

Welcome to

SOUTH DAKOTA



History



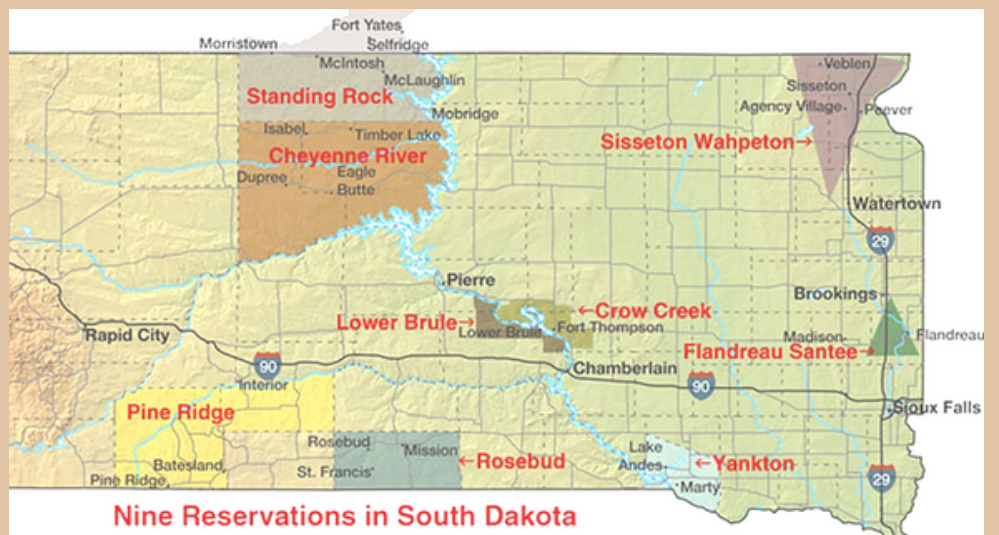
The State of South Dakota occupies a portion of the area originally acquired by the United States in the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. The area was partially explored by Lewis and Clark in the Missouri River Expedition of 1804–1806. Sioux Native Americans dominated the region through the period of fur trading to the middle of the 19th century.

Extensive settlement of the area began in the 1870s with the westward movement of land speculators and farmers. In 1861, the Dakota Territory was established. It was comprised of the land now included in North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and eastern Montana.

Facts

- The Society of Indian Missions has been in South Dakota since 1952.
- There are nine reservations in South Dakota:

- Standing Rock
- Cheyenne River
- Sisseton Wahpeton
- Lower Brule
- Crow Creek
- Flandreau Santee
- Pine Ridge
- Rosebud
- Yankton



- SIM has chapels/outreaches in the following locations:
- Winner
- Rosbud Reservation
 - Ideal
 - Mission
 - Parmelee (inactive)
 - Norris (inactive)
 - Rosebud
 - St. Francis
- Pine Ridge Reservation
 - Martin



Winner

History

Winner was established in 1861. The name “Winner” came because it was the winner in the struggle to establish a town along the railroad right-of-way in 1909.

Currently

- Winner is the county seat of Tripp County.
- The population is 2,890.

Montour Memorial Chapel History

- In September 1953, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Montour moved to Winner and began holding church services in their home.
- In 1954, property was purchased on Dakota Street, which was populated primarily by Native Americans, and a parsonage was built there.
- In 1956, the old Methodist church was given to SIM and moved to its present location. Church services were held on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.
 - *Interesting fact: This church was built in 1912 with no lighting, it was later added in 1916.*
- In 2017, a major remodel was done, completely changing the appearance of the church.
- Past staff include:
 - Raymond & Frances Montour
 - Blanchard Jimerson
 - Miss Virginia Ladd
 - Kenneth & Ruth Hooper
 - Jeff & Shelly Siscoe
 - Dale & Judy Sherman



Moving the donated Methodist church in 1956.



The church in 2001.



The current church.

Tonweya & Judy Sherman



In partnership with Evangelistic Faith Missions (EFM)

Tonweya & Judy (Hunt) have four children ministering with them:
Aiden (8), Krishona (6), Malia (4), and Hadassah (2).

Tonweya grew up in ministry on and off Native American reservations in the U.S. and Canada. Judy also worked alongside her family as her dad pastored in Colorado. Together, they are dedicated to serving and strengthening their community.

Recently moving from a ministry in Detroit, MI, where their family ministered through pastoring, business endeavors, children's ministry, and much more.

Tonweya serves SIM as the Area Supervisor. You can reach him at ned@societyofindianmissions.org.

Their current ministry efforts include Sunday School, church services, Bible studies, and community outreach.

