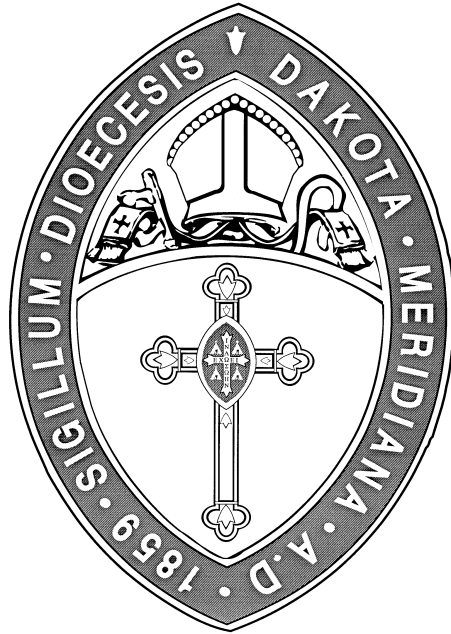


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**The Right Reverend Creighton L. Robertson
IX Bishop of South Dakota**

**MISSION STATEMENT
OF THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

The Mission of the Diocese of South Dakota is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ through the ministry of all.

**VISION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN SOUTH DAKOTA**

The Episcopal Church in South Dakota is a sacred circle gathered around Jesus in prayer, loving and serving God and our neighbor in Jesus' name.

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Diocesan Bishops

The First Bishop

The Right Reverend William Hobart Hare, 1883-1909

The Second Bishop

The Right Reverend Frederick Foote Johnson, 1910-1911

The Third Bishop

The Right Reverend George Biller, Jr., 1912-1915

The Fourth Bishop

The Right Reverend Hugh Latimer Burleson, 1916-1931

The Fifth Bishop

The Right Reverend W. Blair Roberts, 1931-1954

The Sixth Bishop

The Right Reverend Conrad H. Gesner, 1954-1970

The Seventh Bishop

The Right Reverend Walter Heath Jones, 1970-1983

The Eighth Bishop

The Right Reverend Craig Barry Anderson, 1984-1992

The Ninth Bishop

The Right Reverend Creighton Leland Robertson, 1994-

Bishops Suffragan

The Right Reverend William P. Remington, 1918-1922

The Right Reverend W. Blair Roberts, 1922-1931

The Right Reverend Harold S. Jones, 1971-1976

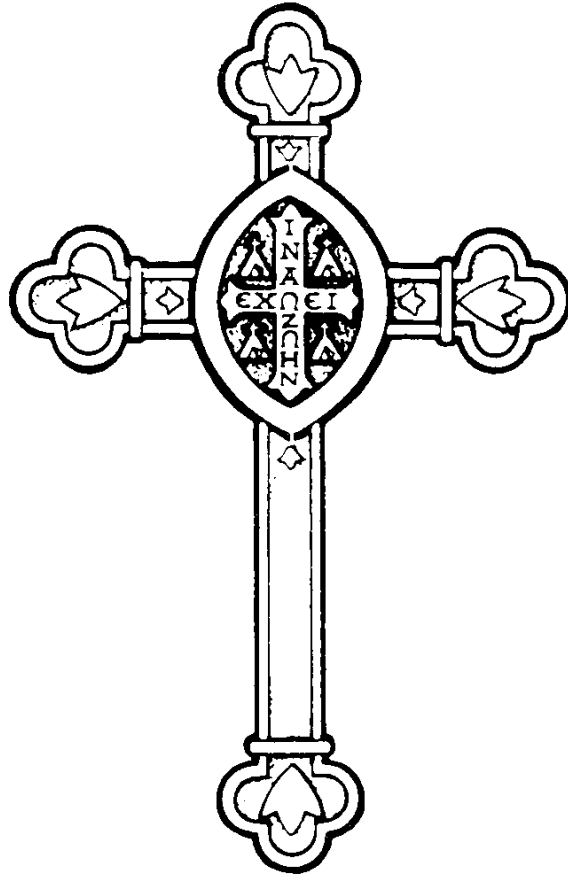
Bishops Coadjutor

The Right Reverend Conrad H. Gesner, 1945-1954

The Right Reverend Lyman C. Ogilby, 1964-1970

Bishops Assistant

The Right Reverend Frederick Foote Johnson, 1905-1909



DIRECTORY

Commissions + Deaneries + Churches + Vestries

DIRECTORY OF COMMISSIONS

Niobrara Council Officers

The Rev. Les Campbell, Itancan
Johnny Wilson, Vice-Itancan

Patricia White Horse, Secretary
Kim Fonder, Treasurer

Diocesan Council

Chair	The Right Reverend Creighton L. Robertson
Chancellor & Vice Chair	Steven W. Sanford
Treasurer	Chuck Bahnson

	Term Expires
Convention Representative – The Rev David Hussey	2009
Black Hills Deanery – The Rev Bunker Hill	2007
Central Deanery – Patricia Tarrant	2010
Eastern Deanery – Deacon Susan Lyman	2009
Niobrara Deanery – Pat LeBeau	2008
Northeast Deanery – Vern Cloud	2010
Northwest Deanery – Vacant	2007
Pine Ridge Deanery – Johnny Wilson	2008
Rosebud Deanery – Pete Haukaas	2009

The Standing Committee

Clergy

The Rev. John Tarrant (2008)
The Rev. Webster Two Hawk (2009)
The Rev. John Spruhan (2010)
The Rev. The Rev. Les Campbell (2011)

Laity

Ted Kneebone (2008)
Anne Montileaux (2009)
Jean Lacher (2010)
Kim Fonder (2011)

Commission on Ministry

Deacon Virginia Bird
The Reverend Judy Flagstad
Barbee Hovelson
Kitty Kringen
Dottie LeBeau

Andrea Meyer
The Reverend Dr. Vern Raschke
Ginny Slechta, Secretary
The Reverend Paul Sneve, Vice Chair
The Reverend Evelyn Weaver, Chair

Province VI Deputies

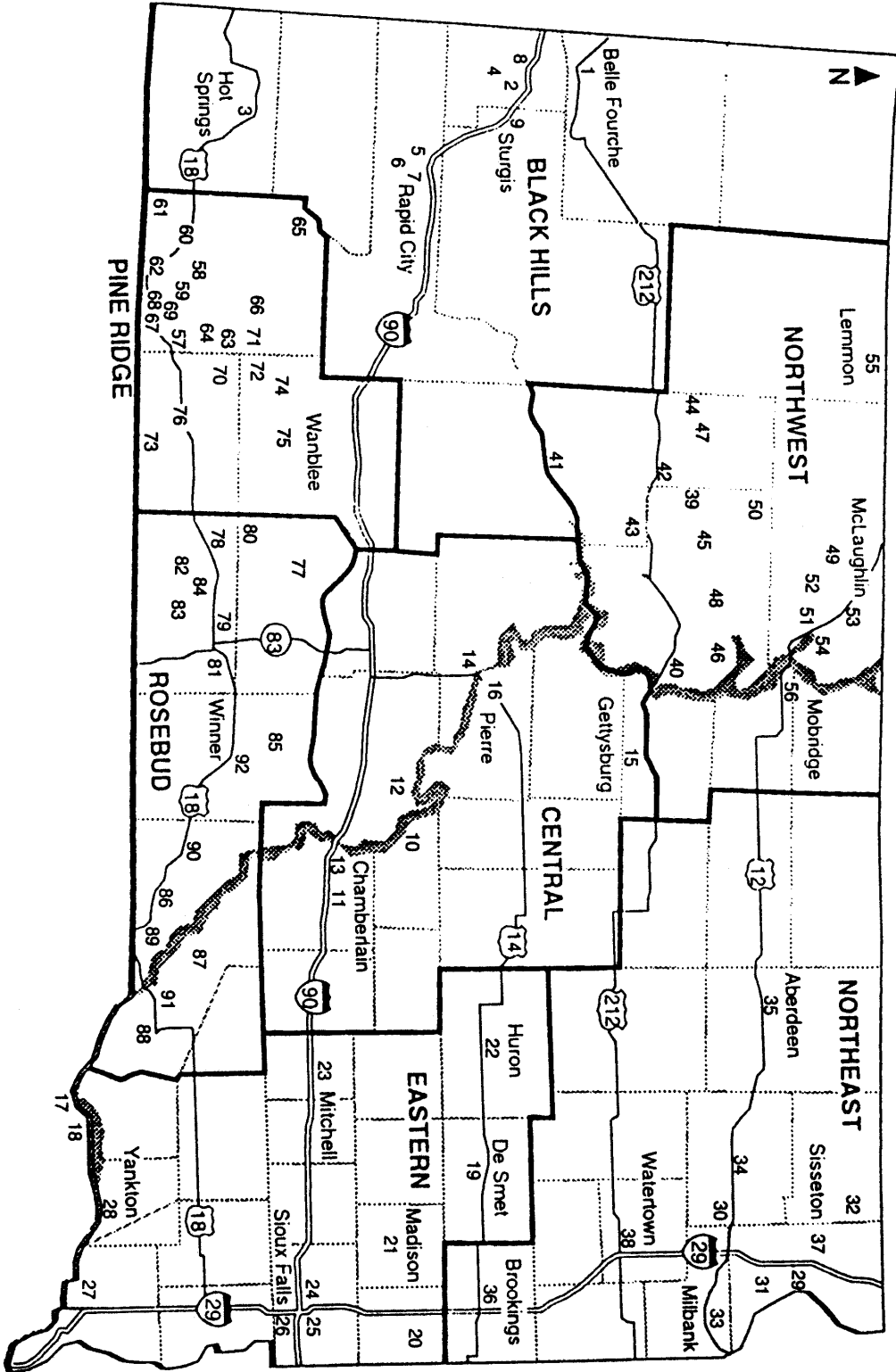
Clergy Deputies

Deacon Nancy Donovan (2008)
Vacant
Deacon Susan Lyman

Lay Deputies

David Wheeler (2008)
Tom Henley (2009)
Barbara Oates (2010)

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Deaneries

Black Hills Deanery

The Very Reverend Bunker Hill, Dean

Belle Fourche, St. James
Deadwood, St. John's
Hot Springs, St. Luke's
Lead, Christ Church

Rapid City, Emmanuel
Rapid City, St. Andrew's
Rapid city, St. Matthew's
Spearfish, Church of All Angels
Sturgis, St. Thomas

Central Deanery

The Very Reverend John Tarrant, Dean

Chamberlain, Christ Church
Crow Creek, St. John the Baptist
Ft. Pierre, St. Peter's
Ft. Thompson, Christ Church

Gettysburg, Christ Church
Lower Brule, Holy Comforter
Pierre, Trinity

Eastern Deanery

The Very Reverend Liam Muller, Dean

DeSmet, St. Stephen's
Flandreau, St. Mary's & Our Blessed Redeemer
Howe Creek, NE, Blessed Redeemer
Huron, Grace
Madison, Grace
Mitchell, St. Mary's

Santee, NE, Our Most Merciful Savior
Sioux Falls, Calvary Cathedral
Sioux Falls, Good Shepherd
Sioux Falls, Holy Apostles
Vermillion, St. Paul's
Yankton, Christ Church

Northwest Deanery

The Very Reverend Rob Schwarz, Dean

Bear Creek, St. James
Blackfoot, Ascension
Cherry Creek, St. Andrew's
Dupree, St. Philip's
Eagle Butte, St. John the Evangelist
Iron Lightning, St. Luke's
On The Tree, St. Thomas
Promise, St. Mary's
Thunder Butte, St. Peter's
White Horse, Emmanuel

Bullhead, St. John the Baptist
Firesteel, Holy Spirit
Little Eagle, St. Paul's
Little Oak Creek, Good Shepherd
McLaughlin, St. Peter's
Wakpala, St. Elizabeth

Mobridge, St. James

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Northeast Deanery

The Very Reverend Kathryn Costas, Dean

Aberdeen, St. Mark's	Old Agency, St. Mary's
Brookings, St. Paul's	Sisseton, Gethsemane
Browns Valley, MN, St. John's	Veblen, St. Luke's
Enemy Swim Lake, St. James	Watertown, Trinity
Milbank, Christ Church	Webster, St. Mary's

Pine Ridge Deanery

The Very Reverend Craig West, Dean

Allen, Inestimable Gift	Pine Ridge, Holy Cross
Batesland, St. Michael's	Porcupine, St. Alban's
Calico, Church of the Advent	Porcupine, St. Julia's
Kyle, Mediator	Potato Creek, St. Timothy's
Kyle, St. Barnabas	Red Shirt Table, Christ Church
Manderson, St. Thomas	Sharp's Corner, St. Luke's
Martin, St. Katharine's	Wakpamni Lake, St. Andrew's
Martin, Bad Wound Station	Wamblee, Gethsemane
Oglala, St. John's	Wolf Creek, Epiphany

Rosebud Deanery

The Very Reverend John Spruhan, Dean
Pat LeBeau, Vice Dean

Corn Creek, St. Thomas	Bonesteel, St. Andrew's
Ideal, Holy Spirit	Gregory, Incarnation
Mission, Trinity	Herrick, All Saints
Norris, St. Paul's	Lake Andes, St. Philip's
Okreek, Calvary	Lake Andes, St. Peter's
Parmelee, Holy Innocents	Wagner, Holy Spirit
Rosebud, Church of Jesus	Winner, Trinity
Soldier's Creek, Grace	

CHURCHES and OFFICERS

PARISHES:

- Aberdeen (1) St. Mark's Church
(Costas)
Senior Warden: Maryan Salmi
Junior Warden: Curt Brewer
Treasurer: Paula Carlson
Clerk: Alice LaFontaine
- Belle Fourche (2) St. James' Church
(Weaver/Williams/Weaver/Ministry Team)
Senior Warden: Fay Ann Hersey
Junior Warden: Clark Gusso
Treasurer: Pat Deering
Clerk: Barbara Dailey
- Brookings (3) St. Paul's Church
(Brugger/Petersen)
Senior Warden: Patty Kratochvil
Junior Warden: Bob Lacher
Treasurer: Bob Klein
- Deadwood (4) St. John the Baptist Church
(Campbell,T./Regan)
Senior Warden: Ross Bryant
Junior Warden: Bob Nelson
Treasurer: Carla Caneva
Clerk: Bonnie Walker
- Huron (5) Grace Church
(Parmeter)
Senior Warden: Mike Gogolin
Junior Warden: Doug Bjorke
Treasurer: Marie Wheeler
Clerk: Robert Hunter
- Lead (6) Christ Church
(Raschke)
Senior Warden: Robert Thrall
Junior Warden: Robert Henderson
Treasurer: Dee Thrall
Clerk: Peggy Wiese
- Mitchell (7) St. Mary's Church
(Muller)
Senior Warden: Art Rew
Junior Warden: Denny Stokes
Treasurer: Linda Stokes
Clerk: Amy Moe
- Mobridge (8) St. James' Church
(Schwarz)
Senior Warden: Jo Hall
Junior Warden: Patty Goodale
Treasurer: Billie Lewellen
Clerk: Patty Dunwoody
- Pierre (9) Trinity Church
(Tarrant/Flagstad/Schmidt/Walker)
Senior Warden: Gary Snow
Junior Warden: Scott Hipple
Treasurer: Ann Holzhauser
Clerk: Chris Reuer
- Rapid City (10) Emmanuel Church
(Ressler/Hedin)
Senior Warden: Les Koss
Junior Warden: Bob Ermish
Treasurer: Jo Hedin
Clerk: JoAnn Edstrom
- Rapid City (11) St. Andrew's Church
(Lutes/Bird/Garwood)
Senior Warden: Harold Oberlander
Junior Warden: Fred Davis
Treasurer: Joan Sutton
Clerk: Shelli Vallis
- Sioux Falls (12) Calvary Cathedral
(Wagner/Pearsall/Pitt-Hart/ Graves/King)
Senior Warden: Loyd Wagner
Junior Warden: Joe Tischler
Treasurer: Tom Mark
Clerk: Holly Huisken
- Sioux Falls (13) Church of the Good Shepherd
(Fountain)
Senior Warden: Stacey Lenker
Junior Warden: Jerry Kisecker
Treasurer: Bill Lenker
Clerk: Pam Friedel
- Spearfish (14) Church of All Angels
(Hill)
Senior Warden: Darlene Thompson
Junior Warden: Bob Mayer
Treasurer: Michael Manning
Clerk: Liz Manning

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Sturgis (15) St. Thomas' Church
(Wedgwood-Greenhow)
Senior Warden: Lloyd Keszler
Junior Warden: Mary Wood-Fossen
Treasurer: Amanda King
Clerk: Paula Whetzel

