

# The Diocese of South Dakota



## MINISTRY MEMO

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Dear Friends in Christ,

In an attempt to consolidate various Diocesan Office newsletters the Bishop's "Ministry Memo" will take on a new look. The new "Ministry Memo" (Name is subject to change - any suggestions?) will incorporate the Bishop's "Ministry Memo," Canon Lewis' "Mything Link," and the "COM/CDO Bulletin," which was started at the beginning of the year.

The new "Ministry Memo" will contain items submitted by Bishop Anderson, Mr. Randy Reinartz, myself and others. The "Memo" will share information regarding ministry, finance, deployment and the like. The "Memo" will also be an official vehicle of communication for announcing items of importance regarding meetings, conferences or any other information that needs to be shared. This information will be placed under a section entitled "Official Items". We hope to keep all items short and to the point. The "Memo" will be published and mailed during the first week of each month.

The Bishop has appointed me as editor. If you would like to submit items for publication please send them to me by the 15th of each month for publication the following month.

It is hoped that the new "Ministry Memo" will be timely, of interest and helpful in your ministry. Please feel free to let me know if you have any suggestions or comments regarding the "Memo."

With best wishes for a peaceful and blessed summer, I remain,

Your fellow servant in Christ,

The Reverend Canon Patrick E. Genereux  
Editor

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ENCLOSURE

MINUTES

South Dakota/North Dakota Meeting

June 6, 1988

Present: The Right Reverend Harold Hopkins, Dr. Howard Anderson, Dr. John Baird, The Right Reverend Craig B. Anderson, Randy Reinartz

Bishop Anderson expressed the number one need for the Diocese of South Dakota personnel wise, as being a Suffragan or Assistant Bishop.

Bishop Hopkins indicated that the Bishop of North Dakota has been and should be able to provide coverage outside of North Dakota at the rate of one weekend per month.

Based upon the various options discussed at the previous meeting at Blue Cloud Abbey and the fact that North Dakota has had a relationship with Minnesota it was determined that joint ministry between North Dakota and South Dakota could be a mutual benefit to both Dioceses.

Bishop Hopkins felt that whatever form was envisioned for that ministry, it should become a prerequisite of the job description in the election of a new Bishop in North Dakota.

The following concepts for shared ministry were determined to be of the highest priority and the most beneficial for effective mutual ministry within the dioceses of North Dakota and South Dakota:

1. That shared ministry between North Dakota and South Dakota via the Bishops' visitations would include fifteen weekends per year. Three weekends where the Bishop of South Dakota would conduct visitations in the various regions in North Dakota and the Bishop of North Dakota would conduct twelve visitations within the various deaneries in the Diocese of South Dakota.
2. Remuneration to the Bishops would be at the rate of \$200 a day plus expenses paid to the respective Diocese.
3. Continue joint clergy conferences and retreats.
4. Conduct joint convention in 1990 at a site to be determined.
5. Conduct a joint ECW Spring Conference at a site to be determined.
6. Offer a standing invitation from the Bishop of South Dakota and the Itancan of the Niobrara Council to the Bishop and people of the Diocese of North Dakota to attend and participate in the Niobrara Convocation.

7. Conduct a joint Diocesan Council Meeting on April 21 and 22, 1989 at Aberdeen, South Dakota. Propose one joint Diocesan Council Meeting per year.
8. Conduct a joint Happening, TEL/TEC weekend for youth. Look at the feasibility of exchange of youth for camp experiences. Conduct a joint youth convention in 1989.
9. Submit resolutions to the Diocesan Conventions of North Dakota and South Dakota forming a joint Commission on Evangelism.
10. Look at the possibility of cross participation in the Niobrara Summer Seminary, the Dakota/Lakota Orientation in South Dakota and the Bishop's Academy in North Dakota.
11. Recruit a person in South Dakota to work jointly with North Dakota's representative on refugee resettlement.

Prepared by Randy Reinartz

1. **Busy Summer** - Once every thirty years our General Convention and Lambeth Conference are scheduled for the same summer. This is that year! Bishop Anderson left for General Convention on June 30th and will return for a few days in mid-July before departing for Lambeth Conference. He will be gone for the rest of July and the better part of August. A busy and important summer in many ways. He has asked Randy Reinartz and Father Pat Genereux to help in the expediting of administrative concerns. Please feel free to call them at the Diocesan Office if you have any questions about summer activities or events, or are in need of other assistance.

