

The Rev. Chris Roussell, Search Committee Co-Chair, gave his report. He asked that everyone keep Robin Bowen in prayers for her upcoming knee replacement, and then asked all members of the Search committee who are present to stand. He began his report by quoting Romans 8 (“For those who are led by the spirit of God are children of God.”). We are, he said, in the midst of beginning that process of hope, and then describes the process, the information gathering, and the development of the profile. There is a lot of hope and optimism about who our next bishop might be, and lots of excitement.

Fr. Roussell also acknowledged Chris Corbin for his work on the web site, and stressed that the search is in a confidential period right now. “Come, Holy Spirit! We believe the Holy Spirit is in charge of bringing us our next bishop, a new way of being a diocese, and it’s going to be exciting and it’s going to be spirit-filled. The next person called to be bishop is called to love you and serve you. And we are called to love and serve the new bishop.”

Fr. Roussell stated that the budget for the next bishop’s salary has been adjusted to be more competitive for our region, but added that we are looking for a person who has heart for mission.

Bishop Tarrant gave the budget report by default, because Randy Barnhardt couldn't be here. (His daughter had a marriage celebration this weekend.) He said what Barney says every year: "Not much has changed since last year." Then he gave the report, concluding that Randy Barnhardt was committed to presenting a balanced budget. Which he has. We recognize the past, live the present, and preserve opportunities for the future. We make sure endowments and funding sources are protected so that the ministry doesn't end with our generation.

Julie Gehm, Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls, asked whether the block grant that is decided at General Convention is for three years. Bishop Tarrant explained that it is decided at General Convention, but approved by Executive Council. A bishop has to walk the line between being prophetic with budgetary requests and know when to push, and when to pull back. The block grant has increased over the past nine years from \$500,000 to more than \$730,000. When we ask for an increase, it is always specific to what we need. We try to be realistic.

Fr. Roussell commented on Fr. John Floberg's presence on PB&F of Executive Council, where he advocated for us. Bishop Tarrant pointed out that Fr. Floberg has served on PB&F, and that Deacon Angela Good House has been recently elected to Executive Council. She will be very effective.

Bishop Tarrant comment: "We partner with The Episcopal Church in doing Native Ministry. They are not supporting OUR ministry, we are partnering with them to do the whole Church's ministry. That makes a big difference. It's why we resisted mightily being called an "aided diocese." We are not a welfare diocese. We walk side by side with the wider church to do God's work in this place we call South Dakota.

Chris Corbin then presented the budget slide show. The Rev. Larry Ort moved, and Hal Perry seconded, to accept the budget as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Pat LeBeau, then introduced the nominees for the Standing Committee:

In the clergy order for Standing Committee, the sole candidate is The Rev. David Hussey. Mr. President, pursuant to Rule of Order 7.3 of this Convention, there being only one nominee for the Office of Clergy Member of the Standing Committee, the Secretary shall cast a unanimous ballot for the Rev. David Hussey as the new member.

Bishop Tarrant: So ordered. The Rev. Dr. Lauren Stanley, Secretary, cast the ballot.

Pat LeBeau announced that in the lay order, there were two candidates:

Anne Rodger-Popejoy, St. John's, Deadwood and  
Tally Salisbury, St. Paul's, Vermillion.

The ballots were distributed and collected by the pages.



The Special Rules of Order for the Election of a Bishop were presented by Dean Ward Simpson. These are generic, designed to be used in case we need them in the future, and explained the background. He explained that there will be no nominations from the floor because of background checks. After the nominees are announced, there is five-day petition period. This resolution governs the entire process, from the day of Bishop's announcement to retire to the consecration of the new bishop.

The electors are those who are most recently elected delegates. Please turn in your list of delegates who are eligible. Each delegate must register in advance individually. Rule 13.2 governing delegates points out that it includes the phrase "unless a congregation determines otherwise."

Dean Simpson stressed that alternates be elected and identified ahead of time. There is a process for emergencies. He reminded everyone that the rules call for a super-majority of delegates, meaning a two-thirds majority in each order concurrently is necessary for an election.

Dean Simpson: "On behalf of the committee, I move this resolution." (A second is not required.) This does require vote by orders. The Clergy voted by a unanimous show of hands. The Laity voted by a unanimous show of hands.

The Special Rules of Order for the Election of a Bishop passed.

