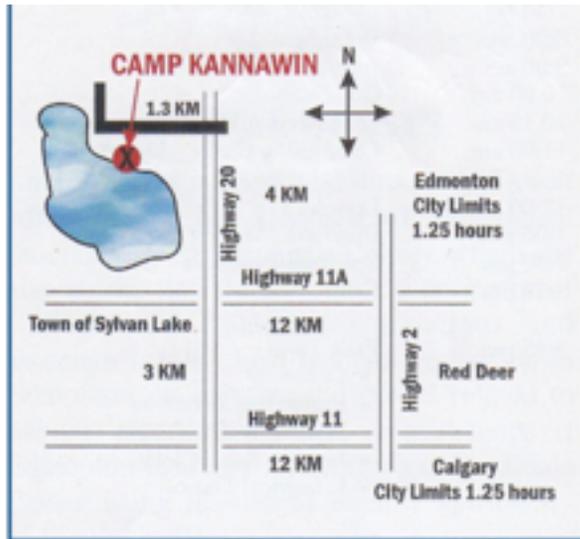


## Location

Camp Kannawin is located 5 minutes north of the town of Sylvan Lake, beside Jarvis Bay Provincial Park.

From the intersection of Hwy 11A and Hwy 20, head north on Hwy 20 approximately 4 km. Turn west / left on Township Road 392 and continue past two entrances to Jarvis Bay Park. Camp Kannawin is the fourth driveway on the left, just at the bottom of the hill.



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## Registration

**Cost: \$20 for those not commissioners at Synod**

If you are a member of a congregation wishing to attend for the day, please register by emailing

Dianne Ollerenshaw

[dianne.ollerenshaw@gmail.com](mailto:dianne.ollerenshaw@gmail.com)

or calling 403.698.2523

Payment can be made by mailing a cheque **payable to *The Synod of Alberta & The Northwest*** and sending it to Dianne Ollerenshaw, 51 Hobart Road SW, Calgary, AB T2V 3K2

**Copies of Joel Theissen's book, *The Meaning of Sunday*, will be available for purchase at \$30 by cash.**



## Flourishing

*active spiritual life - belonging*  
*leadership - quantitative growth*  
*inspiring mission - outreach and service*  
*community presence*

## Congregations

## Understanding and Engaging the Canadian Religious and Cultural Landscape

Explore what flourishing congregations look like in a uniquely Canadian context and how local congregations from various traditions may move towards and maintain a flourishing ethos.



**Synod of Alberta & The Northwest  
Camp Kannawin**

**Saturday, October 22, 2016  
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

# A Time For Learning and Dialogue

Sociologists generally agree that Canada is becoming an increasingly secular society. But what is the significance of this shift?

In his new book, *The Meaning of Sunday*, Dr. Joel Thiessen, Associate Professor of Sociology at Ambrose University, aims both to sharpen our current understanding of the reasons people participate, or choose not to participate, in church communities in Canada, and to promote a deeper understanding of the Canadian religious and cultural landscape.

You are invited to a day away to examine the themes above, including how and why some congregations flourish within this Canadian context.

Join the Synod for the opportunity and challenge to engage in this topic.

## Guest Speaker Joel Thiessen, PhD



Joel Thiessen is Associate Professor of Sociology & Director of Flourishing Congregations Institute, Ambrose University, Calgary.

He enjoys teaching and as a sociologist is passionate about learning and excellence. From the classroom instructing students, to the research field gathering data, to consulting in various settings, Joel is compassionate about bridging sociological knowledge with ‘real world’ concerns.

Joel writes, “For me, the sociological perspective enables us to think carefully, critically, and scientifically about human attitudes and behaviours, often challenging ‘common sense’ myths with sound empirical data.”

Joel obtained his MA and PhD at the University of Waterloo. He is married to Helen and they have a dog, Shadow. He is an avid sports fan, a drummer, and enjoys reading biographies, travelling and exercising.

Learn more of Joel here:  
<http://www.joelthiessen.ca/>  
[www.flourishingcongregations.org](http://www.flourishingcongregations.org)

Schedule	
Time	
8:45 – 9:00	Registration
9:00	Introduction, Prayer
9:15	The Changing Canadian Religious Landscape
10:30	Break
10:45	The Meaning of Sunday: The Practice of Belief in a Secular Age
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Flourishing Congregations in Canada
2:00	Break
3:00	Practical and Theological Considerations
3:15	Recap of Day and Closing
3:30	Adjournment