

It started in 2012 with a simple phone call—an offer to help with Christmas services. It was a ray of hope when only general chaos ruled my mind, trying to figure out a schedule to get to as many churches as possible as close to Christmas Day on the Cheyenne River Reservation. Not an easy thing to do with

ten eager congregations and many rivers to cross.

The generous call came from Mother Mercy and Father David at Trinity, Pierre. So, I chose the congregation closest to them, St. Andrew's, Cherry Creek. St. Andrew's is a young and lively congregation, where adults are usually outnumbered by children three-to-one and a crowd of fifty or more gather around a wood stove in a 15' x30' cement block



building. The old Victorian-era frame church burned down long ago, and yet the congregation has continued to meet in the 1940s cook house/guild hall that continues to serve not only as a church, but as a community meeting place, despite the lack of water and an easy source of heat.

The day after Christmas, I received another phone call from Mercy and David, full of gratitude—one of the best Christmas's ever, they said. Please ask us to go back there!

And I know what they mean. So I did! The energy and enthusiasm of the people of St. Andrews, to gather and pray and celebrate our life in Christ, is an on-going gift and blessing to all who have ever been there. And in the next year and the years since then, the good people of Trinity, Pierre have responded to the call

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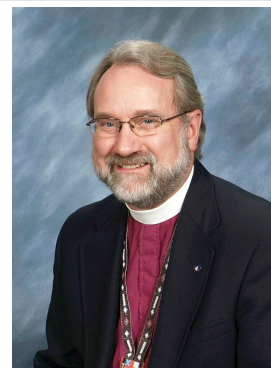
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The Right Reverend John T. Tarrant



As I was preparing to celebrate the 150 anniversary of Our Most Merciful Savior Church in Santee Nebraska this past December, I reread parts of Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve's book, That They May Have Life.

In the telling about the conflict between Samuel Hinman and "other white protestant missionaries at Santee" she quotes from Roy Meyer, History of the Santee Sioux who writes, "*a difficulty seems to have arisen between them and it is notorious in the tribe that the missionaries themselves, have of late years, not been upon terms of ordinary civility and courtesy with each other.*"

It struck me that this could be a description of the church in recent years. It is expected that at times we will find ourselves in disagreement or conflict, but there is no excuse for not showing "*ordinary civility and courtesy*" toward each other. In fact, when we allow our disagreements to become rude and disrespectful, at times even vile, we reject Jesus' commandment to us, "*to love one another.*" We show ourselves to be no different from the world to which we are called to witness.

Jesus told his disciples, "*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*" If we think we are honoring God by our angry and disrespectful comments, letters, emails, FaceBook posts, etc then we ought to reintroduce ourselves to the one we claim to follow who from the cross prayed, "*Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.*"

Jesus understood that our greatest witness to the world would be how we loved one another. He tells us, "*I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you... If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.*" Do we hold ourselves to a higher standard than much of the world seems to embrace?

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Retirements:

The Rev. Cordelia Red Owl has officially retired after serving the Diocese and Pine Ridge Mission faithfully the past 16 years. Thank you Mother Cordelia for your dedication, for loving us and teaching us.

Clergy: New Additions and changes to our Diocesan family:

The Rev. Christina O'Hara is now the full time rector at Church of the Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls.

The Rev. Hal Weidman and his wife Michelle from Atlanta, Georgia are now at St. Andrew's, Rapid City.

The Rev. Tim Fountain started as our Missioner of Support. Tim has developed the Diocese Facebook page and will maintain that site besides coordinating the Safeguarding God's Children program. If you have something you would like posted on the Facebook page or have questions regarding Safeguarding God's Children, please email tim.diocese@midconetwork.com.

Pat LeBeau began January 1, 2017 as the Diocesan Missioner for Property. If you have any questions regarding improvements or repairs needed at your church please email pat.diocese@midconetwork.com

Does your Parish or Mission need new prayer books??