2. **1988 Budget Crunch** - Having continued to review our fiscal history, the budget crunch and cash flow problem has in many ways been a valuable lesson and helpful way of calling us to a more efficient accounting system to avoid similar problems in the future. With the help of an independent auditing firm we have come up with an updated accounting system that will allow for more timely information as to accounts receivable and accounts payable. We will be establishing new procedures for receiving and allocating funds, in particular there will be separate accounts for diocesan salaries, diocesan program and diocesan property maintenance to help us better see how and where we are spending our money and how these various areas have an impact on our cash flow.

Please review your own accounting procedures as well as your pledge to the Diocese. A factor in this year's cash flow problem resulted from a few reduced pledges as well as pledges not being received in a timely manner. I suspect that, as a part of our total budget and accounting review, we will need to look at the income that is received through congregational support from throughout the Diocese.

We are currently in the process of developing a 1989 budget which will be a no-frills budget but will allow us to work through these deficits and to move ahead in a progressive and aggressive way to increase ministry in the area of program and people in 1990.

3. **T.I.M.E.** - While on the subject of numbers and budget concerns, the following is a recap of our T.I.M.E. results to date.

Goal of Campaign.....	750,000.00
Pledged to Date.....	1,100,716.96
Paid to Date.....	1,040,428.58
% Paid of Total Pledged.....	94.52
% Paid of Original Goal (750,000)...	138.72

You are to be congratulated for the participation and wonderful results that T.I.M.E. has produced. Please share these results with your churches and let us rejoice and give thanks. A highlight of my time with the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, when it met in Rapid City was to present the Presiding Bishop with a check for \$67,500, as we had pledged as a part of our T.I.M.E. campaign. Please also note that the pay out period for the T.I.M.E. campaign ends at the end of June. It would be appreciated if you would follow up with any late or delinquent accounts and pledges as we come to the end of this important and successful diocesan fund-raising drive. Again, thanks for your support.

4. **1988 Visitors** - You may have noticed a number of persons from National Church or other parts of the church coming to South Dakota. This is not accidental. We have invited various groups throughout the Church to come and discover the state and Diocese of South Dakota and the important work that is being done here. Most recently, we had our Presiding Bishop return with his Executive Council and meet in Rapid City, to include an extensive visit on the Pine Ridge. Shortly after his visit, the Council of Women's Ministries met at Blue Cloud Abbey and had an extensive tour of the Sisseton Reservation. This past month Province VI Youth Convention met in Rapid City and stayed at the South Dakota School of Mines. It is hoped that we will be hosting a good many other meetings and events here in the Diocese as we attempt to share our ministry with others and to educate other Episcopalians throughout the Church as to the uniqueness of our Diocese and its special ministry and exciting challenges for ministry.

5. **1989/117th Niobrara Convocation** - Last month we celebrated our 116th gathering of the Niobrara Deanery at Gethsemane Church, Wanblee on the Corn Creek District of the Pine Ridge. A hot, busy, wonderful time was experienced by all persons who attended. A special thanks to Gethsemane Church and the Corn Creek District for their gracious hospitality and warm welcome. The site of the 1989 Niobrara Convocation is St. Mary's, Promise, Cheyenne River Reservation, hosted by Cheyenne River Mission. The dates are June 22 - 25, 1989. Please share this information with your congregation as we begin to build excitement toward the 117th Niobrara Convocation. St. Mary's, Promise is a beautiful location and an especially suitable site for next year's Convocation.

6. **Diocesan Convention** - While on the subject of conventions and convocations, please remind your churches and deaneries that **resolutions** for this year's Diocesan Convention need to be sent to the Very Reverend James Gundrum, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, along with a copy to the Diocesan Office, by July 15th so they can be included in the packets of Convention delegates, published in the ChurchNews and can be studied prior to our Diocesan Convention, this year hosted by St. Mary's Church, Mitchell, South Dakota on October 7 - 9, 1988. Dean Gundrum's address is 500 S. Main Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57102.

**Nominations** for the following positions need to be in the Diocesan Office by July 15th, as well. Nominations may be made by any Diocesan Convention delegate. Positions open for election at Diocesan Convention are:

Treasurer, Secretary and Historiographer for a 1 year term.

