

Report of Soul Shop Trainings for 2026

To The Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming;

As a Trainer for the Soul Shop Suicide Prevention program, I'm pleased to tell you that I was able to work with The Rev. Peggy Hotchkiss in Saratoga, Wyoming on January 31, 2026. We were able to train eight (8) people in this program at that time. On July 11, 2026 I held a training in Thermopolis for the congregation but unfortunately due to events happening in Thermopolis, only three people were able to attend that training.

With both of these trainings, all of those in attendance said that they would recommend this training to others. One person in Thermopolis stood up at announcement time during the service the next day and recommended that all of the people take the training. I've not had a negative response to this training, but I think it might be the time commitment that stops some people from signing up. I'm really not sure.

I have found that while we are trying to provide this training to everyone who would like to participate, finding the right dates for the trainer(s) and the participants has been difficult due to other commitments for all involved. Perhaps if we could set a date with each church in the Diocese who would like to host this program, one or two trainers would be able to make it to that church. I would like to set a goal to provide this training one Saturday each month beginning in 2027. I will continue to work to bring it to this region as I have time.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Lin Davenport