

**Yes, I am attending our
"Competent and
Confident II" Lay
Readers' Conference.**

**April 5 – 7, 2019
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,
- ✓ preach as required at public worship,
- ✓ 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 II**



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

**April 5 – 7, 2019
St. Peter's
Ecumenical Church
Slave Lake, Alberta**

Last year's Lay Readers' Conference focussed on developing competencies in designing and leading liturgies as well as on personal discipleship development. The conference was a big success. The time has come to host another event.

"Competent and Confident II" is aimed at

- ✓ building competencies and confidence in writing and delivering sermons,
- ✓ building competencies and confidence in ministry at time of death,
- ✓ building supportive relationships.

"Competent and Confident II" will take place on

Friday, April 5, 2019

7:00 p.m.

to

Sunday, April 7, 2019

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.

A freewill offering to help defray costs will be taken.

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 Northern Star Hotel
801 Main Street
780-849-3300.**

The facilitators for the conference are

- ✓ the Right Rev. Fraser Lawton, Bishop of Athabasca,
- ✓ 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

- ✓ the ministry of Lay Readers as God's mission;
- ✓ writing and delivering your own sermon, and
- ✓ ministry at time of death as pastoral care.

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 18, 2019.

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).

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.

The Diocese of Athabasca will reserve your room at the Northern Star Hotel.