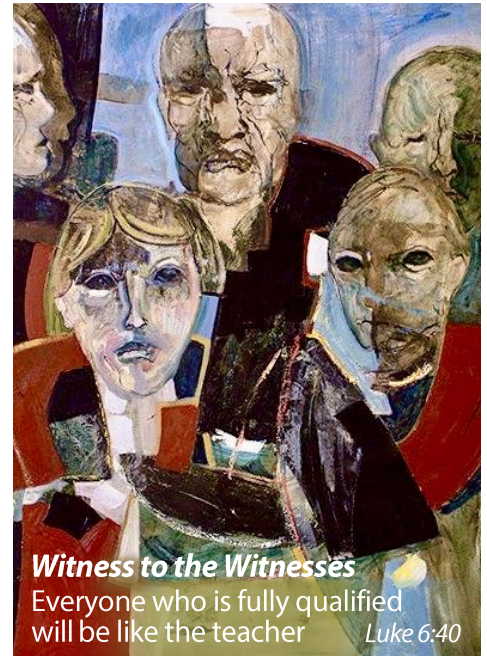


## STUDY DAY

# Seniors' Residences: Being Witnesses to the Witnesses

- Date:** Saturday, November 23, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Followed by the Commissioning service at 4:00 p.m.
- Location:** All Saints by the Lake  
865 chemin Bord-du-lac–Lakeshore, Dorval (Québec) H9S 2C7  
Free parking beside the church  
Buses 198, 202, 209... 211
- Speaker:** Rev. Brian Perron  
The presentation will be in English.  
Questions may be in English or French.
- Participation:** In person or on Zoom
- Cost:** \$60 in person (\$35 for new Lay Readers),  
including simple breakfast and full-course lunch  
\$25 on Zoom



## Objective

There is a growing and significant part of our population that live in Residences. Some still have great faith, however others may have begun to believe that a life of witness is over. Now more than ever in their golden years, is a time for encouragement to be witnesses to one another and to their own families. And if nothing else, give them an opportunity to experience a community where their spirituality can be nurtured and even grow.

This workshop will allow us to collectively share and learn together as we confirm the means and ways to become and then to show others how to be “witnesses to the witnesses”.

### Pick up the Mantel – Witness to the witnesses...

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” (2 Kings 2:9)

## Schedule

- 7:45 Simple breakfast
- 8:15 Gathering and registration of those who participate in person
- 8:30 **Opening and morning worship:** Picking up the Mantel
- 9:00 **Session 1: Seeking and nurturing your audience**  
The Who and Where: the calling of the community.  
Discover your audience, encourage them to hear and become witnesses again in the great calling, and inherit their double share.  
*Each session includes a speaker presentation, discussion breakout groups (in person and online), and feedback time*
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 **Session 2: Guided by the Lectionary Scriptures**  
Unraveling appropriate topics.  
Allowing the Spirit to lead and encourage by the Word, within and through a community: a community anchored to a church.

- 11:15 Break
- 11:30 **Session 3: Using the tools available**  
Craft a memorable service of impact and mission, assembling readings, hymns, liturgy, prayers, images and printing  
Invoking the double share of the Holy Spirit to prepare a meaningful motivational service.
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:15 **Session 4: Presenting examples from the work groups**  
Discover the various possibilities, depending on the many varied audiences, known and potential.
- 14:15 Closing prayers, thanks  
and instructions for the upcoming commissioning service
- 14:30 Tea and coffee
- 15:00 Robing
- 15:30 Preparation for procession
- 16:00 **Commissioning service**  
*Invite your family and friends as well as your parish priest!*  
(a separate Zoom link will be used for the service)
- 17:00 Bishop's Tea

## Registration

- **The Study Day is open to Lay Readers, as well as friends, clergy and lay persons interested by the subject.**
- Please register using the registration form attached.  
See procedure and payment options on the registration form.
- **IMPORTANT: Your registration form and fee MUST be received by Tuesday, November 19, noon (or sooner)**  
Documentation will be provided after registration and registration fee are received.