Watertown (16) Trinity Church
Senior Warden: Les Gonsor
Junior Warden: Grace Van Horn
Treasurer: Liz/Dunn/Char Cole/
Ginny West
Clerk: David Eggen

Winner (17) Trinity Church
(Martin)
Senior Warden: Michael Novak
Junior Warden: Joe Rigney
Treasurer: Marion Bloom
Clerk: Betty Weld

Yankton (18) Christ Church
(Pearson)
Senior Warden: JoAnn Lambertz
Junior Warden: John Keyes
Treasurer: Dick Unruh
Clerk: Marian Gunderson

MISSIONS:

Bonesteel (19) St. Andrew's Church
(Jennings)
Senior Warden: Monica Qualm
Junior Warden: Marjorie LaFave
Treasurer: Velda Bentson
Clerk: Janet Ticknor

Chamberlain (20) Christ Church
(Powers)
Senior Warden: Anne Mayer
Junior Warden: Anne Whipple
Treasurer: Ron Zingler
Clerk: Sondra Zingler

DeSmet (21) St. Stephen's Church
(Parmeter)
Senior Warden: Ken Tjaden
Junior Warden: Dennis Chance
Treas/Clerk: Sharon Tjaden

Flandreau (22) Church of St. Mary & Our
2006 Blessed Redeemer
Prairie & 2nd
Flandreau, SD 57028
Warden: Margo Zephier
Treasurer: Stuart Zephier
Clerk: Jan Zephier

Fort Pierre (23) St. Peter's Church
(Two Hawk)
Treasurer: Connie Carlisle
Clerk: Shelby Frame

Gettysburg (24) Christ Church
Senior Warden: Keith Eidam
Junior Warden: Bert Van Essen
Treasurer: Jule Eidam
Clerk: Peggy Eidam

Gregory (25) Church of the Incarnation
(Martin)
Senior Warden: Francie Johnson
Junior Warden: Doug Pochop
Treasurer: Mary Graesser
Clerk: Gerrie Soper

Hot Springs (26) St. Luke's Church
(Vershure/Valandra/Ministry Team)
Senior Warden: John Schwarzenbach
Junior Warden: Rick Mossman
Treasurer: Julie Mossman
Clerk: Sarah Coulter Danner

Lake Andes (27) St. Peter's Church
2007 (Jennings)
Fourth & Church Street
Lake Andes, SD 57356

Madison (29) Grace Church
(Lang)
Senior Warden: Katherine Kringen
Junior Warden: Michele Keppen
Treasurer: Katherine Kringen
Clerk: Jan Bauman

Martin (30) St. Katharine's Church
(West)
Senior Warden: Janet Speidel
Junior Warden: Steve Livermont
Treasurer: Marva Hicks
Clerk: Ronda Rosane

Milbank (31) Christ Church
Senior Warden: Pat Brotzel
Junior Warden: James Voeltz
Treasurer: Clifford Dexter
Clerk: Ernestine Parks

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Rapid City (32) St. Matthew's Church
(Sneve/Donovan)
Senior Warden: Gregg Trask
Junior Warden: Bryon Wilcox
Treasurer: Lori Shroyer
Clerk: Whitney Runs Against

Sioux Falls (33) Church of the Holy Apostles
(Barnes/Mayen/Mayom)
Senior Warden: Kenneth Salisbury
Junior Warden: Joseph Dose
Treasurer/Clerk: Laurel Dose

Sisseton (34) Gethsemane Church
2004 (Chan)
Senior Warden: Bazil Murry
Junior Warden: Lynette DuMarce
Treasurer/Clerk: Wilma Robertson

Vermillion (35) St. Paul's Church
(Hussey/Hobbs/Lyman/Collier)
Senior Warden: Stanley May
Junior Warden: Stephen Yarbrough
Treasurer: Gary Girard
Clerk: Susan Evans

Webster (36) St. Mary's Church
Senior Warden: Monte Rougemont
Junior Warden: Jim Kurkowski/
Dominic Dolney
Treasurer: Cheryl Premus
Clerk: Fran Rougemont

CHEYENNE RIVER MISSION:

Eagle Butte (38) St. John the Evangelist
(Rectenwald)
Senior Warden: Shirley Dog Eagle
Junior Warden: Carol Traversie
Treasurer: Doris White

Blackfoot (39) Church of the Ascension
(Moreau) (Rectenwald)
Senior Warden: Bruce LeBeau
Junior Warden: Joe LeBeau, Jr.
Clerk/Treasurer: Louella Marshall

White Horse (40) Emmanuel Church
(Rectenwald)
Senior Warden: Virginia Traversie
Junior Warden: Ann Thompson
Treasurer/Clerk: Virginia Traversie

Cherry Creek (41) St. Andrew's Church
(Rectenwald)

Bear Creek (42) St. James' Church
(Lantry) (Rectenwald)

Iron Lightning (43) St. Luke's Church
(Rectenwald)
Senior Warden: Doug Dupris
Junior Warden: Dana Dupris
Treasurer: Barb Dupris

Promise (44) St. Mary's Church
(Rectenwald)
Senior Warden: Dion Hall
Junior Warden: Patsy Marshall
Treasurer/Clerk: Judy Hall

Thunder Butte (45) St. Peter's Church
(Rectenwald)
Warden: Denelle High Elk
Treasurer: Faye High Elk

Dupree (46) St. Phillip's Church
(Rectenwald)
Senior Warden: Duane Mandan
Junior Warden: Virginia White Feather
Treasurer/Clerk: Marion Rectenwald

Red Scaffold (47) St. Stephen's Station
(Rectenwald)

On The Tree (48) St. Thomas' Station
(Rectenwald)
Senior Warden: Pierre Traversie
Junior Warden: Carla Blue Coat
Treasurer/Clerk: Iva Traversie

CROW CREEK MISSION:

Ft Thompson (49) Christ Church
(Powers)
Senior Warden: Armond "Red" Olson
Junior Warden: Terry Quilt
Treasurer: Phyllis Comes Flying
Clerk: Darla Fallis

Crow Creek (50) St. John the Baptist Church
(Powers)
Senior Warden: Ramona Taylor
Junior Warden: Brad Wilson
Clerk: Kendra Taylor

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LOWER BRULE MISSION:

Lower Brule (51) Holy Comforter/Messiah
(Powers)

Senior Warden: Kim Fonder
Junior Warden: Wade Brings
Treasurer: Sharon Bingen
Clerk: Shirley Crane

Porcupine (62) St. Julia's Church
2006 (West)
Warden: Isaac White Face

Batesland (64) St. Michael's Church
(Red Owl)
Senior Warden: Wilma Standing Bear
Junior Warden: Don LeBeau
Treasurer/Clerk: Connie LeBeau

PINE RIDGE MISSION:

Pine Ridge (53) Church of the Holy Cross
2006 (Mesteth)

Senior Warden: Tom Conroy
Junior Warden: Bud Waters
Clerk/Treasurer: Anabelle Black Bear

Manderson (66) St. Thomas' Church
2006 (Mesteth)
Senior Warden: Woodrow Respects Nothing
Junior Warden: Anne Respects Nothing

Calico (54) Church of the Advent (2004)
2004 (Tyon)

Senior Warden: Stanley Little Hawk
Junior Warden: Carol Lakota
Clerk: Kim Carpio
Treasurer: Angela American Horse

Wanblee (67) Gethsemane Church
(Mesteth)
Senior Warden: Leroy Wilcox, Sr.
Junior Warden: Jason Wilcox
Treasurer: Sylvia Brown
Clerk: Geraldine Wilson

Red Shirt Table (55) Christ Church
2004 Senior Warden: Twilla Two Bulls
Junior Warden: Frank Two Bulls
Treasurer: Molina Schweigman

Allen (68) Church of the Inestimable Gift
2005 (Mesteth)
Senior Warden: Lydia Bearkiller
Junior Warden: Sterlin Center
Treasurer: Jesse Conquering Bear
Clerk: Sharlene May

Wolf Creek (56) Church of the Epiphany
2006 (Mesteth)

Senior Warden: Blake White
Junior Warden: Roy Chief
Clerk/Treasurer: Bonnie Holy Rock

Kyle (69) Church of the Mediator
(Red Owl)
Senior Warden: Vincent Fire Thunder
Junior Warden: Wilbur Witt
Treasurer/Clerk: Lavina Red Owl

Porcupine (58) St. Alban's Station
2006 (Tyon)

Senior Warden: Vernon Jealous
Treasurer: Ann Armstrong

Kyle (70) St. Barnabas' Church
(Red Owl)
Senior Warden: Darrell Little Whiteman
Junior Warden: Darrell Brown Bull, Sr
Treasurer: Inez Little Whiteman
Clerk: Jeanette Lays Hard

Wakpamni Lake (59) St. Andrew's Church
(Red Owl)

Senior Warden: Robert Two Crow
Junior Warden: Levi Left Hand
Treasurer: Sharon Two Crow

Potato Creek (71) St. Timothy's Church
(Red Owl)
Senior Warden: LaVonne Randall
Junior Warden: Roberta Featherman
Treasurer/Clerk: Flora Bullman

Oglala (61) St. John's Church
2004 (Tyon)

Senior Warden: Sylvia Young Dog
Junior Warden: Sheryl Crow
Treasurer: Aurelia Two Crow
Clerk: Diane Crow

ROSEBUD MISSION:

Rosebud (74) Church of Jesus
(Spruhan/Spruhan)

Senior Warden: Pat LeBeau
Junior Warden: Barbara Allen
Treasurer: Karen Eagle
Clerk: Judy Compton

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Mission (75) Trinity Church
(Spruhan/Spruhan)
Senior Warden: Ervin Figert
Junior Warden: Marilyn Folkers
Clerk/Treasurer: Margaret Figert

Okreek (76) Calvary Church
(Spruhan/Spruhan)
Senior Warden: Pete Haukaas
Junior Warden: Dennis Roubideaux
Treasurer: Alverna Wright
Clerk: Isabelle Wright

White River (77) St. Phillip & St. James Station
(Two Hawk)
Senior Warden: Paul Haukaas
Treasurer: Phyllis Cadue
Clerk: Wilma Janis

Soldier's Creek (78) Grace Church Station
(Spruhan/Spruhan)
Senior Warden: Faith Roubideaux
Junior Warden: Phyllis Provencial
Treasurer: Mission Council

Parmelee (79) Church of the Holy Innocents
(Spruhan/Spruhan)
Senior Warden: Steve Olson
Junior Warden: Paula Leader Charge
Treasurer: Olive Pretty Bird
Clerk: Shirley Big Eagle

Norris (80) St. Paul's Church
(Spruhan/Spruhan)
Senior Warden: Hazel Wilcox
Junior Warden: Darlene Allard
Treasurer: Emmaline Eagle Bear
Clerk: Darlene Allard

Corn Creek (81) St. Thomas' Church
(Spruhan/Spruhan)
Senior Warden: Richard Standing Bear
Junior Warden: Clayton Standing Bear
Treasurer: Mission Council
Clerk: Rena Chasing Horse

Ideal (82) Church of the Holy Spirit
(Weld)
Senior Warden: Charles Long Crow
Junior Warden: Leona Foote
Treasurer/Clerk: Betty Weld

SANTEE MISSION:

Howe Creek (NE) (83) Blessed Redeemer
(Hussey)
Officer: John Chapman

Santee (NE) (84) Our Most Merciful Savior
(Hussey)
Warden: Cindy Bartak

SISSETON MISSION:

Brown's Valley (MN) (85) St. John's Church
2006 (Chan)
Senior Warden: Katie McKay
Junior Warden: Jaime White Thunder
Treasurer: Vastana James
Clerk: Donna James

Enemy Swim Lake (87) St. James' Church
2004 (Chan)
Senior Warden: Raymond Rouillard
Junior Warden: Roger Campbell
Treasurer: Valarie Rondell Augustson
Clerk: Sonia Rouillard

Old Agency (88) St. Mary's Church
2006 (Chan)
Senior Warden: Norbit Bellonger
Junior Warden: Clifford LaFontaine
Treasurer: Louella Cloud
Clerk: Bonita Bellonger

STANDING ROCK MISSION:

Little Oak Creek (89) Good Shepherd
2007 Senior Warden: Henry Takes the Gun
Junior Warden: Terrance Red Legs
Treasurer/Clerk: James Porras

Wakpala (91) St. Elizabeth's Church
Warden: Wayne Jones
Treasurer: Gladys Hawk
Clerk: Margie Hawk

Bullhead (92) Church of St. John the Baptist
Bullhead, SD 57621

Little Eagle (93) St. Paul's Church
2004 Senior Warden: Anthony Bobtail Bear
Junior Warden: Yukon Henry
Treasurer: Gale Henry
Clerk: Manuelita Henry

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McLaughlin (94) St. Peter's Church
2004 Senior Warden: Melvin Shoots The Enemy
Junior Warden: Toby Skinner
Treasurer/Clerk: Beatrice Skinner

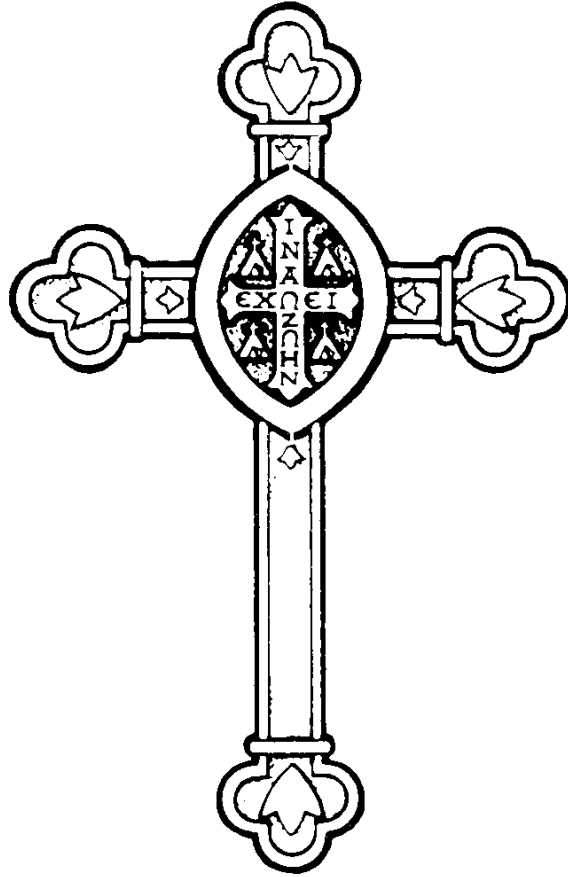
Firesteel (95) Church of the Holy Spirit
Officer: John Red Bear

YANKTON MISSION:

Lake Andes (97) Church of St. Philip the Deacon
(Jennings)
Senior Warden: Maruice Drapeau
Junior Warden: Judy Lee
Treasurer/Clerk: Maxine Rouse

Wagner (98) Woniya Wakan (Holy Spirit)
(Jennings)
Warden: Leon Flying Hawk

Herrick (99) All Saints Church
(Jennings)
Senior Warden: Chalres Bullbear
Treasurer/Clerk: Twila Emme



THE CONVENTION

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CLERGY ROLL

Canonically and Physically Resident in South Dakota
2008 Diocesan Convention

BISHOP		Born	Deacon	Priest
Creighton L. Robertson, Sioux Falls	Cons. 1994	1944	1989	1990

