



WORKSHOP

A Pastoral Approach to Preaching at a Funeral: What do we have left to say?

Date: Saturday, September 30, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. to 13:20 p.m.

Cost: In-Person *or on Zoom* – \$15

Location: All Saints by the Lake

865, chemin du Bord-du-Lac–Lakeshore, Dorval H9S 2C7 • (Free parking – buses 191, 202, 209... 211)

Objective

Part 1: will be a short history of how funerals have been preached for approx. 100 years. It is very interesting as theologically this has changed quite a bit, but remnants of these theologies and approaches can still be found in popular theologies, and probably we would benefit from naming them, and thinking about them, and deciding how suitable they are for today.

Part 2: will present (possibly in the form of a worksheet or outline) how to think about what we need to do when preparing and writing a sermon for a funeral.

Part 3: as time permits, we will outline a particular sermon with ideas from the group based on a case study.

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Language: At the discretion of the speaker, the presentation will be in either English or French, as needed to achieve the objective. Questions in either language.

Schedule

- 9:00 Opening Prayer
- 9:15 Introduction of speaker
- 9:20 **Session 1: History**
- 10:20 Coffee break 1
- 10:40 **Session 2: Reflection on the now**
- 11:40 Coffee break 2
- 12:10 **Session 3. Case study review**
- 13:10 Words of thanks and closing prayer
- 13:20 End of the event

You are encouraged to bring a packed lunch and remain for conversation and fellowship after the workshop.

Registration

Alternative 1. Payment by e-transfer

- Fill-in the registration form (enclosed) and email it to karenbirkett@sympatico.ca
- Make an e-transfer to “Lay Readers Association of the Diocese of Montreal”; the email address for the transfer is karenbirkett@sympatico.ca

Alternative 2. Payment by cheque

- Fill-in the registration form (enclosed) and email it to karenbirkett@sympatico.ca (so we have your name as soon as possible).
- Write your cheque, making it payable to “Lay Readers Association” (Sept. 30 Workshop), and send it by snail-mail to: Ms. Karen Birkett, 952 - 10th Avenue, Lachine (Québec) H8S 3G2

***IMPORTANT: Your registration form and fee MUST be received before Friday, September 29 at 12:00 p.m (noon).**

If you have already registered in person and would rather wish to be online, send a note to karenbirkett@sympatico.ca.

Questions? Problem? Contact Mark Weatherley (vice-president) • vicepresident@layreaders.org • 514-710-8066