

A meeting of the Pastoral Relations Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Ina Bromley, Wayne Harris, Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean, Whit Strong, Linda Suddaby (6)

REGRETS: Ed Gratton, Charlotte Hoy, Sharon MacDonald, Janet Nield (4)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair Wayne called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. He thanked everyone for calling in and offered an opening prayer to begin the meeting.

QUICK CHECK-IN:

Members checked in with updates since the last meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence will be dealt with under appropriate sections of the agenda.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF FEB. 11, 2020

Motion 19/20-65 (I. Bromley/E. McIntyre) “that the minutes of the EOORC PR Commission for February 11, 2020 be approved as distributed.” **CARRIED**

PASTORAL REPORTS:

Wayne reviewed the Excel spreadsheet he had prepared and presented to the meeting in Glen Cairn in February regarding the status of ministers in the Region. He will review and update it and the larger Pastoral Charge spreadsheet on an ongoing basis with Whit Strong and Karen Valley. The Ministers’ report (with some exclusions to preserve privacy) will be posted on the website and changed on a regular basis.

PULPIT SUPPLY: No updates since our last meeting

SABBATICALS:

1) Heather Froats (Brockville: St. John’s P.C.)

Motion 19/20-66 (E. McIntyre/ L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission takes note of the upcoming sabbatical of the Rev. Dr. Heather Froats (Brockville: St. John’s Pastoral Charge) for the period from May 31, 2020 to September 27, 2020.” **CARRIED**

CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS: None

LIAISONS and PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

Pastoral Charge Supervisors and Liaisons required:

- Rideau Park PC – Assessing future needs – Liaison required
- Dominion-Chalmers PC – Profile and Search – Liaison required
- Wesley, Pembroke PC – PC Supervisor and Liaison required. Ina reported she has spoken with 2 people from the upper end of the Region who have expressed interest in becoming liaisons. Whit will follow up.
- Spencerville – PC Supervisor required

Liaisons: None

Supervisors

Motion 19/20-67 (E. McIntyre/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission, names the Rev. Paul Vavasour, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the St. John’s Pastoral Charge (Kemptville) effective immediately.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-68 (L. Suddaby/ E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission, names the Rev. Ralph Taylor, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the St. John’s Pastoral Charge (Kemptville) effective immediately.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-69 (I. Bromley/ E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission, names the Rev. Angela Bailey, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Bell’s Corners Pastoral Charge effective March 15 – 21, 2020.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-70 (E. McIntyre/ I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission, names the Rev. Stéphane Vermette, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Kitchissippi Pastoral Charge effective May 1, 2020 to August, 2020.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-71 (I. Bromley/ E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission, names the Rev. Angela Bailey, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Richmond Pastoral Charge effective February 28, 2020, to cover a restorative care leave.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-72 (I. Bromley/ L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission, names the Rev. Myra Garvin, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Shanly Pastoral Charge effective March 10, 2020.” **CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF PROFILES:

Motion 19/20-73 (L. Suddaby/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the Dominion-Chalmers Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-74 (I. Bromley/L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the Emmanuel Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-75 (E. McIntyre/L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the Shawville Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

CALLS/APPOINTMENTS:

Motion 19/20-76 (I. Bromley/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the call of the Rev. Laura Springate to the City View Pastoral Charge, 40 hours/week with a total annual remuneration of sixty-seven thousand six hundred and sixteen dollars (\$67,616), effective February 23, 2020.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-77 (E. McIntyre/ I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of the Rev. Georgina Fitzgerald (OM-R) to the Rideau Park Pastoral Charge, 10 hours/week as Retired Supply with a total annual remuneration of twenty thousand five hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents (\$20,556.50), effective July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-78 (I. Bromley/ E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of the Deborah Poirier (DLM) to the Christ Church Pastoral Charge (Chesterville), 40 hours/week with a total annual remuneration of sixty-six thousand six hundred and ninety-two dollars (\$66,692), effective July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021.” **CARRIED**

DECLARATION OF VACANCIES:

Motion 19/20-79 (L. Suddaby/ E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission declares a vacancy at the Emmanuel Pastoral Charge effective July 1, 2020.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-80 (E. McIntyre/ L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission declares a vacancy at the Shawville Pastoral Charge effective April 1, 2020.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-81 (I. Bromley/ L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission declares a vacancy at the Dominion-Chalmers Pastoral Charge effective April 1, 2020.” **CARRIED**

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PC SUPERVISORS:

- Wayne and Linda updated the Commission on the Pastoral Charges with whom they are working. Sharing ministers with neighbouring charges has been part of several conversations.
- We now have a working relationship with the United Church of Christ in the U.S. Do we have access to an availability list for them? There may be some interest from ministers near some of our border communities. Whit will investigate.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervised Ministry Education Sites (SMEs)

A reminder to all Liaisons – if they think a Pastoral Charge may be suitable as a SME site, please bring it their attention. Handbooks are available to inform them of their responsibilities.

Workshops

Whit reported very few liaisons are registered for the upcoming workshops. Perhaps Saturday is not the best day – 12-13 are signed up so far. Whit will make copies of the handbook. There is also merit in presenting the workshop as a webinar.

Motion re Brother Liu and the Ottawa Chinese Church:

At a special Zoom meeting of the PRC on February 25, 2020, the following motion was made and carried:

MOTION 19/20-64 (E. Gratton/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR commission requests the Executive to approve an employment contract between Brother Liu and the Ottawa Chinese United Church effective March 5 – June 30, 2020 with the following conditions: that he have a United Church supervising mentor committed to meeting with him on a weekly basis, that he be allowed to perform all ministerial functions with the exception of the sacraments, and that, at the end of the appointment, should the Ottawa Chinese United Church request a further extension, he would be required to seek a more formal connection with the United Church through the Candidacy Board.”

Whit reported the motion had been taken to Executive and approved there as well.

Pastoral Relations Commission Policies that are part of PR work

The question was raised that since Pastoral Relations is a Commission, may it approve or set policies that affect the work of the Commission? Currently, the Regional Council must approve items such as

permission to administer the sacraments – does that mean the Executive or may they download that to other teams e.g. Pastoral Relations Commission.

Motion 19/20-82 (E. McIntyre/ L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC Executive consider approving the “License to Administer Sacraments Policy” and empower the Pastoral Relations Commission to implement it.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-83 (E. McIntyre/ I. Bromley) “that the PR Commission requests Executive to grant Janet Nield (DM-R) sacramental privileges effective January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.” **CARRIED**

Motion 19/20-84 (E. McIntyre/ I. Bromley) “that the EOORC Executive consider approving the “Voluntary Associate Minister (VAM) Policy” and empower the Pastoral Relations Commission to implement it.” **CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting April 14, 2020 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.

CLOSING: Erin offered a closing prayer. The business of the Commission being completed, Chair Wayne thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 2:49 p.m.