PRIESTS AND DEACONS

Webster Two Hawk, Ft. Pierre	Ord. 1957	1930	1957	1958
Robert T. Wagner, Keystone	Ord. 1957	1932	1957	1958
George Medicine Eagle, Eagle Butte	Ord. 1980	1948	1980	--
Benjamin Tyon, Pine Ridge, Ret 2004	Ord. 1980	1934	1980	1984
Warren Shoberg, Sioux Falls, Ret 2007	Ord. 1981	1941	1981	1982
Allen L. Lewis, Sioux Falls, Ret 2006	Ord. 1983	1941	1983	1984
Mary B. Husby, Sioux Falls, 1998	Ord. 1984	1927	1984	--
Charles Montileaux, Kyle	Ord. 1985	1960	1985	1987
David W. Schmidt, Pierre, Ret 2005	Rec'd 1986	1942	1971	1971
David A. Cameron, Rapid City, Ret 2006	Rec'd 1987	1947	1974	1975
Barry T. Pitt-Hart, Sioux Falls	Ord. 1987	1935	1987	--
Virginia L. Bird, Rapid City	Ord. 1987	1950	1987	--
James T. Pearson, Yankton	Ord. 1988	1954	1988	1989
Charles H. Walker, Pierre	Ord. 1988	1946	1988	--
David G. Potts, Rapid City	Ord. 1988	1946	1988	--
Robert F. Weld, Winner/Ideal (<i>died 10/24/2008</i>)	Ord. 1989	1927	1989	1993
Leslie R. Campbell, Ret 2004	Rec'd 1989	1938	1975	1976
R. Julian "Bunker" Hill, Spearfish	Rec'd 1991	1945	1986	1987
Daniel Makes Good, Allen	Rec'd 1991	1937	1975	1980
Thomas Regan, Deadwood	Ord. 1991	1950	1991	--
Leland D. Brown, McLaughlin (<i>died 1/2/2009</i>)	Ord. 1991	1949	1991	1992
Linda Kramer, Hill City	Rec'd 1992	1946	1988	1988
George Parmeter, Huron	Rec'd 1993	1946	1973	1974
Agnes Tyon, Pine Ridge Mission	Ord. 1993	1933	1993	1997
Conrad Ciesel, Lake City, Ret 2007	Rec'd 1994	1941	1977	1978
Mercy G. Hobbs, Vermillion	Ord. 1995	1959	1995	1996
Dora Bruguier, Eagle Butte	Ord. 1994	1918	1994	--
James Voorhees, Spearfish	Ord. 1994	1934	1994	--
Judith M. Flagstad, Pierre	Ord. 1996	1950	1996	2004
John Spruhan, Rosebud Mission	Rec'd 1998	1950	1980	1980
Jeffry P. Barnes, Sioux Falls, Ret 2006	Rec'd 1998	1941	1976	1977
Thomas Campbell, Deadwood, Ret 2002	Rec'd. 1998	1939	1965	1965
Cordelia Red Owl, Pine Ridge Mission	Ord. 1998	1936	1998	2000
Lyle Noisy Hawk, Kyle, Ret 2002	Rec'd 1998	1942	1973	1974
Paul M. Sneve, Rapid City	Ord. 1998	1961	1998	1999

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		Born	Deacon	Priest
David Hussey, Vermillion/Santee Mission	Ord. 1998	1945	1998	2000
Judy Spruhan, Rosebud Mission	Rec'd 1998	1951	1989	2000
Vernon J. Raschke, Lead, Ret 2001	Rec'd 1999	1936	1979	1980
Philip Allen, Mission, Retired	Rec'd 2000	1935	1964	1964
Barbara "Bitsey" Ciesel, Lake City, Ret 2007	Ord 2000	1939	2000	--
Arlene E. Pearsall, Sioux Falls	Ord 2000	1943	2000	--
Claude E. Vershure, Hot Springs	Ord 2000	1946	2000	2005
Nancy Donovan, Silver City	Rec'd 2001	1935	1996	--
Marty Garwood, Rapid City	Ord 2002	1953	2002	--
Jo Hedin, Rapid City	Ord 2002	1938	2002	--
Rhoda Mesteth, Pine Ridge Mission	Ord 2002	1953	2002	2004
Judith R. Petersen, Brookings	Ord 2003	1935	2003	--
Timothy L. Fountain, Sioux Falls	Rec'd 2004	1958	1987	1988
Marion B. Rectenwald, Cheyenne River Mission	Rec'd 2005	1949	2002	2003
Kathleen Monson Lutes, Rapid City	Rec'd 2004	1957	2002	2003
Linda Valandra, Hot Springs	Ord 2005	1953	2005	--
Evelyn Weaver, Belle Fourche	Ord 2005	1945	2005	2006
Michael Weaver, Belle Fourche	Ord 2005	1942	2005	--
Sandra Williams, Belle Fourche	Ord 2005	1956	2005	2006
John Tarrant, Pierre	Rec'd 2005	1952	1983	1984
Caitlin Collier, Vermillion	Ord 2005	1956	2005	--
John Mabior Mayen, Sioux Falls	Ord 2005	1974	2005	--
Abraham Mabioir Mayom, Sioux Falls	Ord 2005	1977	2005	2006
Elizabeth Bryan, Rapid City	Rec'd 2006	1945		1991
William "Liam" Muller, Mitchell	Ord 2006	1961	2006	2006
Judy L. Hollingsworth Graves, Sioux Falls	Ord 2006	1949	2006	--
Charles M. King, Sioux Falls	Ord 2006	1943	2006	2008
M. Kay Jennings, Wagner	Ord 2007	1942	2007	2007
Beatrice Skinner, McLaughlin	Ord 2007	1937	2007	--
Susan Taylor Lyman, Vermillion	Ord 2007	1943	2007	--
Kathryn Costas, Aberdeen	Rec'd 2007	1952	2007	2007
Hazel Red Bird, Eagle Butte	Rec'd 2007	1925	2005	--
Craig West, Martin/Pine Ridge	Rec'd 2007	1950	1994	1995
Ellen D. Lang, Sioux Falls	Rec'd 2007	1939	1990	1991
Wayne McIntosh, Watertown	Rec'd 2008	1961	1991	1991
Robert C. Schwarz, Standing Rock Mission	Rec'd 2008	1952	1986	1986
Richard A. Ressler, Rapid City	Rec'd 2008	1952	1995	1996
Rita T. Powell, Youth Coordinator	2008	1978	2008	
Elizabeth A. Powers, Chamberlain/Mni Sose	Rec'd 2008	1950	2004	2004

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CANONICALLY RESIDENT

Katharine Stebinger, Massachusetts	Ord 2005	1981	2005	2006
C.E.B. Harnsberger, Arizona, Retired 1992	Ord 1957	1932	1957	1957
Tom F. Newman, Oklahoma, Ret 2006	Rec'd 2004	1945	1977	1978

Deaths: William C. Hibbert

Transferred Out: Wayne McIntosh

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LAY DELEGATES

St. Mark's, Aberdeen

Richard Zepher
Kathie Allstot
Chuck Ingerson

St. James, Belle Fourche

Bill Kunerth
Willie Kunerth

St. Paul's, Brookings

Gene Murra
April Brooks

St. John's, Deadwood

Yvonne DeRosier
Anne Oldenkamp
Barb Allen
Linda Frederick

Grace Church, Huron

David Wheeler
Robert Hunter

Christ Church, Lead

Bob Thrall
Dee Thrall

St. Mary's, Mitchell

Charlie Bailey
Darlene Bailey
Val LaBreche

St. James, Mobridge

Trinity, Pierre

Beth Flagstad
Marlys Fratzke
Ralph Bush

Emmanuel, Rapid City

Donna Burnap
JoAnn Edstrom
Nyle Hedin
Norm Nelson
Mary Olson
Paul Simpson

St. Andrew's, Rapid City

Harold Oberlander
Vaud Oberlander
Shelli Vallis
Connie Lane
Sandy Magnavito
Fred Davis

Calvary Cathedral

Wally Doolittle
Dennis Potter
Mary Potter
Loyd Wagner
Donna Wagner
Brian Thomas
Jan Bahnson

Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls

Bonnie Makinson
Larry Weires
John Daucsavage
Marlene Weires

All Angels, Spearfish

Dan Farrington
Judy Farrington
Forrest Skretteberg
Marinell Skretteberg

St. Thomas, Sturgis

Susan Writer

Trinity, Watertown

Les Gonsor
Grace Van Horn

Trinity, Winner

Mike Novak
Patty Novak

Christ Church, Yankton

Carol Houtkooper
Marge Gross
John Keyes

St. Andrew's Bonesteel

Christ Church, Chamberlain

Wade Brings

St. Stephen's, DeSmet

St. Peter's, Ft. Pierre

Marge Two Hawk

Christ Church, Gettysburg

Keith Eidam

St. Luke's, Hot Springs

Tony Gonsor
Mary Gonsor

Grace Church, Madison

Jan Sanford

St. Peter's, Lake Andes

Vesta Habben

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St. Katharine's, Martin
Holly Boomer Slattery
Jeff Slattery

Christ Church, Milbank
Marion Paulis

St. Matthew's, Rapid City
Marlene Runs Against
Conrad Shroyer
Lori Shroyer
Maxine Packard

Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls
Dan Mueller
Arta Salisbury

Gethsemane, Sisseton
James Kurkowski

St. Paul's, Vermillion
Maxine Johnson
Stephen Yarbrough

St. Mary's, Webster
Marcia Kurkowski Lefler

St. John's, Eagle Butte
Doris White

Ascension, Blackfoot
Theresa Ducheneaux

Emmanuel, White Horse
Virginia Traversie

St. Andrew's, Cherry Creek
Ivan Bruguier

St. James, Bear Creek
Terry Red Bear

St. Luke's, Iron Lightning
Barb Dupris

St. Mary's, Promise
Carrie Fast Horse

St. Peter's, Thunder Butte
Edna Thompson

St. Philip's, Dupree
Duane Mandan

St. Stephen's, Red Scaffold

St. Thomas, On The Tree
Marge Clown

Christ Church, Ft. Thompson
Armond Olson

Holy Comforter, Lower Brule
Tamara Fonder
Shirley Crane

Holy Cross, Pine Ridge
Advent, Calico

Christ Church, Red Shirt Table
Epiphany, Wolf Creek

St. Alban's, Porcupine

St. Andrew's, Wakpamni Lake

St. John's, Oglala

St. Julia's, Porcupine

St. Michael's, Batesland
Wilma Standing Bear

Gethsemane, Wanblee
Inestimable Gift, Allen
Mediator, Kyle
Anne Montileaux

St. Barnabas, Kyle
St. Timothy's, Potato Creek
Church of Jesus, Rosebud
Dorothy LeBeau
Donna Douville

Trinity, Mission
Margaret Figert

Calvary, Okreek
Pete Haukaas

St. Philip & St. James, White River
Wilma Janis

Grace Church, Soldier Creek
Phyllis Provencal

Holy Innocents, Parmelee
Stephanie Night Pipe

St. Paul's, Norris
Sherman Wright

St. Thomas, Corn Creek
Christine Dunham

Holy Spirit, Ideal
Mike Plenty Horse

Blessed Redeemer, Howe Creek
Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee

St. John's, Browns Valley
Katie McKay
Darlyn Kitto

St. James, Enemy Swim
Valorie Augustson
Irene Rondell

St. Mary's, Old Agency
Michael LaFontaine
Darrell Mirreau

Good Shepherd, Little Oak Creek
St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala

Gladys Hawk

St. Paul's, Little Eagle

St. Peter's, McLaughlin

St. Philip's, Lake Andes
Woniya Wakan, Wagner
Janet Johnson

All Saints, Herrick
Mae Holquin

***2008 Diocesan Convention Address
Bishop Creighton L. Robertson***

Friday, October 3, 2008
Cedar Shore, Oacoma, South Dakota

Good Evening, and welcome to this annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota. It is wonderful to be together again, for worship, fellowship and doing the business of the Church in this Diocese. This is an important Convention, since we will be receiving information that will lead to the election of our next Bishop, among other things that we will accomplish.

I am grateful to the churches in the Eastern Deanery of our Diocese for acting as hosts of this convention, and to Fr. Parmeter and the Commission on Liturgy for arranging our liturgy for this evening and for this Convention.

As has always been the case, I have had wonderful assistance in organizing this Convention: Mary Armin, Jean Lacher, Barbee Hovelson, Randy Barnhardt, and my Canon and very dear friend, Dr. Robert Wagner. Of course there are many others, whose names I should mention, all of whom have helped in one way or another with the work of putting this Convention together. Thank you to all of you who have helped with this work.

This past year has been an exciting time. I have observed the Nominating and Transition Committees struggling to do their work, bound by their rules to keep things confidential until it is appropriate to make some things known to the wider church. Even I have been in the dark about the whole process, which I have appreciated very much. And now we will hear from them during this meeting about their work and plans.

Actually, I know only the dates: May 9, 2009 for the election and October 31, 2009 as the date set for the Consecration and Ordination of our next Bishop. At a recent meeting, the Presiding Bishop asked me if we were on her calendar and I assured her we were. I was informed that the PB would like to meet with the clergy the evening before the service, will meet with the attending Bishops after the service, and will celebrate and preach on Sunday at a small church as yet to be chosen.

Apparently her theory is that with the emphasis on mission and ministry and small churches, she would like to worship on All Saints Day at a small church rather than participate in a service at a large church. So I will begin the process of finding a small church for Bishop Jefforts Shori to visit while here next October/November.

I

This past July/August the Lambeth Conference convened in Canterbury, UK. I think there was a tremendous amount of anticipation concerning this conference. There were some provinces in the world-wide Anglican Communion that were very anxious about what would happen to the Episcopal Church, whether they would be excluded or allowed to continue to be Anglican and a part of the world-wide Communion.

In the end, the Presiding Bishop said in her assessment that there was respect and conversation among all of the Bishops during their morning "hospitality" groups. There were no legislative resolutions coming out of Lambeth, as a result no one was excluded from the Communion and

discussions will continue on those issues that appear to separate provinces. In the interim we continue to be one church, one communion, expressed in different ways.

Judging from comments I have heard from other Bishops who attended Lambeth, I am moved to say that the conference was a process of healing and reconciliation, long, slow, and sometimes painful though it may be. But the healing and reconciliation which seeks renewal and reconciliation for all of God's children is nothing short of the redemptive work of God in the world.

II

An important part of the mission and ministry of the wider church continues to focus on the Millennium Development Goals in addressing the poverty of the world. While at the Niobrara Convocation, the Presiding Bishop was asked about the MDGs and how they might apply to our small and struggling diocese. Her response was that while the MDGs were directed at world poverty, she understood that there was poverty in our own place that should take precedence.

In late April, I had the pleasure of hosting the Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministry in Sioux Falls. Attending this meeting was Mrs. Bonnie Anderson, Chair of the House of Deputies of our General Convention. We visited the Crow Creek Reservation and learned first hand about the poverty that the folks there struggle with every day of their life. We learned that the main thrust of the social service agencies was to provide basic human needs so that folks would not die – of hunger, disease, and other social ills that are present when poverty rules a community.

Mrs. Anderson was deeply moved by what she saw and what she heard from the people. She was also excited by the work that is taking place on the Crow Creek and Lower Brule Missions.

My hope is that conversations with Mrs. Anderson and the Executive Council will lead to ways that the National Church can help address the issues of poverty and all that it brings to a community. The Church needs to respond in a positive way to the needs of our community.

III

The budget for this year included a line item of 10% of our monies which were to be spent on outreach, outside of the church. I believe that the church needs to look outside of itself if mission and ministry are to have any meaning.

This past year we responded to the hunger needs of children at the Crow Creek High and Middle schools. We provided funds to purchase snacks for children at the school, and delivered them to a contact person at the school. These snacks supplemented the school lunch program which has suffered budget cuts from the government. I have learned that those food items are nearly gone, and we need to figure out a way to replenish those gifts. We also assisted the Crow Creek Tribal School by purchasing school supplies for students and providing food items for the Middle School volleyball team as they traveled to their games around the state.

We need to keep before us that the Crow Creek Tribe is located in Buffalo County, South Dakota. We need to remember that this is the poorest county in the US and the church needs to respond to the needs of this part of our community, as a part of our response to the MDGs.

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In your name we have also supported a program in the Sioux Falls School District that assists transient students coming into the district with needed clothing and shoes. We have also assisted students with school supplies by purchasing the supplies or providing money to the Native American Indian Education program to purchase the needed supplies.

I appreciate the flexibility with which I am able to respond to the immediate needs of poor folks as I learn about them. I urge your support of the 10% monies that can be spent outside of the church and diocese. Not all of the 10% monies have been spent; much of it remains.

As always, accountability is important and we are looking for a way to advise this Convention and the Diocese as to how and why and where the outreach money is spent. I think Randy is working on that at the moment. However, if anyone wants or needs to know how the 10% money is spent, please call Randy in the diocesan Office for that information. Hopefully, next year that will be included in the budget as presented to you.

IV

I want to say some things about Mutual Ministry as it has been developed in this Diocese.

I have asked the Commission on Ministry to work with me in developing a plan of discernment, which will be used as an evaluation tool before anyone is accepted as a Postulant in the Ordination Process. I have asked this of the COM because I became aware of a “we are doing it anyway” philosophy that was hindering the development of mutual ministry in our congregations. I believe that if we are doing it anyway, then we are doing what our Baptismal Covenant is calling us to do as Christian persons. It is not an opportunity to insert oneself into the ordination process for personal gain or recognition. “Doing it anyway” is what our Baptism calls us to do and to be, and we say that at baptisms in this Church. A call to be ordained is something more than that, though it includes our promises at Baptism.

I will begin conversations with the COM at their next meeting to forge a way that we can move forward.

V

At our convention in October, 1994, I spoke about my commitment to the development of Youth Ministry. I said that I would do everything I could to assure the people of this diocese that youth are an important part of the ministry of this Diocese. We have struggled with that ministry, we have struggled with the camping part of that ministry due to intervening circumstances, but we have persevered.

We now have a full-time Youth Minister in place. Deacon Rita Powell is now on the Diocesan staff and beginning to acquaint herself with our ministry and begin her work. Please take the time to meet and greet Deacon Powell and visit with her about your thoughts on Youth Ministry.

Thunderhead Episcopal Camp is continuing to recover from a closure of one year. We had a good camping season this year under the leadership of Holly, and although numbers are not a high as they were, they are increasing. Deacon Powell will continue to work on the program aspect of TEC over the next years.

The Diocesan Council continues to explore new ways to administer Thunderhead Camp. A proposal for a separate non-profit entity is being considered. This would affect the administration

of the camp but not its relationship to the Episcopal Church and this Diocese. As that project moves forward, you will be informed through the *ChurchNews*.

VI

Now I want to say something about the closing of buildings on the Pine Ridge Episcopal Mission.

During the end stages of Bishop Anderson's episcopacy, there was established a Property Review Committee. It was this committee's charge to begin to evaluate all of the property owned by the Diocese on various missions, other mission churches, and other property. Some of you may remember that as a part of this evaluation, St. Mary's School in Springfield was closed, All Saint's School in Sioux Falls was closed, Holy Faith on the Santee was closed, St. Elizabeth's School was closed – though the property remained – and other actions and closures were taken.

The process of reviewing property and churches continues. Reviewing the available records of all of the churches, which included finances, location, attendance, costs of maintaining the building, the condition of the buildings, and how they are now being used. This process took nearly fourteen years to bring about some action. The decision was not made lightly or without counsel, including a long period of prayerful consideration.

Closing old buildings is not an easy thing to accomplish. There are emotions and deep sentiments attached to these old sacred places during a lifetime. I remember very well the closing of St. Luke's Church on the Sisseton Mission. This church was known as the "Robertson Chapel," being built by my family on land given to the church by my family. The building was deconsecrated in October, 1994, and burned down only a couple years ago. It had become an attractive nuisance, being used for activities other than church gatherings.

But just as society changes, the church changes as well. People move away, attend other churches in other buildings. Some find solace in joining other denominations or practice the traditional ways of worship in a particular culture.

The property review will continue on all of the missions and of small mission churches. While there may be other closures, it will not be as drastic as the closures on the Pine Ridge Mission.

VII

All the things I have mentioned are a part of our Partners With God ministry. This past year was the first implementation of the Partners With God agenda, which is a useful guide to mission and ministry in the Diocese. We have adopted seven goals along with other associated action statements for the Diocese. The whole idea is that we would bring these goals into service over the next five years. This year was a good start, and you will likely hear more during our plenary sessions.

As a part of Achievement Management, we have improved with the Diocese, and Mary has made and continues to make the *ChurchNews* a valuable publication for all of us.

We have encouraged and welcomed conversation among our various interest groups.

Our Education Goals have continued with our Ministry Weekends and the Niobrara Summer Seminary, and we've provided time to rethink our ministry development and pave the way for its revitalization and re-emphasis.

We have appointed Deans in every Deanery and tried to structure the Deanery in such a way that it would enhance decision-making in the Diocese.

There have been workshops relative to racism and multi-cultural understanding. The workshops will continue and Dakota Experience, open to everyone, is again being planned for next month.

We have increased the salary base for all clergy in the Diocese by an annual amount of \$5,000 and increased our mission positions to 10.6! I believe the .6 applies to ministry to the Native people at the Cathedral and to St. Mary's in Flandreau.

We have fully funded a Diocesan Youth Coordinator with the appointment of the Rev. Deacon Rita Powell.

Now we are beginning an emphasis on Stewardship and are developing a new and different Capital Campaign. This campaign initially will benefit the congregations in the beginning and ultimately the Diocesan Foundation will reap some benefit. You will hear more about this part of the Partners agenda during this weekend.

All of these portions of the Partners with God agenda, represent a tremendous amount of prayer, discussion, and most of all with a deep and abiding faith in the love of God, whose direction we are seeking to follow. My continued hope is that all of us will find ways that we might be able to be Partners with God in the mission and ministry in our individual ministries, our communities, and our congregations.

VII

The Gospel reading for this evening is a portion of John's gospel taken from chapter 15. That portion read follows the portion of the chapter which talks about the Vine and the branches. The passage read this evening builds on the vine image, but focuses more on what it means for the disciples, like us, to live out our lives in Jesus' love. In this we are called to live together as friends as Jesus lived among us. As Jesus' friends, we are called to exhibit that endless love that Jesus held for us, even by the giving of his life for our lives.

We need to remember that the work that we are called to do this weekend, is work that God has called us to do together as his people. We may not agree on everything, but we are called to work together on the mission and ministry that has been handed to us. May our work this weekend be the work of God and an offering from us to each other.

X

As I close this portion of our time together, I am reminded of a Jesuit blessing that I have used frequently, and heard again this past Sunday at the Cathedral:

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts;

May God bless us with anger at oppression, injustice, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace;

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out with our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy;

And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

Thank you for our times together. I will always remember you and hold you in my heart.
Amen.

Official Acts of the Bishop 2007-2008

Consents:

Ordination and Consecration of John McKee Sloan to be Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama

Ordination and Consecration of Dan Thomas Edwards to be Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Nevada

Resignation of The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey N. Steenson, Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande

Election of a Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of Dallas

Ordination and Consecration of Jeffrey Dean Lee to be Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago

Ordination and consecration of Stephen Taylor Lane to be Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Maine

Ordination and Consecration of Prince Grenville Singh to be Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester

Ordination and Consecration of Paul Emil Lambert to be Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Dallas

Ordination and consecration of Eugene Taylor Sutton to be Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland

Ordination and Consecration of C. Andrew Doyle to be Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Texas

Confirmed/Received: 70 persons (reported to Diocesan Office)

Ordained to the Diaconate:

None

Ordained to the Priesthood:

M. Kay Jennings (12/21/2007)

Charles M. King (5/17/2008)

Transferred In:

The Rev. Ellen D. Lang from the Diocese of Connecticut (11/9/07)

The Rev. Wayne T. McIntosh from the Diocese of Keewatin (2/1/08)

The Rev. Richard A. Ressler from the Diocese of Oklahoma (4/28/08)

Received:

The Rev. Robert C. Schwarz

Approval of Re-marriage After Divorce: 5

Licensing of 253 Lay Ministers

Other Reports:

Clergy Deaths:

The Rev. William C. Hibbert (03/04/08)

Francis B. Nickerson (02/21/08)

MINUTES
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The Diocese of South Dakota
Cedar Shore, Oacoma, South Dakota
October 3 – 5, 2008
“PARTNERS WITH GOD...Forging Ahead”

PLENARY SESSION I – Gathered to Discern

Morning Prayer

Call to Order: The 124th Annual Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota was called to order by Bishop Creighton Robertson at approximately 9:00 AM.

Introductions: Bishop Creighton Robertson introduced the guests;
The Rev. Bill Graham – Alliance, NE – Province VI
Moses Deng, Joknhial – South Sudan School Project, who will be leaving in January to build the school.
Discussion of the offering going to the Sudan project – needs a motion.

Fr Webster Two Hawk will be the Lakota language translator.

Transferred to the Diocese since last convention;

The Rev. Ellen Lang from the Diocese of Connecticut

The Rev. Robert C. Schwarz from the Diocese of Milwaukee

The Rev. Richard Ressler from the Diocese of Oklahoma

The Rev. Elizabeth Powers from the Diocese of North Dakota (not present at this time)

The Rev. Wayne McIntosh from the Diocese of Keewatin, Canada

Ordained since the last convention;

Kay Jennings as priest

Charlie King as priest

Clergy deaths since the last convention

The Rev. Bill Hibbert

The Rev. Francis Nickerson

Appointments

Parliamentarian: Steve Sanford

Pages were introduced and if you need anything raise the yellow card.

Overview of Schedule and Approval of Agenda: Canon Wagner announced

- a. Nominations will close at 11:00 am today. All nominations will be given to Johnny Wilson or other members of the Nominations Committee.
- b. Deadline for resolutions is at 11:00 am today. All resolutions are to be given to Fr. Bunker Hill or other members of the resolution Committee.
- c. Saturday morning workshops @ 10:30 am;
Youth Program in the Diocese
Cross Cultural Awareness and conversation
Transition Time
God Signs
Noonday Prayers will be within and at the end of each workshop.
- d. Saturday afternoon
Presentation, discussion & action on the 2009 budget
Elections
Presentation of Resolution
Other Reports
- e. Sunday morning
Presentation by Nominating Committee
Presentation by transition Committee
Unfinished business
Closing Eucharist

Housekeeping Announcements were made concerning restrooms, breaks, exhibits, Convention office, Page alert cards, Convention evaluation form, lunch buffet and nametag lanyard.

Credentials Committee Report: Deacon Marty Garwood announced 97 of 124 Delegates were present and 43 of 57 Clergy were present thereby a quorum was declared.

Report of Parliamentarian: Steve Sanford;

- (1) Report Rules of Order
 - For Resolutions
 - Change of rules of order regarding voting
 - Other business
- (1) Method for submitting amendments to resolutions and canons, (forms are in Convention office)
- (2) Movers of motions must go to a microphone and identify themselves, by name and congregation, prior to the introduction of a motion.

Minutes: Call for corrections/additions to the 2007 Diocesan Convention Minutes (contained in the July/August *Church News*) Motion to approve as printed by The Rev. George Parameter, seconded by Nyle Hedin, all in favor, motion carried.

Johnny Wilson announced that nominations cease at 11:00 AM

Call for Motion to Accept Reports by Title: Motion by The Rev. Tim Fountain to accept the Reports by Title as printed in the *ChurchNews*, seconded by Nyle Hedin, all in favor, motion carried.

UTO – Sharon Van Doren informed UTO funds helped with construction projects for three churches, also supports ministry of the Diocese.

Barbee Hovelson – six Pages were introduced.

Workshops & Noonday Prayers:

- Youth Program in the Diocese
- Cross-Cultural Awareness & Conversation
- God Signs
- Transition Time in the Diocese

The convention recessed for lunch.

PLENARY SESSION II – Gathered to Plan & Decide & Fund

Announcements by the President: Canon Wagner informed Compline will be in the Convention Center, a reception for those in the Ordination Process, banquet & program, Eucharist.

Deacon Peterson – ECW fall meeting on October 3, ECW project to assist Moses by having a Statewide Bake & craft sale for the Sudan School, second week in November.

Sandy Magnovito announced ECW Scholarships went to Twila Two Bulls, Jesse McCormick & Megan Conway.

Bernice Jones was honored @ General Convention; she is 98 years old and is an active member of the Church. The Diocese of South Dakota applauds her achievements.

Jean Lacher announced which quilts were for sale.

David Wheeler – Nominating Committee announced meeting in the glass room.

Liam Muller – thank those for putting together the convention and recognized staff and host of the Eastern Deanery & Convention.

Credentials Report: Deacon Marty Garwood announced those 123 out of 128 delegates and 46 out of 57 Clergy were present thereby declaring a quorum.

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Budget: Chuck Bronson introduced the Budget review committee. The 2009 budget was presented.

Motion by Chuck Bronson to accept the 2009 budget, seconded by Jean Lacher. No discussion, all approved, motion carried unanimously.

Elections: Johnny Wilson introduced the Nominating Committee.

Standing Committee: 1 Presbyterian, 4 year term; The Rev. Marion Rectenwald, The Rev. George Parmeter, The Rev. Tim Fountain, The Rev. Allan Lang

1 Lay, 4 year term; Dennis Potter, Donna Douville, Pat White Horse-Carda, Richard Zephier
Province VI Deputies & Alternates: 1 Clergy, 3 year term; Kathryn Costas... **Rule of Order***

1 Clergy, 1 year term unexpired...None

1 Lay, 3 year term... None

Trial Court: 1 Presbyterian, 3 year unexpired term...None

1 Presbyterian, 5 year term...None

1 Lay, 2 year term...None

1 Lay, 4 year term...Norm Nelson... **Rule of Order**

Historiographer/Register....Dr. April Brooks... **Rule of Order**

***Rule of Order:** If only one nomination has been received for the above offices, then announce for each office, "Mr. President, pursuant to **Rule of Order 7.3** of this Convention, there being only one nominee for the office of _____, the Secretary shall cast a unanimous ballot for _____ as "_____".

The President replies: "So ordered."

Call for First Ballot: only nominations for Standing Committee; 1 Clergy, 1 Lay

Response to Bishop's Charge – The Rev. John Tarrant, Chair; Bishop Robertson gave us a view of where we have been as a Diocese and where we are going. He emphasized that the "Partners with God" plan has been the framework for our ministry. He began by offering thanks for everyone helping with the Convention. He offered appreciation for the Nomination and Transition Committees' tireless efforts in the process of electing a bishop coadjutor.

Bishop Robertson spoke of the work of the Lambeth Conference as it moved toward the goal of healing and reconciliation. He mention the Presiding Bishop's emphasis ion the millennium Development Goals, but also her recognition of the poverty and need here in South Dakota as was witnessed to her during her visit to the Niobrara Convocation.

Bishop Robertson will be working with the Commission on Ministry as we continue to exercise Mutual Ministry; yet sharpen the discernment process for those called to ordained ministry. He also spoke of another transition the Diocese is experiencing through church closings, a process that begin under Bishop Anderson. He reminded us that in all things God calls us to work together as partners and friends.

And finally, Bishop Robertson emphasized to us that all of our work of this Convention is for God... We are not here to serve ourselves, our own bias, but God... It is for God and in God and through God that we live and move and have our being.

Thank you Bishop Robertson for your leadership, your service and your faithfulness.

Motion for Action: Capital Campaign: Canon Wagner read A Motion for Action - *Partners with God – Enabling Our Stewardship Our Momentous Tasks*. Fr Wagner made a motion that this 2008 Annual Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota call upon the Bishop to:

1. Establish a stewardship commission to address these objectives consistent with that outlined in Partners With God,
2. Arrange for the appointment of appropriate persons to serve and staff it, and
3. Charge the commission to begin this program as immediately as possible and in a way that best serves the diocese and its congregations.

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Seconded by The Rev. Tom Campbell, call for the vote, majority in favor of the motion, 1 nay, motion carried.

Report of Tabulation of Ballots

Standing Committee, 1 Presbyter, 4 year term; The Rev. Marion Rectenwald,
1 Lay, 4 year term- Pat White Horse-Carda

Presentations of Resolutions: The Rev. Bunker Hill, Chair introduced the Resolutions Committee. Five Resolutions plus Resolution referred from 2006 General Convention (no action required).

Two Resolutions were Rejected #01 and #02

#01 – Request for Accounting of Episcopal Church Lawsuits

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-fourth Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota requests that the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church provide the documentation with the following information:

- a. the dollar amount spent by TEC on litigation against dioceses, parishes, groups of churches and individuals since GENERAL Convention 2006;
- b. a list of the church accounts and/or budget items from which these funds were taken;
- c. an accurate comparison of dollars spent on litigation versus dollars spent on Millennium Development Goals since General Convention 2006;
- d. the proposed amount of money for litigation to be presented to the 2009 General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

OMIT: *Resolved, that the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of South Dakota communicate this request to the Presiding Bishop no later than November 5, 2008.*

Resolved, that the Presiding Bishop's response (or lack thereof) be reported to the clergy and people of the Diocese of South Dakota prior to the Bishop Coadjutor election in 2009.

No recommendation

#02 – Request that the Episcopal Church Replace Lawsuits With Negotiations and/or Mediation Where Possible

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty –fourth Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota requests that the Episcopal Church adopt a policy of negotiations and/or mediation prior to initiating lawsuits over property.

Resolved, that the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of South Dakota communicate this request to the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council of the Episcopal Church no later than November 5, 2008.

Resolved, that the Ecclesiastical Authority of this diocese report the national church's response (or lack thereof) prior to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor in 2009.

No recommendation

Two Resolutions were Adopted #03 and #04

#03 – Establish the First Sunday of lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday

Resolved, that the Diocese of South Dakota dedicate the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday and that congregations and individuals be encouraged to support Episcopal Relief & Development's life-saving work through prayer and a special offering that will help heal a hurting world.

Resolved, that the Diocese of South Dakota submit the following resolution to be considered and adopted by Province VI.

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Resolved, that the Diocese of South Dakota submit the following resolution to the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal, meeting in Anaheim, California, July, 2009.

Resolved, the House of _____concurring, this 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church dedicate the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday and that congregations and individuals be encouraged to support Episcopal Relief & Development's life-saving work through prayer and a special offering that will help heal a hurting world.

