

A meeting of the Pastoral Relations Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Wayne Harris, Sharon MacDonald, Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean, Janet Nield, Whit Strong, Linda Suddaby (1:44 p.m.) (7)

REGRETS: Ina Bromley, Ed Gratton, Charlotte Hoy, (3)

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 personal updates since the last meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2020

Motion 19/20-127 (E. McIntyre/ S. MacDonald) “that the minutes of the EOORC PR Commission for July 14, 2020 be approved as distributed.” **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence will be dealt with during the meeting.

LIAISONS and PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

Pastoral Charge Supervisors and Liaisons required:

New PC Supervisors and Liaisons to add to the list are Arnprior: Grace-St. Andrew’s P.C. (PC Supervisor as of November 1, 2020 and a Liaison to start any time) and Elgin-Portland P.C. (PC Supervisor as of November 10, 2020 and a Liaison to start any time.)

Pastoral Charge Supervisors:

Pembroke: Mt. Zion P.C. – Ingrid Bennett

Motion 19/20-128 (S. MacDonald/ E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Ingrid Bennett (OM), EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Pembroke: Mt. Zion Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Liaisons:

Pembroke: Mt. Zion P.C. – Ingrid Bennett

Motion 19/20-129 (J. Nield/ S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Ingrid Bennett (OM) as Liaison to the Pembroke: Mt. Zion Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Elgin-Portland P.C. – Wayne Harris

Motion 19/20-130 (E. McIntyre/ J. Nield) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Wayne Harris as Liaison to the Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Arnprior: Grace-St. Andrew’s P.C. – Janet Nield

Motion 19/20-131 (E. McIntyre/ S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Janet Nield (DM) as Liaison to the Arnprior: Grace-St. Andrew’s Pastoral Charge effective Sept. 15, 2020.” **CARRIED**

[Abstaining: Janet Nield]

CALLS/APPOINTMENTS:

Navan-Vars P.C. – Nancy Best

Motion 19/20-132 (E. McIntyre/ J. Nield) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the call of Nancy Best (OM), to the Navan-Vars Pastoral Charge, 20 hours/week with a total remuneration of thirty-three thousand six hundred three dollars (\$33,603.00), effective September 1, 2020.” **CARRIED**

Gananoque: Grace P.C. – Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro

Motion 19/20-133 (S. MacDonald/ E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the call of Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro (OM) to the Gananoque: Grace Pastoral Charge, 40 hours/week with a total annual remuneration of sixty-six thousand five hundred fifty dollars (\$66,550.00), effective November 10, 2020.” **CARRIED**

Glebe-St. James P.C. – George Clifford

Motion 19/20-134 (J. Nield/ E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the reappointment of George Clifford (OM-R) to the Glebe-St. James Pastoral Charge, 2 hours/week as Pastoral Care Minister with a total remuneration of three thousand three hundred twelve dollars (\$3,312.00), effective July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.” **CARRIED**

Quyon P.C. – Paul Whynacht (SME-C)

Motion 19/20-135 (S. MacDonald/J. Nield) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of Paul Whynacht to the Quyon Pastoral Charge, 25 hours/week as a Candidate SME appointment with a total annual remuneration of thirty-one thousand eight hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$31,812.50), effective September 1, 2020 June 30, 2022.” **CARRIED**

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PC SUPERVISORS:

Sharon MacDonald reported on Lanark-Balderson. They hope to re-open for Thanksgiving Sunday. They have also begun work on their story and the search process. Sunday supply is in place following the retirement of Shelley Roberts (OM).

OTHER BUSINESS:

Whit reported on some housekeeping matters. He noted that, at present, there are over 20 pastoral charges with no called/appointed ministry personnel in place. Eleven of these are in the search process and 7 have no Pastoral Charge Supervisor.

All Communities of Faith must submit a re-opening plan to Whit for approval before proceeding with in-person worship. He noted this is going very well. There are a lot but he is trying to manage a 48-hour turnaround for folks. At this point it appears most are aiming for re-opening during the first part of September with the rest opting for Thanksgiving.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting September 8, 2020 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

CLOSING: Whit offered our closing prayer. The business of the Commission being completed, Chair Wayne thanked everyone for attending, encouraged us to stay safe and declared the meeting closed at 1:42 p.m.

End note

Just as everyone was signing off the meeting, Linda Suddaby was finally able to access Zoom and connect. Wayne, Whit and Karen were still on so they reviewed questions Linda had hoped to bring to the meeting. They included re-opening as well as others items that had all been dealt with during the course of today's session.