

**Yes, I am attending our  
“Competent and  
Confident” Lay Readers’  
Conference.**

**April 13 – 15, 2018  
Slave Lake, Alberta**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the Diocese is covering the costs of meals on the Saturday of the conference and two nights’ accommodation. St. Peter’s Church will provide a reception on the Friday and a potluck on the Sunday. I will be responsible for my own travel and other meals.

**Return this registration to  
The Diocese of Athabasca  
Box 6868  
Peace River, AB T8S 1S6  
FAX: 780-624-2365**



Being a lay reader in the Diocese of Athabasca is an important ministry. The lay reader is proposed by the incumbent to the members of the Annual General Meeting who vote on the approval. Once approved, the name is forwarded to the Bishop through the Warden of Lay Readers, the Dean, who then licenses the lay reader. The lay reader is a diocesan ministry, licensed and trained to serve the diocese as a minister of the Word and prayer. Lay readers are licensed and trained to

- ✓ design and preside at services of the Word such as Morning and Evening Prayer,
- ✓ design and preside at funerals in the absence of an ordained person,
- ✓ support the pastoral care of the parish,
- ✓ develop a personal rule of life that will support their own spiritual growth and development as a disciple.

**This conference is intended to support the training of our lay readers in their ministries. REGISTER NOW TO SHARE IN THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.**

**Lay Readers in the  
Diocese of  
Athabasca—  
COMPETENT AND  
CONFIDENT**



A conference for all lay readers, lay readers in training and lay reader candidates.

**April 13 -15, 2018**

**St. Peter’s  
Ecumenical Church  
Slave Lake, Alberta**

Some years ago the Diocese of Athabasca hosted a Lay Readers' Conference, which was well received. The time has come to host another event.

"Competent and Confident" is aimed at

- ✓ establishing and renewing supportive relationships,
- ✓ building capacity and confidence in our partnership of the gospel,
- ✓ providing a time of renewal,
- ✓ providing some continuing skill development to increase the capacity of our lay readers to effectively minister.

"Competent and Confident" will take place on

**Friday, April 13, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

**to**

**Sunday, April 15, 2018**

**1:00 p.m.**

**St. Peter's Ecumenical Church  
Slave Lake, Alberta**

Now is the time for all lay readers, lay readers in training and candidates for lay readers to share in developing as disciples of Jesus.

The Diocese of Athabasca is hosting this conference by providing accommodations and some meals. This generous support is being provided by the Diocesan Executive Council. Accommodations (and continental breakfasts) are provided at

**The Slave Lake Super 8  
101 – 14 Avenue SW  
780-640-5971**

The facilitators for the conference are

- ✓ the Very Rev. Jason Haggstrom, Dean of Athabasca and Warden of Lay Readers and
- ✓ the Ven. Canon Terry Leer, Archdeacon for Mission Development.

Through a number of sessions participants will explore

- ✓ creativity and faithfulness in designing Morning Prayer from *The BAS*,
- ✓ using services from *The BCP* to speak to today's Church,
- ✓ ministry outside of Sunday morning liturgies and
- ✓ developing a "Rule of Life" for Lay Readers.

On the Sunday morning we will join St. Peter's Ecumenical Church for a service of Holy Communion—and a potluck lunch!

**Advanced registration is required for this conference. The firm deadline for registration is**

**March 26, 2018.**

The Diocesan Executive Council has voted to support this conference by providing

- ✓ two nights' accommodation,
- ✓ meals on the Saturday of the conference.

St. Peter's Ecumenical Church will provide

- ✓ a reception on the Friday night,
- ✓ a potluck lunch on the Sunday.

Participants will be responsible for

- ✓ their own travel to and from the event,
- ✓ supper on the Friday (if desired),
- ✓ breakfast on the Sunday.

A registration form is found on the reverse of this column. Please fill it out and return it to the Synod Office postal address as indicated. Or you may scan the form and email it to

[amdath@telus.net](mailto:amdath@telus.net).

**The Diocese of Athabasca will reserve your room at the Super 8 Motel, Slave Lake.**