

**2018 CONNECTIONAL LAY MINISTRY DAY THEME:
“GETTING BACK TO BASICS IN STUDYING GOD’S WORD AND SERVING HIS PEOPLE”**

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Leader: Take me back, take me back dear Lord to the place where I first received you. Take me back, take me back dear Lord where I first believed.

Congregation: Lord, when I think of your goodness, your grace and mercy, I am compelled to return to the faith of our forefathers who had an unwavering faith that allowed them to proclaim we will be true to thee till death.

Leader: Lord, in studying your word we are reminded to humble ourselves, pray and seek your face, turn from our wicked ways, then will we hear from heaven and you will forgive our sins and heal the land.

Congregation: Lord, like Mark we want to have the discipline to rise early, steal away to pray before the break of day and live out the words of the psalmist who said: “From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.”

Leader: The mercies of God call out: “Don’t be lazy but be diligent in serving the Lord.” Our charge as servants of the most high God is to seek, study, share and serve God’s people, this we affirm by our service in the lay ministry.

Congregation: Let the word be your guide, let Jesus be your model, prayer your inspiration and the work that you do will speak for you, because only what you do for Christ will last.

All: Take me back, take back dear Lord to the place where I first received you that I may be so empowered to study your word and serve your people for a life lived in service to others is pleasing to our Holy Father.

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