Province VI Synod

2 Lay Deputies and 2 Lay Alternates for 3 year term

2 Clergy Deputies and 2 Clergy Alternates for 3 year term

Standing Committee

1 Clergy and 1 Lay Person for a 4 year term

1 Clergy and 1 Lay Person for a 2 year term

1 Clergy and 1 Lay person for a 1 year term

Nomination forms may be secured from the Diocesan Office.

7. **North Dakota/South Dakota Conversations** - As many of you know Bishop Harold Hopkins has been called by the Presiding Bishop to staff the Office of Pastoral Development of the National Church. Bishop Hopkins will begin his new duties November 1st of this year. As a result of this change in leadership in North Dakota, members of the Diocesan Council have met with their counterparts in North Dakota to discuss possible ways of future shared ministry and cooperation between our Dioceses. Attached please find a memo which outlines the major points of our conversations thus far. Any suggestions or ideas would be appreciated as we attempt to share with the Diocese of North Dakota. Your prayers are appreciated and requested as we look at new ways of shared ministry in the days ahead.

8. **Clergy Deployment** - The following deployment update is shared for your information

#### BLACK HILLS DEANERY

The Black Hills Deanery has three vacancies, all of which are yoked situations. St. Thomas', Sturgis/St. James', Belle Fourche has been in the process of interviewing prospective candidates and hopes to issue a call shortly.

Christ Church, Lead/St. John's, Deadwood is in the process of screening profiles and resumes of prospective candidates, and hope to begin interviewing shortly.

St. Luke's, Hot Springs/Good Shepherd, Custer is vacant, due to Father Darrell Ford's move to New Port Beach, California.

#### CENTRAL DEANERY

The Central Deanery has one of the recent seminary graduates. Deacon Jim Pearson has been assigned to Christ Church, Chamberlain and to Lower Brule. Deacon Pearson and his wife, Gloria, and their three sons, Julian, James and Joel, will be living in the vicarage in Chamberlain.

#### ROSEBUD DEANERY

The Rosebud Deanery has one vacancy, Trinity, Winner. Trinity is in the process of screening profiles and resumes of prospective candidates. Mr. John Davis is acting as deployment consultant for the Black Hills searches and for Trinity, Winner.

#### EASTERN DEANERY

The Eastern Deanery has one vacancy, St. Mary's, Mitchell. Canon Genereux, the Deployment Officer for the Diocese, is consultant for this search.

Father Tim Vann began his duties as Interim Vicar of the Santee Mission and St. Paul's, Vermillion on June 15. Mr. Creighton Robertson (a senior at the School of Theology, Sewanee, Tennessee) will be assisting Father Vann on the Santee this summer.

Father Tom Hurley began his ministry at Christ Church, Yankton on June 1. Father Hurley was installed by Bishop Anderson on Wednesday, June 22.

Father Alan Neale, St. Paul's, Brookings and his wife, Wendy, and their children have settled into their new home in Brookings. Father Neale will be Priest-in-Charge of St. Paul's for the next year. Canon law dictates that clergy who transfer in from other parts of the Anglican Communion have to wait at least one year before being able to hold "canonical charge" in a parish or mission, that is, be made rector or vicar. But, a rose by any other name is still a rose, and St. Paul's Brookings is saying, "How sweet it is!" Welcome Father Alan, Wendy and children to the states and to South Dakota.

#### NORTHEAST DEANERY

The Northeast Deanery also has a new Deacon, Ted Koelln. Ted and his wife, Linda, and their two daughters live in Milbank. Deacon Koelln will be serving as Vicar of Christ Church, Milbank and St. Mary's, Webster and assisting Father Ronald Campbell on the Sisseton Mission.

9. **New Roman Catholic Bishop for Diocese of Rapid City** - At Niobrara Convocation a resolution was sent forward to welcome the Reverend Charles J. Chaput, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Rapid City. He is currently a Capuchin Provincial of the Mid-American Province in Denver, Colorado. As stated by the Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Rapid City, Father William O'Connell, "His personal credentials as regards administrative works, knowledge of rural areas and of course and his Native American background make him a most extraordinary candidate for a new Bishop." Father Chaput will be ordained on July 26th at 11:00 a.m. at the Rapid City Civic Center arena to succeed the late Bishop Dimmerling. Bishop Harold Jones will be representing the Diocese of South Dakota at the ordination and consecration service.

