
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Ina Bromley (via telephone), Wayne Harris (Chair), Dan Hayward, Patsy Henry, Charlotte Hoy (via telephone), Sharon MacDonald, Karen McLean (Scribe), Linda Suddaby (9)

REGRETS: Erin McIntyre (1)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair Wayne called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. offered a short prayer to lead us into this time of church business.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION 2021-82 (J. Allen/S. MacDonald) “that the minutes of August 10, 2021 be accepted as circulated.” **CARRIED**

RESTORATIVE CARE:

For Information – The Rev. Christine Johnson, Bethel-St. Andrew’s P.C. (Fitzroy Harbour) is now on restorative care.

SABBATICALS: No requests

Acknowledged Sabbaticals:

Peter Woods – MacKay P.C. (Ottawa) – Oct. 15, 2021 to Jan. 15, 2022

Whitman Strong – EOORC Pastoral Relations Minister – July 1, 2021 to Sept. 30, 2021

Elizabeth Bryce – Rideau Park P.C. (Ottawa) – June 2022 to August 2022

Grant Dillenbeck – Stittsville P.C. – May to July 2022

Lynda Harrison – St. John’s P.C. (Kemptville) – 2022

Paul Dillman – Riverside P.C. (Ottawa) - 2022

SACRAMENTS:

Quyon P.C. – Paul Whynacht (CS-SME)

MOTION 2021-83 (I. Bromley/C. Hoy) “that the EOORC PR Commission requests the Executive to confer Sacramental privileges to Paul Whynacht (CS-SME) while serving the Quyon Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

LIAISONS:

Lansdowne P.C.

MOTION 2021-84 (S. MacDonald/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Patsy Henry as Liaison to the Lansdowne Pastoral Charge effective September 14, 2021.” **CARRIED**

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS (PCSs):

Bethel-St. Andrew’s P.C. (Fitzroy Harbour)

MOTION 2021-85 (S. MacDonald/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Jan Lougheed (DM-R), EOORC

member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Bethel-St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge (Fitzroy Harbour) effective September 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022." **CARRIED**

Pastoral Charges without Supervisors:

Clyde Forks-Tatlock (SM)	Lower Gatineau Valley
Templeton	Vernon

Pastoral Charges without called/appointed Ministry Personnel:

Addison	Ashton-Munster	Aylmer-Eardley
Aylwin	Centenary	Central Lanark
Clyde Forks-Tatlock	Delta-Toledo	Elgin-Portland
Glasgow-Castleford	Golden Lake	Greenwood
Kenmore	Knox Edwards	
Lanark-Balderson	Lower Gatineau Valley	Mallorytown
Namur	Pakenham	
Perth: St. Paul's (after Dec. 31, 2021)		
Mt. Zion	Pittston	Queenswood
Richmond	Salem: Locksley	Templeton
Williamstown	Lyn: Christ Church	

PROFILES:

MOTION 2021-86 (C. Hoy/ S. MacDonald) "that the EOORC PR Commission approves the Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub." **DEFEATED**

[Note: Chair Wayne will contact the pastoral charge with the reasons for not approving the request.]

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS

Manotick P.C. – Beverly Buckingham (DLM-R)

MOTION 2021-87 (I. Bromley/L. Suddaby) "that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of Beverly Buckingham (DLM-R) to the Manotick Pastoral Charge, 20 hours per week as Retired Supply with a total annual remuneration of thirty-three thousand ninety-seven dollars (\$33,097.00), from September 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021." **CARRIED**

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCSs

Nothing new to report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1) Queenswood P.C.

Queenswood wishes to appoint a retired clergy but is still arranging their financial affairs. She is willing to serve as pulpit supply until this is complete but the UCC only allows pulpit supply for two consecutive Sundays. Queenswood is asking for an exemption to this until their finances are in place.

MOTION 2021-88 (S. MacDonald/I. Bromley) "that the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Queenswood Pastoral Charge to exempt them from the restrictions on the number

of consecutive Sundays allowed for pulpit supply by the same person to the date of the next meeting of the PR Commission (October 19, 2021).”

CARRIED

2) Augusta P.C.

Dan Hayward met in person with various members of the pastoral charge including the minister. A number of items were discussed and plans were put in motion to address them. The Congregation will resume in-person worship on Sunday, September 12, 2021.

3) Salem-Locksley P.C. – appointment of the Rev. William McDowell (OM-R)

There has been confusion over Rev. McDowell's re-appointment to Salem-Locksley. With the advent of ChurchHub, all forms and information are entered on-line via computer. This system does not take into account those persons without computers. Dan has contacted the head office and arranged for Rev. McDowell to complete the forms manually and someone at GC will enter the information to ensure his appointments have been recorded properly on ChurchHub.

4) Sacraments Elder

Jim and Erin reported they had received approximately 100 responses from lay people and over 20 from clergy to the survey that was circulated earlier. They are currently trying to determine the best way to proceed based on the various responses received.

This appears to be a much larger issue than just that of sacramental elders. How do we address the needs of those who do not name themselves i.e. do not respond? How do we include the fringe who are not inviting themselves into the conversation?

September 30 is the deadline for submissions. Jim and Erin will prepare a report for our November meeting.

5) Communications Package

At the May meeting of the Region, the Communications package was returned to the PR Commission for further work. After discussion, the Commission agreed to leave it as it was and sent it back to the Executive. However, since that time a new issue has arisen.

The original package was set at a minimum of \$1000 per year and was not to be pro-rated in terms of how much time the minister was hired for. The question now is how to handle it if a minister is employed by 2 or more separate pastoral charges at the same time.

It would seem logical to assume each pastoral charge would assume a payment based on the percentage of time they are receiving from the called/appointed minister. This must be added to the package information to ensure there is no misunderstanding.

Wayne, Whit and Karen will draft an amendment for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting – October 19, 2021 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom

CLOSING: Wayne thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone well – special thanks to Dan Hayward for filling in as Personnel Minister during Whit's sabbatical. Dan offered our closing prayer today and, the business of the Commission being completed, Chair Wayne declared the meeting closed at 2:00 p.m.