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EDUCATION AND PRAYER STRESSED AT REGIONAL MEETING IN WILLISTON

Right after the COM meeting was completed on Saturday August 21, 2004, Bishop Smith led us in Holy Eucharist. Next, all West region folk dined with Bishop Smith and the COM. The hospitality of St. Peter's Church was simply great, as was the lunch.

Bishop Smith offered the Region a vision of education for all.

Michael Smith talked about the ND School for Ministry. It is a new vision and application for pre-ordination education, as well as education for lay ministry, continuing education, or for anyone who is interested!

Education will center around five foundational courses: OT, NT, Church Teaching, Liturgy and Church History. It is Michael's hope that courses will be offered in the regions on a regular basis.

Also, Bishop Smith described his invention of "prayer partners," in which the Diocesan Cycle and Anglican Cycle are used in a rotating cycle of Daily Office at each Church in the Diocese.

This was an exciting meeting and many more topics were discussed. Want to get involved? Just mosey over to the next meeting. ja+

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