

# The Diocese of South Dakota

September 22, 1992



The Right Reverend  
Craig B. Anderson, Ph.D., Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In sharing this year's challenge of your assessment for our diocesan ministry, let me begin with a word of heartfelt gratitude. For over the past eight years the churches of the Diocese of South Dakota have supported the diocesan ministry and outreach to the larger Church in an exceptional and laudatory way. Your concern and caring have allowed us to meet our National Church assessments and to accomplish many programs that have resulted in church growth over the past several years. While we have not achieved the C-14 and new ECIM goal of 25% of net disposable income in the form of a diocesan assessment, we have increased this percentage each year. In 1992 congregational giving was 18% of net disposable income.

In considering the prospect of electing a new Bishop in 1993 and continuing the important work, ministry and programs that are well under way, let me encourage you to continue to support the Diocese and larger Church ministry with the same enthusiasm and commitment that you have demonstrated in the past. This is a critical year in many respects with the important work begun in evangelism through commitment to our LIFE program, as well as the commitment that we have to increasing youth ministry, to include upgrading and expanding Thunderhead Episcopal Camp and Conference Center. These emphases, coupled with the ongoing commitment to theological education for both lay and ordained persons, means that we have exciting challenges and opportunities during this Decade of Evangelism.

Attached please find "pie diagrams" which show diocesan income and expenditures. As always, with this year's challenge of assessment comes an opportunity to teach stewardship, shared ministry and our diocesan priorities as reflected in our budget. During this year of change and challenge, I ask for your prayers and commitment to strengthen the Diocese for increased ministry in the years ahead. This letter comes with every good personal wish and God's blessing for a faithful new Church year.

In Christ,

*Craig B. Anderson*

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Dear Members and Friends in Christ,

It is a privilege to share with you the challenges of your ministry. We are grateful for the support and encouragement you have given us over the past several years. This we have not achieved in our 100th year. We have increased this percentage from 100% in 1900 to 110% in 1999. In this regard, we have increased this percentage from 100% in 1900 to 110% in 1999. In this regard, we have increased this percentage from 100% in 1900 to 110% in 1999.

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Yours faithfully,  
[Signature]  
[Name]  
[Address]

**DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

Grace Church, Madison

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DIOCESAN OFFICE, 500 S. MAIN AVENUE, SIOUX FALLS, SD 57102, BY DECEMBER 1.**

The diocesan budget cannot be finalized until all of the assessments are known. Your help is greatly appreciated.

OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT FOR 1993 IS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

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Title

**1993 BISHOP'S CHALLENGE**

**Grace Church, Madison**

Your 1992 Assessment was:	\$1,100
Your Net Disposable Income for 1991 was: (This is taken from line A page 5 of your 1991 Parochial Report)	\$8,840
25% of this Net Disposable Income is:	\$2,210**
Your 1992 Assessment was 12% of your 1991 Net Disposable Income.	
The Bishop's Challenge Assessment for your congregation for 1993 is:	\$1,200 <i>Change to 1100</i>

\*\* Twenty-five percent of Net Disposable Income is the minimum standard of giving for each congregation developed by ECIM from whom we receive 43% of our Diocesan income.

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