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June/July 2004

132nd Niobrara Convocation in June to be hosted by Yankton Mission

The 132nd Niobrara Convocation, hosted by the Yankton Mission, will be held at the Ft. Randall Casino/Hotel Pow Wow Grounds near Pickstown, SD on June 24-27, 2004.



One Generation shall praise your works to another
(Psalm 145:4)

Thursday – June 24, 2004

- 1:00 PM Registration
- 6:00 Dinner – Hosted by the Sharon Drapeau Family
- 7:00 Welcome – Yankton Mission Committee
- 7:15 Sunset Prayers—ECW presiding
- Fellowship & Hymn Singing – Hosted by Yankton Mission
- Hospitality

Friday – June 25, 2004



- 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist (In Lakota, no sermon)
Celebrant: The Rev. Webster Two Hawk
Assisted by: The Rev. Cordelia Red Owl
Lectors: Rosebud Mission
- 7:30 Breakfast – Hosted by the White Horse Family
- 8:45 Morning Prayer – Standing Rock Mission
Preacher: The Rev. Les Campbell
- 9:30 Joint Meeting
Introductions/Welcome
Special Guests
Diocesan Committees
Minutes & Reports
Joint Resolutions (1st reading)
Mutual Ministry Presentation
- 11:30 Youth Noonday Prayers & Grace

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gathered around the gospel

Convocation Schedule



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- 12:00 Lunch – Hosted by Marjorie Keeler's Family
- 1:15 PM Separate Meetings – Men, Women, and Youth
- 3:30 Honoring
Quilt Auction – Fr. Ron Campbell
Licenses (only those who are in attendance)
- 5:30 Youth Prayers & Grace
- 5:45 Supper – Hosted by the Eddy Family
- 7:00 Sunset Prayers – Brotherhood of St. Andrew
- 8:00 Healing Service – Brotherhood of St. Andrew
The Rev. Ron Campbell
The Rev. Ben Tyon
Hospitality

Saturday – June 26, 2004

- 7:00 AM Morning Prayer
Worship Leaders: Cheyenne River Mission
Preacher: The Rev. Webster Two Hawk
- 8:00 Breakfast – Hosted by Fr. Phil Allen's Family
- 9:00 Joint Ingathering (Women, Men, and Youth)
- 11:30 Youth Noonday Prayers & Grace
- 12:00 Lunch – Hosted by the Brotherhood of Christian Unity
- 1:30 PM Joint Meetings – Business
- 4:00 Holy Eucharist & Confirmations
Celebrant: Bishop Creighton Robertson
Preacher: The Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl (Dioc of NW Texas)
Assisted by other Visiting Bishops
Lectors: Yankton Mission
Commission on Ministry & Standing Committee Reception
- 5:30 Youth Prayers & Grace
- 5:45 Supper – Hosted by Fr. Webster Two Hawk's Family
- 7:00 Sunset Prayers – Brotherhood of Christian Unity
- 8:00 Youth Celebration
Hospitality

Sunday – June 27, 2004

- 7:00 AM Breakfast – Hosted by Cheyenne River's Ascension Church
- 10:00 Holy Eucharist
Celebrants: Bishops Creighton Robertson & Craig Anderson
Preacher: Bishop Mark Andrus, Suffragan Bishop (Alabama)
Lectors: Santee Mission
Bishop's Charge
Niobrara Circle
- 12:00 Lunch – Hosted by Bishop Creighton Robertson's Family

- ? Change of address
- ? Subscription—\$5/yr.
- ? Cancellation
- ? Donation

Change of Address?

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Dakota save money in postage
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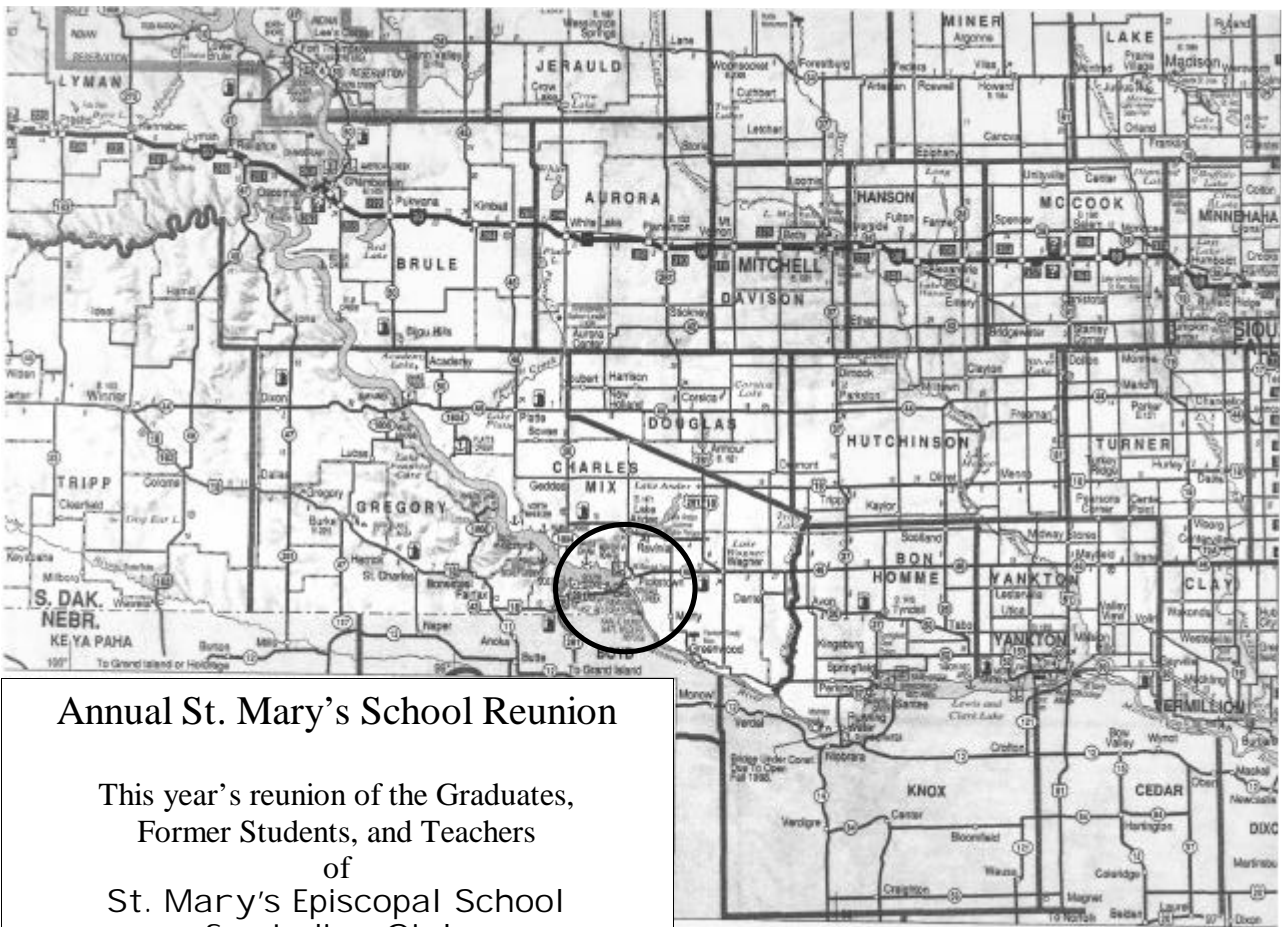
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Local motel listings

Ft Randall Casino Hotel	605-487-7871	or	800-352-6333
Pickstown: Fort Randall Inn	605-487-7801		
	Dakota Inn	605-487-7404	
Wagner: Super 8	605-384-5464		
	Sleepy Pine	605-384-5936	
Lake Andes: River Hills	605-487-7680		

Camping facilities are available at the pow-wow grounds on a first come, first served basis. The state camp grounds need a State Parks sticker to use the camp grounds and cabins. For more information call 1-800-710-2267.