It is probably a rare thing to be told that your parish might be eligible for a gift – a gift that is actually useful and which is backed up by a promise that has been kept since 1833.

It was in that year Bishop William White founded the Prayer Book Society which today bears his name.

Through the years the Bishop White Prayer Book Society has made possible the provision of Prayer Books and Hymnals (and their supplements) to parishes and missions that could not afford them.



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Our website

<http://www.bishopwhiteprayerbooksociety.org> has more information about the application process.

Can we be of help to your parish?

*The Rev. Mark Ainsworth,
Corresponding Secretary*

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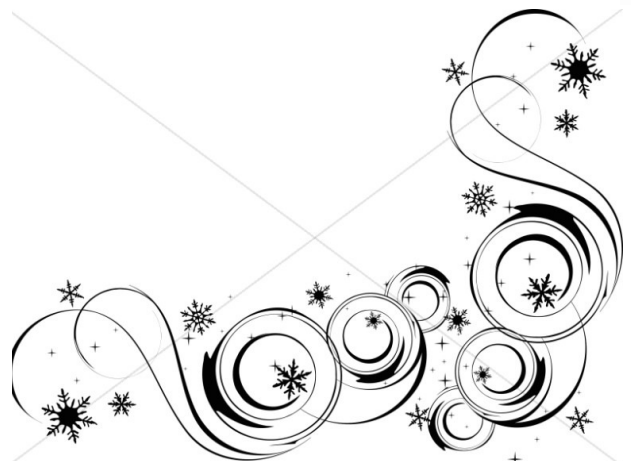
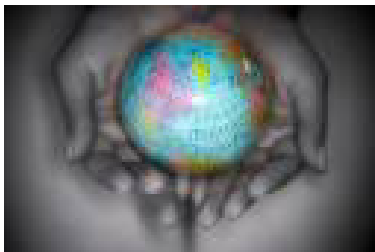
St. Paul tells us that 'love' is not the way you feel, but the way you behave. In his letter to the church in Corinth he would write, " *Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.*"

To be a Jesus follower and live the Christian 'way' is not an easy road. We will regularly fall short, but I believe it is a path worth following and so I do. I miss the mark far more than I wish I did, but I have learned that the first step toward following Jesus is to understand that there is a 'mark' to aim for...

"Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'" Repentance and forgiveness goes hand in hand. Peter well knew that there were times when he was the member of the church that had sinned against another. If we want our faith communities to stand as a light in the midst of the darkness of the principalities and powers of this world then we might follow advice of the 18 century Anglican priest and one of the founders of Methodism John Wesley, who wrote in a sermon, *"Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all God's children may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences."*

Forgiveness, repentance, patience, kindness, loving friend and enemy alike and even praying for those who persecute us is all part of the 'way', the 'path' of following Jesus. And this path certainly includes offering 'ordinary civility and courtesy' toward each other. Conflicts and disagreement within our world, country, and church are not new. From Peter to John Wesley to our present age we have struggled as people to live in harmony with each other and God. As followers of Jesus we see that struggle worth engaging. The opportunity for the church is to witness to a way of life that moves from being self centered to being God centered; that moves from self righteousness to surrender to God's love. In short, our opportunity is to live as if we believe what we say.

+John



by Mother Mercy to share in that joy by sending Christmas gifts across the Missouri and the Cheyenne to the confluence at Cherry Creek—to the folks who gather at St. Andrew’s to celebrate and pray. (This year, there were so many gifts, I could not carry them all in my little wanna-be-car... not even by putting my husband and dogs all in one seat! I am grateful to Marlys and the Diocese for bringing the remainder up in that busy time just before Christmas!)

And it is a good thing. A holy thing. An act full of tinsel and wrapping paper and light and generosity and joy.

(And who knows—maybe one dark and cold Christmas night, all the good people of Trinity will turn off their lights, leave maps at the door, and make the journey to celebrate the Incarnation of Our Lord face to face (incarnationally!) with those who are gathering around the wood stove alongside the small frozen creek in a now-not-so-forgotten place. I have heard the old stories—of folks traveling by horse and cart to that same



place, camping out in the snow, eating, laughing, celebrating for days on end, sharing in the true gifts of the Spirit.) So, come! Come, taste and see! The Lord is good! All are welcome to the Supper of Our Lord!

