

THE RIGHT REVEREND MARK LATTIME

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Dear Colleagues in Ministry in the Southeast Deanery,

I give thanks for your faithfulness and commitment to the spiritual health and vitality of your communities and your devotion to the common prayers and worship of your congregations. Licensed Worship Leaders strengthen the bonds of our common life and hope in Christ Jesus. Your ministry nourishes the spiritual life of your congregations and thereby strengthens them in the way of Jesus.

As your bishop, I am committed to doing what I can to nourish *you* so that you, too, may be strengthened in your life and ministry in Jesus. Therefore, I am delighted to announce a weekend Training Retreat for Licensed Worship Leaders--or those interested in becoming Licensed Worship Leaders, in our Southeast Deanery.

The Training Retreat is scheduled for October 26 & 27 with Friday, October 25, and Monday, October 28, as travel days. The Retreat will take place at the Cape Fox Lodge in Ketchikan.

The congregations of the Southeast Deanery are invited to send 3 Lay Leaders to this Training Retreat. It is open to those who are already Licensed Worship Leaders and those who are interested in becoming Licensed Worship Leaders. Registration is free, travel and accommodation will be covered by the Diocese of Alaska with the expectation that those who register participate fully in the retreat program and commit to serving faithfully in their congregations.

I am delighted to be offering this opportunity and look forward to being with you in Ketchikan. In the hope of Christ,



The Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime 8th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska