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

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Sharon MacDonald, Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean (Scribe), Whit Strong, Linda Suddaby (6)

REGRETS: Ina Bromley, Wayne Harris, Patsy Henry, Charlotte Hoy (4)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Whit Strong chaired today's meeting. He called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. and led us in prayer before beginning our business.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION 2021-115 (J. Allen/S. MacDonald) "that the minutes of November 9, 2021 be accepted as circulated." **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE: All will be dealt with during the meeting.

SABBATICALS:

MOTION 2021-116 (S. MacDonald/E. McIntyre) "that the EOORC PR Commission takes note of the upcoming sabbatical of the Rev. David Illman-White (Centretown Pastoral Charge, Ottawa), date TBD (it will be following his yet-unscheduled hip surgery). **CARRIED**

MOTION 2021-117 (J. Allen/S. MacDonald) "that the EOORC PR Commission takes note of the upcoming sabbatical of the Rev. Grant Dillenbeck (Stittsville Pastoral Charge), June 1, 2022 – August 1, 2022." **CARRIED**

ACKNOWLEDGED SABBATICALS:

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

Brian Cornelius – First P.C. (Ottawa) – May 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022

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

Grant Dillenbeck – Stittsville P.C. – June 1, 2022 – August 1, 2022

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

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

Mary Royal-Duczek – Almonte P.C. – spring of 2022

David Illman-White – Centretown P.C. (Ottawa) – in 2022

LIAISONS:

Osgoode-Kars P.C.

MOTION 2021-118 (S. MacDonald/E. McIntyre) "that the EOORC PR Commission names the Rev. Ed Gratton as Liaison to the Osgoode-Kars Pastoral Charge." **CARRIED**

Perth Road P.C.

MOTION 2021-119 (E. McIntyre/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission names the Rev. Heather McLurg-Murphy as Liaison to the Perth Road Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

South Stormont P.C.

MOTION 2021-120 (J. Allen/s. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission names the Rev. Erin McIntyre as Liaison to the South Stormont Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

[Abstaining: Erin McIntyre]

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS (PCSs):

Osgoode-Kars P.C.

MOTION 2021-121 (E. McIntyre/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names the Rev. Ed Gratton, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Osgoode-Kars Pastoral Charge effective January 17, 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	Central Lanark	Clyde Forks-Tatlock
Delta-Toledo	Elgin-Portland	Glasgow-Castleford
Golden Lake	Greenwood	Kenmore
Knox Edwards	Lanark-Balderson	Lower Gatineau Valley
Lyn: Christ Church	Mallorytown	Namur
Pakenham	Perth: St. Paul's (after Dec. 31, 2021)	Pittston
Richmond	Templeton	Williamstown

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS

Arnprior P.C. – Rev. Ronnie Magno (OM-Admission)

MOTION 2021-122 (L. Suddaby/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of the Rev. Ronnie Magno (OM-Admission) to the Arnprior Pastoral Charge, 30 hours per week as Congregational Minister with a total annual remuneration of fifty thousand fifteen dollars and twenty-five cents (\$50,015.25), from December 6, 2021 to December 31, 2023.” **CARRIED**

AMALGAMATIONS:

MOTION 2021-123 (S. MacDonald/L. Suddaby) that the EOORC PR Commission recognizes the upcoming amalgamation of St. James United (Osgoode) and Trinity United (Kars) – both of the Osgoode-Kars Pastoral Charge, the formal date to be determined. A new name for the Pastoral Charge will be forthcoming.” **CARRIED**

[Note: The St. James and Trinity congregations are currently worshipping together at St. James

United Church. The Trinity building will remain open and used for various activities for the time being.

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCSs:

Seaway Valley

Currently five points share two ministers and are looking at ways to merge, amalgamate, work together.

Central Lanark

Karen McLean has been acting as Pastoral Charge Supervisor and Liaison while Wayne is recuperating. They have received some applications from overseas but are not sure how realistic it is considering travel restrictions etc. at the moment. They are considering holding some Zoom interviews even to practice the interview process. At the moment, they are managing fairly well with pulpit supply and lay participation but are concerned they are wearing out their supply folks.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1) Augusta P.C.

Whit Strong continues to stay in touch with both the minister and members of the congregation. He will check in again at the beginning of January.

2) Elgin-Portland P.C.

Whit's letter regarding the profile was not well received and there have been a number of emails in response to the decision by the Commission. After considerable discussion, Whit was asked to contact the Council again to suggest they entertain the possibility of interim ministry. He will report back at our January meeting.

3) EOORC Policy decisions

The presentation for the Sacrament Elders policy was well accepted. Both the Sacrament Elders policy and the Communications policy were passed at the meeting on November 27, 2021.

4) February 2022 – EOORC Workshops

The focus will be on workshops and information. Based on what the Commission is seeing and hearing about throughout the Region, it was suggested Whit prepare a presentation on joining together. Some potential titles – “Signs you might need discernment”, “Things you need to make a church viable – are you there?”, “Common issues/potential solutions”.

5) Williamstown Governance Model

MOTION 2021-124 (J. Allen/L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission receives the new governance model for Williamstown P.C., subject to mention of a Ministry & Personnel (M&P) Committee and Board of Trustees as standing committees, and forward to the EOORC Executive for approval.”

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting – **Thursday, January 13, 2022** 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom

CLOSING: Whit thanked everyone for attending, wished us all a happy holiday and offered a closing prayer. The business of the meeting being completed, he declared the meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

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