Recommend adoption

#04 – Formation of a Diocesan Outreach Budget Line Item Oversight Committee

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-fourth Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota recommends to the Bishop to authorize the formation of a volunteer custodial committee responsible for the Diocesan budget Outreach line item.

Resolved, that this committee be charged

- a) Define guidelines for the use of the Outreach line-item in response to the Bishop's charge
- b) Define and implement a grant process, covering identification of needs and oversight of use of Outreach line-item monies
- c) Report on status and use of Outreach funds to the Diocese within the Diocesan Annual Report

Recommend adoption

Referred back to the Constitution and Cannons Committee for further work.

#05 – Amendment of Diocesan Constitution

Resolved by the One Hundred Twenty-Fourth Annual Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota that Article VII, Section I of the Constitution of the Diocese of South Dakota be amended to read as follows [amending language highlighted]:

Section I. Membership.

The Standing Committee shall consist of eight members made up of four canonically resident presbyters or deacons and four confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing.

No recommendation

Discussion on 5% reduction in Capital Campaign, No on going lawsuits in South Dakota with the Diocese of South Dakota. Question regarding source of money, amount and where it's going, all cuts to the budget were restored in June 2008. Use audits to review budget. Pension is not used; it would be illegal to do that. Diocese would pay for a lawsuit, not coming out of other budget line items.

Motion by Deacon Marty Garwood to amend Resolution #01 by removing 2nd & 3rd Resolves, that information is available, the information be found and distributed in *ChurchNews*, seconded by Sandy Magnavito, All in favor of amending Resolution by excluding 2nd & 3rd Resolves, call for a card vote: 62 in favor, 57 opposed, Resolution is amended.

Vote to approve the amended Resolution:
37 in favor, 87 opposed, Resolution failed.

Motion by Bunker Hill to approve Resolution #2, seconded by Tim Fountain, 47 in favor, 79 opposed, resolution failed.

Resolution #3 Motion by Bunker Hill moved to adopt Resolution #3, seconded by Katherine Costas, All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution #4 Motion by Bunker Hill to adopt Resolution #4, seconded by Kathy Lutes all in favor, motion passed.

Resolution #5 Motion by Bunker Hill to approve & no recommendations, seconded by Brent Fawn, discussion on the resolution, Resolution was referred back to the Constitution and Cannons Committee for further work.

Katherine, Episcopal Relief and Development information, Emergency relief & Development, provides recovery and development; request \$30,000.00 to Brown County.

Barbara Oates, province VI representative gave a report on the Province VI meeting.

Next convention – Election of the next Bishop

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Sunday, October 5, 2008

PLENARY SESSION III – Gathering to Consider

Call to order: at approximately 9:11am by Bishop Robertson

Dispatch of Business: Canon Wagner announced on May 9, 2009 Electing Convention @ Ramkota in Pierre at 9:00 AM Delegates need to be on time, after 20 ballots convention will recess and reschedule another convention.

Presentation by Nominations Committee: Rodney Freeman, Chair, Standing Committee members were introduced by Jean Lacher, mission of the Nominating Committee, described what a Bishop does.

Presentation by Transition Committee: The Rev Mercy Hobbs, informed convention what Transition Committee is working on; Communications, support for Bishop Robertson & Diocesan staff, electing Convention on May 9, 2009, support for Bishop Elect, election, consecration of the Bishop elect on October 31, 2009 & celebrating Bishop Robertson & Ann's ministry. Walk About Committee introduced by Dennis Potter

Report of place of next Convention: October 1 – 4, 2009 at Cedar Shore Resort in Oacoma. Bishop elect will be here for the convention. Northeastern Deanery are the hosts

Other Reports: The 2009 (137th) Niobrara Convocation will be held June 25-28, 2009 at the Bishop Hare Center, hosted by the Rosebud Mission.

Adjourn: Sine die

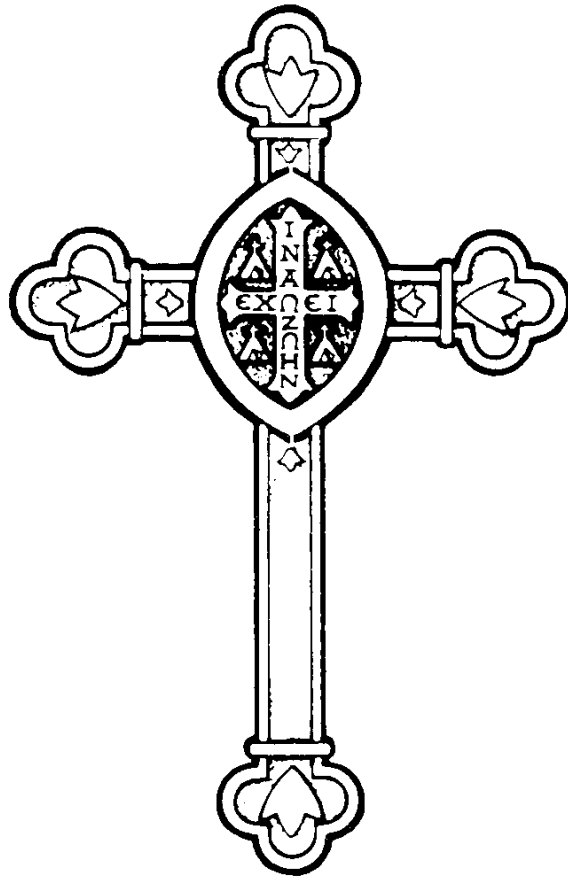
Respectfully submitted by,
Karen White Horse,
124th Diocesan Convention Secretary

**Annual & Special Convocations of the
Missionary District of South Dakota**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. 1884 Sioux Falls | 30. 1914 Lead | 60. 1944 Yankton |
| 2. 1885 Sioux Falls | 31. 1915 Watertown | 61. 1945 Mitchell |
| 1886 Unknown | 32. 1916 Sioux Falls | 62. 1946 Sioux Falls |
| 3. 1887 Sioux Falls | 33. 1917 Aberdeen | 63. 1947 Aberdeen |
| 4. 1888 Sioux Falls | 34. 1918 Sioux Falls | 64. 1948 Lead |
| 5. 1889 Sioux Falls | 35. 1919 Huron | 65. 1949 Huron |
| 6. 1890 Mitchell | 36. 1920 Watertown | 66. 1950 Mitchell |
| 7. 1891 Sioux Falls. | 37. 1921 Lead & Deadwood | 67. 1951 Yankton |
| 8. 1892 Aberdeen | 38. 1922 Mitchell | 66. 1952 Deadwood |
| 9. 1893 Yankton | 39. 1923 Yankton | 69. 1953 Watertown |
| 10. 1894 Huron | 40. 1924 Aberdeen | 70. 1954 Rapid City |
| 11. 1895 Sioux Falls | 41. 1925 Pierre | 71. 1955 Aberdeen |
| 12. 1896 Madison | 42. 1926 Huron | 72. 1956 Brookings |
| 13. 1897 Sioux Falls | 43. 1927 Rapid City | 73. 1957 Rapid City |
| 14. 1898 Aberdeen | 44. 1928 Sioux Falls | 74. 1958 Sioux Falls |
| 15. 1899 Yankton | 45. 1929 Sioux Falls | 75. 1959 Lead & Deadwood |
| 16. 1900 Aberdeen | 46. 1930 Watertown | 76. 1960 Mitchell |
| 17. 1901 Sioux Falls | 47. 1931 Aberdeen | 77. 1961 Yankton |
| 18. 1902 Howard & Madison | 48. 1932 Deadwood & Lead | 78. 1962 Rapid City |
| 19. 1903 Sioux Falls | 49. 1933 Mitchell | 77. 1963 Aberdeen |
| 20. 1904 Sioux Falls | 50. 1934 Pierre | 80. 1964 Sioux Falls |
| 21. 1905 Sioux Falls | 51. 1935 Yankton | 81. 1965 Lead & Deadwood |
| 22. 1906 Sioux Falls | 52. 1936 Rapid City | 82. 1966 Brookings |
| 23. 1907 Yankton | 53. 1937 Huron | 83. 1967 Martin |
| 24. 1908 Sioux Falls | 54. 1938 Watertown | 84. 1968 Huron |
| 25. 1909 Sioux Falls | 55. 1939 Mitchell | 1968 Special, Sioux Falls |
| 26. 1910 Mitchell | 56. 1940 Aberdeen | 85. 1969 Belle Fourche |
| 27. 1911 Huron | 57. 1941 Sioux Falls | 1970 Special, Pierre |
| 28. 1912 Sioux Falls | 58. 1942 Huron | 86. 1970 Sioux Falls |
| 29. 1913 Mitchell | 59. 1943 Pierre | |

**Annual & Special Conventions
of the Diocese of South Dakota**

87. 1971 Primary Convention, Pierre
88. 1972 Second Convention, Sioux Falls
89. 1973 Third Convention, Springfield
90. 1974 Fourth Convention, Mitchell
91. 1975 Fifth Convention, Rapid City
92. 1976 Sixth Convention, Watertown
93. 1977 Seventh Convention, Pierre
94. 1978 Eighth Convention, Brookings
95. 1979 Ninth Convention, Vermillion
96. 1980 Tenth Convention, Sioux Falls
97. 1981 Eleventh Convention, Huron
98. 1982 Twelfth Convention, Rapid City
- 1983 Special Convention, Chamberlain
99. 1983 Thirteenth Convention, Aberdeen
- 1984 Special Convention, Huron
100. 1984 Fourteenth Convention, Mobridge
101. 1985 Fifteenth Convention, Aberdeen
102. 1986 Sixteenth Convention, Yankton
103. 1987 Seventeenth Convention, Rapid City
104. 1988 Eighteenth Convention, Mitchell
105. 1989 Nineteenth Convention, Mitchell
106. 1990 Twentieth Convention, Watertown
107. 1991 Twenty-first Convention, Rapid City
108. 1992 Twenty-second Convention, Aberdeen
109. 1993 Twenty-third Convention, Sioux Falls
- 1994 Special Convention, Ft. Pierre
110. 1994 Twenty-fourth Convention, Pierre
111. 1995 Twenty-fifth Convention, Rapid City
112. 1996 Twenty-sixth Convention, Yankton
113. 1997 Twenty-seventh Convention, Mitchell
114. 1998 Twenty-eighth Convention, Huron
115. 1999 Twenty-ninth Convention, Watertown
116. 2000 Thirtieth Convention, Spearfish
117. 2001 Thirty-first Convention, Brookings
118. 2002 Thirty-second Convention, Pierre
119. 2003 Thirty-third Convention, Pierre
120. 2004 Thirty-fourth Convention, Pierre
121. 2005 Thirty-fifth Convention, Pierre
122. 2006 Thirty-sixth Convention, Pierre
123. 2007 Thirty-seventh Convention, Oacoma
124. 2008 Thirty-eighth Convention, Oacoma



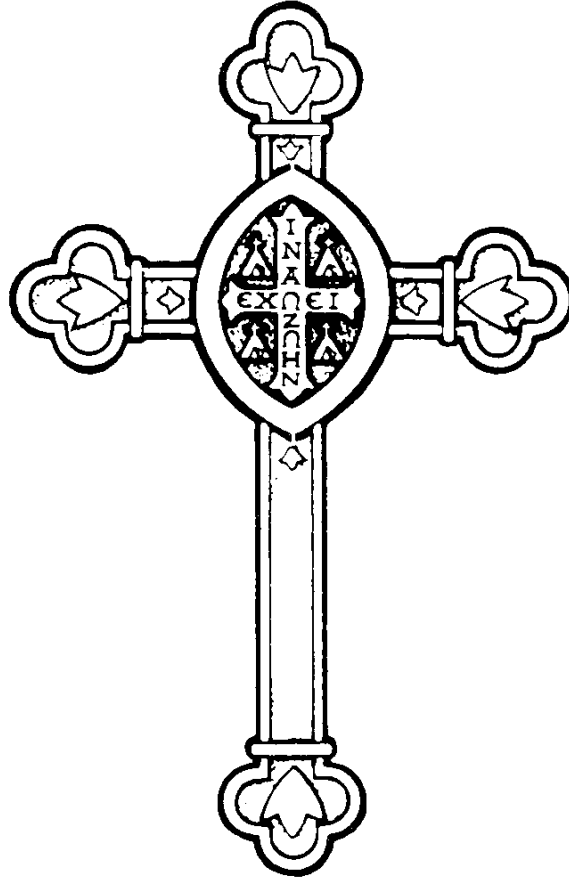
THE NIOBRARA CONVOCATION

Niobrara Deanery Convocations

1. 1870 Santee Agency, NE
2. 1871 Santee Agency, NE
3. 1872 Santee Agency, NE
4. 1873 Santee Agency, NE
5. 1874 Yankton Agency, Dakota Territory
6. 1875 Yankton Agency, D.T.
7. 1877 Yankton Agency, D.T.
8. 1878 Yankton Agency, D.T.
9. 1879 Yankton Agency, D.T.
10. 1880 Yankton Agency, D.T.
11. 1881 Yankton Agency, D.T.
12. 1882 Yankton Agency, D.T.
13. 1883 Lower Brule Agency, D.T.
14. 1884 Yankton Agency, D.T.
15. 1885 Crow Creek Agency, D.T.
16. 1886 Yankton Agency, D.T.
17. 1887 Ft. Bennett, Cheyenne River Reserve, D.T.
18. 1888 Pine Ridge Agency, D.T.
19. 1889 Crow Creek Agency, D.T.
20. 1890 St. Elizabeth's Church, Standing Rock Reserve
21. 1891 Near St. Mary's School, Rosebud Reserve
22. 1892 Cheyenne Agency
23. 1893 Santee Agency, NE
24. 1894 Pine Ridge Agency
25. 1895 Lower Brule Agency
26. 1896 St. Elizabeth's Church, Standing Rock Reserve
27. 1897 Near St. Mary's School Rosebud Agency
28. 1898 Sisseton Agency
29. 1899 Yankton Agency
30. 1900 Ascension Chapel, Cheyenne River Reserve
1901 No Convocation
31. 1902 Black Pipe Creek, Rosebud Reserve
32. 1903 St. John Baptist Chapel, Crow Creek Reserve
33. 1904 Bear Creek Cheyenne River Reserve
34. 1905 St. Philips, White Swan, Yankton Reserve
35. 1906 Santee Agency, NE
36. 1907 Trinity Chapel, Rosebud Reserve
37. 1908 St. Mary's Chapel, Pine Ridge Reserve
38. 1909 Messiah, Lower Brule
39. 1910 Yankton Agency
40. 1911 St. Elizabeth's Church
41. 1912 Christ Church, Ft. Thompson
42. 1913 St. Mary's Church, Sisseton Agency
43. 1914 Emmanuel Church, White Horse
44. 1915 Trinity Chapel, Rosebud
45. 1916 Holy Comforter, Lower Brule
46. 1917 Inestimable Gift Church, Allen
47. 1918 Holy Fellowship Church, Greenwood
48. 1919 St. Elizabeth's Church, Wakpala
49. 1920 Our Most Merciful Savior Church, Santee, NE
50. 1921 Calvary Church, Okreek
51. 1922 St. James Church, Waubay
52. 1923 Emmanuel Church, White Horse
53. 1924 Holy Cross Church, Pine Ridge
54. 1925 Holy Fellowship Church, Greenwood
55. 1926 Christ Church, Ft. Thompson
56. 1927 Holy Cross Church, Pine Ridge Agency
57. 1928 Good Shepherd Church, Glencross
58. 1929 Trinity Church, Mission
59. 1930 Holy Comforter Church, Lower Brule
60. 1931 St. Mary's Church, Sisseton
61. 1932 Ascension Church, Promise
62. 1933 1934 Inestimable Gift Church, Allen
63. Holy Fellowship Church, Greenwood
64. 1935 St. Elizabeth's Church, Wakpala
65. 1936 Holy Innocents Church, Parmelee
66. 1937 Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee, NE
67. 1938 Holy Cross Church, Pine Ridge Agency
68. 1939 St. John's Chapel, Pukwana, Crow Creek
69. 1940 St. John the Baptist, Sisseton Mission
70. 1941 Emmanuel Church, Cheyenne River Mission
71. 1942 Inestimable Gift Church, Allen, Pine Ridge Mission
72. 1943 St. James Church, Rosebud Mission
73. 1944 Holy Fellowship Church, Greenwood
74. 1946 Good Shepherd Chapel, Standing Rock Mission
75. 1947 Messiah Chapel, Pine Ridge Mission
76. 1948 Holy Comforter, Lower Brule
77. 1949 Holy Innocents Church, Parmelee
78. 1950 St. Barnabas, Kyle
79. 1951 St. Elizabeth's School, Wakpala
80. 1952 Our Most Merciful Savior Church, Santee, NE
81. 1953 Christ Church, Ft. Thompson
82. 1954 St. Peter's, Pine Ridge Mission
83. 1955 St. John's, Cheyenne River Mission
84. 1956 Calvary Church, Rosebud Mission
85. 1957 St. Mary's, Sisseton Mission
86. 1958 Holy Comforter, Lower Brule
87. 1959 St. Paul's, Little Eagle, Standing Rock Mission
88. 1960 Holy Fellowship, Greenwood, Yankton Mission
89. 1961 Messiah, Wounded Knee, Pine Ridge Mission