To the good people of God in Trinity, Pierre—from the good people of God in St. Andrew’s, Cherry Creek... THANK YOU! God bless you!

Mother Margaret Watson



Augustus 'Gus' Kruskamp, a youth member of the Church of All Angels Episcopal Church, Spearfish, SD became a Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout on December 22, 2016. Only 4% of all Boy Scouts become Eagle Scouts. Gus is a member of troop 15, Spearfish.

Part of his work included building 10 benches for Thunderhead Episcopal Camp. They are built out of wood pallets.

On Sunday December 22, 2017 Bishop Tarrant and Father Riley posed with Gus as he presented the benches.



*December 11, 2016
Most Merciful Savior,
Santee, Nebraska
Celebrated their 150th
Anniversary*

*Pictured left to right are
Bishop Tarrant, the Rev.
Pat White Horse-Carda
and Sam Kitto.*

Loaded down with three boxes of handmade Christmas decorations, two 100-foot lengths of Christmas tree lights (white, not colored, thank you), and lengths and lengths of gold and silver glitter ropes, 30 children and adults from the Rosebud Episcopal Mission GLORY program descended on the State Capitol in November to decorate one of the 100-plus Christmas trees on display there.

GLORY (God Loves Our Rosebud Youth) almost didn't get to decorate a tree this year. The application for decorating one of the trees was sent in August, but when Mother Lauren Stanley called the Governor's office to inquire, she was told the Governor's office never received it.

"The GLORY kids decorated a tree in 2014, which was one of the highlights of the year for them," Mother Lauren said. "I was afraid to tell the kids our application got lost somewhere, because I didn't want them to be disappointed."

The Governor's office offered to put GLORY on the waiting list, in case anyone who had won the tree-decorating lottery decided not to do so. In early November, that's exactly what happened. "We got the call asking us if we would still be willing to decorate," Mother Lauren said. "We spent two GLORY nights making paper tipis, using Paul Goble's book, *Tipi: Home of the Nomadic Buffalo Hunters*, as our template. The kids learned how tipis came to be, and used some of the designs in that book."

The rest of the designs, Mother Lauren said, were designed to fight the Dakota Access Pipeline. "The children pray for the water protectors every week, so they made tipis with #NoDAPL, and Mni Wiconi and medicine wheels on them. We ended up with more than 200 tipis as decorations."

It only took an hour to decorate the tree; when it was finished, the children and adults with them cheered, and chanted Mni Wiconi in the Capitol hallway before touring the rest of the trees.



Two days later, the Governor's office informed Mother Lauren that the #NoDAPL and Mni Wiconi decorations had been removed. "They told us that if they allowed a political statement against the pipeline, they would have to allow one for the pipeline, which they didn't want to do," Mother Lauren said. "I hadn't given it any thought, to be honest, because I was so proud of the kids for deciding - on their own - to make that statement. But we all understood."

The tree, which was decorated for four weeks, did display all of the other tipis the children had decorated, including ones with designs for Red Cloud and Black Elk.

"We intend to apply again next year, so that we can continue to share Lakota culture and heritage with all South Dakotans," Mother Lauren said.

TEC Registration Form

All information on this form is required. Please provide complete information for every area.

Camper's Name: _____

Male Female

Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address:

Parent or Guardian Name and Phone Number:

Is he or she who we should call in an emergency?

If not, please list someone else here:

Please tell us about the camper's health:

Dose the camper have any dietary restrictions, allergies, or restrictions on activities?

If the camper takes medications of any kind:

Please attach a list of medications with instructions as to the method of administration and dosage. Medications will be turned in to camp staff upon arrival.

Camper's Health Insurance Provider:

(UnitedHealthcare, Medicaid, IHS, etc.)

