

A meeting of the Pastoral Relations Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, ~~April 13~~ **May 11**, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Ina Bromley (via telephone), Ed Gratton, Wayne Harris (Chair), Patsy Henry, Charlotte Hoy (via telephone), Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean (Scribe), Janet Nield, Whit Strong, (10)

REGRETS: Sharon MacDonald, Linda Suddaby (2)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair Wayne called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and welcomed us all to this Zoom call. He particularly welcomed new member the Rev. Patsy Henry and opened with prayer to lead us into this time of church business.

QUICK CHECK-IN:

Members checked in with personal updates since the last meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion 2021-38 (E. Gratton/J. Allen) “that the minutes of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council (EOORC) Pastoral Relations Commission (PR Commission) for April 13, 2021 be approved as distributed.” **CARRIED**

RESTORATIVE CARE:

Erin Burns (Trinity P.C., Ottawa) is still on restorative care – next medical report June 11, 2021.

APPROVAL OF PROFILES

Central Lanark P.C. (Middleville)

Motion 2021-39 (I. Bromley/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Central Lanark Pastoral Charge (Middleville) to change their profile on ChurchHub from 80% to 60% time.” **CARRIED**

LIAISONS and PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS (PCS):

St. John’s P.C. (Brockville) and Spencerville P.C.

Motion 2021-40 (C. Hoy/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, appoints the Rev. Rob Selby (OM-R), EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to both the St. John’s Pastoral Charge (Brockville) and the Spencerville Pastoral Charge, covering for the Rev. Dr. Heather Froats’ sabbatical, effective May 13, 2021.” **CARRIED**

Aylwin P.C.

Motion 2021-41 (E. McIntyre/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, appoints the Rev. Susan Butler-Jones (OM-R), EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Aylwin Pastoral Charge, effective May 13, 2021.” **CARRIED**

Glasgow-Castleford P.C.

Motion 2021-42 (I. Bromley/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, appoints the Rev. James Murray (OM-R), EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Glasgow-Castleford Pastoral Charge, effective May 11, 2021.” **CARRIED**

Pakenham P.C.

Motion 2021-43 (I. Bromley/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, appoints the Rev. Sheryl McLeod (OM), EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Pakenham Pastoral Charge, effective May 11, 2021.” **CARRIED**

CALLS/APPOINTMENTS:**Bathurst P.C. (Dewitt's Corners) – Rev. Micheline Montreuil (DM-R)**

Motion 2021-44 (C. Hoy/P. Henry) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the reappointment of the Rev. Micheline Montreuil (DM-R) to the Bathurst Pastoral Charge (Dewitt's Corners), 20 hours per week as Congregational Minister with a total annual remuneration of thirty-four thousand, five hundred forty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$34,545.50) July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.” **CARRIED**

Rideau P.C. (Westport) – Rev. Rodney Bennett (OM-R)

Motion 2021-45 (J. Allen/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the reappointment of the Rev. Rodney Bennett (OM-R) to the Rideau Pastoral Charge (Westport), 20 hours per week as Congregational Minister with a total annual remuneration of thirty-three thousand, one hundred and forty-three dollars and fifty cents (\$33,143.50), July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.” **CARRIED**

Cobden-Queen's Line P.C. – Rev. Ingrid Condie-Bennett (OM)

Motion 2021-46 (C. Hoy/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the reappointment of the Rev. Ingrid Condie-Bennett (OM) to the Cobden-Queen's Line Pastoral Charge, 20 hours per week as Congregational Minister with a total annual remuneration of twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred and eighty dollars (\$29,980.00), July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.” **CARRIED**

Apple Hill P.C. – Rev. Gwen Hermann (OM-R)

Motion 2021-47 (E. McIntyre/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the reappointment of the Rev. Gwen Hermann (OM-R) to the Apple Hill Pastoral Charge, 10 hours per week as Congregational Minister with a total annual remuneration of sixteen thousand, fourteen dollars and twenty-five cents (\$16,014.25), July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.” **CARRIED**

South Stormont P.C. (Ingleside) – Rev. Jessica Hetherington (OM)

Motion 2021-48 (E. McIntyre/E. Gratton) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of the Rev. Jessica Hetherington (OM) to the South Stormont Pastoral Charge (Ingleside-Long Sault), 40 hours per week as Congregational Minister with a total annual

remuneration of fifty-five thousand, seven hundred sixty-four dollars (\$55,764.00), May 3, 2021 – January 31, 2022.”

CARRIED

[This is a short-term appointment – the Rev. Dan Hayward has been seconded to Nakonhaka Region for nine months.]

Ottawa Chinese U.C.

The Chinese U.C., Ottawa submitted a proposal to reappoint Brother Caleb Liu (Xu Liu) as their pastor. He is not ordained but is enrolled full time in theological studies in Mandarin for his Masters of Divinity at Tyndale Intercultural Ministries (TIM) Centre at Tyndale University in Toronto that runs until summer of 2022. He has been working with the congregation, few of whom speak any English. Charles Barrett is the Liaison and Barbara Reynolds is the Pastoral Charge Supervisor.

Motion 2021-49 (E. McIntyre/P. Henry) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the request from the Ottawa Chinese U.C. to reappoint Brother Caleb Liu (Xu Liu) to the Ottawa Chinese U.C. July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023 with the understanding that, if they seek wish to seek further reappointment after June 30, 2023, it is expected Brother Liu will be in a formal relationship with the UCC Candidacy Board.”

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSIONS:

1) Zion Evangelical P.C. (Pembroke)

Whit reported two reviews have been initiated – one is of the incumbent minister, the Rev. Dr. Dan Hansen and the other is of the well-being of the congregation. The reviewer is Dexter Van Dyke from Saskatchewan.

2) Policies returned from EOORC:

At the Annual meeting of EOORC May 7-8, 2021, both the Sacraments policy, (only the sacramental elder portion), and the Communications policy generated considerable discussion in the court. Whit will download the recording of the meeting and Wayne has a copy of comments made in the “Chat” box. The Commission has been asked to look at both policies again and resubmit them to the Executive. It was agreed to hold a special meeting of the PRC Commission on Tuesday, June 1 from 1-3 p.m. to attempt to come up with revised policies.

3) Budget:

Do we need one? What expenses might we have as a Commission? It was suggested that the scribe may incur some costs for office supplies such as ink, paper etc.

Motion 2021-50 (I. Bromley/C. Hoy) “that the PR Commission request a budget line of two hundred dollars (\$200) for office costs and other incidental expenses.”

CARRIED

4) Outgoing Members:

Wayne noted Ed Gratton and Janet Nield have officially completed their terms on the Commission effective the Annual meeting May 7-8, 2021. He extended a sincere vote of thanks from himself and the entire Commission for their participation – their time (to both the

Commission and as Liaisons and Pastoral Charge Supervisors to our congregations) and their input and insight into our discussions. Their contributions have been so much appreciated. In addition, both have agreed to assist in rewriting the Sacraments and Communications policies, Thank you Janet and Ed!!

LAST WORD: None

NEXT MEETING: Next meetings - special meeting to review policies June 1, 2021
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- next regular meeting June 8, 2021 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
via Zoom

CLOSING: Whit offered our closing prayer today. The business of the Commission being completed, Chair Wayne thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 2:01 p.m.