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90. 1962 St. John's, Browns Valley, Sisseton Mission
91. 1963 St. Mary's, Promise, Cheyenne River Mission
92. 1964 St. Peter's Crow Creek
93. 1965 Holy Innocents, Parmelee, Rosebud Mission
94. 1966 Our Most Merciful Savior Church, Santee Mission, NE
95. 1967 Inestimable Gift, Allen, Corn Creek District, PR Mission
96. 1968 St. James, Waubay, Sisseton Mission
97. 1969 Holy Comforter, Lower Brule Mission
98. 1970 Holy Cross Church, Pine Ridge Mission
99. 1971 Holy Innocents, Parmelee, Rosebud Mission
100. 1972 St. Thomas on the Tree, Cheyenne River Mission
101. 1973 St. John the Baptist, Sisseton Mission
102. 1974 St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala, Standing Rock Mission
103. 1975 Mediator, Kyle, Corn Creek District, Pine Ridge Mission
104. 1976 Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee, NE
105. 1977 Christ Church, Ft. Thompson
106. 1978 St. Luke's, Porcupine
107. 1979 St. Barnabas, Kyle
108. 1980 Holy Innocents, Parmelee
109. 1981 St. Mary's Old Agency, Sisseton Mission
110. 1982 St. James', Cheyenne River Mission
111. 1983 St. Julia's, Porcupine, Pine Ridge Mission
112. 1984 St. Julia's, Porcupine, Pine Ridge Mission
113. 1985 St. James', Enemy Swim, Sisseton Mission
114. 1986 Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee Mission, NE
115. 1987 Bishop Hare Home, Rosebud Mission
116. 1988 Gethsemane, Wanblee, Corn Creek District, PRidge Mission
117. 1989 St. Mary's Promise, Cheyenne River Mission
118. 1990 St. John's, Browns Valley, Sisseton Mission
119. 1991 Holy Spirit, Firesteel, Standing Rock Mission
120. 1992 St. Mary's, Peever, Sisseton Mission
121. 1993 Bishop Hare School, Mission, Rosebud Mission
122. 1994 Lake Andes PowWow Grounds, Yankton Mission
123. 1995 St. Andrew's Wakpamni Lake
124. 1996 St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala, Standing Rock Mission
125. 1997 St. Mary's, Old Agency, Sisseton Mission
126. 1998 Holy Comforter Church, Lower Brule, Lower Brule Mission
127. 1999 St. John the Evangelist, Eagle Butte, Cheyenne River Mission
128. 2000 Trinity Church, Mission, Rosebud Mission
129. 2001 Tiospaye Wakan, Sioux Falls, Flandreau
130. 2002 Pine Ridge Mission, St. Michael's, Batesland
131. 2003 Thunderhead Episcopal Center
132. 2004 Yankton Mission, Pickstown/Lake Andes
133. 2005 Standing Rock Mission, Mobridge
134. 2006 Sisseton Mission, St. James, Waubay
135. 2007 Crow Creek Mission, Christ Church, Ft. Thompson
136. 2008 Cheyenne River Mission, St. John's, Eagle Butte



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP & REPORTS

The Diocese of South Dakota

(A Corporation)

President—The Right Reverend Creighton L. Robertson
Vice-President—Mr. Steven W. Sanford, Chancellor
Treasurer—Mr. Chuck Bahnson
Secretary—Mr. Randy Barnhardt

The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral

(The holding corporation for the Diocese of South Dakota)

President—The Right Reverend Creighton L. Robertson
Vice-President—Mr. Steven W. Sanford, Chancellor
Secretary—Mr. Randy Barnhardt
Treasurer—Mr. Chuck Bahnson

The Chapter of Calvary Cathedral is the corporation for holding the funds and real estate of the jurisdiction.

The members of the Diocesan Council constitute the Board of Directors of the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral.

Diocesan Council

Chairman—The Right Reverend Creighton L. Robertson
Vice-Chairman—Mr. Steven W. Sanford, Chancellor
Treasurer—Mr. Chuck Bahnson

Members:

The Rev. David Hussey	2009
The Rev. Bunker Hill	2007
Patricia Tarrant	2010
Deacon Susan Lyman	2009
Pat LeBeau	2008
Vern Cloud	2010
Vacant	2007
Johnny Wilson	2008
Pete Haukaas	2009

Standing Committee

The Rev. John Tarrant	2008
The Rev. Webster Two Hawk	2009
The Rev. John Spruhan	2010
The Rev. Les Campbell	2011
Ted Kneebone	2008
Anne Montileaux	2009
Jean Lacher	2010
Kim Fonder, Sr.	2011

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL
SINCE 2007 CONVENTION

December 7, 2007

Diocesan Office, Sioux Falls

Motions Approved

1. To retain Camp Remington, and to seek funding to cover the needed upgrade to the Guest House outhouse.
2. With the approval of Beulah Turgeon, who started the fund, it was recommended that the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral move the funds from the Suffragan Bishop Fund to the Diocese for use in the election process.
3. Approved the Budget & Review Committee's recommendation that salvage monies (money budgeted in 2007 but not used due to mission clergy vacancies) be put into the 2008-2009 Bishop election fund. This amounts to approximately \$70,000, on top of the approximately \$17,000 already set aside for election expenses.
4. To increase each experience category of mission clergy \$5,000 for 2008, and that this would become the policy for minimum clergy salary guidelines.
5. To approve the deficit budget (-\$214,303) and to request the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral to take the necessary actions to fund it. Approving this budget was a step out in faith, and supports the hard work of the Partners Task Force and the dreams of this diocese.
6. Approved the petition to revive St. Philip and St. James in White River as a Station. It has approximately 30 members and meets at the Community Building up to three Sundays a month.
7. Policy 10, Termination, ¶4 was amended to read: "The employee shall be paid for any accrued vacation time/accrued holiday time for which the employee is eligible."
8. Approved the sale of 120 acres of Bishop Hare land to the Todd County School District for \$1,250 per acre.
9. Approved the concept of putting the various funds designated for leadership development in the Niobrara Deanery into one general fund under the St. Mary's School Scholarship Board, but requested more specifics on the nature and purpose of monies to be paid out of the fund.

Reports Received

1. Parish & Mission Fund Report, which contains the date each fund was started, the initial fund amount, the initial investors, the market value of each as of August 31, 2007, and the entity benefiting from the fund.
2. Thunderhead Episcopal Camp: Canon Robert Wagner related some ongoing discussions by staff and others on the future of TEC.
 - a) With the hiring of a Youth Director, they are proposing to change the existing camp structure to a hospitality model. This would involve an oversight committee (the TEC Board) and personnel to provide hospitality at TEC much like a hotel or convention center provides a facility and amenities. Groups using TEC would provide the program and pay the TEC facility for those amenities.
 - b) Convert TEC to a 501(c)3 which will empower it to receive tax deductible gifts and free \$35,000 from the diocesan budget which could then go toward youth ministry and programs.
 - c) The church is in the ministry business, not the investment business. TEC has two pieces of land with questionable foreseeable use. We need to get an appraisal of their current and potential value. At the appropriate time, these parcels could be sold and the money added to the 501(c)3 to use for facility maintenance.
 - d) Three season camp use is the maximum to be considered at this time.
 - e) There also needs to be a master plan for sequential improvement of the TEC facility.
3. Partners With God
 - a) The strategy constructed by the Task Force was unanimously approved by Diocesan Convention in October, 2007.

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- b) Diocesan leadership has been contacted for interest and willingness to serve in one or more area. Though the response has been slow, key people have responded, and there should be good leadership for all seven areas.
 - c) The first steps are already surfacing in programs and steps taken around the Diocese which can be shared with others in the Diocese at the Deanery level or communicated in other ways such as the *ChurchNews*
4. Reports received from the Deployment Officer, Chancellor, and the Bishop.

February 29, 2008

Diocesan Office, Sioux Falls

Motions Approved

1. Camp Remington: Approved an increase in Camp Remington fees to \$30/cabin/night.
2. Authorized staff to check out a few other fund raising companies, and to contract with one company that meets our criteria and does not exceed \$24,000.
3. Approved the position description for the Diocesan Youth Coordinator.
4. Approved the position description for the Thunderhead Episcopal Camp Director

Reports Received

1. 2007 Year End Statements (Balance Sheets and Income & Expense Statements) for the Diocese of South Dakota and for the Chapter of Calvary Cathedral Funds.
2. A Portfolio Composition Report provided by the Treasurer and Investment Committee showing that diocesan investments grew an average of 8.77% in 2007.
3. Notification from the National Church that it has cut the block grant to the Diocese of South Dakota by 5% (amounting to approximately \$28,000 for 2008).
4. A feasibility/planning study proposal from Evans/Davis Company for a Capital Campaign
5. Report on Partners With God Initiative
 - a) Acceptance of position descriptions in Youth Ministry.
 - b) Dakota Experience offered now for anti-racism education, and another option soon will be the Anti-racism training put on by the National Church.
 - c) Stewardship is getting attention with the resolution to go ahead with a capital campaign feasibility study, and also with some emphasis and education on environmental stewardship by Diocesan Convention and in the *ChurchNews*.
 - d) The action taken to raise the base salary of diocesan clergy is very consistent with the Partners goal of Ministry Support.
 - e) The office is applying for a grant for scholarship and travel funds to help provide a camp experience to children of incarcerated parents.
 - f) Leadership is being identified in all areas of the Partners Initiative, and action is beginning in a variety of ways as ideas and plans are formulated.
6. Reports received from the Deployment Officer, Chancellor, Standing Committee President, and the Bishop.

**STANDING COMMITTEE
2007-2008 Annual Report**

October 5-7, 2007 at Diocesan Convention

- 1 – The Rev. Cordelia Red Owl resigned from the Standing Committee with one year left in her term of office.
- 2 – Rejected consent to the election of The Very Rev. Mark Lawrence as 14th Bishop of South Carolina.
- 3 – Welcomed new members The Rev. Leslie Campbell for a four year term, The Rev. John Tarrant to fill the unexpired term (one year) of The Rev. Cordelia Red Owl, and Kim Fonder for a four year term.

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Officers elected for the coming year are:

President – Jean Lacher

Vice President – Fr. John Spruhan

Secretary – Fr. John Tarrant

December 1, 2007

- 1 – Gave Consent to the consecration of the Rev. Dan Thomas Edwards as Diocesan Bishop of Nevada.
- 2 – Gave Consent to the consecration of the Rev. John McKee Sloan as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama.
- 3 – Gave Consent to ordain Deacon Mary Kay Jennings to the Priesthood in the Diocese of South Dakota.
- 4 – Gave Consent to the Diocese of Dallas for the election of a Suffragan Bishop.

January – March, 2008

- 1 – Gave consent for the consecration of the Rev. Jeffrey d. Lee as Diocesan of the Diocese of Chicago.
- 2 – Gave Consent to the Diocese of Puerto Rico to elect a Coadjutor Bishop.
- 3 – Gave consent for the consecration of the Rev. Stephen Taylor Lane to be Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Maine.
- 4 – Gave Consent to the Diocese of Texas to elect a Coadjutor Bishop.
- 5 – Gave consent for the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Prince Singh to be Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester.
- 6- Gave Consent to the Diocese of South Dakota to elect a Coadjutor Bishop.
- 7 – Gave consent to ordain Deacon Charles King to the Priesthood in the Diocese of South Dakota.

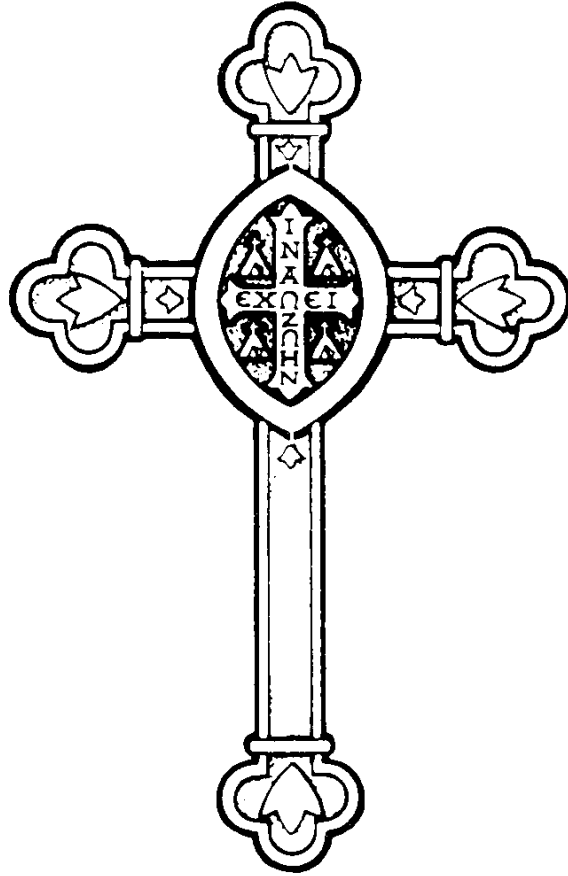
April – May, 2008

- 1 – Gave Consent to the consecration of the Rev. Paul Emil Lambert to be Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas.
- 2 – Gave Consent to the consecration of the Rev. Canon Eugene Taylor Sutton as Diocesan of the Diocese of Maryland.
- 3 – Gave Consent to the Diocese of Central Ecuador for the election of a Coadjutor Bishop.

Throughout the past year, the Standing Committee has been working with the Nominating Committee on the election process for our next Bishop.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Lacher
President, Standing Committee



**COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES
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2006 General Convention Delegates

Lay Deputies

Sandy Magnavito
Jean Lacher
Virginia Slechta
Mel Prairie Chicken

Clergy Deputies

Rev. David Hussey
Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes
Rev. John Spruhan
Rev. George Parmeter

2009 General Convention Delegates

Lay Deputies

Jean Lacher
Dennis Potter
Wilma Standing Bear
Wade Brings

Clergy Deputies

The Rev. David Hussey
The Rev. Webster Two Hawk
The Very Rev. John Spruhan
The Rev. George Parmeter

Investment Committee

The Rt. Rev. Creighton Robertson	Steve Sanford
The Rev. Canon Dr. Robert Wagner	Chuck Bahnson
Randy Barnhardt	Randy Reinartz
Robin Tischler	

Province VI Delegates

Lay Deputies

David Wheeler
Tom Henley
Barb Oates

Clergy Deputies

Deacon Nancy Donovan
Vacant
Deacon Susan Lyman

Trial Court

Clergy: The Rev. Paul Sneve	2009
Lay: Norm Nelson	2012

Thunderhead Episcopal Camp Board

David Wheeler, Chair	The Very Rev. Bunker Hill
Uhl Donovan	Holly Huisken
Gladys Hawk	Deacon Mike Weaver

Youth Ministry Council

The Very Rev. Liam Muller	Tara Jean Engel
Deacon Marty Garwood	Kyle Fonder
Dottie LeBeau	Maria Murray
Johnny Wilson	Jake Young
The Rev. Rita Powell	Bailey Abbott

Episcopal Women's Council

Deacon Judy Petersen, President
Deacon Susan Lyman, Co-President
Karen Eagle, Treasurer
Bonnie Walker, Secretary
Sandy Magnavito, Scholarships

**CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE FUND
2007 ANNUAL REPORT**

Three loan applications were considered during 2007. Loans were approved for Trinity Parish in Watertown, Church of the Holy Comforter in Lower Brule and St. James' Parish in Belle Fourche.

As of December 31, 2007, seven loans were being repaid, with interest rates that ranged between 3.0% and 8.25%. Loan balances to be repaid total \$157,167.73.

Other assets in the Centennial Challenge Fund are invested in cash and Frank Russell Lifepoints Growth Strategy Fund – Class A. The market value of these investments is \$404,220.38.

**CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB
Report to the 2008 Diocesan Convention**

The Church Periodical Club is one of the oldest outreach organizations associated with the Episcopal Church. It was founded in 1888 by Mary Ann Fargo and a small group of women who began sending church periodicals, prayer books and bibles via the Wells Fargo Stage Coach Line to missionaries in the Dakotas.