Policy Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Release:

The health history for this child is correct to the best of my knowledge. This child has permission to attend camp and engage in all activities, except as noted above. If I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Camp Director or Nurse to hospitalize, secure treatment, and to order injections, anesthesia, or surgery for my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date:

Questions: Contact The Rev. Portia Corbin @

youth.diocese@midconetwork.com or 605-280-4927

Cost of camp

We want you to come to camp! **No one should feel he or she cannot go to camp because he or she doesn't have the money.** The Diocese both subsidizes the operations and staffing of its camps to minimize camper fees for everyone and also has additional financial assistance available.

Check which camp the camper will attend:

- Family Camp: \$100 per person or \$200 per family
- 11th & 12th Grade Camp: \$150
- 5th & 6th Grade Camp: \$100
- 7th & 8th Grade Camp: \$150
- 9th & 10th Grade Camp: \$150

Check one:

- Camper will need a full scholarship.
- Camper will need a partial scholarship.
Camper can contribute \$_____
- Camper does not need a scholarship.

Transportation options:

- I will arrange transportation myself for the camper.
- Camper needs a ride provided by the diocese.

(Campers MUST register before May 15th to receive a ride)

Behavior Expectations:

No drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or anything that can be considered a weapon are to be brought to camp. Camp is a place of spiritual community and renewal. Because of this, we will ask you to turn in all electronics including, cell phones, e-readers, etc. in order to be fully present at camp. Campers must also refrain from sexual or violent behavior while at camp. We also insist that campers be respectful of everything and everyone at camp.

You should also know that completion of registration grants permission to use photos of the camper, taken at camp, for publicity purposes. Smile!

Send this form and payment to:

TEC Registration
c/o Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota
408 N. Jefferson Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-2626

Diocese of South Dakota

All camps begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 10:00 a.m.



Family Camp • Thursday June 8-Saturday, June 10

Open to all families. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: \$100 per person or \$200 per family.

11th & 12th Grade Camp • Sunday, June 11-Saturday, June 17

Open to all entering 11th & 12th grade, and those who graduated high school in 2017

Cost: \$150 per person

5th & 6th Grade Camp • Sunday, June 18-Wednesday, June 21

Open to all entering 5th & 6th grade.

Cost: \$100 per person

7th & 8th Grade Camp • Sunday, July 9-Saturday, July 15

Open to all entering 7th and 8th grade.

Cost: \$150 per person

9th & 10th Grade Camp • Sunday, July 16-Saturday, July 22

Open to all entering 9th & 10th grade.

Cost: \$150 per person

Camps at Thunderhead Episcopal Center are open to all young people both in and outside of South Dakota. No matter where you come from or where your faith is, you are welcome. Please fill out this form so we can prepare to welcome you this summer! You may also register online at www.episcopalchurchsd.org/thunderhead-episcopal-center/

What to bring to camp:

Sleeping bag or bedding, pillow, layers of clothing (it can be warm in the day and cool at night) closed-toe shoes, toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.), and towel.



Men's Bible Study meets weekly at Bagel Boy in Sioux Falls.

In the spring of 2016 Tony Taylor and Dean Ward Simpson gathered over a cup of coffee to talk about what they wanted in their spiritual lives. Recently retired from full time work, Tony expressed a strong interest in gathering a men's bible study group. Together they decided to start out small and work by personal invitation. About a month later a group of five or six came together at a local restaurant over breakfast and thus began Calvary's Men's Bible Study.

Since then the group has slowly increased in size. They gather at 7:30 every Thursday morning at Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. in Sioux Falls. Each week they spend the first 20 to 30 minutes in social conversation, catching up with one another and solving the world's problems. They then begin their time in Scripture with the Gathering Prayer used at Tiospaye Wakan. They then have one person read a passage of scripture aloud. Typically this will be a half chapter to a chapter in length. They then wrestle through the text together, sharing what they see, what strikes them, or what questions they have of the text. Somewhere around 8:20 they close that conversation and share their prayer concerns with one another.