The Rev. Portia Corbin then presented the Youth Report. Bishop Tarrant gave thanks for this ministry and Portia's commitment.

Pat LeBeau to gave the election report and results for the Standing Committee position.

We had four people tallying votes.

This election had a 49.5-50.5 percent result. Tally Salisbury is elected.

Bishop Tarrant then presented the Courtesy Resolutions for greetings to be sent to:

Anne Robertson, Bishop Creighton Robertson's widow.

Marilyn Jones, Bishop Walter Jones' widow.

Bishop Craig and Liz Anderson.

The Rev. Portia Corbin moved, Dean Ward Simpson seconded, that Convention accept the Courtesy Resolutions. Motion passed unanimously. Bishop Tarrant pointed out that these resolutions and the communication of them helps the recipients understand we are thinking about them.

Bishop Tarrant then called for announcements and Individual Reports.

Chris Corbin made the following announcements:

- St. Mark's, Aberdeen, has comfort quilts to offer. Linda Simmons asks that we tell them where they are going and who it is for, so that they can keep track of the quilts.
- Please leave your plastic name tag holders, as well as the notebook folders, green, red and yellow voting cards at the end of convention.
- We offer thanks to UMC for hosting us. Please help to clean up.
- All Angels, Spearfish is giving away educational materials and altar linen.
- The Standing Committee will meet at lunch in the Wesley Center.
- Julie Gehm offered a report on the Cathedral's St. Monica Guild and its project to provide Moon Supplies. The Moon Supplies are for schools, shelters, and your parishioners.
- Lauren Stanley introduced the Transition Committee, and asked the chair, the Rev. Clay Riley, All Angels, Spearfish, to explain what they are doing.
- The Rev. Charlie Chan, Superintending Presbyter, Sisseton Mission told us: "Your honey is here. Don't forget to bring your honey home. We also have the Himalayan salt. Mike Fontaine is selling soybean oil as well. It was purchased out of Long Island; we bottled it. The goal is to raise money for St. Mary's, Old Agency, and the Sisseton Mission, to restore the bell and putting it back into tower; re-roofing the church; and restoring headstones."

Bishop Tarrant then gave his Convention Address.

Chris Corbin expressed his gratitude for his ministry here among us.

He then announced the workshops that would follow lunch and the quilt auction:

\*"It's Complicated: Israeli & Palestinian Relationships," by The Rev. Chris Roussell, Emmanuel, Rapid City;

\*"Dimensions of Culture: Exploring Social Spectrums and the Communications Gap," by the Rev. Isaiah Brokenleg, Vicar, Trinity, Watertown;

\*"Where Are Our Young Adults," by the Rev. Portia Corbin and Dr. Chris Corbin.

Chris Corbin made announcements about the calendars and directories. Lunch, the Quilt Auction, and Workshops then took place.

At the end of those events, Les Koss moved, and Ellen Walker seconded, a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Bishop Tarrant gave the Blessing, and declared Convention adjourned at 3:11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018.

*Submitted by  
The Rev. Dr. Lauren Stanley,  
Secretary of Convention*



## **Episcopal Church Women Scholarship Committee Fall Report**

There are two (2) scholarships available for \$750.00 each. I gave an oral report at the Spring ECW meeting held on June 1, 2019 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pierre. I asked the members there to consider the possibility of changing one of the Scholarship Guidelines rules: Number 7 states, "The scholarship can be used at any public, private, or vocational school in SD (South Dakota)." We discussed the fact that we made an exception last year for someone who was going to a college in New York. It's been my experience that we have had more applicants who were accepted at out of state schools than in state schools, and could not apply for the scholarship for that reason. After further discussion, the members voted to allow applicants who are accepted at schools out of state to apply for the ECW scholarship. The "SD" was deleted on the Website ECW page.

Holly Moseley volunteered to speak to high school juniors and seniors during their camp session at TEC. She went on June 17<sup>th</sup> with a sample of the applications forms, Guidelines, and cover letter forms for Letters of Recommendation. She reviewed them and answered questions. There was a camp counselor who was a former recipient there. She shared her experience with the campers. Thank you, Holly for doing that for me. I was not able to go that day.

