

# 2017 Diocese of the Rocky Mountains Gathering

## Pre-Gathering Clergy Formation

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When:

- Monday, February 6
- 1 - 4 pm

Where:

- International Anglican Church / 1305 N. Union Colorado Springs, CO 80909
  - *This is the same place the Gathering is taking place.*

Who:

- Featuring
  - Rt. Rev. Ken Ross
  - Rev. Can. Matt Burnett
  - Dr. Peter Leithart
- For
  - Clergy
  - Lay Persons
  - Anyone interested
    - *This event is no extra charge for those attending the Diocese Gathering*

What:

### **Cranmer and Schmemmann – A Conversation about Sacramental Theology**

What difference does it make what we believe about the sacraments?

Anglican worship is rooted in Word and Sacrament. The English reformers knew that what we believe about Word and Sacrament deeply shapes our ministry, our churches, and our lives as followers of Jesus. Anglican documents, such as the 39 articles and the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, give foundations for our understanding of Word and Sacrament without defining the mystery out of them. In addition, many of us have very deeply appreciated the work of Orthodox writer Alexander Schmemmann and his sacramental worldview. In our time together we will compare and contrast Schmemmann's book, *For The Life of the World*, and some Anglican foundational documents (Articles 25-30 of the 39 Articles, the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, and the Homilies - especially book 2, Homilies 9 and 15).

We'll do some large-group presentations as well as small-group work together to discern how this conversation can and should affect our work and our churches.

Dr. Peter Leithart will be involved in leading this and bring to bear his extensive learning as a theologian and as the President of the Theopolis Institute, which focuses on "Bible. Liturgy. Culture."

No advance reading is necessary, but if you like you can review the readings mentioned above. While this time is designed for clergy and those in the ordination process, any are welcome.