

## **Bishops Serving the Dakotas**

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### **Evangelical:**

Dakota Conference, 1884-1921

North Dakota Conference and South Dakota Conference, 1921-1950

Dakota Conference, 1950-1968

Rudolph Dubs, 1884, 1887, 1889

Thomas Bowman, 1885, 1888, 1893, 1894, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1903, 1910, 1914

John J. Esher, 1886, 1890, 1891, 1898

William Horn, 1892, 1896, 1902, 1905, 1908, 1912

S. C. Breyfogel, 1895, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1909, 1913, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1923, 1924

Samuel P. Spreng, 1911, 1915, 1917, 1930

G. Heinmiller, 1916

Lawrence H. Seager, 1919, 1927

John F. Dunlap, 1925, 1929

Matthew T. Maze, 1926

John S. Stamm, 1928

George Edward Epp, 1831-1934

E. W. Praetorius, 1935-1954

H. R. Heininger, 1954-1968

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### **Methodist:**

Black Hills Conference, 1880-1913 (when it joined with the South Dakota Conference)

1880 – Henry W. Warren

1881 – Stephen M. Merrill

1882 – Cyrus D. Foss

1883 – Stephen M. Merrill

1884 – John R. Hurst

1885 – Edward G. Andrews

1886 – William X. Ninde

1887 – Thomas Bowman (not the same as the Evangelical bishop with same name)

1888 – John M. Walden

1889 – John H. Vincent

1890 – Thomas Bowman

1891 – Stephen M. Merrill

1892 – Henry W. Warren

1893 – William X. Ninde

1894 – Edward G. Andrews

1895 – John P. Newman

1896 – Charles C. McCabe  
1897 – William X. Ninde  
1898 – James N. FitzGerald  
1899 – Henry W. Warren  
1900 – John M. Walden  
1901 – Isaac W. Joyce  
1902 – Charles H. Fowler  
1903 – Edward G. Andrews  
1904 – Isaac W. Joyce  
1905 – John W. Hamilton  
1906 – Luther B. Wilson  
1907 – Henry W. Warren  
1908 – Robert McIntyre  
1909 – Henry W. Warren  
1910 & 1911 – Robert McIntyre  
1912 – Naphtali Luccock

[South] Dakota Mission Conference, 1880-1885

1880 – Henry W. Warren  
1881 – John F. Hurst  
1882 – Stephen M. Merrill  
1883 – Matthew Simpson  
1884 – Edward G. Andrews

[South] Dakota Conference, 1885-1892

1885 - Cyrus D. Foss  
1886 – Thomas Bowman (not the same as the Evangelical bishop with the same name)  
1887 – Charles H. Fowler  
1888 – John M. Walden  
1889 – John H. Vincent  
1890 – James N. FitzGerald  
1891 – Cyrus D. Foss

South Dakota Conference, 1892-1994

1892 – Daniel A. Goodsell  
1893 – William X. Ninde  
1894 – Charles H. Fowler  
1895 – Isaac W. Joyce  
1896 – John H. Vincent  
1897 – Henry W. Warren  
1898 – Charles C. McCabe  
1899 – John F. Hurst  
1900 – Stephen M. Merrill  
1901 – Cyrus D. Foss

1902 – Daniel A. Goodsell  
1903 – John M. Walden  
1904 – John W. Hamilton  
1905 – Henry W. Warren  
1906 – Earl Cranston  
1907 – William F. McDowell  
1908 – Luther B. Wilson  
1909 and 1910 – John L. Nuelsen  
1911 – Robert McIntyre  
1912, 1913 & 1914 – Naphtali Luccock  
1915 – William A. Quayle  
1916, 1917 & 1918 – Charles B. Mitchell  
1919 – Luther B. Wilson  
1920 & 1922 – Charles B. Mitchell  
1922 – Charles B. Mitchell (but Wm. O. Shepherd presided)  
1923 – Charles B. Mitchell  
1924 – Charles W. Burns  
1925, 1926, 1927 & 1928 – Charles E. Locke  
1929 – Charles E. Locke (C. L. Mead presided)  
1930 – Charles E. Locke (Titus Lowe presided)  
1931 – Charles E. Locke  
1932 & 1933 – J. Ralph Magee  
1934 – A. W. Leonard  
1935, 1936 & 1937 – J. Ralph Magee  
1938 – J. Ralph Magee (G. B. Oxnam presided)  
1939, 1940-, 1941, 1942 & 1943 – J. Ralph Magee  
1944 & 1945 – Ralph S. Cushman  
1946 – Schuyler E. Garth  
1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951 & 1952 – Ralph S. Cushman  
1953 – 1960 – Edwin E. Voigt  
1961-1968 – Edwin R. Garrison  
1969-1980 – James Armstrong  
1981-1988 – Edwin C. Boulton  
1988 - 1994 - William B. Lewis