One member of the group will then sum up the

prayer concerns and give thanks to God for the gathering and the time closes with the Lord's Prayer.

"I was surprised by how easy it was to get this started, though I probably shouldn't have been," said Father Simpson. "Literally all it took was inviting a few people and encouraging them to invite others." The group continues to grow.

Today there are a dozen who attend regularly including members from Good Shepherd Episcopal Church as well as Calvary Cathedral. It requires almost no organization other than the group agreeing which book of the bible they are going to work through next.

Tony provides the group with copies of that week's scripture and some bring their own Bibles. Tony also sends out an email reminder each week. After covering a number of the shorter Epistles, the group has now started to work their way through the Gospel According to Mark.

If you are in Sioux Falls on a Thursday morning, join us at Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. near 33rd Street around 7:30. Everyone is welcome. Or, better yet, invite a couple of your friends to join you and start a Bible Study Group in your community.

Dean Ward Simpson



The BCU (Brotherhood of Christian Unity) and TEC (Thunderhead Episcopal Center) can use your help.

This year marks 25 years that BCU has been going to camp for the work weekend. The Rosebud branch started going in 1992 with 20 plus workers, mostly our women and even our priest. Fr. Spruhan, accompanied us and helped paint tables and benches.

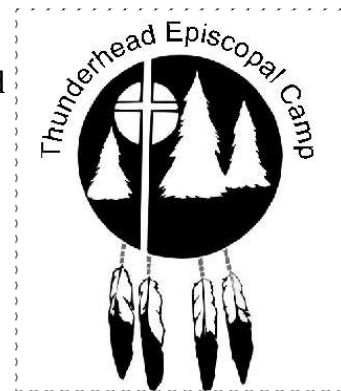
This group of dedicated workers has dwindled to about a half dozen, due to loss of loved ones who are now in heaven. The group from Rosebud donated not only time, labor, mileage and food for the weekend. They also have given star quilts for the rooms in Super tent, and AC units for the cabins all while enjoying our beautiful camp and fellowship with other BCU members from across the state, who came to help.

The interiors now all have been insulated and OSB installed on the walls, which will allow use of the cabins later in the fall. Now the heaters can keep the temperature comfortable in these cabins.

We still have the exteriors to repair. This includes replacing broken, curled lumber, staining and installing eaves and vents. We need people to donate money to purchase stain, screws and lumber. We also need younger, healthier bodies to help with this manual labor. Three of our core work group are in their 70's while 3 are in their 60's.

The weekend of June 2-4, we will be painting the church, working the exterior of the cabins, and erecting a shed to house the backhoe along with other equipment.

This is a time when you can give back to the children of our Diocese. They come from all over the state to experience God and the beauty of the Black Hills. Please don't just talk about helping the youth- put your money where our kids pray and play. This is tax deductible, we are a 501c3.



