



Name of Committee, Commission, Task Force or Program:

Soul Shop Suicide Prevention Training

Mission/Purpose Statement:

The Soul Shop initiative equips faith community leaders and congregations with the tools and knowledge to effectively minister to individuals and families impacted by suicide. This program reflects the Diocese's commitment to faith-based suicide prevention, compassionate support, and advocacy for improved mental health resources statewide and within our congregations.

Summary of Current Year's Activities:

In July 2025, a full-week Train-the-Trainer session was held in Casper. Eleven Wyoming based trainers completed the training and became certified Soul Shop Trainers. These trainers are available to provide Soul Shop for Faith Leaders workshops in their regions.

In 2025 through summer of 2026, over 150 participants completed day-long Soul Shop training, with a few of those being conducted by national Soul Shop trainers:

Sept 24, 2025 - Soul Shop for Leaders
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Buffalo, WY
9 attendees
Todd Young and Bill Hawley, trainers

October 24, 2025 - Soul Shop for Leaders
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Casper, WY
14 attendees
David Galvan, Fr. Cliff, Todd Young - trainers

January 31, 2026 - Soul Shop for Leaders
First Presbyterian Church, Saratoga, WY
6 attendees
Peggy Hotchkiss and Anetta Lin Davenport, trainers

April 21, 2026 - Soul Shop for Pastoral Leaders
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Casper, WY

10 Attendees
David Galvan, Trainer

April 21, 2026 - Soul Shop for Lay Leaders
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Casper, WY
24 attendees
Fr. Cliff Jacobsen, trainer

April 21, 2026 - Soul Shop for Hispanic Churches
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Casper, WY
7 attendees
David Umanzor, Trainer

April 21, 2026 - Soul Shop for Youth Workers
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Casper, WY
21 attendees
Lauren Jenkins, Trainer

April 23, 2026 - Soul Shop for Leaders
Grace Point Church, Powell, WY
13 attendees
David Galvan, Trainer

May 19, 2026 – Soul Shop for Leaders
Element Church, Cheyenne, WY
29 attendees
Michelle Snyder, Trainer

June 16, 2026 - Soul Shop for Leaders
United Church of Powell. Powell, WY
14 attendees
Jayson Nicholson, Trainer

July 11, 2026 - Soul Shop for Leaders
Trinity Church, Thermopolis, WY
3 attendees
Lin Davenport, Trainer

July 11, 2026 - Soul Shop for Leaders
Douglas, WY
Felicia Smith, Trainer

Financial Report:

Budgetary allocation for 2026 was \$5,000. We do not have 2026 financials to date but it appears that most of the session funding was covered by participants due to a lack of understanding about diocesan support availability.

Plans and Projections for the Coming Year:

The Diocese has established a regular line item in the diocesan budget to support ongoing Soul Shop programming and training. Trainers will continue to provide regional workshops, expanding the reach of suicide prevention and faith-based mental health support throughout Wyoming. It would be wonderful to be able to train another 150 participants in 2027.

Membership/Leadership:

The Rev. Canon Bobbe Fitzhugh oversees the coordination of Soul Shop programming and it is unclear who will take on this task when she retires the end of 2026. Trainers are based in Evanston, Thermopolis, Pinedale, Buffalo, Douglas, Saratoga, Casper, Powell, and Hudson.

Gratitude/Acknowledgements:

Special thanks are extended to the diocesan leadership for ongoing advocacy, to the eleven certified Soul Shop Trainers who continue this vital ministry across Wyoming and to Soul Shop co-founders Michelle Snyder and Christopher Epperson.

Submitted by:

The Rev. Canon Bobbe Fitzhugh