Annual St. Mary's School Reunion

This year's reunion of the Graduates,
 Former Students, and Teachers
 of
 St. Mary's Episcopal School
 for Indian Girls
 will be held on Saturday, June 26
 at Christ Episcopal Church
 in Yankton, South Dakota
 beginning at 9:00 am.

Details may be obtained by contacting:

Dr. Kenyon Cull at
 605-665-3871



South Dakota News

A Letter From an Editor: Rock the Vote!!

by *Dace Liepins*
Editor of the "Emmanuel Light,"
Emmanuel, Rapid City's
monthly newsletter

I'm feeling a bit hypocritical as I write this, as I am a firm believer in the separation of church and state. However, I feel that I must climb upon my soapbox for a moment.

I've been following national and regional politics in the news and it's shaping up to be a very interesting election year. Which brings me to the subject at hand. As citizens of the United States, one of our basic, inalienable rights is the right to vote! Yet since 1960 the percentage of those registered to vote who have actually gone to vote in presidential election years has declined by almost twelve percent from 63.06% in 1960 to 51.3% in 2000.

Seeing these numbers brings me to the heart of this editorial. I am making a deeply heart-felt plea to everyone of voting age in this [diocese]. Please, please register to vote. Then go vote! If you are already registered, show your pride at being a citizen of this fair nation and vote at every election!

I've been reading a wide variety of political materials recently, and instead of feeling wiser, it has left me more frustrated and confused. As I mentioned before, this really does promise to be a fascinating election year! I did read something recently in a book assembled by [MoveOn.org](http://www.MoveOn.org) on the importance of voting and I would like to share it with you here:

Vote, No Matter What

Murray Hirsh, 79, Pembroke Pines, FL

In 1996, I was in charge of the day-to-day operations of the Clinton/Gore re-

election campaign headquarters in Pembroke Pines, Florida. On a Saturday morning two weeks before the elections, I opened the office at about 8:15. Volunteers were scheduled to arrive at 9:00.

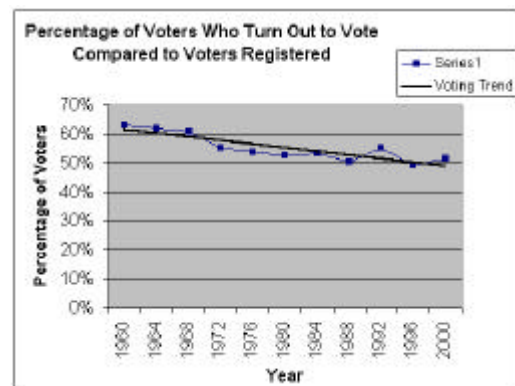
The phone immediately rang. The person on the other end told me she was a hospice nurse. She was in the home of a man who only had days to live but who'd received his absentee ballot. He knew whom he wanted to vote for, but he had questions about some of the complicated wording of the referenda.

He would not live long enough to know who won the presidency or what initiatives had passed, but he was concerned, on his deathbed, to be sure he voted intelligently for the betterment of his fellow citizens.

Here was a man whom I never met, whose name I did not know, and I don't know when he died, but he taught me something I will never forget: the importance of one man's vote.

MoveOn Tips to Get Registered to Vote:

- ? Register to vote online at www.workingforchange.com/vote/
- ? Don't want to put your information out on the internet? Go to www.fec.gov/votregis/vr.htm to print out a copy of a voter registration form!





Deacon/Parish Nurse offers guidelines for monitoring blood pressure

*Deacon Claude Vershure
RN, Parish Nurse
St. Luke's, Hot Springs*

High blood pressure or hypertension is a dangerous condition that may lead to stroke, heart attack, kidney failure, and other complications. One in four Americans have hypertension, which is often called the "silent killer" because hypertension has few or no warning signs.

What is Blood Pressure?

Blood Pressure (B/P), is the force of the blood pushing against the walls of the arteries with each heart beat. The greatest pressure is when your heart pumps, which is called systolic pressure (top number). The least amount of pressure is when the heart rests between beats, which is called diastolic pressure (bottom number). Both numbers are important. An example of a recorded blood pressure is 116/78.

Blood pressure varies throughout the day, being lowest during sleeping hours. When active, excited, or nervous, B/P increases. Overall your blood pressure should be around 120/80 (though in May 2003, a new target blood pressure *below* 120/80 was established by the National Institutes of Health). When B/P is above 120/80 you may have high blood pressure, which increases the risk for stroke, heart attack, and kidney problems.

No specific cause has been identified for high blood pressure in 90 percent of the cases. However, there are individuals that are at greater risk of developing hypertension, such as the elderly and people with a family history of high blood pressure, or those with conditions such as obesity.

If you have hypertension, lifestyle changes can lower your risk of complications.

- ✂ stop smoking
- ✂ limit alcohol intake
- ✂ exercise
- ✂ lose weight
- ✂ manage stress through relaxation techniques
- ✂ take prescribed medications
- ✂ check and record your B/P

For maximum benefit when visiting your health care provider:

- ✂ always write down questions you want to ask
- ✂ take a list of all medications used
- ✂ bring your home record of B/P readings
- ✂ ask about lab reports including kidney function and cholesterol

Accurate blood pressure measurement is important. To accomplish an accurate measurement: sit quietly for five minutes, feet on the floor, arm bare and supported at heart level. You can monitor your B/P at home or take advantage of free B/P checks at many community facilities. Always record blood pressure readings to help you and your physician see your blood pressure's range and get a better picture.

Many types of effective medications have been developed for treating hypertension. Take your medications as prescribed and call your physician if you experience any troublesome or unexpected side effects of the medication.

Lifestyle changes and, if necessary, medications, will reduce your risk of complications from hypertension. Complications which are debilitating and costly are mostly preventable with early detection and aggressive treatment. Learn about your disease and understand risks and treatment for optimal health care.

More information on hypertension may be obtained on a variety of internet web sites.





Niobrara School for Ministry

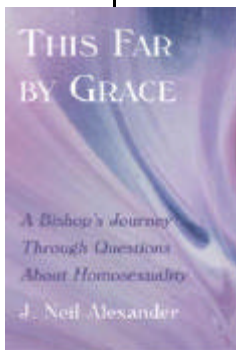
Niobrara School for Ministry Summer Seminary to study Scripture

The Niobrara School for Ministry Summer Seminary will convene at Black Hills State University on Sunday evening, June 6, 2004 and conclude on Friday afternoon, June 11.

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Wright, Associate Professor of Old Testament at the School of Theology, University of the South, Seawanee, TN, will be this year's instructor. She will be facilitating a discussion on Scripture, focusing more on the New Testament, particularly the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

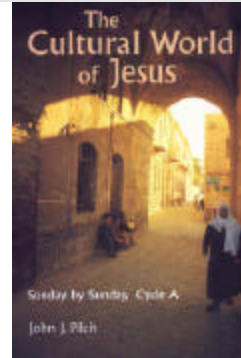
The title for Summer Seminary is **Listening to Balaam's Ass: Breaking Open the Word of God**. Dr. Wright says "In the Bible the word of God never 'comes' to someone, rather it 'happens' to a person. Through a combination of study, worship, reflection, practice, and fellowship, this year's Summer Seminary will go deeply into biblical texts in the hope and expectation that God's living word will 'happen' to us as well. We will focus primarily on the gospels of Matthew and Luke."

