

A meeting of the Pastoral Relations Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, May 12, 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 1:03 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 APRIL 14, 2020

Motion 19/20-90 (E. McIntyre/ E. Gratton) “that the minutes of the EOORC PR Commission for April 14, 2020 be approved as distributed.” **CARRIED**

PASTORAL REPORTS:

- Wayne noted that as soon as this meeting is finished, he will update the Pastoral reports and circulate them to Commission members and Anita for posting.

CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS:

Rev. Terrie Chedore

Motion 19/20-91 (L. Suddaby/ J. Nield) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. Terri Chedore (DM) for a change in pastoral relations effective July 31, 2020.” **CARRIED**

Rev. Terrie Chedore – Sacraments

Motion 19/20-92 (S. MacDonald/J. Nield) “that the EOORC PR Commission requests the Executive to confer Sacramental privileges to the Rev. Terri Chedore (DM) while between calls or appointments.” **CARRIED**

Queenswood P.C., Orleans

Motion 19/20-93 (S. MacDonald/C. Hoy) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Queenswood Pastoral Charge for an end of the existing pastoral relationship with ninety (90) days notice.” **CARRIED**

LIAISONS and PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

Pastoral Charge Supervisors and Liaisons required:

As noted in the minutes of almost every meeting, there are very many pastoral charges requiring Pastoral Charge Supervisors or Liaisons or both. This continues to be an area of great concern.

Liaisons:

Kanata P.C.

Motion 19/20-94 (E. Gratton/C. Hoy) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Beth Sweetnam as Liaison to the Kanata Pastoral Charge effective immediately.” **CARRIED**

Pastoral Charge Supervisors:**Spencerville P.C.**

Motion 19/20-95 (L. Suddaby/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission, having an appointed Candidate Supply in place, names the Rev. Dr. Heather Froats (OM), EOOR member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Spencerville Pastoral Charge effective immediately.” **CARRIED**

Wesley P.C. (Pembroke)

Motion 19/20-96 (L. Suddaby/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry, names the Rev. Jim Kenney (OM), EOOR member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Wesley Pastoral Charge (Pembroke) as of July 1, 2020.” **CARRIED**

Osgoode-Kars P.C.

Motion 19/20-97 (E. McIntyre/E. Gratton) “that the EOORC PR Commission names the Rev. Carolyn Insley (OM), EOOR member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Osgoode-Kars Pastoral Charge, May 31, 2020 – September 8, 2020 while the Rev. Grant McNeil is away from the charge.” **CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF PROFILES:**Wesley P.C. (Pembroke)**

Motion 19/20-98 (S. MacDonald/C. Hoy) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the Wesley Pastoral Charge (Pembroke) profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

DECLARATION OF VACANCIES:**Wesley P.C. (Pembroke)**

Motion 19/20-99 (L. Suddaby/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission declares a vacancy at the Wesley Pastoral Charge (Pembroke) effective July 1, 2020.” **CARRIED**

CALLS/APPOINTMENTS:**Bathurst P.C. – Micheline Montreuil**

Motion 19/20-100 (C. Hoy/J. Nield) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the reappointment of the Rev. Micheline Montreuil, (DM-R) to the Bathurst Pastoral Charge, 20 hours/week as Retired Supply (RS) with a total remuneration of thirty-three thousand eight hundred sixty-eight dollars and sixty-five cents (\$33,868.65), effective July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.” **CARRIED**

Rideau P.C. – Rodney Bennett

Motion 19/20-101 (I. Bromley/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the reappointment of the Rev. Rodney Bennett (OM-R) to the Rideau Pastoral Charge, 20 hours/week as Retired Supply (RS) with a total remuneration of thirty-five thousand forty-three dollars (\$35,043.00), effective July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.” **CARRIED**

Apple Hill: Zion P.C. – Gwen Hermann

Motion 19/20-102 (E. McIntyre/L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the reappointment of the Rev. Gwen Hermann (OM) to the Apple Hill: Zion Pastoral Charge, 10 hours/week as Ordained Supply (OS) with a total remuneration of fifteen thousand six hundred eighty-two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$15,682.25), effective July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.” **CARRIED**

Dominion Chalmers P.C. – Beverley Buckingham

Motion 19/20-103 (E. Gratton/J. Nield) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the reappointment of Beverley Buckingham (DLM) to the Dominion Chalmers Pastoral Charge, 40 hours/week with a total remuneration of sixty-six thousand two hundred eleven dollars (\$66,211.00), effective July 1, 2020 – November 2, 2020.” **CARRIED**

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PC SUPERVISORS:

The Liaisons on the Commission provided updates on the Pastoral Charges with whom they are working.

OTHER BUSINESS:

First P.C. (Ottawa) - CDM

Motion 19/20-104 (E. Gratton/J. Nield) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the job description for a Congregational Designated Minister (CDM) at the First Pastoral Charge (Ottawa), effective September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2023.”

Motion 19/20-105 (E. McIntyre/J. Nield) “that the above **Motion 19/20-104** be tabled until the June 9th meeting of the PR Commission.” **CARRIED**

Melville, Eganville P.C. – SME Site

Motion 19/20-106 (I. Bromley/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission recommends the suitability of the Melville, Eganville Pastoral Charge to be a Supervised Ministry Education (SME) site.” **CARRIED**

Policies Update:

VAM and Sacraments are Regional Executive polices. The Voluntary Associate Minister (VAM) policy can be found beginning on p. 38 of the Regional Governance Handbook. After discussion, it was suggested the Executive be asked to post on the website both the VAM policy and the policy regarding Sacraments – who is qualified and who may be given permission to preside over them. Requests for both should still come to the PR Commission who can track them and then make recommendations to the Executive.

The General Council Executive (GCE) has temporarily transferred the power of Congregational Meetings to the Community of Faith Council/Board regarding matters of Pastoral Relations. Whit reminded the commission that, Councils/boards have been given this temporary power because it is almost impossible to hold meetings of the congregation during the pandemic. It is still important to make every effort to receive the opinions of congregational members in whatever manner is possible before the Council/Board makes its decision. This process will remain in place until the General Secretary issues a change.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting June 9, 2020 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

CLOSING: Ed offered a closing prayer. The business of the Commission being completed, Chair Wayne thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 2:41 p.m.