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# OAHE CHAPEL NEWS

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Newsletter of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society

Pierre, SD

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## Oahe Chapel Hosts Summer Events

*Church services, weddings held in historic chapel*

The Oahe Chapel, located north of Pierre, South Dakota, has an interesting history. Originally part of the Oahe Mission established by Congregationalist missionaries, the Chapel is now owned by the South Dakota State Historical Society. It is managed by the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society, a not-for-profit group that oversees the maintenance and preservation of the Chapel. Although it is no longer used on a daily basis, the Chapel is open during the summer months for tourists to visit, and various churches in the Pierre/Ft. Pierre area hold Sunday services at the Chapel from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The Chapel is also available for rent throughout the year for weddings, family reunions, and other special celebrations. Those who participate in the events at the Chapel enjoy its unique history and scenic location. If you have never joined us for an event, mark your calendar for next summer, or call the South Dakota State Historical Society today to find out how to rent the Chapel. We would love to see you there! ❖



Oahe Chapel  
North of Pierre, South Dakota, on Highway 1804

## Support the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society

*Become a member today!*

Over the years, the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society has continued in its mission to maintain and preserve the chapel for the enjoyment of the public. To that end, the organization has undertaken a number of maintenance projects, including stabilizing the foundation, leveling and reinforcing the floor, repairing and replacing the siding, and repairing the bell tower. None of these projects would have been possible without the generous support of our members. Recent projects include repairing the window sills, repainting the windows, reshingling the west side of the roof, and repairing some of the exterior trim. You can help us continue to tackle these projects by sending your donation today. A **membership form** is located on the back of this newsletter. Donations to the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society are tax deductible where allowed by law. Thank you for your continuing support! ❖

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# Oahe Chapel History Quiz

*Show off your knowledge of the Chapel's history*

- 1) In what year was the Oahe Mission established?
- 2) What was the name of the minister who established the Oahe Mission and with what church was he affiliated?
- 3) The Oahe Mission was established on the site of an old Arikara Indian village called \_\_\_\_\_, which was later shortened to "Oahe."
- 4) Where was the original Oahe Mission located?
- 5) Services were originally conducted in the Dakota language, but only English was used by what year?
- 6) What happened to the Chapel in 1964?
- 7) When was the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society formed?

*See answers at right.*

*Give yourself one point for each correct answer.*



## RESERVE THE CHAPEL

Call now to reserve the Oahe Chapel for your wedding, anniversary, family reunion, or other special event! The Chapel is available for rent year round. The cost to rent the facility is \$50, and members of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society are eligible to rent the facility for a reduced rate of \$35. To learn more, contact the South Dakota State Historical Society at (605) 773-3458. ❖

### Quiz Answers:

- 1) 1874; 2) Thomas L. Riggs, Congregational; 3) *Ti Tanke Ohe*;
- 4) On the east bank of the Missouri River at Peoria Flats, about 5 miles upriver from the Chapel's current location; 5) 1931;
- 6) It was moved to its current location at the east end of the Oahe Dam when the original location was flooded due to construction of the dam; 7) 1984

5-7 points: Congratulations! You are an expert on Oahe Chapel's history!

3-4 points: Good job! Keep studying!

0-2 points: You should visit the Oahe Chapel and learn more!

## Oahe Chapel Preservation Society Membership Form

Membership investment is for one year. Members will receive the annual Oahe Chapel News to keep up-to-date with current projects at the Oahe Chapel. Members are also eligible to rent the chapel at a reduced rate of \$35. Donations are tax deductible where allowed by law.

Please detach this form and mail with check to:  
 Oahe Chapel Preservation Society, PO Box 7201, Pierre, SD 57501.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

- Sustaining Membership \$500.00
- Patron Membership \$100.00
- Family Membership \$25.00
- Individual Membership \$15.00
- Enclosed is my one-time gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_