Three texts will be required, two of which are lectionary studies and the other a personal reflection by the Bishop of Atlanta written in the wake of 2003 General Convention. Dr. Wright will also bring some handouts and materials to be used for our work together.



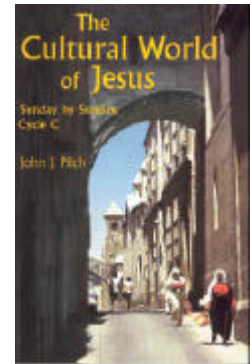
The texts are:

This Far by Grace
by The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander



The Cultural World of Jesus: Sunday by Sunday, Cycle C and Cycle A

John Pilch, Editor



One note: The lectionary texts, published by Liturgical Press, follow the Roman Catholic lectionary cycle which is essentially the same as that which we follow, with a few variations.

Theological Education

Niobrara Summer Seminary provides an opportunity for continuing education for all clergy and others who are interested in quality theological education.

Graduate Credit

For those who would welcome graduate credit, application has been made to Augustana College for students in the Niobrara School for Ministry to receive graduate credit for Ministry Weekends and Summer Seminary. There will be one credit for Ministry Weekends; two credits for Summer Seminary. If you are interested in receiving graduate credit, please let Canon Hall know.

In addition, ITTI (Indigenous Theological Training Institute) will offer scholarships to the Niobrara School for Ministry for all native students. There is an application form available at the Diocesan Office.

Contact The Rev. Canon Karen Hall at 605-338-9751.



Diocesan Calendar

JUNE

- June 6** **Trinity, Watertown**
June 6-11 Niobrara Summer School,
Black Hills State University
- June 13** **Christ, Lead/St. John's, Deadwood**
- June 20** **St. Andrew's, Rapid City**
- June 25-27 Niobrara Convocation, Ft. Randall
Casino/Hotel Pow-wow Grounds

JULY

- July 9-10 Diocesan Council, Sioux Falls
- July 10 *ChurchNews* deadline (Aug issue)
- July 11** **St. James, Belle Fourche**
- July 14-15 Province VI COM meeting
- July 15-17 Province VI Synod, Bozeman, MT
- July 25** **St. Paul's, Vermillion**
- July 26 Deadline to submit Resolutions
for Diocesan Convention

AUGUST

- Aug 6-7 Ministry Weekend
- Aug 10 *ChurchNews* deadline (Sep/Oct issue)
- Aug 19-21 EFM Mentor Training, Sioux Falls
- Aug 28 Central/Northwest Deaneries Pre-
Convention Meeting, Pierre
- Aug 29 Eastern/Northeastern Deaneries Pre-
Convention Meeting, Brookings

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 9-11 Commission on Ministry meets
- Sep 11 Rosebud/Pine Ridge Deaneries Pre-
Convention Meeting, Mission
- Sep 12 Black Hills Deanery Pre-Convention
Meeting, Hot Springs
- Sep 12** **St. Matthew's, Rapid City**
- Sep 19** **St. Luke's, Hot Springs**
- Sep 23-24 Clergy Conference, Pierre
- Sep 24 Diocesan Council, Pierre
- Sep 24 Standing Committee, Pierre
- Sep 24-26 Diocesan Convention, Pierre

Bishop's visitation dates in bold letters

OCTOBER

- Oct 3** **Rosebud Mission**
- Oct 10** **Sisseton Mission**
- Oct 10 *ChurchNews* deadline (Nov issue)
- Oct 22-24 Happening #17, Rapid City
- Oct 24** **Crow Creek/Lower Brule**
- Oct 31** **Christ Church, Chamberlain**

NOVEMBER

- Nov 7** **Cheyenne River Mission**
- Nov 10 *ChurchNews* deadline (Dec/Jan issue)
- Nov 12-13 Ministry Weekend
- Nov 14** **Christ Church, Milbank**
- Nov 21** **St. Andrew's, Rapid City**

DECEMBER

- Dec 3-4 Mega Mtg (SC/COM/DC), Sioux Falls
- Dec 5** **St. Mary's, Mitchell**
- Dec 6-8 Bishops of Small Dioceses meet
- Dec 12 South Dakota Day at National Cathedral

2006

- Jun 13-21 General Convention, Columbus, OH
- June 19 Election of the new Presiding Bishop
- Nov 4 Installation of 26th Presiding Bishop at
the National Cathedral, Washington, DC





SOME DIOCESAN CONVENTION PRELIMINARIES

At the 2004 Diocesan Convention, the following positions and offices will be open for election:

General Convention Deputies for the 2006 General Convention in Columbus, 6/13-21

Diocesan Treasurer

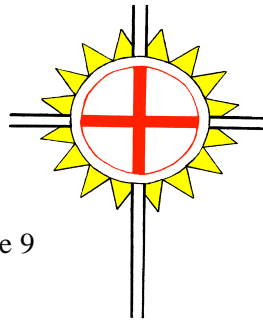
Secretary of Convention

Registrar

Standing Committee

Trial Court

Province VI Deputies



A nomination form is found on page 9 of this issue of *ChurchNews*.

Pre-Convention Deanery Meetings:

Central & Northwest Deaneries

August 28 Trinity, Pierre (4 pm)

Eastern & Northeast Deaneries

August 29 St. Paul's, Brookings (4 pm)

Rosebud & Pine Ridge Deaneries

Sept 11 Trinity, Mission (4 pm)

Black Hills Deanery

Sept 12 St. Luke's, Hot Springs (2 pm)

Deadlines:

? The deadline for submission of resolutions by vestries, diocesan committees, individual delegates, organizations, or agencies of the church to be received in the Diocesan Office is no later than 60 days prior to convention. That date is **July 26, 2004**.

? Reports from Diocesan Boards, Committees, and Commissions are due in the Diocesan office by July 10 or August 10 for inclusion in the pre-convention issues of *ChurchNews*.

Hosts: for this year's Convention are the Eastern and Rosebud Deaneries. Helpers are needed in a wide variety of areas. Contact your Dean for information.

Province VI Synod will be held in Bozeman

Province VI will gather July 15-17 in Bozeman, Montana, for its annual Synod. Hosting the group is St. James Church in Bozeman.

The theme this year, *Blazing Trails: The Ever Changing Face of Province VI*, reflects the fact that 5 of the 8 dioceses in Province VI recently called and consecrated new bishops. The significant change

affecting the province will guide the weekend's conversations, offering the group of deputies the opportunity to commit to mission, seeking support and encouragement from each other.

The elected Deputies to Synod from the Diocese of South Dakota are: The Rev. **Les Campbell**, The Rev. **John Spruhan**, The Rev. **Jeff Barnes** (appointed by the Bishop to fill a vacant position), **Ramona Shields-Burroughs**, **Don Eagle**, and **Jan Laitos**.

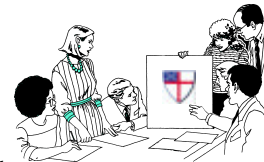
Exhibitors wanted for Diocesan Convention

Do you have a ministry/interest/skill you would like to share with the diocese, or know someone who would?

Exhibit space is available at the Ramkota Inn in Pierre during the Diocesan Convention.

The unwritten policy is that exhibits be of ministries or interests appropriate to the Episcopal Church. Items may be sold at the table.

If interested, or if you have questions, contact the Diocesan Office.



Convention Dates: September 24-26, 2004 in Pierre.



2004 Nomination Form

Please use this form to submit nominations for positions which will appear on the ballot at the September 2004 Annual Diocesan Convention. Positions are listed and described on the back. According to the Convention Rules of Order, prior to August 1 nominations may be submitted to the diocesan office only by Region Deanery Assemblies, the Niobrara Convocation, or a certified convention delegate.

