

A meeting of the Pastoral Relations Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, June 9, 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 (9)

REGRETS: Linda Suddaby (1)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair Wayne called the meeting to order at 1:05 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 MAY 12, 2020

Motion 19/20-107 (E. McIntyre/ S. MacDonald) “that the minutes of the EOORC PR Commission for May 12, 2020 be approved as distributed.” **CARRIED**

CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS:

Rev. Gwen Hermann

Motion 19/20-108 (I. Bromley/ E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission acknowledges the request of the Rev. Gwen Hermann (OM) Apple Hill: Zion & Maxville-Moose Creek Pastoral Charges, to retire effective July 1, 2020.” **CARRIED**

LIAISONS and PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

Pastoral Charge Supervisors and Liaisons required:

There continue to be very many pastoral charges requiring Pastoral Charge Supervisors or Liaisons or both. Whit works constantly to try to find persons to fill these positions – all commission members are urged to keep looking as well.

CALLS/APPOINTMENTS:

Melville Eganville P.C. – Michelle Robichaud

Motion 19/20-109 (E. Gratton/C. Hoy) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the reappointment of Michelle Robichaud (Candidate), to the Melville Eganville Pastoral Charge, 20 hours/week as Candidate Supply (CS) with a total remuneration of twenty-four thousand six hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$24,668), effective July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.” **CARRIED**

Emmanuel P.C. – Brian Copeland

Motion 19/20-110 (I. Bromley/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the reappointment of the Rev. Brian Copeland (OM-R) to the Emmanuel Pastoral Charge, 30 hours/week as Retired Supply (RS) with a total remuneration of fifty-nine thousand four hundred and twenty dollars (\$59,420), effective September 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.” **CARRIED**

Perth: St. Paul's P.C. – Arlyce Schiebout

Motion 19/20-111 (C. Hoy/ E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the reappointment

of the Rev. Arlyce Schiebout (OM-R) to the Perth: St. Paul's Pastoral Charge, 40 hours/week as Retired Supply (RS) with a total remuneration of sixty-nine thousand seven hundred sixty-seven dollars and sixty-one cents (\$69,767.61), effective July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021." **CARRIED**

St. Andrew's Westmeath P.C. – James Young-Key Min

Motion 19/20-112 (I. Bromley/ S. MacDonald) "that the EOORC PR Commission approves the reappointment of the Rev. James Young-Key Min (OM-R) to the St. Andrew's Westmeath Pastoral Charge, 14 hours/week as Retired Supply (RS) with a total remuneration of twenty-three thousand one hundred fifty-four dollars and fifty-five cents (\$23,154.55), effective July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021." **CARRIED**

Apple Hill: Zion P.C. – Gwen Hermann

Motion 19/20-113 (I. Bromley/ S. MacDonald) "that the EOORC PR Commission approves the reappointment of the Rev. Gwen Hermann (OM) to the Apple Hill: Zion Pastoral Charge, with a new effective date of October 1, 2020." **CARRIED**

For Information

Wayne presented a list of nine (9) appointments that are set to expire June 30, 2020. Whit reviewed them and updated the Commission on the status of each one.

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PC SUPERVISORS:

The Liaisons on the Commission provided updates on the Pastoral Charges with whom they are working. One noted that some of the charges are already calling to ask about reopening their churches based on reports from the government this week. The consensus is that EOORC Executive meets on Thursday so all Communities of Faith should be urged to wait for a statement from the Executive before moving ahead with any form of reopening.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Phone/Communications motion

There are many ways to look at the issue. After hearing all the comments, the Commission agreed on several points.

- The \$1000/yr recommended by the Commission is a minimum number. It is not supposed to be pro-rated according to the hours of the appointment/call.
- Churches need to realize the fact that having access to internet and Wi-Fi is a necessity and not just because of Covid-19.
- This is something that Liaisons should discuss with search committees. There must be a certain level of technical support to encourage ministers to consider applying for a call or appointment.

The unanimous consensus of the Commission was that the recommendation remains at \$1000/yr. for phone/communications. Whit will relay this to the Executive.

Maxville-Moose Creek P.C.

Whit presented the Commission with background information regarding Gwen Hermann's move to Apple Hill: Zion P.C.

Richmond P.C. (Ottawa)

The situation at Richmond P.C. will be discussed at Executive on Thursday, June 11 so it was felt the Commission should also look at the matter in case they had anything to offer to the Executive. Whit presented the facts and, after considerable discussion, the following motion was presented:

Motion 19/20-114 (E. McIntyre/ I. Bromley) that the Pastoral Relations Commission (PRC) recommends to the EOORC Executive that a commission be created under section C.2.3 of *The Manual 2019* to assume control of the Community of Faith of Richmond Pastoral Charge (Ottawa), effective immediately.”
CARRIED

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting July 14, 2020 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

CLOSING: Erin offered our closing prayer. The business of the Commission being completed, Chair Wayne thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 2:13 p.m.

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