10. **St. Mary's Update** - At a recent meeting of the St. Mary's Board, the Board made two important decisions. First, it established the St. Mary's Institute to continue the mission and ministry of St. Mary's School in establishing scholarships for a secondary, college and seminary education. These scholarships will be for Native American persons. Monies will be from the replenished endowment fund and future contributions to St. Mary's. If you know of persons who are interested in St. Mary's please tell them to give to the St. Mary's Institute. Second, the Board decided that the buildings and present facilities of the St. Mary's should be either sold, leased or developed for new ministry within the next several months. More on this as information and details develop.

11. **Niobrara Cross for Churches and Cemeteries** - At Niobrara Convocation this year Randy Reinartz displayed a fiberglass Niobrara cross that is approximately six feet by four feet. This cross will be placed on the new church building of Inestimable Gift at Allen, South Dakota. Father Allen Lewis donated \$1,000 in memory of his Mother to have this cross produced for the new church since he was closely involved with the building of the church. Randy indicated that the price of \$1,000 included a one time cost for production of the mold. As a result of the mold already being paid

for, production of more crosses will be \$300 each for the material and labor. The cross is made of fiberglass and is exquisite in detail for something of this size. They have a life expectancy of 50 years and are virtually impervious to weather. They can be produced in any color. If anyone is interested in having one of these made for a church building or cemetery contact Randy at the diocesan office and he can order it from the manufacturer.

**12. Special Congratulations to Father Noah Brokenleg and Father Wilbur Bear's Heart for their 25th Anniversary to the Ordination to the Priesthood** - Both Fathers Noah and Wilbur were honored at the 116th Niobrara Convocation where they received special plaques acknowledging their contribution to the Diocese. Father Bear's Heart also received the gold Niobrara cross which signifies 25 years of service in the Diocese.

**13. Congratulations and Best Wishes to Deacon Walter Rasmussen on his Retirement** - While Walt will be officially retired he will continue to carry out a more limited prison ministry in Springfield. Our best wishes and deep expressions of care for both Walt and Jean as they begin a well deserved retirement and rest.

**14. Diocesan Staff Changes** - The Very Reverend Canon Genereux is now living in Sioux Falls and has as his full-time job the position of Canon for Ministry. As Canon for Ministry, he is responsible for ministry and congregational development, to include chairing the Commission on Ministry, Diocesan Deployment Officer and recruiting for ordination and deployment. The Canon has oversight of the work of the Commission on Theological Education, Commission on the Ministry of the Laity, Niobrara Summer Seminary and Education for Ministry. He also is the diocesan liaison to all accredited Episcopal seminaries and other institutions engaged in preparing persons for ministry. In addition, he is responsible for pastoral care of all diocesan students enrolled in such institutions and provides mission clergy support and supervision where assigned. The Canon is liaison to diocesan commissions and committees and provides program support as required.

The Executive Officer, Mr. Randy Reinartz, is in charge of diocesan finance and diocesan properties, as well as the oversight of the office staff and communications and public relations.

Ginny Slechta, along with being secretary for the Bishop will be secretary for Canon Genereux.

Dewey Knowlton is now handling the medical insurance and building insurance, as well as overseeing various projects of the office, such as publication of clergy directories, South Dakota Cycle of Prayer, South Dakota Journal, etc. With her tenure and experience she is an invaluable resource person for securing information when needed.

Randy Barnhardt is responsible for the diocesan accounting and bookkeeping and will be helping congregations with their audits.

Joan Silk is the receptionist and secretary for Randy Reinartz, as well as typing and helping with the various publications etc.



The office staff would very much appreciate your questions, thoughts and ideas as to how, as diocesan staff persons, they can better serve the diocese and you in your particular churches.

15. **Recent elections within the Diocese** - Two new members have been elected to Diocesan Council. Father Ronald Hennies was elected to Diocesan Council as a representative from the Black Hills Deanery replacing Father Darrell Ford, who has accepted a call to serve as assistant at St. James' Church, Newport Beach, California. Tolly Estes was elected as the Niobrara Deanery representative to Diocesan Council for a four year term. Father David Cameron was recently recommended and appointed as the new Dean of the Black Hills Deanery. Congratulations to the three of you.