Please fill in all areas, and return the form to

Diocesan Office
500 S. Main Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814

Name of person nominated: _____

Address: _____

e-mail: _____

Telephone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Congregation/City: _____

Position nominated for: _____

Nominated by: _____

(Signature)

Has this person accepted nomination? Yes _____ No _____

Yes, I accept this nomination: _____

(Signature)

Please send the candidate's brief biographical information and a recent photo. Background information should include information that demonstrates the skills, experience and commitment the nominee would bring to this position.

Return nomination form by August 5 to be included in convention mailings and *ChurchNews*.
(Nominations are accepted until Saturday morning of Convention.)

(Positions are listed on the back of this form, page 12 of the ChurchNews)



Diocesan Treasurer, 3 year term

Secretary of Convention, 3 year term

Records proceedings of Annual and Special Diocesan Conventions, as well as conducts certain correspondence between diocese and national church as per national canon.

Registrar/Historiographer, 3 year term

General Convention Deputies for 2006 General Convention in Columbus (June 13-21, 2006)

4 Clergy Deputies, canonically resident in the Diocese

4 Lay Deputies, confirmed adult communicants

Alternates

General Convention Deputies are a continuing Convention committee for a 3 year term, in addition to the 2-week commitment in June, 2006.

Standing Committee

1 Presbyter to fill 4 year term (term expires 2008)

1 Lay person to fill 4 year term (term expires 2008)

When there is a Bishop in charge of the Diocese, the Standing Committee shall be the Bishop's Council of Advice. When the Diocese is without a Bishop or the Bishop is unable to act as such, then the Standing Committee of the diocese shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority as provided by the General Convention Constitution and Canons. The Standing Committee also plays a major part in the recommendation of persons to continue in the ordination process. The Standing Committee consists of eight members made up of four canonically resident presbyters and four confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing. Election shall be made by the diocesan convention for a term of four years, and members shall be entitled to election for two terms. The Standing Committee meets 3-4 times a year, or as needed.

Province VI Deputy

1 Clergy (presbyter or deacon) to fill 3 year term (term expires 2007)

1 Clergy for 2 year unexpired term (term expires 2006)

1 Lay person to fill 3 year term (term expires 2007)

Alternates

Each Province has a Synod consisting of a House of Bishops and a House of Deputies which meet on a regular basis (generally yearly around the Province) for the purpose of organizing and carrying out the responsibilities of the Province. The Provincial Synod can enact ordinances for its own regulation, elect judges of the Provincial Court of Review, perform such duties as may be committed to it by the General Convention, and deal with other matters within the Province, as directed and limited by Canon. At the Annual Diocesan Convention there shall be elected one clerical and one lay deputy and one clerical and one lay alternate to the Provincial Synod for a term of three years.

Trial Court

1 Presbyter for 5 year term (term expires 2009)

Trial Court is an elected body consisting of five members (3 presbyters and 2 lay persons) for terms of five years for the trial of any priest or deacon subject to its jurisdiction. The Trial Court shall be governed by the Rules of Procedure set forth in Appendix A to the General Convention Title IV and by Federal Rules of Evidence.



What's new with the South Dakota Episcopal Foundation?

by Randy Barnhardt
Diocesan Administrator

In 1990, **The South Dakota Episcopal Foundation** was incorporated with the State of South Dakota as a separate, distinct corporation from The Diocese of South Dakota. The Trustees of the Foundation are **Rosemary Draeger, Randy Barnhardt, Charles Bahnson, Donald Eagle, and Steve Sanford.**

In 2002, however, we realized that the Foundation did not have 501(c)3 status. Since that time, applications have been filed with the Internal Revenue Service, and on April 14, 2004 the IRS granted The South Dakota Episcopal Foundation 501(c)3 status which means the Foundation is exempt from federal income tax.

The Diocese of South Dakota has the opportunity for a broad ministry. However, funding often is not sufficient for the financial requirements needed to provide for the ministry that could occur within the Diocese.

The Foundation will establish endowment funds and non-endowment funds in support of the ministry and mission of The Diocese of South Dakota.

Endowment funds will be permanent trust funds where the investments and distributions are designed to preserve the corpus so that the funds may continue to provide income in perpetuity.

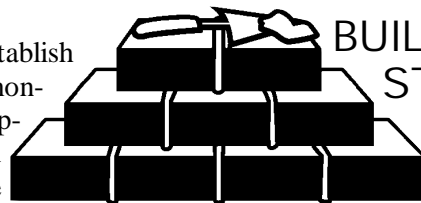
Non-endowment funds are comprised of gifts where the Donor has designated that both the principal and the income from the principal are available to carry out the purposes of the Foundation.

Friends of the Diocese are now given the opportunity to build these funds through gifts made during their lifetime, gifts made by will, endowment gifts, memorial gifts, gift annuities, and all other types of gifts and contributions.

The Foundation has been fortunate in receiving a generous donation in the amount of \$50,000.00 to begin the Foundation endowment. Income generated from this gift will benefit The Diocese of South Dakota in perpetuity. Gifts can be added to this for the benefit of the Diocese, or made for a more specific ministry such as Thunderhead Episcopal Center, Niobrara School for Ministry, Mutual Ministry, or more.

I invite you prayerfully to consider the Foundation as a place that you may wish to provide a gift that would benefit the Foundation and The Diocese of South Dakota.

If you have questions or wish to discuss confidentially how you can benefit the Diocese through the Foundation, please feel free to contact me or any of the Trustees. All correspondence to any Trustee can be sent to my office at The Diocese of South Dakota.



**BUILDING A
STRONG
FOUNDATION**

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2004 Pledges to the Diocese As of April 30, 2004

PARISHES	2004 Pledge	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance	South Dakota ChurchNews	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance
Aberdeen, St. Marks	6,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	65.00	21.67	65.00	0.00
Belle Fourche, St. James	3,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	95.00	31.67	32.00	63.00
Brookings, St. Paul	7,560.00	2,520.00	1,890.00	5,670.00	305.00	101.67	25.42	279.58
Deadwood, St. Johns	4,654.00	1,551.33	775.67	3,878.33	210.00	70.00	25.00	185.00
Huron, Grace	13,000.00	4,333.33	4,332.00	8,668.00	400.00	133.33	100.00	300.00
Lead, Christ Church	7,018.00	2,339.33	1,755.00	5,263.00	250.00	83.33	100.00	150.00
Mitchell, St. Marys	7,451.00	2,483.67	2,483.68	4,967.32	380.00	126.67	380.00	0.00
Mobridge, St. James	1,314.00	438.00	438.00	876.00	120.00	40.00	120.00	0.00
Pierre, Trinity	12,500.00	4,166.67	3,125.01	9,374.99	340.00	113.33	84.99	255.01
Rapid City, Emmanuel	22,600.00	7,533.33	5,650.02	16,949.98	840.00	280.00	210.00	630.00
Rapid City, St. Andrews	19,516.00	6,505.33	6,505.32	13,010.68	650.00	216.67	216.67	433.33
Sioux Falls, Calvary	60,619.00	20,206.33	20,206.00	40,413.00	1,280.00	426.67	450.00	830.00
Sioux Falls, Good Shepherd	8,000.00	2,666.67	2,666.68	5,333.32	420.00	140.00	140.00	280.00
Spearfish, All Angels	16,760.00	5,586.67	2,793.34	13,966.66	365.00	121.67	60.83	304.17
Sturgis, St. Thomas	3,136.00	1,045.33	783.99	2,352.01	170.00	56.67	14.17	155.83
Watertown, Trinity	10,507.00	3,502.33	2,626.75	7,880.25	360.00	120.00	120.00	240.00
Winner, Trinity	2,500.00	833.33	878.00	1,622.00	160.00	53.33	120.00	40.00
Yankton, Christ Church	16,000.00	5,333.33	5,333.32	10,666.68	465.00	155.00	155.00	310.00
TOTAL PARISHES	#####	74,044.98	65,242.78	#####	6,875.00	#####	#####	#####



