

A meeting of the Pastoral Relations Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Ina Bromley, Ed Gratton, Wayne Harris, Charlotte Hoy, Sharon MacDonald, Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean, Janet Nield (8)

REGRETS: Whit Strong, Linda Suddaby (2)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair Wayne called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. He thanked everyone for calling in and offered an opening prayer especially asking for safe travels for Whit and his wife Christine who are off on holidays.

QUICK CHECK-IN:

Whit is on vacation – we all wish him well; Ed is not having a particularly good day – commiserations; Erin's 5-year old son won a special award at school – congratulations.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

Motion 19/20-27 (E. McIntyre/I. Bromley) “that the agenda be accepted as circulated.” **CARRIED**

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF NOV. 12, 2019

Motion 19/20-28 (S. MacDonald/j. Nield) “that minutes of the EOORC PR Commission for November 12, 2019 be approved as circulated.” **CARRIED**

RESTORATIVE CARE PLAN:

For information

Bill Checkley (Pakenham PC) is still on restorative care. The Rev. Molly Bell (Orleans PC) began a graduated return to work as of December 2, 2019. Ed reported the Rev. Jessica Hetherington (Richmond PC) has begun working 8 hours/week in December.

SABBATICALS:

1) Mary Royal-Duczek (Almonte PC)

Motion 19/20-29 (I. Bromley/C. Hoy) “that EOORC PR Commission takes note of the upcoming sabbatical of the Rev. Mary Royal-Duczek (Almonte Pastoral Charge) for the period of April to July 2010 **2020**.” **CARRIED**

CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS: None to date

PASTORAL REPORT:

Wayne had circulated an updated report on the Pastoral Charges in EOOR. Please correct the spelling of Micheline Montreuil's name (Bathurst PC).

LIAISONS and PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

Liaisons:

1) Ottawa Chinese PC

Motion 19/20-30 (E. Gratton/J. Nield) “that the EOORC PR Commission name Charles Barrett as Liaison to the Ottawa Chinese Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

2) Emmanuel PC

Motion 19/20-31 (S. MacDonald/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission name Janet Nield and Ed Gratton as Co-Liaisons to the Emmanuel Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

[Abstaining: Janet Nield, Ed Gratton]

For Information:

- A Liaison is needed for Dominion-Chalmers PC. Cindy Casey will do this for a month of two while PR finds someone to fill that role.
- Manotick PC requires a Liaison.
- Parkdale PC requires a Liaison to replace David Stafford. Parkdale has a couple of interviews scheduled for early December. It was suggested they go ahead and set a date after which Wayne will contact all Liaisons to find out if someone can attend.
- Questions were asked regarding ChurchHub now that all forms must be completed on-line. Ed received an e-mail with information and will forward it to all commission members.

Pastoral Charge Supervisors:

Motion 19/20-32(I. Bromley/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC Pastoral Relations Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, name Cindy Casey, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Dominion-Chalmers Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF PROFILES:

Motion 19/20-33(C. Hoy/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC Pastoral Relations Commission approves the Lyn: Christ Church PC profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-34(J. Nield/E. Gratton) “that the EOORC Pastoral Relations Commission approves the Pembroke: Calvin PC profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-35(S. MacDonald/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC Pastoral Relations Commission approves the Central Lanark PC profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-36(E. Gratton/J. Nield) “that the EOORC Pastoral Relations Commission approves the Manotick PC profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-37(J. Nield/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC Pastoral Relations Commission approves the Bells Corners PC profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

[Note: The document has been approved but will have to be re-written to fit the new on-line forms in ChurchHub. Whit will speak to them about this.]

CALLS/APPOINTMENTS:**1) City View PC – re-appointment**

Motion 19/20-38(E. Gratton/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC Pastoral Relations Commission approves the re-appointment of the Rev. Anne Montgomery to the City View Pastoral Charge, 30 hours/week as Ordained Supply with a total annual remuneration of fifty-three thousand six hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$53,675.00), January 1, 2010 **2020** to June 30, 2020.” **CARRIED**

Appointment forms:

There are several appointments set for January 1, 2020 but Whit has not yet received paperwork for any

of them. They include:

- Cobden-queen's Line PC – as regular minister.
- Manotick PC – supply during search
- Cumberland PC – the Rev. Susan butler-Jones (OM-R) and the Rev. Boyd Drake (OM-R) will be covering until the Rev. Stephanie Bates returns from restorative care. There is a possibility they may also cover Navan-Vars PC.

DECLARATION OF VACANCIES:

1) **Motion 19/20-39**(E. McIntyre/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC Pastoral Relations Commission declares a vacancy at the Manotick PC effective January 1, 2020.” **CARRIED**

2) **Motion 19/20-40**(E. Gratton/C. Hoy) “that the EOORC Pastoral Relations Commission declares a vacancy for a Diaconal Minister, pending Commissioning on May 2, 2010 **2020**, at the Bells Corners PC effective January 1, 2020.” **CARRIED**

COVENANTING SERVICES:

Covenanting Services:

- Peter Bartlett Perth Road U.C. – Jan. 19, 2020 (Liaison: Heather McLurg-Murphy)

The question was asked – Who may attend the Covenanting services. Anyone may attend as this is an open service for all. EOOR members – lay and clergy – are particularly encouraged to attend to lend their support to a new colleague/member. In addition, the Pastoral Charge Liaison has often represented EOOR at the service.

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PC SUPERVISORS: Noting additional

OTHER BUSINESS:

Terms of Reference

- Who looks after Pastoral care and oversight? Is this only Whit? What about conflict resolution? Office of vocations only works with ministry personnel so who looks after Pastoral Charges? There used to be a whole committee just for this. There is great concern that this is too much for one person to do along with all the other demands of the position.
Motion 19/20-41(J. Nield/C. Hoy) “that the EOORC Pastoral Relations Commission accepts the Terms of Reference as presented today and that it be forwarded to the EOORC Executive.” **CARRIED**

Liaisons get together and update

- Nothing has been decided yet. The main purpose is to receive training on ChurchHub.

Retirees;

- There appear to be problems accessing the names of these people so we can establish a method of reaching out to them. Due to privacy concerns, the General Council office will not release the names to us without permission from the retirees themselves. This has the commission very concerned about people falling through the cracks.
Are pensioners in our Region and elsewhere being contacted and looked after?
Wayne will contact Susan Jackson at GCO for the status of the 2019 Yearbook and will also ask for help with our concerns re our retirees.

Sacraments for Students in Appointments:

- There does not appear to be a policy allowing Students in appointments to preside over the sacraments or be authorized to officiate at marriages. This was covered in our former presbyteries by Education & Students and Ministry Vocations committee and passed on to the respective Pastoral Relations committees who made recommendations to Conference. It was agreed Executive should be asked to consider a policy for students in appointments regarding sacraments and marriages.

Staff Report

- All our Ottawa-based Liaisons are currently in a pastoral charge and some are doing double-duty. Our Liaisons in Seaway valley are not engaged because of their proximity to vacancies. How do we handle the vacancies at Manotick and Parkdale? Our Liaisons in the western end of EOORC are quite a distance away. Do we need to train some new Liaisons? Any suggestions for who Whit might approach?
- Please add the Rev. Ingrid Condie-Bennett to the list of PR Liaisons.

LAST WORDS: None**NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting January 14, 2020 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.**CLOSING:** Wayne offered a closing prayer. The business of the Commission being completed, he thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 2:02 p.m. Merry Christmas to All!!