

# DAKOTAS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 20, 2011



## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011**

Bishop Deb Kieseey announces 2 Timothy 1: 3-7 will serve as the focus for the Dakotas Annual Conference meeting on June 8-11, 2010. The annual conference will be held at the Ramkota Inn in Watertown, SD. The guest teacher will be Lovett Weems. Get all of the Annual Conference information by going to [www.dakotasumc.org/2011annualconference](http://www.dakotasumc.org/2011annualconference).

# TURN AROUND BOOTCAMP

Learn turn-around strategies for your congregation attend a workshop featuring Paul Nickerson of Griffith Coaching on:

**Friday, March 25, 2011: 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 26, 2011: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Watertown 1<sup>st</sup> UMC, Watertown, SD**

**IMPORTANT!!!** To attend this workshop, a pastor must bring a team of at least three lay persons serving in leadership in their congregation. For more information and to register go to [www.dakotasumc.org/events](http://www.dakotasumc.org/events) ,click on “Turnaround Bootcamp.”

# THE CROSSING, AN EVENT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH (GRADES 6-8)

**MARCH 11-13, 2011; JAMESTOWN COLLEGE, JAMESTOWN, ND**

- FEATURING:
- **Carl Gladstone**, missionary and youth worker [www.carlthomasgladstone.com](http://www.carlthomasgladstone.com)
- **Comedian Daren Streblow**, [www.darenstreblow.com](http://www.darenstreblow.com)
- Dakotas own **The Broken Resolve** in concert and as the worship band  
<http://myspace.com/brokenresolve>
- **Inflatable Games; Awesome worship**
- **Time with God, Time with friends**
- **Registrations due February 25, 2011 in order to receive a free t-shirt**
- Cross Conference Bus from West River
- Registration Info and Details at [www.dakcamps.org](http://www.dakcamps.org) or [www.dakyouth.com](http://www.dakyouth.com)

# LENTEN DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM

The Society of St. Andrew is known for providing nutritious fresh produce to feeding agencies across the United States. As part of our mission, we also offer spiritually nourishing devotions each Lent and Advent season. This Lenten season, we offer a daily devotional booklet called *We've a Story to Tell*. All materials for the Lenten devotional program are free from the Society of St. Andrew. For a church sample kit or a personal packet, order online: [www.endhunger.org/lent.htm](http://www.endhunger.org/lent.htm)

# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM, FEBRUARY 20, 2011

The National Day of Prayer for Criminal Justice Reform, February 20, 2011 gives us the opportunity explore how we can collectively take steps to break free from these cycles and chose new paths of freedom together. The observance provides an opportunity to invite God's liberating Spirit to give us enough resilience, courage and love to look honestly at how cycles of violence and trauma persist through retributive structures of mass incarceration. Join people of faith from around the country by inviting your congregation to take part or all of their prayer time on Feb. 20 to lift up prayers for the healing of our communities and to put an end to mass incarceration in the United States.

# DAKOTAS AREA SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO PROMOTE SCOUTING

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The United Methodist Office of Scouting Ministries is looking for volunteers to help churches in North and South Dakota establish and expand scouting ministry opportunities. If you wish to register as a scouting ministry specialist, **contact LaNisha Sayles at [LSayles@gcummm.org](mailto:LSayles@gcummm.org)**.

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## EMBRACE TO BE CHARTERED

Congratulations Embrace Church, Sioux Falls, S.D! Sunday, February 20, 2011 Embrace will hold a charter service. Embrace has an average attendance of over 300 each Sunday. Bishop Deb Leider Kiesey will provide the message at all three services on Sunday, February 20 in honor of over three years of planning and growth. Cornerstone in Watertown, S.D. was the sponsoring church for Embrace. To learn more about in brace go to [www.iamembrace.com](http://www.iamembrace.com)

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