2004 Pledges, continued . . .

MISSIONS	2004 Pledge	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance	South Dakota ChurchNews	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance
Bonesteel, St. Andrews	792.00	264.00	594.00	198.00	50.00	16.67	37.50	12.50
Chamberlain, Christ Church	2,000.00	666.67	500.00	1,500.00	230.00	76.67	230.00	0.00
Cheyenne River Mission	3,650.00	1,216.67	1,089.33	2,560.67	975.00	325.01	190.00	785.00
Crow Creek Mission	1,600.00	533.33	375.00	1,225.00	210.00	70.00	0.00	210.00
DeSmet, St. Stephens	30.00	10.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	5.00	15.00	0.00
Flandreau, St. Marys & OBF	500.00	166.67	0.00	500.00	115.00	38.33	0.00	115.00
Ft. Pierre, St. Peters	2,500.00	833.33	2,500.00	0.00	125.00	41.67	125.00	0.00
Gettysburg, Christ	450.00	150.00	0.00	450.00	50.00	16.67	0.00	50.00
Gregory, Incarnation	400.00	133.33	0.00	400.00	85.00	28.33	0.00	85.00
Herrick, All Saints	100.00	33.33	24.99	75.01	20.00	6.67	5.01	14.99
Hot Springs, St. Lukes	2,120.00	706.67	530.00	1,590.00	165.00	55.00	41.25	123.75
Lake Andes, St. Peters	700.00	233.33	174.99	525.01	95.00	31.67	23.73	71.27
Lower Brule Mission	700.00	233.33	0.00	700.00	175.00	58.33	0.00	175.00
Madison, Grace	1,250.00	416.67	408.33	841.67	60.00	20.00	60.00	0.00
Martin, St. Katharines	4,031.00	1,343.67	1,679.59	2,351.41	370.00	123.33	286.66	83.34
Milbank, Christ Church	2,942.00	980.67	1,000.00	1,942.00	45.00	15.00	45.00	0.00
Pine Ridge - Brown Thunde	300.00	99.99	0.00	300.00	200.00	66.66	0.00	200.00
Pine Ridge - Red Owl Clust	1,036.00	345.32	64.75	971.25	230.00	76.66	12.50	217.50
Pine Ridge - Tyon Cluster	2,270.00	756.65	100.00	2,170.00	475.00	158.35	50.00	425.00
PR - Makes Good Cluster	400.00	133.34	0.00	400.00	60.00	20.00	0.00	60.00
Rapid City, St. Matthews	3,500.00	1,166.67	1,168.00	2,332.00	140.00	46.67	46.68	93.32
Rosebud Mission	11,000.00	3,666.67	4,731.89	6,268.11	445.00	148.33	445.00	0.00
Santee Mission	1,674.00	558.00	0.00	1,674.00	130.00	43.34	0.00	130.00
Sioux Falls, Holy Apostles	6,915.00	2,305.00	1,728.75	5,186.25	150.00	50.00	37.50	112.50
Sisseton, Gethsemane	1,198.00	399.33	199.83	998.17	70.00	23.33	17.50	52.50
Sisseton Mission	1,823.00	607.66	320.00	1,503.00	240.00	80.00	0.00	240.00
Standing Rock Mission	856.00	285.33	150.00	706.00	475.00	158.33	95.51	379.49
Vermillion, St. Pauls	12,328.00	4,109.33	4,328.00	8,000.00	240.00	80.00	240.00	0.00
Webster, St. Marys	697.00	232.33	200.00	497.00	30.00	10.00	30.00	0.00
Yankton Mission	947.00	315.67	450.00	497.00	295.00	98.34	200.00	95.00
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Other News

Hispanic woman elected Episcopal Bishop

The Diocese of Olympia, the Episcopal Church in western Washington, on May 8 elected the **Rev. Bavi Edna “Nedi” Rivera** as its bishop suffragan making her the first Hispanic woman bishop and only the 12th woman bishop in the history of the denomination. The election, held at St. Mark’s Cathedral, took three ballots with Rivera holding a substantial lead among both clergy and lay people in the first two ballots. The Diocese of Olympia comprises 33,000 Episcopalians in the western half of the state of Washington.

Rivera is the daughter of Victor Manuel Rivera who served as the Bishop of San Joaquin, CA, from 1968 to 1988. She is presently serving as rector of St. Aiden’s Episcopal Church in San Francisco. She was ordained a priest in 1979. Rivera becomes the 16th woman bishop in the history of the world-wide Anglican Communion of seventy million members.

The diocese was seeking a bishop who would lead the church in its efforts to expand ethnic ministries, evangelism and the work of faith formation. Rivera is a leader in youth work and a member of the clergy of color in the Diocese of California. She has done advanced study at the Vancouver School of Theology in parish re-vitalization.

Presiding Bishop nominating committee issues position description

By Jan Nunley (Episcopal News Service)

The Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop has issued “A Call for Discernment,” asking for three nominees “to lead us, in international and domestic contexts; to call

for a faithful and welcoming church; and to live out the 20/20 vision for ministry.”

The chosen bishops should be “intensely grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, living out their lives in the Spirit and articulating zeal for the Gospel,” the position description says. “Our Presiding Bishop, Chief Pastor, and Primate is the key leader in articulating the vision and mission of the Church. There is enormous symbolic power in this office – in this church, in the United States, and overseas.”

The committee has begun a process that, in the next two years, will result in the nomination to the 2006 General Convention of at least three bishops for election to the office of Presiding Bishop, Primate, and Chief Pastor of the Episcopal Church. At that convention the House of Bishops will elect a new Presiding Bishop, subject to confirmation by the House of Deputies.

Members of the Joint Nominating Committee from Province Six include Wyoming Bishop Bruce Caldwell, the Rev. Ann K. Fontaine (chaplain), and Don Betts.

Below are the job description for Presiding Bishop and the timeline for election.

A Call for Discernment

The Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop invites your prayers and discernment as we work toward the election of our 26th Presiding Bishop, Chief Pastor, and Primate of the Episcopal Church to lead us, in international and domestic contexts; to call for a faithful and welcoming church; and to live out the 20/20 vision for ministry.

The Church seeks nominees who are intensely grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, living out their lives in the Spirit
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and articulating zeal for the Gospel. Our Presiding Bishop, Chief Pastor, and Primate is the key leader in articulating the vision and mission of the Church. There is enormous symbolic power in this office—in this church, in the United States, and overseas. The Joint Nominating Committee calls attention to the following roles for this office:

Presiding Bishop:

- ? The Presiding Bishop is responsible for leading the Church and for overseeing the planning, development, implementation, and assessment of its programs.
- ? The Presiding Bishop is active in the “civic square” articulating and implementing a vision and reality of social justice.
- ? The Presiding Bishop will lead us into the reality of a multicultural church, promoting community, and embracing persons, congregations, and dioceses with vast differences in ethnicity; language, particularly Spanish and French; geography; age; and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- ? The Presiding Bishop affirms that all regions of the Church are full members of Christ’s body and, in mutual partnership with them, works for sufficient resources to carry out their ministries.
- ? The Presiding Bishop works with other bishops, clergy, and laypersons in our mutual ministry and must be able to respond to the ministries of both small and large congregations and dioceses.