Ideal

History

A small, unincorporated community, Ideal's town site was considered to be "ideal" for settlement, hence the name.

Ministry History

- Over the years, different missionaries have gone to Ideal and held Sunday School and Vacation Bible Schools.
- In 2020, Judy Sherman was speaking at a wake in the community, when some of the community members told her that they had not had any church for over a year.
- It was decided that a team would go to Ideal once a month to hold services.

Currently

The Ideal community is one street, with about 20 houses on it. Judy Sherman has been faithfully serving in Ideal two times a month as well as meeting up with community members weekly.



Judy Sherman



Judy Sherman has been involved with SIM since 1985.

Over the years, Dale and Judy worked in Winner, Norris, and Spring Creek, and assisted at many other locations. Through the years, they also ministered at Northwest Indian Bible School (NIBS) and SIM Canada in Alberta and Manitoba.

After Dale Sherman passed away in 2019, Judy has remained highly active in ministry.

Currently, Judy helps teach Sunday School in Winner, works in Ideal community, and helps with church (specifically the fellowship meal) in Mission.

Along with her "Sunday duties," Judy teaches sewing classes, helps with wakes and funerals, and is very involved in her communities.

Norris/Blackpipe

History

Surrounded by Blackpipe and Corn Creek communities, Norris was established in 1910. Norris was named after a nephew of the town's merchant.

Chapel History

- In 1951, Raymond and Francis Montour came to South Dakota and began home services in Norris.
- In 1953, the Montours moved to Winner but continued to travel back to Norris until another church group moved in and started a ministry.
- In 1983, the church was sold to SIM.
 - This was the last business transaction Raymond Montour made before his death.
- On January 22, 1984, the first service was held.
 - The same day Raymond Montour passed away.
- Past staff include:
 - Lloyd & Goldie Light
 - Dick & Carol Lee
 - Kirk & Sara Duvall
 - Dale & Judy Sherman
- The church has been closed since March 2019.



Currently

- The population is 155
- Norris Chapel is owned by the tribe and therefore is on a land lease.
- Nathan & Heidi Easley family live in the parsonage, but their primary responsibilities are in St. Francis.



Parmelee

History

Founded in 1916, known as Cut Meat, the town was renamed Parmelee in 1921 in honor of Dave Parmelee (a pioneer settler).

Chapel History

- In the summers of 1954 and 1955, the Montours held tent meetings and did home visitations in Parmelee.
- In September 1955, the first stationed workers came – they only stayed about a year.
- From 1958 to 2011, multiple other workers were stationed in Parmelee.
- The old school house was purchased and used as a combined parsonage and church until late 1968 when an old church from Soldier Creek was moved in and used as a chapel.
- Past staff include:
 - The Jimersons
 - Miss Virginia Ladd
 - Naomi Rhoads
 - Lorraine Herrick
 - Kirk & Sara Duvall
 - Tonweya Sherman
- This chapel has been closed since 2012.



Mission

History

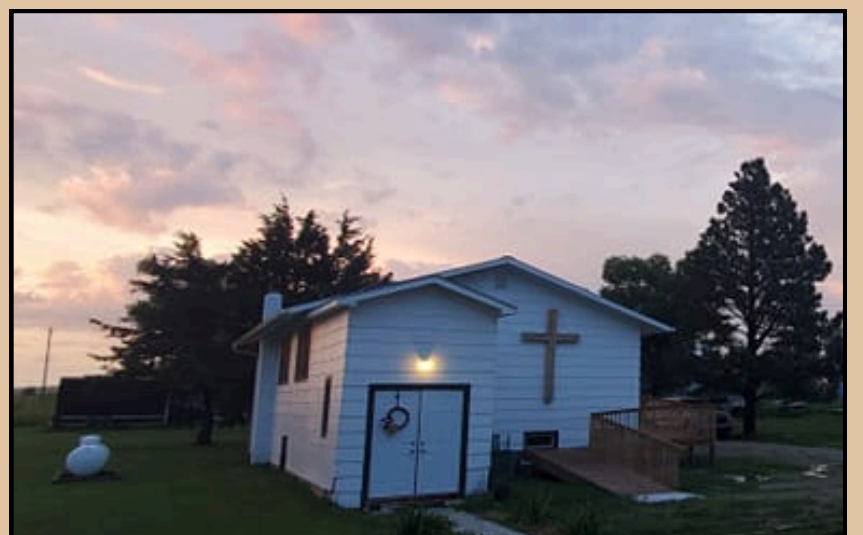
The only incorporated city on the Rosebud Reservation, Mission is named for one of the many missions established by religious groups in the late 19th century.