#### North Dakota Mission Conference, 1884-1886

1884 – Charles H. Fowler  
1885 – John M. Walden

#### North Dakota Conference, 1886 – 1994

1886 – W. L. Harris  
1887 – Cyrus D. Foss  
1888 – John F. Hurst  
1889 – W. F. Mallalieu  
1890 – John N. FitzGerald

1891 – Stephen M. Merrill  
1892 – Daniel A. Goodsell  
1893 – Charles H. Fowler  
1894 – W. F. Mallalieu  
1895 – Henry W. Warren  
1896 – John H. Vincent  
1897 – Stephen M. Merrill  
1898 – Isaac W. Joyce  
1899 – Edward G. Andrews  
1900 – Charles C. McCabe  
1901 – John M. Walden  
1902 – Daniel A. Goodsell  
1903 – John N. FitzGerald  
1904 – Isaac W. Joyce  
1905 – Henry W. Warren  
1906 – Charles C. McCabe  
1907 – Daniel A. Goodsell  
1908 – Luther B. Wilson  
1909 – Robert McIntyre  
1910 – John W. Hamilton  
1911 – Robert McIntyre  
1912-1914 – Naphtali Luccock  
1915 – William A. Quayle  
1916- 1917 – R. J. Cooke  
1918 – William O. Shepherd  
1919 – R. J. Cooke  
1920 – 1921 – Charles W. Burns  
1922 – E. G. Robinson  
1923 – Charles W. Burns  
1924 – H. Lester Smith  
1925 – Charles E. Locke  
1926 – Francis J. McConnell  
1927 – H. Lester Smith  
1928 – W. E. Brown  
1929 – Edgar Blake  
1930 – R. J. Wade  
1931 – W. E. Brown  
1932 – Titus Lowe  
1933 – 1936 – J. Ralph Magee  
1937 – Ralph S. Cushman  
1938 – J. Ralph Magee  
1939-1941 – Ralph S. Cushman  
1942 – J. C. Broomfield  
1943-1952 – Ralph S. Cushman  
1953-1960 – Edward E. Voigt  
1961-1968 – Edward R. Garrison  
1969-1980 – James Armstrong  
1981-1888 – Edward C. Boulton

1989-1994 – William B. Lewis

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Dakotas Conference, 1994 to present

1994 – 1996 – William B. Lewis

1996 - 2004 – Michael Coyner

2004 - - Deborah Kiesey

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### **United Brethren in Christ:**

Dakota Mission Conference, 1871-1885 (Organized at Elk Point, D. T., and included considerable part of northwestern Iowa.)

1871 –

1872 –

1873-1876 - J. J. Glossbrenner

1877-1880 – Milton Wright (father of Orville & Wilbur Wright)

1881-1884 – Jonathan Weaver

1885 – Ezekiel B. Kephart

Elkhorn and Dakota Conference, 1886-1900 (Annual Conference meetings in Nebraska unless noted Otherwise.)

1886 – Nicholas Castle (Vermillion, D.T.)

1887 – John Dickson

1888 – Jonathan Weaver (Milltown, Hutchinson Co., D. T.)

1889 – Nicholas Castle

1890 – Ezekiel B. Kephart

1891 – John Dickson

1892 – Jonathan Weaver

1893 – Nicholas Castle (Bridgewater, S.D.)

1894 – Job S. Mills

1895 – James W. Hott

1896 – Ezekiel B. Kephart

1897-1900 – Job S. Mills (Bridgewater, S.D. in 1897)

Nebraska Conference (predecessor of Elkhorn & Dakota Conference, included work in South Dakota)

1901-1903 – Nicholas Castle

1904 – H. A. Thompson, pro tem (Star Prairie Ch., rural Vermillion, S.D.)

1905-1909 – William M. Weekley

1910 – Thomas C. Carter

1911-1912 – William M. Weekley

Nebraska Conference (predecessor of East, Wet and North Nebraska Conferences, inc. S.D. work)

1913-1924 – Cyrus J. Kephart

1925-1937 – Arthur B. Statton

1938-1946 – V. O. Weidler

At this point (1946), the United Brethren merged with the Evangelical, creating the Evangelical United Brethren Church.