Chief Pastor:

- ? The Chief Pastor has enormous responsibility and presence as the chief preacher and liturgical leader.
- ? The Chief Pastor proclaims the Gospel with the Church.
- ? The Chief Pastor oversees the pastoral care and spiritual wellness of bishops.

Primate:

- ? The Primate of this church is a leader in the Anglican Communion.
- ? The Primate works for justice in domestic and international contexts in Anglican and ecumenical efforts to improve the human condition, to attend to the critical issues articulated by the General Convention, and to work toward the

reconciliation of all persons as we live out the Gospel.

- ? The Primate plays a key role in working with leaders around the world in addressing issues of social justice and environmental stewardship.

The Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop calls on members of the House of Bishops to discern prayerfully and deliberately whether they are called to minister in this role to serve the next era of the Church.

Timeline for the nomination process

May 2004: Call to Discernment mailed and calendar announced.

September 2004: Profile distributed to House of Bishops; HOB provides wisdom and insight.

March 1, 2005: Nominations open.

April 1, 2005: Deadline for nominations. As the JNCPB receives nominations each person will receive a packet. They’ll be asked to respond to questions, provide names of references, perhaps by category, and other information.

May 15, 2005: Deadline for potential nominees to provide responses to the JNCPB. By this time the committee will have contacted all the references as well.

June 17-20, 2005: JNCPB meets in Chicago; background checks occur after this meeting, except for psychiatric, medical, and psychological evaluations. Every person who was considered on June 17, 2005, will be notified by telephone and in writing of the decision.

September 3-4, 2005: Continuing finalists will be invited in September to meet with the JNCPB. Following the meeting they may make another selection. Psychiatric, medical, and psychological examinations on the finalists will occur after this meeting.

September-December 2005: JNCPB teams make on-site visits to continuing nominees; canonical checks, including psychiatric, medical, and psychological completed during this time.

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January 21-22, 2006: JNCPB evaluates site visits; may make another selection.

February 2006: Nominees are announced

March 2006: Deadline for nomination by petition

June 2006: Election at General Convention

July-August 2006: Continued care for Presiding Bishop-elect as well as for those who are not elected.

Retired Ugandan Primate calls for peace and unity

Sexual violence, large-scale displacement, child abduction, and HIV/AIDS are just some of the devastating issues that the people of Uganda, especially in the north, have been facing for nearly 19 years.

While on retreat at Virginia Theological Seminary, the former Archbishop of Uganda, **Livingstone Mpalanyi Nkoyoyo**, spoke to ENS's Matthew Davies about some of the challenges of his nine-year archbishopric and how the church strives to be a model for peace and reconciliation for all God's people.

Former Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey described Nkoyoyo as "a warm and open personality" with a "firm and loyal commitment to Jesus Christ" adding that he has "served the Church of Uganda and the Anglican Communion with distinction and devotion."

DAVIES: Civil unrest and fighting have wreaked havoc in the northern parts of Uganda for about 19 years now. What are the sorts of problems that people encounter there?

NKOYOYO: The problem is that the leader of that group [Lord's Resistance Army] has no agenda. If he had an agenda it would help the government and the

church to solve that problem. Nobody knows what he is fighting for. First we thought there would be fighting for 5 years, and now it is 18 years...Now they are starting to invade other areas like Lira. It is difficult for us as a church and the people of Uganda to know how to solve that problem because the government has tried.

This war started about 19 years ago with a lady called [Alice] Lakwena. She behaved like a mad woman and misled the...people of that region. She told them that they can fight without guns and that if they rub some oil on their bodies and someone throws a grenade against them they will not be hurt. And of course many people died. People in that region have run away and are in camps. I have visited them many times. One of the camps which I visited accommodated about 30,000 people. But that man who leads that group has said that he is going to kill the bishops who go to talk to them.

The government is trying to talk and it's difficult to talk because they don't know who to talk to. You don't see them. About six months ago the LRA said they were going to talk to the government and the government officials were there ready to talk, but they didn't come.

DAVIES: So what needs to be done to find a peaceful solution?

NKOYOYO: I don't know because it's difficult to negotiate with them and many of the schools are closed and the churches are not functioning now, so the children are not being educated.

DAVIES: What more could the international community do to help the situation?

NKOYOYO: Maybe it would help if they were to send soldiers to Uganda, because a lot of the soldiers from the government have lost their morale because they have been fighting for 18 years... There is no point in forcing them to fight as it's in vain...

DAVIES: How did you encourage your church to be outspoken and educate people about the risks of HIV/AIDS?

NKOYOYO: The church and the government are working together and I thank God for that. There are

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two or three problems which are causing AIDS. Polygamy, where men have two or three wives. This is a problem because they are not faithful to their partners. Another thing was syringes. Here in the US if you inject someone you only use the syringe once, but in Africa sometimes you'd use one syringe for about 10 people. And another thing was that we had no blood bank for a long time and it became difficult to get blood. Anyone who needed to get blood would often ask their brothers or sisters, and there was no testing. It caused a lot of problems.

The church and the government are educating. When we watch our TV there is a lot of information about AIDS and also on our radio. And when you go along our roads there are big signs telling people to be careful. So, the number of people infected with AIDS is going down because of the education.

DAVIES: How do the different faith communities work together?

NKOYOYO: In Uganda we have what we call an interreligious council, which brings together Roman Catholic, Anglican, Muslim, Orthodox, Presbyterian, Seventh Day Adventist and Pentecostal... We meet and talk about how we can help our people. And another thing we have is UGCC [Ugandan Church Christian Council]... We talk about the common problems which we are facing as a country.

DAVIES: How does it feel to be retired? You appear so young!

NKOYOYO: No, I'm an old man [laugh]. I feel good because when you are a bishop or archbishop everyone is criticizing you, but now I am a free man.

DAVIES: What are your plans for the future?

NKOYOYO: Preaching the word of God. There is an organization called African Evangelistic Enterprises and we started another organization called the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. We are working with them to preach the word of God. Apart from that I am looking after children; orphans. We have 106 orphans and most of them were on the street and we persuaded them to leave. Now they have a home...

Now what we need to do is raise funds to buy chairs. I want to buy about a thousand chairs because then I can rent them out and look after the orphans. If I have a thousand chairs I can get about \$300 every weekend.

DAVIES: So is it your responsibility to feed and clothe the orphans?

NKOYOYO: Yes.

DAVIES: And is \$300 enough to feed and clothe 106 orphans every week?

NKOYOYO: No, it's not enough but it helps because we get some food from an organization called "Feed the Child."

DAVIES: Is there anything else you would like to add?

NKOYOYO: What we need now is one another. We need one another, we love one another, we need one another... I want to ask the Christians of this country to be united. That is what I have been saying to friends wherever I go. You have these differences but you need to be united... Even though there is a misunderstanding in the Episcopal Church I think people should stay and talk, but the problem is that they don't like to listen... We need to say that we are working in the name of God and not to run away.

Some facts about Uganda:

The current conflict in northern Uganda began soon after the National Resistance Army (NRA) of President Yoweri Museveni took power in 1986. Remnants of the previous government's forces fled into northern Uganda and southern Sudan and formed the Ugandan People's Democratic Army (UPDA). Several splinter groups began emerging out of the UPDA. The rebels of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), who seek to overthrow the Uganda Government, have spread fear throughout the nation, and the country has recently plunged into a state of humanitarian crisis, displacing over 1.5 million people. Originally named the Lord's Salvation Army, the group then became the United Christian Democratic

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Army, and finally the Lord's Resistance Army.