Respectfully Pat LeBeau

| 2016 PLEDGE TO THE DIOCESE | | | | | | |
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| As of January 31, 2017 | | | | | | |
| | Pledge | Paid To Date | Balance | Churchnews | Paid To Date | Balance |
| PARISHES: | | | | | | |
| Aberdeen - St. Mark's | 13,000.00 | 13,000.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 0.00 |
| Belle Fourche - St. James' | 3,600.00 | 3,600.00 | 0.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 0.00 |
| Brookings - St. Paul's | 12,240.00 | 12,240.00 | 0.00 | 240.00 | 240.00 | 0.00 |
| Deadwood - St. John's | 2,533.00 | 2,533.00 | 0.00 | 95.00 | 95.00 | 0.00 |
| Huron - Grace | 16,000.00 | 16,000.00 | 0.00 | 185.00 | 185.00 | 0.00 |
| Lead - Christ Church | 6,316.00 | 6,316.00 | 0.00 | 105.00 | 105.00 | 0.00 |
| Mitchell - St. Mary's | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 0.00 | 75.00 | 75.00 | 0.00 |
| Mobridge - St. James' | 2,000.00 | 850.00 | 1,150.00 | 30.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 |
| Pierre - Trinity | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 0.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 0.00 |
| Rapid City - Emmanuel | 51,292.00 | 51,292.00 | 0.00 | 325.00 | 325.00 | 0.00 |
| Rapid City - St. Andrew's | 25,128.00 | 25,128.00 | 0.00 | 180.00 | 0.00 | 180.00 |
| Sioux Falls - Calvary | 62,889.00 | 62,889.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,008.26 | (8.26) |
| Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd | 14,000.00 | 14,000.00 | 0.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | 0.00 |
| Spearfish - All Angels | 22,576.00 | 22,576.00 | 0.00 | 310.00 | 310.00 | 0.00 |
| Sturgis - St. Thomas' | 3,607.00 | 3,607.00 | 0.00 | 105.00 | 105.00 | 0.00 |
| Watertown - Trinity | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 0.00 | 90.00 | 90.00 | 0.00 |
| Winner - Trinity | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 | 0.00 | 95.00 | 95.00 | 0.00 |
| Yankton - Christ Church | 20,040.00 | 20,040.00 | 0.00 | 320.00 | 320.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL PARISHES | 271,321.00 | 270,171.00 | 1,150.00 | 3,465.00 | 3,263.26 | 201.74 |
| Chamberlain - Christ Church | 2,529.00 | 2,529.00 | 0.00 | 105.00 | 105.00 | 0.00 |
| Cheyenne River Mission | 2,520.00 | 1,950.00 | 570.00 | 315.00 | 165.00 | 150.00 |
| Crow Creek Mission | 2,396.00 | 2,396.00 | 0.00 | 210.00 | 210.00 | 0.00 |
| Flandreau - St. Mary's | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 60.00 | 0.00 |
| Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's | 1,307.00 | 1,307.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 0.00 |
| Gregory - Incarnation | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 60.00 | 0.00 |
| Herrick - All Saints | 325.00 | 325.00 | 0.00 | 55.00 | 55.00 | 0.00 |
| Hot Springs - St. Luke's | 4,221.00 | 4,221.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 |
| Lower Brule Mission | 1,598.00 | 1,598.00 | 0.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 0.00 |
| Madison - Grace | 2,057.00 | 2,062.00 | (5.00) | 30.00 | 30.00 | 0.00 |
| Martin - St. Katharine's | 3,887.00 | 3,887.00 | 0.00 | 205.00 | 205.00 | 0.00 |
| Milbank - Christ Church | 3,600.00 | 1,800.00 | 1,800.00 | 105.00 | 0.00 | 105.00 |
| Pine Ridge Mission | 2,940.00 | 2,940.00 | 0.00 | 325.00 | 325.00 | 0.00 |
| Rapid City - St. Matthew's | 2,300.00 | 2,300.00 | 0.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 0.00 |
| Rosebud Mission | 5,384.00 | 4,384.00 | 1,000.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 0.00 |
| Santee Mission | 2,724.00 | 3,224.00 | (500.00) | 140.00 | 140.00 | 0.00 |
| Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| Sisseton - Gethsemane | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 60.00 | 0.00 |
| Sisseton Mission | 3,381.00 | 3,381.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 40.00 | 20.00 |
| Standing Rock Mission | 1,983.00 | 1,983.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 |
| Vermillion - St. Paul's | 7,906.00 | 9,906.00 | (2,000.00) | 140.00 | 140.00 | 0.00 |
| Webster - St. Mary's | 1,882.00 | 1,882.00 | 0.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 0.00 |
| Yankton Mission | 671.00 | 671.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 205.00 | (5.00) |
| TOTAL MISSIONS | 55,611.00 | 54,746.00 | 865.00 | 2,840.00 | 2,570.00 | 270.00 |
| TOTAL PARISH AND MISSIONS | 326,932.00 | 324,917.00 | 2,015.00 | 6,305.00 | 5,833.26 | 471.74 |

The Rev. Dr. Bradley S. Hauff named Episcopal Church Indigenous Missioner

[January 26, 2017] The Rev. Dr. Bradley S. Hauff has been named the Episcopal Church Missioner for Indigenous Ministries, a member of the Presiding Bishop's staff.