To date, as of July 16, 2019, I have received only one complete application. The committee has reviewed all of the submitted documents, and unanimously approved this applicant. Her name is Claire Hussey. She is a graduate of Theodore Riggs High School, and has been an active member of her church Trinity, Pierre, and received numerous Music and Academic awards at her high school. She plans to study Chemistry and Biology at Minnesota State University and she wants to get a teaching certificate. She has a bright future ahead of her and we wish her the best.

The deadline is July 31, 2019. I hope we get another application before then. Thanks to the committee members for their valuable advice: Vaudeth Oberlander (St. Andrew's), Carol Cloud Eagle (St. Matthews), and Cora Koss (Emmanuel).

Respectfully submitted by  
Sandra Magnavito, M.Ed.  
Chair

## The 2019 Year in Review

This has been a busy year at Camp Remington and a lot has been accomplished. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of May several people came and helped open the camp. The cabins were swept, mopped, dusted down, mattresses put out, stoves and refrigerators started. The outhouses were dusted, swept and mopped. Sanitizer, lights and toilet paper installed. The Chapel was made ready by being swept out, pews placed, chairs placed in Alter area, Alter supplies put in Sacristy area as well as keyboard. Picnic tables were moved from storage to cabin area.

Those who helped in the camp opening were as follows: Key and Mary Parker, Les and Cora Koss, Chris Trull and Patsy, Mara Vucurivich, Lisa Kautz and Jackie Newel. A heartfelt thank you to these people.

There were some changes made to the key access system. A new coded lock box was installed on the rear of the Quest cabin. A code was sent with the reservation confirmations to the people who reserved the cabins. This combination will be changed each month during the summer. This provided better security than the keys placed under bucket at back of cabin. Several repairs were made: replacing two post on Chapel railing, staining of Chapel railing, new latches were placed on several windows to assure them staying closed, new batteries in smoke detectors, new CO2 detectors installed in each cabin, door springs installed, toilet seats installed in toilets. The area around the cabins and around chapel have been kept mowed and trimmed.

The cabins have been well used this year. A total of 169 nights were reserved this year. The break down as follows:

<b>May</b>	Bishop Cabin	3		<b>July</b>	Bishop Cabin	25
	Guest Cabin	3			Guest Cabin	28
	Nunnery	0			Nunnery	20
<b>June</b>	Bishop Cabin	17		<b>Au- gust</b>	Bishop Cabin	11
	Guest Cabin	17			Guest Cabin	22
	Nunnery	16			Nunnery	7

This year we had a refrigerator in the Nunnery that has outlived its usefulness and had to be disconnected. Due to the cost of replacement, guests have been informed that they would have to use coolers during their stay. So far this has worked out with not too many complaints. The cost of a new refrigerator that operates on propane is around \$1800.00. If anyone would like to contribute to this cost it would be greatly appreciated.

We had two priests from out of state visit our camp. One was the Rt. Rev. Brian J. Thom and his wife Ardale. He is the Bishop of Idaho. He left us his card and \$20.00 donation. We sent a letter to thank him. On Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, Rev. T. James Snodgrass and his wife Patty, conducted our service in the Chapel. They were visiting in the hills and saw our sign on the highway and drove up to chapel on Saturday. We talked with them and told them of Sunday service and Fr. James agreed to do the service. They were on vacation from Baltimore, MD. A letter of thanks was also sent to them.

Respectively submitted,  
Les Koss and Key Parker  
Camp Remington Caretakers.

During the November meeting Diocesan Council acted upon the following.

- Salary increase
- 2019 budget review
- Diocesan Treasurer and Chapter Treasurer elected (Ellen Walker)
- Corporate Secretary elected (Marlys Fratzke)
- Financial Officer parameters reviewed (Kelly Parker)
- Property issues
  - Property tax assessments
  - Property quick claim in Wanblee
  - Gethsemane, Sisseton
  - Incarnation, Gregory

Special Convention

- Rules, budget, process
- Maternity Leave Policy updated
- Review of the Diocesan Convention held at First United Methodist Church

During the June meeting Diocesan Council discussed the following.

- Diocesan budget was reviewed
- Bishop elect Folts move to the Diocese
- Policy #21 update and clarification.
  - Car ride sharing would this option be feasible
  - IRS business rate and when it applies
  - IRS volunteer rate and when it applies

- Bylaws updated for the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral
- Website use in collection of raffle ticket payments.