Currently

- The population is 1, 144
- It is home of the Sinte Gleska University

Hope Family Chapel History

- In the 1950s, Bro. Jimerson lived in Mission and began ministering there.
- In 1969, Rev. & Mrs. J C Hopper began holding services in their home.
- In 1971, the present property was purchased and in February, regular services began in a trailer chapel.
- In 1975, a trailer was moved to the present location and an addition was built, serving as the parsonage.
- In 1982, a basement chapel was built.
- In 1989, the main sanctuary was built onto the basement structure.
- Past staff include:
 - JC & Dorothy Hopper
 - Lloyd & Goldie Light
 - Walter & Sharon Phelps
 - Kim & Becky Dewhurst
 - Sharon Deets
 - Carla Lee



Keith & Tasbah Lavery



Keith & Tasbah Lavery have four children ministering with them:
Alanna (18), Cassie (15), Emily (10), and Yamni (4).

Keith and Tasbah have worked with SIM since 2004.

Tasbah grew up in ministry on and off Native American reservations in the U.S. and Canada.

Since moving to Mission, Keith has ministered through community outreaches with the fire department, city council, and more.

Keith is currently serving SIM as president, you can reach him at president@societyofindianmissions.org

Their current ministry efforts include church services, children's ministry, and various community works.

St. Francis

History

Located on the Rosebud Reservation, St. Francis (Lakota: Sápaú thí; "Catholic House") took its name from the St. Francis Indian School, which was operated by the Catholic Franciscan.

Currently

- The population is 456

Chapel History

- In August of 1971, two lots were purchased with two houses on them. The larger house was remodeled and an addition built on, becoming the parsonage. The smaller became the chapel.
- In 1985, another house was purchased and remodeled, becoming the new chapel.
- On June 4, 2017, the church was set on fire and burnt down.
 - For about two years, the Catholic Mission loaned out a small hall that services were held in.
- On December 23, 2019, the first service was held in the new chapel.
- Past staff include:
 - Harlan & Kathryn Rhoads
 - Naomi Blackcalf
 - Mark & Krystal Becker
 - Bruce & Sheila Stephens
 - Nathan & Heidi Easley
 - Ron & Becky Patton (they assist in many areas)



Rosebud

History

Rosebud is the site name for the Federal Agency designated to the Sicangu People in 1877. It was named "Rosebud" because of the abundance of wild rosebuds that grew in the area.

Currently

- Rosebud is the tribal headquarters for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and has many tribal agencies such as the Indian Health Service (IHS), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Tribal Land Enterprise, Tribal Police, and more.
- Rosebud is not an incorporated city.
- Rosebud Chapel is owned by the tribe and therefore is on a land lease.

Chapel History

- In 1967, Bro. Montour started services in Rosebud, in a 10x50 trailer that they use for services.
- In 1968, the trailer was moved outside town to its present site.
- In July of 1969, construction began on a chapel. Shortly afterwards, the Montour's home was moved to the same property and an addition was put on the house. This is now the present parsonage.
- Past staff have been:
 - Raymond & Frances Montour
 - Kenneth & Ruth Hooper
 - Dick & Mary Cook
 - Wayne & Judy Cundiff
 - Steve & Kathy Sweigart