The worst victims of the situation are the youth, who are the most productive age group and the hope of the region. The LRA are responsible for the abduction of thousands of children and more than 20,000, some as young as seven, are being used as soldiers, laborers and sex slaves.

According to Human Rights Watch [www.hrw.org], an organization dedicated to protecting the human rights of people around the world, Ugandan government forces also recruit children who are intended to provide security for local villages or camps. Unfortunately, many do not return to their home areas and are reportedly used to fight against the LRA.

The Church in Uganda has a long history of advocating for peace and justice, and generating hope through its Planning, Development and Rehabilitation (PDR) program, which exists to mobilize and develop resources with diocesan communities in order to improve their quality of life.

Over the last few years, PDR's Strategic Grassroots Development program has responded to the needs of the poor through agricultural and livestock improvement programs, micro-finance schemes, school enhancement and health support projects, and peace and human rights programs. The projects encourage activities such as training workshops and seminars, lobbying and networking with other organizations already engaged in the promotion of peace, and human rights and civic education.

A statement issued in March by the House of Bishops of the Anglican Church of Uganda called for an immediate end to the violence in northern Uganda after the primate, Henry Orombi, led the bishops on a tour of the region to witness the situation first-hand. The statement asked the govern-

ment of Uganda and the LRA to recommit themselves to dialogue and reconciliation.

In a press briefing April 14, the United Nations emergency relief coordinator urged the media and the African organizations to pay more attention to the issue, referring to the crisis as the "world's most under-reported story" and revealing that "10,000 northern Ugandan children had been kidnapped in just 18 months and terrorized into becoming killing machines."

President Museveni last week said he was willing to negotiate with the LRA, saying he was ready to talk to them directly or through intermediaries, a move which has been welcomed by United Nations secretary general Kofi Annan.

One of the other great concerns in sub-Saharan Africa over the last 20 years has been the disturbing crisis of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The Church in Uganda has been actively involved in HIV/AIDS work throughout the country and a network of Religious Leaders from across Africa living with and affected by the disease was launched October 29, 2003, in Kampala.

At the end of 2002, the estimated number of people living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda was 6.2% of the total population; that's more than 1 in 20. The Ministry of Health estimated 70,170 new infections in 2002 alone and the number of AIDS deaths totaled 75,290. According to the Ugandan AIDS Commission [www.aidsuganda.org] however, these figures could be an underestimate, due to constraints in AIDS reporting and coverage of the sentinel surveillance system [www.health.go.ug/hiv.htm].

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EVERY PARENT KNOWS

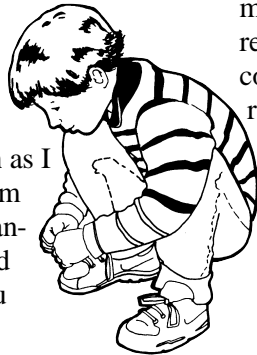
by the Rev. Fred Jessett

Most, maybe all, parents remember times when we wish we'd done things differently with our children – times we spoke when we should have listened, times we were too lenient or too strict.

I hope that we also remember times when we got it right – times we had, or were given, the grace to see and do just the right thing.

When we lived in Rosebud, South Dakota, there was a day that our oldest son, Tom, wasn't home at suppertime. Tom was seven and Kris told me he had gone with his friend Alan to catch minnows in the creek that ran out of Rosebud Lake. I went down to the stream looking for the boys, feeling that combination of fear and anger that parents know so well. There was no sign of them in the part of the creek I checked. I ran back to the car and drove to the lake.

There they were, poking around in the shallow water – pants and shoes wet and muddy. As soon as I saw them I felt relief from the fear, and then more anger at the worry Tom had caused Kris and me. You may know the feeling.



I got out of the car ready to deliver a stern “Do you realize what time it is, young man” lecture. As I walked up to Tom, he looked up at me with eyes wide with wonder.

“Hey, Dad,” his voice was quiet but full of awe. “We caught tad poles and minnows and frogs, and we saw a bull snake, and turtles, and cat fish, and dragon flies and...”

Instantly, my mind flashed to another little boy, enthralled by sea life in tide pools, forgetting everything else in the astonishment of the moment, wandering from pool to pool, shoes and pants wet and covered with sand. As clearly as I've ever known anything, I knew instantly I must not spoil what Tom had experienced that afternoon. No bawling out, no discipline, let Tom keep this sense of the joy of discovery as long as it lasts.

My anger fled. I said, “That's great, Tom, but now it's supper time. We'll give Alan a ride home.”

Many of us, whether our children are growing or grown, question whether we are, or were, doing the right thing as parents. That's when it helps to remember those moments when we did get it right, when we found the grace to understand just what was needed, and did it.

Where was God in this story? God was with Tom as he marveled at the abundant life with which this planet is blessed. And I think God nudged me with the right memory, matching Tom's moment of revelation with one of my own, so that I could react with grace. Just as life is everywhere, so is grace because God is everywhere. And that includes being with us in the daily job of being moms and dads.

Grace Happens
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University of Minnesota Episcopal Chaplain invites students to experience unique housing option

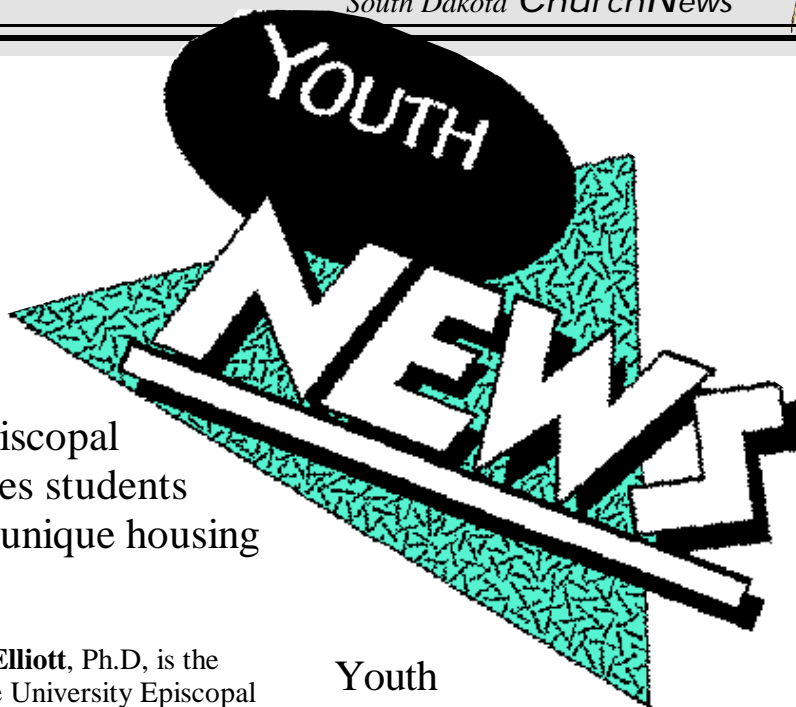
The Rev. Neil Elliott, Ph.D, is the chaplain at the University Episcopal Center at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. "I'd like to extend a special invitation to any students in your parishes headed to college in the Twin Cities this fall to please consider living in the Keeler Intentional Faith Community at the University Episcopal Center!"

"Twelve students will be accepted to live in three modern apartments, meeting regularly for a weekly common meal, common prayer, and general fun and fellowship. The commitment is flexible, but one we take seriously."

For more information call Chaplain Neil Elliott at 612-331-3552, or check out their website at www.uec-mn.org.



