

A meeting of the Pastoral Relations Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Ina Bromley, Ed Gratton, Wayne Harris, Charlotte Hoy, Sharon MacDonald, Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean, Janet Nield, Whit Strong, Linda Suddaby (10)

**REGRETS:** None

**CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:**

Chair Wayne called the meeting to order at 1:02 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 MARCH 10, 2020**

**Motion 19/20-85** (L. Suddaby/ I. Bromley) "that the minutes of the EOORC PR Commission for March 10, 2020 be approved as distributed." **CARRIED**

**PASTORAL REPORTS:**

- Wayne reviewed the Excel spreadsheets regarding the status of ministers in the Region. There are a fairly large number of appointments that appear to be ending on June 30, 2020. Whit will contact all of these to determine who may be renewing and reminding them that the congregations must submit reappointment forms to ChurchHub.
- For Information: Susan DeHaan (DLM) at Chalk River: St. Andrew's and Calvin (Pembroke) Pastoral Charges has transitioned to LTD as of April 13, 2020.

**SABBATICALS:**

**1) For Information Only**

The following sabbaticals have been postponed until a later date due to the Covid-19 pandemic;

- Grant Dillenbeck, Stittsville P.C. - deferred to 2021.
- David Illman-White, Centretown P.C. – deferred to 2021.
- Heather Froats, St. John's P.C., Brockville – deferred to 2021.
- Kimberly Heath, Wall St. P.C., Brockville will be taking her time over three years while she completed work on her doctorate.
- Mary Royal-Duczek, Almonte P.C. – deferred to 2021. However, the P.C. has granted her some time off. The P.C. has the finances to pay both Mary and an appointed minister.
- Lynda Harrison, Kemptville: St. John's P.C. – has cancelled her sabbatical as she has gone on medical leave.
- Jenni Leslie, Kitchissippi P.C. – deferred to 2021. Therefore, the appointments of P.C. Supervisor, Stéphane Vermette and Liaison, Dianne Cardin are rescinded.

**PULPIT SUPPLY:** No updates since our last meeting

**CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS:** None

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**LIAISONS and PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:**

**Pastoral Charge Supervisors and Liaisons required:**

As noted in the Pastoral report, there are very many appointments which are ending on June 30, 2020. Whit Strong will be checking to verify who have plans to renew. Pastoral Charge Supervisors and Liaisons will be needed for all whose appointments end on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Liaisons:**

**Motion 19/20-86** (S. MacDonald/ E. Gratton) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Beth Sweetnam as Liaison to the Dominion-Chalmers Pastoral Charge effective immediately.” **CARRIED**

**Motion 19/20-87** (J. Nield/ C. Hoy) “that the EOORC PR Commission names The Rev. Jim Kenney as Liaison to the Pembroke: Wesley Pastoral Charge for the duration of the Search process.” **CARRIED**

**Supervisors:** None at this time

**APPROVAL OF PROFILES:** None at this time

**CALLS/APPOINTMENTS:**

**Motion 19/20-88** (I. Bromley/E. Gratton) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the provisional call of Lorraine (Lorrie) Lowes, (Candidate Supply) to the Bells Corners Pastoral Charge, 30 hours/week with a total annual remuneration of forty-five thousand two hundred forty-five dollars and seventy-five cents (\$45,245.75), effective May 1, 2020, subject to commissioning in the fall.” **CARRIED**

**For Information:**

Eric Hebert-Daly (Candidate) is to be ordained at the October Regional Meeting and will be going to the General Council Office.

**Motion 19/20-89** (E. McIntyre/ L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of the Rev. Heather Kinkaid (OM-R) to the Almonte Pastoral Charge, 24 hours/week as Retired Supply (RS) with a total prorated remuneration of thirty-eight thousand two hundred eleven dollars and sixty cents (\$38,211.60), effective April 6, 2020 – June 30, 2020.” **CARRIED**

**DECLARATION OF VACANCIES:** None at this time

**FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PC SUPERVISORS:**

- Ed updated the Commission on the Pastoral Charges with whom he is working.
- Whit has been trying to contact the United Church of Christ in the U.S. Ministers near some of our border communities may be interested in seeking calls or appointments in some of our Congregations. He has heard nothing back yet but will continue to try to make contact.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Supervised Ministry Education Sites (SMEs)**

Whit has a student prepared to go to Melville-Eganville P.C. but they have to be a SME site. He will need the paperwork as soon as possible for this to proceed.

**Policies Update:**

The Executive has not had time to address either the Sacraments or VAM policies which were sent to the last meeting. Executive is scheduled to meet on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – hopefully, they will be on this month's agenda.

**NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting May 12, 2020 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**CLOSING:** Janet offered a closing prayer. The business of the Commission being completed, Chair Wayne thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 1:47 p.m.