As Missioner for Indigenous Ministries, Hauff will be responsible for enabling and empowering Indigenous peoples and their respective communities within the Episcopal Church. His primary focus will be leadership development, education and ministry development opportunities by and for Indigenous peoples by recognizing and empowering leaders from within the community.

As member of the Episcopal Church Ethnic Ministries Office, Hauff will be based in Minneapolis, MN. Hauff will begin his new position on February 21. At that time he will be available at bhauff@episcopalchurch.org.

Hauff has been rector of All Saints' Torresdale Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, PA, (Diocese of Pennsylvania) since 2012. He previously served in congregations in the dioceses of Florida, Minnesota, South Dakota and Texas. Hauff is enrolled with the Oglala Sioux Tribe, headquartered in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He is a speaker, presenter and author on various Native American topics and issues.

For the church, he served on The Task Force for Reimagining the Episcopal Church (TREC); Board of Examining Chaplains in the Dioceses of Florida and Pennsylvania; and the Board of Trustees and adjunct faculty member at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois.

In Minneapolis, he was the Director of the Adolescent Program for the Domestic Abuse Project.

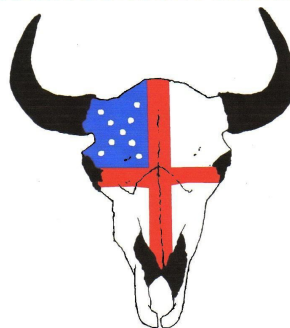
He holds a Master of Divinity from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary; a Doctor of Clinical Psychology from Minnesota School of Professional Psychology of Argosy University; a Master of Education from South Dakota State University; and a Bachelor of Arts, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

On the web:

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DAKOTA EXPERIENCE

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

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

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

2017 Dates

- **Spring (West):** March 17 & 18, 2017
Emmanuel Church, Rapid City
- **Fall (East):** Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls
November 10 & 11, 2017

To register for any of these courses, contact the Diocesan Office.
605-494-2020
office.diocese@midconetwork.com

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

Questions? Contact Archdeacon Paul Sneve
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Niobrara School for Ministry

Niobrara School for Ministry offers courses that supplement the local ordination curriculum, provide continuing education, and give valuable training and experience for licensed lay ministers. And anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Here is the schedule for 2017

These courses are open to any person interested in enhancing their ministry.

They are required for persons in the local ordination process, unless excused.

Fees (except for Summer Seminary) are \$15/day.

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Introducing Biblical Exegesis: Trinity, Pierre Feb 19-20, 2017 (note this is Presidents Day weekend)

Exegesis is the in-depth analysis and interpretation of a text, and in this case it is the in-depth analysis of the Christian Bible. This weekend will introduce the basic theory for how to read the Bible in a more scholarly fashion in order to better understand the historical background, literary genres, and methods of composition and argument found in the various books of the Bible and the Bible as a whole. This course will focus on how reading the larger context of the Bible will allow lay-people to better engage with this sacred text and will help prepare clergy and future clergy to use these tools for better pastoral care and sermon preparation.

Finding Your Worship Voice: March 10-11, 2017 Location to be announced

The spoken and sung word is a vital part of any form of worship. Often the focus of Christian education remains on the *meaning* of these words and how their *meaning* can differ based on context. However, because our worship is often corporate and done out loud, the way in which these words are actually *produced* can be almost as important. This weekend will teach the basics of vocal theory, with a focus on how to breath, project, and enunciate so as to be clearly heard in a worship setting. Furthermore, this weekend will look at how to increase congregational participation in singing, whether you are part of a church with many musicians or are the only person leading music. Finally, this weekend

will look at the various *ways* that one speaks and sings depending on what kind of readings or singing a person is doing. This course is intended for anyone who speaks or sings in worship, and it is highly recommended for any lay readers or potential lay readers.