CPC depends on monies raised at the parish level to support the ministry of supplying theological and educational materials in support of Anglican mission efforts around the world. Grants are awarded to projects in juvenile facilities, hospitals, libraries, seminarians, prisons and retirement homes.

There are three opportunities to support CPC efforts within the Diocese of South Dakota. In the Spring of the year there is a Sunday proclaimed as CPC Sunday. Parishes may have an ingathering at that time. Local ECW groups also collect money for CPC at their monthly meetings or by including it as an annual budget item. Money gathered from these sources is used to buy books for Niobrara Summer Seminary, to help our seminarians with test book expenses, and to support the National Book Funds.

Penny jars are used to collect money for the Miles of Pennies Fund. All of the pennies collected in these jars is used to purchase children's books and is distributed by a CPC granting committee.

We also now have a fund set up for congregations that need Sunday School materials. If you have any extra materials or funds to donate, it will be greatly appreciated. This fund is for the Diocese of South Dakota churches only. If you are in need of Sunday School materials, please contact The Rev Judy Graves, Deacon at Calvary Cathedral.

Please continue to send your contributions to The Rev. Deacon Judy Graves, Deacon, % Calvary Cathedral, 500 South Main, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814.

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Church Periodical Club

Account Activity

December 31, 2007

January 1, 2007 Beginning Balance		1,395.52
Miles of Pennies	509.88	
National Book Fund	885.64	
Total	1,395.52	

	MONTH	Y-T-D
Income:		
<u>National Book Fund:</u>		
Christ ECW - Yankton	0.00	100.00
Christ ECW - Lead	0.00	20.00
Grace ECW - Huron	0.00	25.00
Calvary Cathedral-Sioux Falls	0.00	91.66
St. Andrew's Guild-Rapid City	0.00	47.16
St. John's - Deadwood	0.00	24.63
Trinity - Watertown	0.00	25.00
Emmanuel - Rapid City	100.00	100.00
St. Luke's - Hot Springs	0.00	47.18
Belles of St. Mary's-Mitchell	0.00	50.00
Total National Book Fund Income	100.00	530.63
<u>Reservation Church Sunday School:</u>		
Penelope Rudolph - RC	0.00	200.00
Total Reservation Sunday School	0.00	200.00
<u>Miles of Pennies:</u>		
Trinity - Watertown	0.00	25.00
Emmanuel - Rapid City	144.63	144.63
St. Andrew's Guild-Rapid City	0.00	15.68
Total Miles of Pennies Fund	144.63	185.31
Total Income	244.63	915.94
Expenses:		
CPC	0.00	27.50
St. Augusta BookStore	120.84	120.84
Postage	0.00	29.28
Total Expenses	120.84	177.62
December 31, 2007 Ending Balance		2,133.84
Miles of Pennies	695.19	
Reservation Church Sunday School	200.00	
National Book Fund	1,238.65	
Total	2,133.84	

THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY
The Report to 2008 Convention

The Commission on Ministry (COM) of the Diocese of South Dakota is an appointed body which serves under the direction of the Bishop. The members are both ordained and lay ministers from the Diocese. The COM is charged canonically to assist the Bishop with recruitment, training, and management of the process of preparation for lay and ordained ministry.

COM MEMBERS

The Rev. Evelyn Weaver, Chair
The Rev. Paul Sneve, Vice Chair
Deacon Virginia Bird
Ginny Slechta
The Rev. Judy Flagstad
Barbee Hovelson
The Rev. Dr. Vern Raschke
Dottie LeBeau
Kitty Kringen
Andrea Meyer

COM ACTIVITIES

The Commission met at Trinity Church in Pierre, South Dakota, on September 14-September 15, 2007. The Reverend Phil Allen and The Reverend Mercy Hobbs joined us for our meeting. Our meeting opened with noonday prayer. The minutes were read and approved. We reviewed the people that have started in the ordination process and well as others who are discerning their call to ministry. We stated that we need to continue to help identify and encourage individuals with their process.

Phil Allen visited with us about his work in the Niobrara field and also with Mutual Ministry Teams. He discussed with us different ways that ministry could be done in several areas of our Diocese. We appreciate all he is doing!

We discussed the COM/Standing Committee Receptions that we host at the Niobrara Convocation and also Diocesan Convention each year. We enjoy this ministry and feel that it is important to be visible in those locations. We encourage people to come and meet us and ask questions they might have concerning lay or ordained ministry.

On Saturday, September 15, we interviewed four individuals, two who are discerning a call to the Diaconate and two discerning a call to the Priesthood.

The COM recommended all four individuals for Postulancy to Bishop Creighton and to the Standing Committee. Mercy Hobbs was present at our meeting as a liaison from the Standing Committee.

The Commission met again on April 18 and April 19, 2008 at Trinity Church in Pierre, South Dakota. The Reverend Mercy Hobbs joined us to give us an update on Niobrara School for Ministry to be held in June of 2008 and also to give us a report on the Ministry Weekends for 2008 and 2009. We were also joined by the Reverend Canon Dr. Robert Wagner from the Diocesan Office. They both added a good voice to our meeting, and it was our privilege to have them present.

We opened our meeting with noonday prayer. Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. Reports were given concerning the receptions at Niobrara Convocation and Diocesan Convention hosted by COM and Standing Committee. The Province VI COM Meeting to be held in North Dakota in June was discussed. Evelyn Weaver will attend that meeting and report back at our September meeting. The report on People In The Process was presented and discussed. As always, those individuals are lifted up in prayer by the Commission.

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We also had a get-acquainted visit with an individual who is discerning his call to the ordained ministry. We got to know him and he had a chance to meet the COM members. He shared his ministry with us and we had an opportunity to ask questions concerning his present ministry and where he would like, with God's help and direction, to see that ministry grow and develop. We had a good visit and the COM affirmed his ministry and will hold him up in prayer as he continues to discern his call.

On Saturday, April 19, the Commission met to discuss how we could better address the ministry of the laity of our Diocese. Our meetings usually focus on the ordained ministry. As a COM, we are to assist ALL individuals with their discernment for ministry, so we had a good discussion on how we could identify and affirm individuals in our Diocese who are actively engaged in doing baptismal ministry. We decided that we need those people to share their stories so others will see that what they do is ministry also. It is easy to think of what we do in our daily life as 'just doing what needs to be done' instead of as our ministry. Starting with the July-August issue of the *ChurchNews*, the COM will have an article entitled "Footsteps In Faith". The stories will be written by lay people from around our Diocese who are willing to share their walk with God. We are excited about this and hope to build on this beginning at our future meetings.

We, as a Commission, also would like to say THANK YOU to some individuals.

We usually conduct our meetings at Trinity Church in Pierre. We would like to give a big THANK YOU to The Reverend John Tarrant and all of the members at Trinity. Their gift of hospitality is truly a big part of their ministry.

Also, a big THANK YOU to Jan Enright from Pierre who provides us with delicious meals and snacks for our meetings. Jan is such a joy to work with! She always has a smile on her face and a wonderful meal ready for us. THANK YOU, Jan.

The prayers of the Commission are with Bishop Creighton and the Diocese of South Dakota. We continue to pray for all those in the ordination process and everyone who is discerning a call to either lay or ordained ministry.

If anyone has questions about our work or would like to visit about ministry, please give one of our members a call. We would very much like to hear from you!!

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Evelyn Weaver
Chair of the Commission on Ministry

**Companion Diocese Relationship Committee
Report to the 2008 Convention**

At no time is our Companion Diocese relationship with the Diocese of East Tennessee more evident than during the events of Niobrara Convocation when we can count on visiting with Bishop Charles vonRosenberg and his wife, Annie, and whoever else may have joined them on their annual Niobrara visit. Bishop Robertson and Bishop vonRosenberg are certain to be seen sitting together during meetings with their heads leaning toward each other in conversations that are often punctuated with laughter and high spirits. Annie vonRosenberg is often seen with Ann Robertson as they march off together on one more shared adventure. Their relationships of friendship model the relationships we seek to develop between sister parishes in our two dioceses.

This summer's Niobrara Convocation at Cheyenne River Mission was no exception, and we all benefited from the vonRosenberg's gracious and supportive presence, as we also benefited from generous contributions from our sister parishes across the Diocese of East Tennessee, who responded generously to our request for assistance with the expenses of hosting this year's event.

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The Tennessee congregations that responded with donations totaling \$1,225.00 were, in no particular order: St. Stephen's, Oak Ridge, St. Paul's, Athens, Good Samaritan, Knoxville, Grace Church, Chattanooga, St. Christopher's, Kingsport, Church of the Good Shepherd, Lookout Mountain, St. Matthew's, Dayton and St. Luke's, Cleveland.

St. Luke's Church, Cleveland also sent a small Mission Group to Cheyenne River Mission last summer to help paint and repair the rectory at St. John the Evangelist Church in Eagle Butte. Several members had hoped to return this summer, and though their plans didn't come together for this year, they look forward to another trip out next summer.

The Diocese of East Tennessee also provided assistance by contributing \$3,000.00 to Niobrara Convocation 2008. All of us on the Cheyenne River Mission appreciate this generosity and especially the personal support of those who have visited with us.

While Bishop Robertson was not able to attend the 2008 Convention of the Diocese of East Tennessee in January, we were represented by the Rev. Paul Sneve who addressed the convention in his stead. The Rev. Jocelyn Bell, chair of East Tennessee's Companion Diocese Development Committee reported that his address was well received, and his workshop was well attended by those particularly interested in pursuing our partnership.

We hope to find more and more ways to share such times with the folks of East Tennessee, in many more locations throughout South Dakota and East Tennessee, visiting back and forth, forging ties that will bind us together, building friendships that will endure the test of time and distance.

Submitted by: The Rev. Marion B. Rectenwald
Chair, South Dakota Companion Diocese Development Committee

Ecumenical Relations Report to 2008 Convention

It has been an honor to continue to serve Bishop Robertson and the Diocese of South Dakota as the Ecumenical Officer, assisted by Mrs. Marjorie Gross, Associate Ecumenical Officer. During the first part of this year, I had to relay on Marge to attend meetings during the course of my treatment for prostate cancer. As of this writing, the treatment has been successful, and I have been able to return to a full schedule.

Ecumenical Relations covers developments on the national, state, and local levels. The primary national event continues to be the annual National Workshop on Christian Unity, held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical Officers (EDEO). Marge attend this meeting in Chicago from April 14-17. The theme of this year's gathering was from I Thessalonians 5:12a, 13b-18. Michael Klinamen, new Executive Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ, gave the opening address, stressing the tension between Faith and Order and the search for justice and human rights in ecumenical work. There was an evening joint Eucharistic Service for Methodists/Episcopalians/Lutherans hosted by St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Each day included a Bible Study, plenary address, and the offering of many workshops, including the theme of interfaith relations, which has become part of ecumenism in recent years. The Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC) Eucharistic Service included a sermon given by Bishop Christopher Epting, Ecumenical Officer for the Episcopal Church.

In South Dakota, this year has been a year of transition for the Association of Christian Churches. Gary Nesdahl left as director after 4 years of outstanding leadership for the organization. Much time was spent in self study and a search for a new director. In June, Gene Miller, former Conference Minister of the SD UCC, became our new director. Gene has previously served as Board President of the organization, so he comes as no stranger to either South Dakota or the Association. He is in the process of reviewing all the ministries of the Association as well as seeking input from all the member denominations for developing

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new special projects that can be pursued in 2009. I continue to serve on the Executive Committee , and Marge continues as an at large board member.

The above summaries of national and state developments are merely an umbrella to where the real place of action lies for ecumenism: the local setting. For the past year St. Paul's in Brookings has been served by Pastor Ronald Brugger, and Pastor Kristina Jenson has served the Lower Brule/Crow Creek Missions, both under the Called to Common Mission agreement. Most of our congregations and their leaders are involved in a variety of ecumenical expressions in both worship and service. In preparing for the 2009 report, I would ask that each person reading this submit to me a short report of what your congregation is currently involved in locally that is ecumenical. This would help me greatly in reporting in summary form all that is happening on the local level.

Respectively submitted,

The Very Rev. John H. Spruhan, Ecumenical Officer

**SOUTH DAKOTA EPISCOPAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
2007**

Cash Balance, January 1, 2007	\$2,332.42
Receipts:	
Donations from Diocesan ECW's:	
Belles of St. Mary's, Mitchell	200.00
Christ Church ECW, Yankton	240.00
Trinity Guild, All Angels, Spearfish	60.00
St. Monnica's Guild, Calvary Cathedral	84.00
Ep. Women of Christ Church, Lead	57.00
ECW, Huron	117.00
ECW, Hot Springs	30.00
Emmanuel ECW, Rapid City	400.00
Trinity ECW, Winner	24.00
Episcopal Guild, Milbank	36.00
Church of Jesus, Laymen's Guild, Rosebud	50.00
St. Andrew's Guild, Rapid City	40.00
St. John's ECW, Deadwood	60.00
Trinity Episcopal Women, Watertown	50.00
	1,448.00
Diocesan Support	2,000.00
University Scholarships	
Yankton ECW--for 2007	250.00
Donations from Individuals--for 2008	263.00
Linda Zeier Memorial Scholarship donations	300.00
	813.00
Scholarships for 2008 Women's Retreat	360.00
Patches Book Sales	49.98
Donations-Individuals	36.00
Total Receipts	4,706.98
Disbursements:	
Province VI gift	100.00
EWC Meeting Expenses	123.07
Printing & Postage	524.17
Niobrara ECW Support	25.00
Scholarships	1,000.00

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Women's Retreat Expenses	270.00	
EWC Convention Table transmittal	45.00	
UTO Support	23.50	
Total Disbursements		2,110.74
Cash Balance December 31, 2007		\$4,928.66

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Grant Activity Report
December 31, 2008

SOURCE AND PURPOSE	12/31/2007 Balance	2008 Receipts	2008 Disbursements	12/31/2008 Balance
D & FMS - Ad Campaign	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
D & FMS - Niobrara School for Ministry	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
D & FMS - Native Leadership	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
UTO - St. Mary's - Flandreau	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00
D & FMS-ERD-Flood Relief	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
D & FMS - TEC	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
TOTALS	31,000.00	16,000.00	37,000.00	10,000.00

**TEC Board
Report to 2008 Convention**

The TEC Board was reconstituted by Bishop Robertson in October, 2004 to get Thunderhead Episcopal Camp up and running again. The Board worked very hard to develop program, hire qualified staff, work toward American Camp Association accreditation, and see that there was a successful summer camping season for the youth of our Diocese. Each year the total number of campers increased over the previous year.

In addition to having camp at TEC, now TEC has taken its program out to various missions for a week long session where the staff is able to work with younger children. If the kids are unable to come to TEC, then TEC will go to them. This had been a very successful way to entice youth to come to the Black Hills.

Now Thunderhead Episcopal Camp will be moving in a new direction. The Bishop and Diocesan Council have decided that TEC will become its own 501(c)3 which gives it non-profit status and will make it easier to do fund raising on its own. The camp will also operate in a hospitality mode where camp provides the facility and the program is provided by the groups that come to use the camp.

With the change in how TEC will operate, the Bishop has appointed a whole new TEC Board. I want to thank those TEC Board members who have given so much time, energy and enthusiasm to see that TEC has become the wonderful camp that it is today – Uhl Donovan, the late Fr. Bill Hibbert, Denelle High Elk, Jane Hill, Skye Lund, Mo. Marion Rectenwald, Cheryl Sam, Chelsea Tripp, Karen White Horse, Johnny Wilson, Andrea Woodard and Holly Huisken, the Camp Director.

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Thunderhead Episcopal Camp will continue to provide a sabbath experience in a sacred space that nurtures faith, fosters intercultural community, develops and deepens friendships, empowers future leaders, and equips participants to live with Christian integrity in a safe and joyful atmosphere of fantastic fun under the very capable leadership of Holly Huisken, Camp Director.

With the arrival of the new Diocesan Youth Coordinator, Deacon Rita Powell, and the appointment of a new Youth Advisory Council, I look forward to many new and innovative programs to come forth for the youth of our Diocese. Please keep everyone involved in youth ministry in our Diocese in your prayers as they move in a new direction.

Jean Lacher,
Former Chair of the TEC Board

**Thunderhead Episcopal Camp
2008 Annual Report to Convention**

God assembled a wonderful team of core staff and volunteers for another successful summer camping season. We returned to more similar age groupings this year and started the youth camping season with the 5th and 6th grade camp. Seven returning campers were joined by 12 new and wonderful personalities. Part of the staff then headed to Niobrara Convocation to facilitate the children's activities. A highlight was leading noon prayers, including a dramatic presentation of the Gospel, for all the bishops present. Each "camper" then received a pin from the Presiding Bishop. Over a dozen children participated throughout the weekend.