16. **Anglican Fellowship of Prayer** - John and Barbara McLain are official diocesan representatives for the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer. In addition to using the Anglican and Diocesan Cycle of Prayer they are encouraging your consideration of deanery and parish cycles if you do not already use these in your daily office and as a part of your church's normal prayer life. It is also a hope that we will have an upcoming conference that will deal with spirituality and our individual and corporate prayer life.

17. **Commission on Ministry** - At the May 19-21 Commission on Ministry meeting in Pierre, the Commission recommended to the Standing Committee that Ted Koelln (Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls), Jim Pearson (Grace Church, Madison), Dolor Turgeon (Trinity Church, Mission), and Ray War Bonnett (St. Barnabas', Kyle) be ordained to the diaconate; and that Paul Rider (St. Paul's, Brookings), Vickie Houk, (Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls), and Norman Blue Coat (Standing Rock Mission) be made Candidates for Holy Orders. Leland Brown (Standing Rock Mission) was recommended for Postulancy. Our seminarians for 1988-1989 academic year are:

Elizabeth Bryan (Emmanuel, Rapid City), a senior at Virginia  
Creighton Robertson (Trinity, Pierre), a senior at Sewanee  
Vickie Houk (Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls), a senior at Sewanee  
Paul Rider (St. Paul's, Brookings), a senior at Nashotah House  
Francis Apple, Jr. (St. Julia's, Porcupine), a senior at Seabury

Father Edward A. Howell, a middler at Seabury  
Brad Hauff (Emmanuel, Rapid City), a middler at Seabury

Dale Thornton (St. Andrew's, Rapid City), a junior at Yale  
Father Robert Mesteth (Pine Ridge Mission), a junior at Seabury  
Leland Brown (Standing Rock Mission), a junior at Seabury  
Deacon John Shepard (Sioux Falls) a junior at CDSP

Special Students

Deacon Sydney Pratt, Seabury (1 year)  
Jo Asmussen, (Christ Church, Gettysburg) a middler at CDSP

Our new seminarians are Father Robert Mesteth, Deacon Sydney Pratt, Deacon John Shepard, Mr. Leland Brown and Mr. Dale Thornton. Please remember

these, and all of our students as they prepare for ordination to the priesthood. We have a large number of persons preparing for ordination and parish ministry. This is important for us, as the Church continues to face a growing clergy shortage. We must continue to identify and raise up persons from South Dakota, for ministry in South Dakota, in the Indian field and in our rural areas.

18. **Cursillo ?????** - Your help and support are needed in deciding the future of Cursillo in the Diocese for the next several years. Support for the Cursillo program in the Diocese has varied a good bit from one church to another over the last couple of years. There seems to be a waning interest in Cursillo. Bishop Anderson wants to know if this is an accurate perception and asks you to discuss Cursillo, as a program for renewal and a deepening of our faith. He is asking you to discuss this with your churches and to be prepared to discuss it with him when he comes for visitations for the balance of this year and next year. Specifically, he wants to know whether or not you think we need to continue regular Cursillo weekends or if Cursillo has reached its saturation point within the Diocese. The Bishop is personally supportive of Cursillo but thinks it is only fair to our secretariat by determining the interest in the Diocese so they can better plan for future Cursillo weekends.

19. **1988 TEC Season** - Bishop Anderson had the opportunity to be present at TEC for the opening day and the first group of campers. Thus far the TEC scholarship campaign has netted \$5100. The remaining camps left this summer are:

July 5 - 11: Fifth Grade  
July 14 - 20: Seventh & Eighth Grades (no older than 15)  
July 23 - 29: Eighth, Ninth, Tenth Grades  
August 2 - 8: Acolyte Camp

It is not too late to register. Please support TEC with your children and your dollars!

20. **Calendars for Shut-ins** - The 1989 calendars for shut-ins have been ordered. Please be thinking about this, as we draw near to the fall season, and watch for a future listing as to where these lists should be sent. The names should be ready by October 1st to allow time for addressing the envelopes and getting them in the mail before Christmas.

21. **Archbishop Walter H. Jones** - Word was received recently at the Diocesan Office that Bishop Walter Jones was elected Archbishop of the Province of Rupert's Land. This is in addition to being Bishop of the Diocese of Rupert's Land. Congratulations Bishop Walter!!!

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