Self Care/Community Care April 21-22, 2017 Location to be announced

Christian leaders are expected to act as servants for the communities they serve, and this often leads to the mistaken sense that they should sacrifice their own personal well-being for the sake of their people. However, not only does completing neglecting personal well-being mean losing sight of the Image of God that is within us all, it also actually makes these leaders less effective servants in the long-term and can harm the communities they serve by setting an unhelpful example of living healthy lives. This weekend will approach the task of self care through the lens of its importance as a tool for helping improve the health of the communities in which we find ourselves serving.

Summer Seminary: Liturgy Practicum May 21-25, 2017 *Note we are not at TEC this year. Summer Seminary will be held at various locations in Rapid City

This year's Summer Seminary will approach the various ways in which Christian worship is facilitated, and it will focus not only on the principle services found in the Book of Common Prayer, but also the different ways in which these services are actually acted out, meaning the timing and movements that are part of these services. These sessions will take place at multiple worship locations in and around Rapid City so that it is possible to see how the worship space helps to inform what style is best utilized. The primary services that will be looked at are: morning and evening prayer, baptism, funerals, the Eucharist, and ordinations. This year, Seminarians will be staying at Terra Sancta retreat center. An accurate count will be necessary to ensure enough housing, and the cost of Summer Seminary will vary depending upon what type of room you would like (\$150 for a shared bathroom and \$200 for a private bathroom).

Enrichment Weekend: August 18 & 19, 2017 Location to be announced

This weekend will be an opportunity to offer a special topic of importance to ministry in the Diocese of South Dakota. It is required for everyone in the Niobrara School for Ministry Course of Study, but is open to everyone in the Diocese. The topic will be announced before Summer Seminary.

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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

FEBRUARY

- Feb 5 **Mni Sose Cluster**
- Feb 6-9 **Clergy Retreat Terra Sancta**
- Feb 12 **St. Matthew's, Rapid City**
- Feb 19 Presidents Day weekend
- Feb 19-20 NSM Introducing Biblical Exegesis
- Feb 20 Presidents Day Diocesan Office closed
- Feb 26 **Standing Rock Mission**
- Feb 26 TEC Sunday

MARCH

- Mar 1 **Travel to the HOB**
- Mar 9-14 **House of Bishop's Kanuga, NC**
- Mar 10-11 NSM wkd (Congregational speech)
- Mar 17-18 Dakota Exp. West (Emmanuel, RC)
- Mar 19 **Rosebud Mission West**
- Mar 26 **St. Paul's, Brookings**

APRIL

- Apr 2 **Christ Church, Lead**
- Apr 9 **Palm Sunday (St. Mary's Mitchell)**
- Apr 16 **Calvary Cathedral (Easter Sunday)**
- Apr 21-22 NSM Self/Care/Community Care
- Apr 23 **Christ Church, Yankton**
- Apr 30 **St. Katherine's, Pine Ridge Mission**

MAY

- May 7 **Yankton/Santee Mission**
- May 14 **Trinity, Pierre (Mother Day)**
- May 21 **Emmanuel, Rapid City**
- May 21-28 **Summer Seminary (Rapid City)**
- May 28 **Memorial Day Weekend**
- May 29 **Office closed for Memorial Day**

JUNE

- June 4 **St. James, Belle Fourche**
- June 8-10 Family Camp
- June 11 **Cheyenne River Mission**
- June 11-17 11th & 12th grade camp
- June 18-21 5th & 6th grade camp
- June 22-25 **Convocation Red Shirt Table**

JULY

- July 2 4th of July Weekend
- July 9 **Trinity, Watertown**
- July 9-15 7th & 8th grade camp
- July 16-24 **Vacation**
- July 16-22 9th & 10th grade camp
- July 30 **Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls**



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