Property issues

- Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee, NE
- St. Matthews, Rapid City
- St. Philips, Dupree
- Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls
- St. Johns, Eagle Butte
- Incarnation, Gregory
- Standing Rock Young Life housing project
- Gethsemane, Sisseton

General Convention

- Election of deputies at 2019 Diocesan Convention

Bishop Election

- Review
- What worked what didn't work
- Budget
- Lambeth

Transitions

- Fr. Chris Roussell (Diocese of Southwestern Virginia)
- Fr. Hal Weidman (Diocese of North Dakota)
- Deacon Marty Garwood (appointment to Standing Committee)
- Bishop Tarrant's last day (July 1, 2019)
- Fr. Henrique Fleming full time at St. Matthews, Rapid City

Google Hangout:

- Michele Keppen joined the meeting via Google Hangout

**Diocese of South Dakota  
Standing Committee Annual Report 2019**

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):

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

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

2021: The Rev. Deacon Marty Garwood (replacing The Rev. Hal Weidman, who resigned after leaving the Diocese), Tamara Fonder

2022: The Rev. David Hussey, Tally Salisbury

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. The Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley was President of the Standing Committee from September 2018 to September 2019; The Rev. Pat White Horse-Carda was Secretary from September 2018 to September 2019. In September 2019, The Rev. David Hussey was elected President of the Standing Committee; The Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley was elected Secretary.

During the year ending June 30, 2019, the Standing Committee took the following actions:

- Oversaw the Search Process for the 11th Bishop of South Dakota, working with the Search and Nominating Committee and the Transition Committee throughout the process. This included:
  - Working with the Search and Nominating Committee and the consultant, The Rev. Thad Bennett, on the profile for the search;
  - Set up the Transition Committee for the search process;
  - Working with Bishop John Tarrant on various aspects of the search;
  - Approved the salary and benefits package for the 11th Bishop;
  - Worked with the Chancellor, Bishop Tarrant, and the consultant on the Rules for the Election of a Bishop;
  - Receiving and approving the Search Profile;
  - Receiving and approving the nominations of two candidates for the election from the Search and Nominating Committee;
  - Receiving, vetting and approving the nominations of two candidates via the Petition Process;
  - Coordinating with the Transition Committee on the walkabout process;
  - Coordinating with Bishop Tarrant on the electing convention;
  - Coordinating with the Presiding Bishop's Office and the Office of the General Convention on the election process;
  - Serving at the Electing Convention on May 4, 2019;
  - Approving the Ministry Agreement for the Bishop-Elect (prior to the election), and approving the final Ministry Agreement between the Diocese of South Dakota and Bishop-Elect Jonathan Folts.
- Handling the Consent Process for Standing Committees in The Episcopal Church to receive sufficient consents for The Rev. Dr. Jonathan H. Folts; and
- Working with the Transition Committee, the Office of the Presiding Bishop, the Office of the General Convention and Bishop-Elect Folts on the consecration, scheduled for Nov. 2, 2019, in Pierre.



In addition to the Search Process, the Standing Committee voted:

- To consent to the election of The Rev. Canon Kevin D. Nichols as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Bethlehem.
- To consent to the election of The Rev. Canon Michael B. Gunn as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of the Rio Grande.
- To consent to the election of The Rev. Mark A. Crowell as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Western Kansas;
- To consent to the Diocese of Texas' request to elect a Bishop Suffragan in February 2019;
- To **not consent** to the election of The Rev. Kerwin Delicat as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Haiti.
- To recommend Chris Corbin for Candidacy for Ordination to Holy Orders.
- To consent to the closing of Incarnation Episcopal Church, Gregory, S.D.;
- To consent to the election of The Rev. Cathleen Crittenden Bascom as the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Kansas.
- To consent to the election of The Rev. Kimberly Lucas as Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Colorado.
- To consent to the election of The Rev. Mark D.W. Edington as Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe.
- To recommend Chris Corbin for ordination to the diaconate.
- To recommend The Rev. Deacon James Marrs for ordination to the priesthood.
- To consent to the election of The Rev. Jennifer Anne Reddall as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Arizona.
- To consent to the election of The Rev. Canon Cristobal Olmedo Leon Lozano as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Ecuador Litoral.
- To approve the Commission on Ministry's recommendation for the ordination to the priesthood for the Rev. Deacon Christ Corbin.
- To approve the Commission on Ministry's recommendation to grant postulancy to Eva Gilbert.
- To approve the Commission on Ministry's recommendation to grant postulancy to The Rev. Dr. James Foster (a Presbyterian minister).
- To consent to the election of The Rev. Thomas James Brown as the Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Maine.
- To consent to the election of The Rev. Canon Kathryn McRossen Ryan as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Texas.
- To consent to the election of The Rev. Canon Megan Traquair as the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Northern California.
- To consent to the election of the Rev. Canon Susan Brown Snook as the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of San Diego.
- To consent to the election of The Rev. Dr. Shannon MacVean-Brown as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Vermont.
- To consent to the election of The Rev. Canon Lucinda Ashby as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of El Camino Real.
- To consent to the election of The Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Michigan.