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Youth program in leadership transition

Few people in the diocese have not met **Tim Harmon**, who has been Diocesan Youth Coordinator for the past three years, touring the state, coordinating youth events, reorganizing the Commission on Youth (now the Commission on Spiritual Foundations), and advocating for increased youth involvement in church life as well as increased adult involvement in youth activities and spiritual development. His personal spirituality combined with his counseling skills and background makes him a valued member of this Church.

Tim and his wife Heather were hoping to attend seminary this fall. That has been put on hold because of some family issues, but last February, when seminary was a real possibility, Bishop Robertson indicated to Tim that the Youth Coordinator position would be re-evaluated when he left for seminary. They agreed that Tim would continue in that position until the end of June, the likely time when the Harmon family would be moving to seminary.

At the end of April, Tim advised the Bishop

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that he would not be going to seminary at this time, and that he was looking for another position. Tim indicated that he had a couple of opportunities and asked for the Bishop's support and letters of recommendation, which he agreed to give. They also agreed that Tim would continue on salary until July 1, 2004, which would give him sufficient time to find another position.

With the review of TEC and the summer youth program under way, they again concurred that it was time for the Diocese to find a new way to do youth ministry overall. Tim was very helpful with some ideas, and he agreed to stay "available," offering some help in staying connected with the youth of the Diocese and in putting together a new plan.

Both Heather and Tim Harmon urge the diocese to keep up the work necessary to raise our children in the faith and community of the Episcopal Church. Teach them, involve them, witness to them of your faith and the importance of Jesus and the Church in your lives, and be strong role models. This is the obligation of every adult in the Church, regardless of resources or leadership, for the Church to thrive and grow.



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Holly Huisken hired to help TEC Board achieve its goals

Dear friends,

You may have heard that I have been hired to do some of the background work necessary and directed by Diocesan Council during this year while TEC is temporarily closed. As well as reviewing the physical site, policies, procedures, and program, I have been asked to help the Board research additional options, revise as able, consult with experts, consider what change can do, dream of new heights and possibilities, draft proposals, expand our vision, validate what we have that is good, and value the history, experience, and needs of this diocese.

You may ask, why do we need a paid person? The TEC Board has been very busy for months looking and working at many of these things, especially policies and procedures that are needed to ensure a physically, emotionally, and spiritually safe camp. It is continuing to work hard and will be vitally involved in all the proposals and decisions.

Why then single one person out with this mission? The Board members are all volunteer, and have busy lives. They have given a lot over the past several months, and much more needs to be done – and will be done – by the Board. The Diocesan Council charged us to have a plan to present to them at the meeting in September. This does not give us much time to accomplish all that needs to be done in our spare time. Since I had been willing to give my summer to TEC anyway, have a lot of the necessary training, and have had recent experience at TEC, I was asked to take over some of the time-consuming research and to fill in the gaps.

I hope that you will help me fill in those gaps. If you have information that would be helpful as we work to make TEC the

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best it can be, if you have visions or dreams of what we could or should do with and at TEC, please contact me.

I am available through the Diocesan office (338-9751), at home (335-3423), and via e-mail (favteach2@hotmail.com). If you are holding an event and want me to come listen to you (or share my thoughts with you), please invite me. Come, let us dream together — and also work together to make the dreams reality!

*Serving Christ with you,
Holly Huisken*

TEC Board reports on progress

The TEC Board met May 7-8, 2004 at Christ Church, Chamberlain. We spent this meeting reviewing the joint TEC Board/Diocesan Council meeting of last March 27th, talking about where we are now, where we want to go, and how we get there.

- ? Holly Huisken has been hired by the Diocese on a part time basis to facilitate future proposals for TEC. She will work out of the Diocesan Office and, as part of her duties, will arrange for the visit of an “outside expert” (hopefully someone from the National Episcopal Camp and Conference Center office) to help evaluate our current program and make suggestions on ways to improve it.
- ? We discussed how to continue the “TEC feeling” once campers have returned home. We hope to develop a structure to do this. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome.
- ? Holly has received information from the Church Insurance Company on abuse prevention for children and youth with specific information on South Dakota laws and statutes, where to go for background checks, etc. This will be very useful as we hire staff for next summer. The Board will go through the operations manual for TEC to see what still needs to be done in it.
- ? We talked about TEC the facility – how do we rate on handicapped accessibility, can we accommodate someone in a wheel chair, can we provide someone to sign for a deaf person? What needs to be done to upgrade the property? Questions were asked about putting showers and/or toilets in the cabins, upgrading the bathhouse, insulating cabins, setting up RV pads across the road on the Old Site, and year ‘round use of the facility. These are things we will investigate over the summer.
- ? We discussed staff for next summer.
 - ? There was definite agreement among the Board members that the counseling staff for next summer needs to be older than what we have had the past few summers.
 - ? We also hope to have a better balance of white and Native American people on staff.
 - ? We talked of the possibility of having “elders” or “resident grandparents” for a week.
 - ? We also talked of the need for a Program Director for TEC separate from the Diocesan Youth Coordinator as the Youth Coordinator is often required to be in two separate places at the same time in the summer.
 - ? We plan to investigate the possibility of hiring a senior nursing student from one of South Dakota’s nursing schools to serve as Camp Nurse for the summer.
 - ? We also plan to look into the possibility of hiring a school cook to be cook for the summer. (If you know of anyone who would be interested, contact the Diocesan Office.)

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Clergy Changes

The Rev. Dr. Martin Brokenleg, a canon at Calvary Cathedral and a 30-year professor at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, will become the Director of Native Ministries and Professor of First Nations Theology at the Vancouver School of Theology in Vancouver, British Columbia. Brokenleg was founding priest of the Tiospaye Wakan congregation at Calvary Cathedral and has also served Holy Apostles in Sioux Falls. He is a Benedictine oblate at Blue Cloud Abbey in Marvin, SD, and dean of the Black Hills Seminar on Youth at Risk since 1993.

The Very Rev. Les Campbell, Rector of St. James, Mobridge, Priest-in-Charge of the Standing Rock Mission, and Dean of the Northwest Deanery, is retiring on July 1, 2004. His immediate plans are still being decided, but he and his wife have purchased a home in Waubay, SD. Fr. Les was ordained a deacon in 1975 and a priest in 1976. He has been doing ordained ministry in the Diocese of South Dakota since 1989.

The Very Rev. Ben Tyon, Priest-in-Charge of the Pine Ridge Mission (and serving 6 of the churches) and Dean of the Pine Ridge Deanery, is retiring on September 1, 2004. Fr. Ben was ordained a deacon in South Dakota in 1980 and a priest in 1984. His immediate plans are to take a long-overdue vacation.

? There is a TEC Endowment Fund established in 2000 with roughly \$14,000.00 in it now. At this time all the interest earned is being put back into the Fund. (Donations to the TEC Endowment Fund are welcome at any time! Just send your contribution to the Diocesan Office with a note that it is to go to the TEC Endowment Fund.) Barney will meet with the Diocesan Investment Committee to develop guidelines as to how the money should be used, when the fund is large enough to start using the interest, etc.

The next TEC Board meeting will be at Niobrara Convocation in June, and we have asked that the Board meet with the Youth sometime during the weekend to answer any questions they may have. We will also talk with any adults!

Please contact any member of the TEC Board if you have ideas, suggestions, questions regarding TEC. You can send them to the Diocesan Office, and they will forward them to the TEC Board. We will keep you informed of our progress through the *South Dakota ChurchNews*.

Please keep the TEC Board in your prayers as we continue our work. We plan to open TEC again in the summer of 2005 with improvements in the facility, the staff, and the program. We look forward to visiting with many of you at Niobrara Convocation!

Jean Lacher
Chair of TEC Board



Diocesan Office gets new e-mail addresses

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