High school camp was larger than last year (if you count only South Dakota youth), with seven returning campers and seven new ones; many were friends recruited by the other campers. Jane Hill, one of the EYE chaperones, visited to meet the three campers who would also attend EYE in San Antonio, just a few days after camp.

St. James' Church, Enemy Swim Lake, invited us to hold day camp during their annual Brotherhood of St. Andrew Junior Camp. Fr. Les Campbell welcomed the staff to "the coolest place in the state," and everyone made us feel right at home. A total of 13 young people participated throughout the week. The 7th & 8th grade camps were split into boys and girls sessions. The girls didn't miss having boys around, but the boys were a bit disappointed that no co-ed camp fit into the schedule this year. Still, the numbers were good, with 16 boys and 13 girls.

Over all, more than half of this year's campers had attended in previous years. The staff and campers worked hard to make this a fun, safe, worshipful, and sacred place. Some special highlights were making personal shields (thanks to Pizza Lab in Central City for the donations of pizza rounds!), cleaning the highway and road ditches near camp as a way to care for our earth, a wonderful variety of worship styles, TEC Olympics, Roubaix Lake, recycling, making Anglican rosaries and using them in worship, nightly Compline services, Taizé music, and discussions about our theme of "Living in the Sacred Circle." The campers also donated some of their spending money to support the United Thank Offering and Moses Jokhnial's school project in the South Sudan.

Thank you to all the people who helped make this summer possible by their generous donations of scholarships, sewing machines, arts and crafts supplies, bedding, and other gifts. The camp also received a grant for working with children whose parents are incarcerated. Originally the grant was designed for camps focusing on this special group, but we requested that we be able to include the children in a regular camp experience, since life is already difficult enough for them.

Two other highlights of the summer were having Rita Powell, our new Diocesan Youth Director, with us for many of the camps, and a full cadre of Spiritual Directors. Thanks to Deacon Judith Peterson (Family Camp), Ryan Hall (5th & 6th grade camp and the boys' camp), Wayne McIntosh (high school camp), and

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Kathryn Costas (girls' camp) for their leadership this year. Thanks also to Mary Hall and Cary Thrall, who donated a week of time as cabin counselors and program assistants.

In addition to the youth camps, TEC hosted Family Camp, Summer Seminary, a Women's Retreat, a Men's Retreat, an Alumni Retreat, the Rolling Thunder Chapter of South Dakota during the Sturgis Rally, a mission group, and some individual clergy retreats.

Thank you most of all for your prayers.

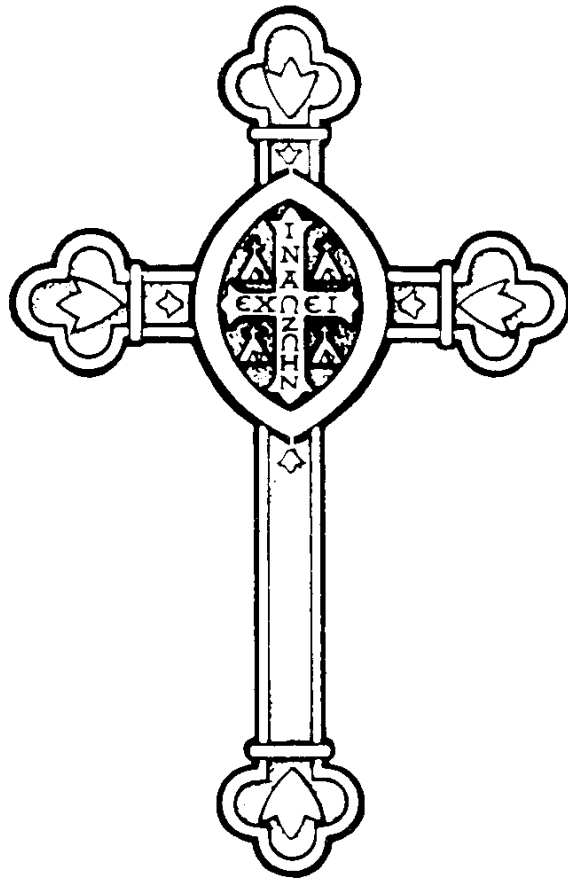
Respectfully submitted,

Holly Huisken
Camp Director

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2007 UTO REPORT

#	Church Name	City	2007 SPRING	2007 FALL	2007 TOTAL
2	St. James'	Belle Fourche		114.98	114.98
3	St. Paul's	Brookings	195.95	124.36	320.31
4	St. John's	Deadwood		489.92	489.92
5	Grace Church	Huron	209.77	154.36	364.13
6	Christ Church	Lead	430.36	110.00	540.36
7	St. Mary's	Mitchell	587.00	385.00	972.00
10	Emmanuel	Rapid City	938.85	818.61	1,757.46
11	St. Andrew's	Rapid City	449.93		449.93
12	Calvary Cathedral	Sioux Falls	474.31	334.76	809.07
13	Good Shepherd	Sioux Falls	129.21		129.21
14	All Angels	Spearfish	1,362.63	642.31	2,004.94
17	Trinity	Winner	473.53	80.60	554.13
18	Christ Church	Yankton	707.40	552.52	1,259.92
23	St. Peter's	Ft. Pierre	199.98		199.98
26	St. Luke's	Hot Springs		31.00	31.00
29	Grace Church	Madison	78.00	252.73	330.73
31	Christ Church	Milbank	20.00	81.96	101.96
35	St. Paul's	Vermillion		176.02	176.02
39	Ascension	Blackfoot	45.00		45.00
51	Holy Comforter	Lower Brule	50.27		50.27
73	Rosebud Mission		61.70	99.52	161.22
74	Church of Jesus	Rosebud		82.03	82.03
87	St. James'	Enemy Swim	313.75	201.07	514.82
	Diocesan Convention			86.40	86.40
	Individual Donations		45.00		45.00
TOTALS				4,818.15	11,590.79
2002 Totals					9,658.37
2003 Totals					7,039.60
2004 Totals					11,851.24
2005 Totals					9,825.74
2006 Totals					7,358.23
Balance Forward					42.39
TOTAL INCOME					11,590.79
Checks to National UTO			6,800.00	4,800.00	11,600.00
Balance as of 12/13/07					33.18



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**Pledge to the Diocese
September, 2007**

	Pledge	Payable to Date	Paid To Date	To Date Balance	ChurchNews	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance
PARISHES:								
Aberdeen - St. Mark's	7,500.00	4,375.00	7,875.00	(375.00)	70.00	40.83	70.00	0.00
Belle Fourche - St. James'	3,360.00	1,960.00	1,960.00	1,400.00	85.00	49.58	67.00	18.00
Brookings - St. Paul's	7,800.00	4,550.00	3,900.00	3,900.00	240.00	140.00	240.00	0.00
Deadwood - St. John's	4,825.00	2,814.58	1,604.17	3,220.83	240.00	140.00	160.00	80.00
Huron - Grace	15,000.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	6,250.00	380.00	221.67	285.00	95.00
Lead - Christ Church	6,326.00	3,690.17	3,291.00	3,035.00	150.00	87.50	150.00	0.00
Mitchell - St. Mary's	6,720.00	3,920.00	3,920.00	2,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mobridge - St. James'	1,244.00	725.67	0.00	1,244.00	85.00	49.58	0.00	85.00
Pierre - Trinity	11,000.00	6,416.67	3,633.89	7,366.11	50.00	29.17	50.00	0.00
Rapid City - Emmanuel	37,253.00	21,730.92	21,730.94	15,522.06	770.00	449.17	449.16	320.84
Rapid City - St. Andrew's	19,954.00	11,639.83	9,976.98	9,977.02	405.00	236.25	202.50	202.50
Sioux Falls - Calvary	57,342.00	33,449.50	33,449.50	23,892.50	1,200.00	700.00	787.50	412.50
Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd	8,000.00	4,666.67	4,666.62	3,333.38	15.00	8.75	0.00	15.00
Spearfish - All Angels	18,711.00	10,914.75	9,355.50	9,355.50	340.00	198.33	170.01	169.99
Sturgis - St. Thomas'	4,199.00	2,449.42	2,449.39	1,749.61	135.00	78.75	135.00	0.00
Watertown - Trinity	7,500.00	4,375.00	4,375.00	3,125.00	285.00	166.25	142.50	142.50
Winner - Trinity	1,000.00	583.33	912.00	88.00	135.00	78.75	135.00	0.00
Yankton - Christ Church	20,895.00	12,188.75	10,447.50	10,447.50	500.00	291.67	250.02	249.98
TOTAL PARISHES	238,629.00	139,200.25	132,297.49	106,331.51	5,085.00	2,966.25	3,293.69	1,791.31
Bonesteel - St. Andrew's	797.00	464.92	797.00	0.00	50.00	29.17	50.00	0.00
Chamberlain - Christ Church	2,492.00	1,453.67	1,246.00	1,246.00	150.00	87.50	75.00	75.00
Cheyenne River Mission	2,675.00	1,560.42	1,325.00	1,350.00	475.00	277.08	125.83	349.17
Crow Creek Mission	1,000.00	583.33	0.00	1,000.00	220.00	128.33	0.00	220.00
DeSmet - St. Stephen's	30.00	17.50	30.00	0.00	15.00	8.75	15.00	0.00
Flandreau - St. Mary's	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	52.50	0.00	90.00
Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's	2,480.00	1,446.67	2,480.00	0.00	75.00	43.75	75.00	0.00
Gettysburg - Christ Church	400.00	233.33	183.33	216.67	50.00	29.17	50.00	0.00
Gregory - Incarnation	400.00	233.33	0.00	400.00	100.00	58.33	0.00	100.00
Herrick - All Saints	115.00	67.08	48.33	66.67	20.00	11.67	12.00	8.00
Hot Springs - St. Luke's	2,940.00	1,715.00	1,715.00	1,225.00	115.00	67.08	0.00	115.00
Lake Andes - St. Peter's	421.00	245.58	210.50	210.50	60.00	35.00	30.00	30.00
Lower Brule Mission	1,234.00	719.83	514.17	719.83	155.00	90.42	155.00	0.00
Madison - Grace	1,500.00	875.00	1,145.00	355.00	70.00	40.83	23.33	46.67
Martin - St. Katharine's	4,583.00	2,673.42	2,291.50	2,291.50	120.00	70.00	70.00	50.00
Milbank - Christ Church	2,139.00	1,247.75	1,260.00	879.00	60.00	35.00	60.00	0.00
Pine Ridge - Mesteth Cluster	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	230.00	134.17	0.00	230.00
Pine Ridge - Red Owl Cluster	995.00	580.42	770.00	225.00	230.00	134.17	50.00	180.00
Pine Ridge - Tyon Cluster	0.00	0.00	26.25	(26.25)	150.00	87.50	0.00	150.00
Pine Ridge - West Cluster	0.00	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	225.00	131.25	30.00	195.00
Rapid City - St. Matthew's	3,500.00	2,041.67	2,044.00	1,456.00	105.00	61.25	64.19	40.81
Rosebud Mission	7,283.00	4,248.42	2,945.50	4,337.50	320.00	186.67	0.00	320.00
Santee Mission	2,753.00	1,605.92	0.00	2,753.00	105.00	61.25	0.00	105.00
Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles	8,153.00	4,755.92	4,416.20	3,736.80	85.00	49.58	85.00	0.00
Sisseton - Gethsemane	1,000.00	583.33	0.00	1,000.00	80.00	46.67	0.00	80.00
Sisseton Mission	1,900.00	1,108.33	636.58	1,263.42	240.00	140.00	60.00	180.00
Standing Rock Mission	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	270.00	157.50	20.00	250.00
Vermillion - St. Paul's	11,662.00	6,802.83	6,887.49	4,774.51	180.00	105.00	180.00	0.00
Webster - St. Mary's	1,000.00	583.33	700.00	300.00	25.00	14.58	25.00	0.00
Yankton Mission	970.00	565.83	232.00	738.00	310.00	180.83	122.50	187.50
TOTAL MISSIONS	62,422.00	36,412.83	32,153.85	30,268.15	4,380.00	2,555.00	1,377.85	3,002.15
TOTAL PARISH & MISSIONS	301,051.00	175,613.08	164,451.34	136,599.66	9,465.00	5,521.25	4,671.54	4,793.46

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THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
Income and Expense Statement
December 31, 2007

	<u>12/31/2007</u>	<u>2007</u>
INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT:		
Parish and Missions	298,878	299,923
Late Payments	7,946	7,946
Total Congregational Support	306,824	307,869
CHAPTER ENDOWMENT SUPPORT	180,000	300,740
GENERAL CONVENTION BLOCK GRANT	567,648	567,648
Miscellaneous Income:		
Gifts	24,979	24,000
Remington Retreat Center	4,855	4,000
Thunderhead Camp	38,665	32,000
Conference Fees & Registrations	14,748	16,000
South Dakota Churchnews	7,784	9,000
Youth & Young Adult Ministries	0	1,000
Undesignated Income	24,961	25,000
Designated Income	69,587	59,910
Other Interest	279	175
Total Miscellaneous Income	185,858	171,085
TOTAL REVENUE	1,240,330	1,347,342
EXPENSES		
MISSION SUPPORT		
Salary and Housing	266,003	349,390
Medical Insurance	83,964	131,798
Travel	48,892	60,100
Utilities	21,188	30,150
Pension	58,967	75,854
Moving and Interview	12,896	24,800
Payroll Taxes	1,211	2,091
TOTAL MISSION SUPPORT	493,121	674,183

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EXPENSES

EXTRA DIOCESAN

General Church Program	49,204	49,204
General Convention Deputies	6,750	6,750
Provincial Assessment	2,651	2,651
Provincial Synod Deputies	690	1,500
Lambeth Conference Reserve	750	750

TOTAL EXTRA DIOCESAN	60,045	60,855
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DIOCESAN PROGRAM SUPPORT

Miscellaneous:

Thunderhead Camp	72,953	62,000
Remington Retreat Center	2,565	4,000
Communications	252	1,500
South Dakota Churchnews	5,561	9,000
Other Conferences	4,317	5,400
Deanery Programs	1,000	3,500
Seminarian Assistance	750	750
Seminarian Expenses & GOE Fees	0	0
Continuing Education	2,144	2,000
Jubilee/Anti-Racism/Reconciliation	0	1,750
St. Mary's Scholarships	15,764	14,160
Diocesan Companion Relationships	1,225	2,000
New Church Planting	250	250

Total Miscellaneous Program Support	106,781	106,310
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Ecumenical Associations:

Association of Christian Churches	1,531	1,531
Flandreau Chaplaincy Program	1,000	1,000

Total Ecumenical Associations	2,531	2,531
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Commissions and Committees:

Aging	250	250
Commission on Ministry Meetings	1,206	4,500
D.C.O.T.E.	728	2,000
Clergy Conferences	7,827	11,700
Deacon's Conferences	0	0
Christian Formation	0	500
Lay Ministry Formation	750	2,500
Niobrara School for Ministry	8,843	12,000
Dakota Experience	2,345	2,500

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Commissions and Committees, continued		
Episcopal Women's Council	2,000	2,000
Youth and Young Adult Ministries	882	3,000
Ecumenical Relations	842	2,500
Education for Ministry	3,340	3,500
Liturgy and Music	345	750
Niobrara Council	3,600	3,600
Standing Committee	2,230	3,500
Stewardship	0	500
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Total Commissions and Committees	35,188	55,300
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TOTAL DIOCESAN PROGRAM SUPPORT	144,500	164,141
EPISCOPATE, EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF	202,322	205,252
DIOCESAN OPERATIONS		
Hospitality	3,403	3,000
Payroll Taxes	5,726	5,806
Pension	32,388	31,759
Medical Insurance	43,384	44,805
Travel	59,090	52,000
Discretionary Fund	7,177	4,000
Audit & Professional Fees	4,528	4,750
Convention & Journal	10,873	10,000
Telephone	6,841	6,500
Office	17,158	17,158
Supplies	13,042	10,000
Postage	4,727	5,500
Equipment Maintenance	1,309	2,500
Equipment	488	3,000
Archives	750	750
Dues & Subscriptions	1,493	2,500
Production & Printing	1,067	1,100
Insurance	10,402	18,000
Diocesan Council	8,153	12,000
Bishop Election/Consecration	107,670	7,670
Miscellaneous	230	113
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TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	339,899	242,911
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TOTAL EXPENSES	1,239,887	1,347,342
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DIFFERENCE	443	0