Respectfully submitted by  
*The Rev. Dr. Lauren Stanley*  
*Secretary of the Standing Committee*

**Report to 2019 Convention**

The Commission on Ministry met twice during the past year. We met during the 2018 Diocesan convention. At that meeting, we recommended one person for ordination to the permanent diaconate, one person for ordination to the transitional diaconate, and two people for ordination to the priesthood.

At our March 2019 meeting, Bishop Tarrant met with us on Friday evening for his final visit with the Commission. We also recommended one person for ordination to the priesthood and two people for postulancy to the priesthood.

As of our March 2019 meeting, we have five people in postulancy status. Of the five people, two are currently enrolled in seminary education. Three are taking courses through Niobrara School for Ministry.

Current members of the Commission on Ministry are Shirley Crane, Carol Cloud Eagle, Barbee Hovelson, Michael Johnson, Jean Mornard, Barb Simpson, and Judy Flagstad. Judy Flagstad currently serves as the chair of the commission.

For the Commission on Ministry  
Judy Flagstad

***Missioner for Transitional Ministry Report***

This year has seen plenty of movement in the world of clergy transitions.

Christ Church, Yankton continues to look for a new rector, and Emmanuel and St. Andrew's in Rapid City saw their rectors depart for new positions (Fr. Chris Roussell has begun a position in Lynchburg, VA and Fr. Hal Weidman has started in Bismarck, ND).

While we have not seen any new clergy come into the Diocese this last year, these several openings mean that we are actively looking to fill these spots and will soon welcome new clergy to our state.

Moreover, while this does not relate to long-term deployment, we are excited to say that we brought five seminarian interns to Diocese of South Dakota this last summer. This is part of a larger strategy of increasing our diocesan visibility in order to continue to be able to attract the best possible candidates for our open positions.

*Respectfully submitted by*  
*The Rev. Dr. Chris Corbin*

Over 27 years ago, the Rev. Dr. Martin Broken Leg developed a class for the Diocese of South Dakota that would satisfy the new Anti-Racism requirements that were instituted by the General Convention. The majority of Episcopalians of that time, as now, were Lakota and yet the majority of the Clergy and other employees of the Diocese (also as now) were White. Dakota Experience was designed primarily to educate these Diocesan Employees of the history of our Diocese, the Indigenous People that were here before the Church, the Culture and Theology of those Indigenous People as well as their descendants today. All Employees of the Church were required to take the Class, even the Native Americans who were able to validate what was taught and to add to the material that was presented.

Since then Fr. Martin has retired and his nephew, the Ven. Paul Sneve has taken over the duties of teaching the class. Since taking over, the needs of the Diocese as well as the larger Church have changed. Our understanding of how Racism works has expanded, and of course, Dakota Experience has also expanded to adapt to this understanding. Fr. Paul expanded the curriculum to examine contemporary Native Cultural roles in our Diocese with a special emphasis on the unique Theology that Lakota/Dakota People see within their Church. The Ministry of our Churches in our Diocese is changing as we have seen the rise of Holy Apostles who are currently the only financially independent Sudanese Congregation in the National Episcopal Church. Our ministries are now touching Hispanic and Asian People as immigrants have moved into our communities for jobs and education. As the world seems to shrink and as our communities become more diverse, Fr. Paul has expanded the Anti-racism Training that is to be offered in our Diocese, so that existing Racist Systems may be found in the Church and corrected, so that all are truly welcome in all of our Churches.