Dan & LaDawn Smith

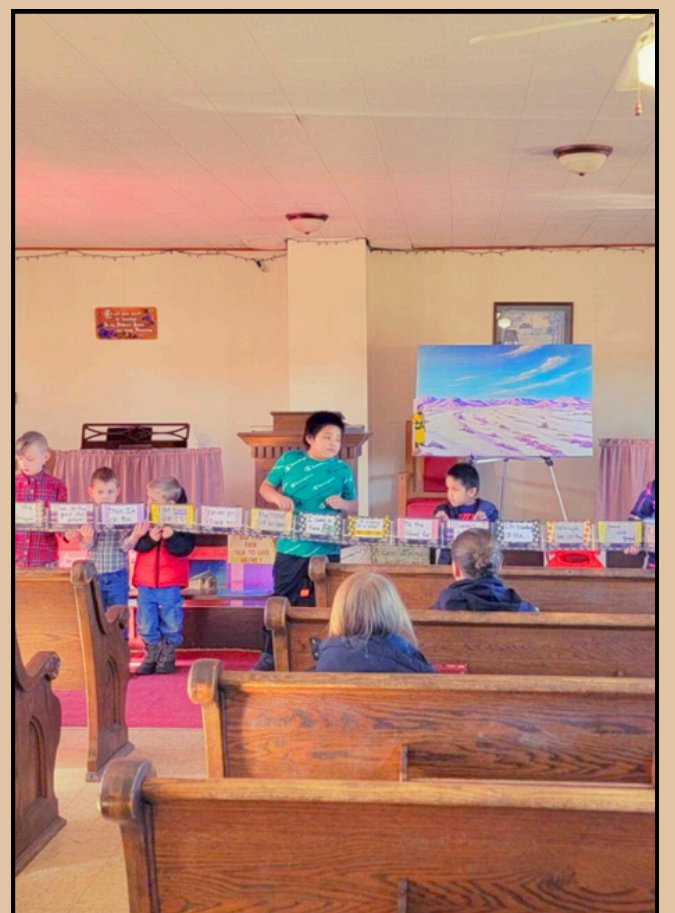


Dan & LaDawn have five children working alongside them: Hannah (18), Esther (16), Joanna (14), Isaiah (12), and Ivah (10). They also have three other children Daniel, Sarah, and Jeremiah who are not currently living at home.

The Smiths have been working with SIM since 2005.

Together as a family, they serve through Sunday School, elder visitation, hospital visits, and helping other families in SIM.

The Smiths care deeply and serve each community faithfully. They work hard to share the light of Jesus wherever they go.



Jonathan & Anna Lucas



Jonathan and Anna have two children working with them: Danny (17) and Hannah (15) as well as five others who are not currently living with them.

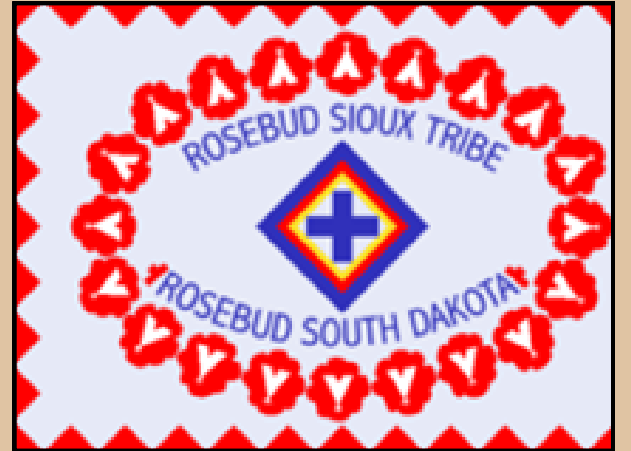
Jonathan and Anna have been with SIM full-time since January 2024 and they are located in White River, SD.

Before moving to South Dakota, the Lucas family ministered through Mission Helps, Jonathan still maintains the position of maintenance director for them.

Jonathan also serves SIM as maintenance director. You can reach him at maintenance@societyofindianmissions.org

Their current ministry efforts include the maintenance of SIM properties as well as mentoring and discipling men through business endeavors.

Rosebud Sioux Tribe



Established in 1889, the Rosebud Reservation is the home of the federally recognize Sicangu Oyate (the Upper Brulé Sioux Nation) also known as the Sicangu Lakota. (Sicangu translates to "Burnt Thigh Nation").

Ogalala Sioux Tribe



The Pine Ridge Reservation is the Oglala Lakota Sioux Tribe. The Pine Ridge Reservation is 3,468.85 sq miles of land area, making it one of the largest reservation in the U.S.

Pine Ridge Reservation was originally part of the Great Sioux Reservation established by the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868 and it is the site of many milestone events in U.S history such as Wounded Knee Massacre on December 29, 1890.

Lakota Sioux

The Sioux are comprised of three tribes, the Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota. SIM currently works primarily with the Lakota Sioux.

Some Lakota words

- red – šá / lúta
- yellow – zí
- blue – tǎó
- 1 – wánǵi (used in counting)/wanǵí (in sentences)
- 2 – núŋpa
- 3 – yámni
- 4 – tópa
- 5 – záptaŋ



Martin

History

Martin was named so in 1911 after a state representative.

Currently

- Martin's population is 937.

Martin Lakota Chapel History

- In 1971, Bear Creek community members held revival services in Martin.
- In 1972, the first VBS was held in the community, with evening services. Several people were saved.
 - It was during these services that Chip Marshall felt God call him to serve Bear Creek.
 - The Marshall's stayed after the VBS, living in their truck (with a top built on it) for three months until a trailer house was purchased.
 - Services were held in the basement built by the Marshalls.
- In 1974 a log church was built.
 - The same year, the Marshalls left.
- In 1984, a new parsonage was built.
- In 1995, a new church was built.
- Past staff include:
 - Charles & Joyce Marshall
 - Robert & Ruth Carter
 - Arlene Never Misses a Shot
 - Jeff & Shelly Siscoe
 - Kirk & Sara Duvall
 - Jeff & Annette Musser
 - John & Sherry Poff