Dakota Experience is still a significant component of our Anti-racism Training and is offered twice a year. In the Fall, it is offered at Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls and then in the Spring at Emmanuel Church in Rapid City. This past Spring, we saw storms that derailed a number of Church gatherings including Dakota Experience in Rapid City. Since then we have rescheduled with special consideration to new clergy in our midst, including our Bishop-elect Jonathan Folts. On September 13 and 14 in Rapid City (tentatively at Emmanuel) Fr. Paul will present Dakota Experience, offering an expanded view of Lakota People and their relationship to the Church. Attention to relevant concepts associated with Anti-racism will also be explored. If you have attended in the past, you may wish to attend again and further expand your knowledge of our unique place in the larger Church. If you are a Native American, you may also want to attend so that you can add to the discussion thus making the material being taught by offering your own real life experiences. If you would like to register for this class, please call Marlys at the Diocesan Office at 605-494-2020. The cost is \$30 and includes Friday evening Dinner and Saturday lunch.

*Respectfully submitted by  
The Venerable Paul Sneve*

The women of the Episcopal Church are preparing to meet Sept. 27, 2019 at Trinity Church in Pierre at (time change) 10a.m. in conjunction with the Diocesan Convention. This meeting is especially important for all women. We will be electing a new President and a new Vice-President. I would like to invite at least one representative from each congregation to attend this very important meeting. Please attend if possible.

I am not aware of an application submitted for a United Thank Offering Grant from South Dakota this year. If there was, please let me or Linda Simmons, UTO Chairperson know. It takes time and effort to apply but the generosity to South Dakota has been tremendous. I know there is the need and the grants are there to be applied for. Grant applications open near the first of December. I hope you are able to apply.

The women have chosen Jean Lacher as our honored woman for the year 2019. There were four worthy nominees to choose from. I know there are many qualified women in our state but it is up to you to submit their application. Jean will be honored at our Fall meeting.

We will still accept Scholarship applications until July 31. Two Scholarships of \$750.00 are available each year to be used at any school for furthering the education of an Episcopal Woman. Note that it is no longer necessary to attend in state. Applications are online or contact Sandy Magnavito. 605-390-7698.

Each year the ECW chooses a recipient for our Annual Project donations collected throughout the year. There have been drastic reductions to the aid to AHLI Hospital in Gaza City so we again have chosen the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem to do what we can to assist in their aid to anyone in need. These donations need to be sent to Lisa Kautz, Treasurer at 3612 W. St. Patrick St. Apt.#5 Rapid City, SD 57702.

United Thank Offering (UTO) and Church Periodical Club (CPC) Ingatherings need to be completed and offerings sent to Kelly Parker at the Diocesan Office by the end of November. These need to be sent to the National UTO office by mid December to be included in this year's total collections. This year a total of \$1,507,640.55 was collected and distributed to 33 Grant recipients. Every penny given is awarded in a Grant.

I am very proud of all that we do in the name of Christ. Thank you.

God's peace,  
Diana Regan  
ECW President

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## Diocesan Calendar

### The Bishop's Visit



Visit & travel dates are in bold letters for Bishop Elect Jonathan Folts

A visitation schedule will be constructed and distributed in due course.

Please remember this schedule is subject to last minute changes.

#### August

8/1    **Bishop Elect Jonathan begins in the office**  
8/4  
8/11    **B.E. visits Brown Earth Church**  
8/13-15    Diocesan Audit  
8/14    **B.E. Visits All Angels, Spearfish**  
8/23-25    Women's Retreat, TEC  
8/25

#### September

9/1    Labor Day weekend  
9/6-8    **B.E. visits Pine Ridge Mission**  
9/17-20    **B.E. attending HOB**  
9/22  
9/26    **Clergy Conference Pierre**  
9/27-28    **Diocesan Convention**  
9/29    No visit

#### October

10/6  
10/13    **Native American Day**  
10/20  
10/27    No visit

#### November

11/2    **Consecration of the 11th Bishop to the Diocese of South Dakota beginning @ 11:30 am, T.F. Riggs Theater, Pierre**  
11/3    **Trinity, Pierre**  
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls.  
11/10  
11/17  
11/24  
11/25-12/2    **Bishop in CT for Thanksgiving**



**Tentative 2019 CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY, September 27**

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  
  
 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 28**

8-10 am Registration and Credentials  
 8:00 am Resolution Hearing  
 9:00 am Daily Devotions  
 9:30 am Plenary Session II  
 Convention Business  
 2019 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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