
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Ina Bromley (via telephone), Wayne Harris (Chair), Patsy Henry, Sharon MacDonald, Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean (Scribe), Whit Strong (8)

REGRETS: Charlotte Hoy, Linda Suddaby (2)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair Wayne called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and led us in prayer before beginning our business.

QUICK CHECK-IN:

Chair Wayne was delighted to report that Susan Hutton had passed her final interview for DLM. She is just waiting now for official recognition from the EOOR Council.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION 2021-105 (J. Allen/S. MacDonald) “that the minutes of October 19, 2021 be accepted as circulated.” **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the Williamstown Governance Model. Discussion and decisions will be formally rendered at the December meeting.

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. – May to July 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

CLOSURES:

Roebuck Pastoral Charge

MOTION 2021-106 (I. Bromley/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission acknowledges the decision of the Roebuck Pastoral Charge to officially close as of February 28, 2022.” **CARRIED**

CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS:

South Stormont P.C. - Rev. Daniel Hayward (OM)

MOTION 2021-107 (J. Allen/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the

request of the Rev. Daniel Hayward (OM) (South Stormont P.C.) for a change in pastoral relations effective Jan. 31, 2022.” **CARRIED**

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

MOTION 2021-108 (S. MacDonald/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. Rodney Bennett (OM-R) (Rideau P.C.) for a change in pastoral relations effective Jan. 31, 2022.” **CARRIED**

Osgoode-Kars P.C. – Rev. Grant McNeil (OM)

MOTION 2021-109 (E. McIntyre/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. Grant McNeil (OM) (Osgoode-Kars P.C.) for a change in pastoral relations effective Jan. 17, 2022.” **CARRIED**

For Information

Rev. Kathy Petrie (OM)

Due notice has been given to the Rev. Kathy Petrie that her appointment will end February 28, 2022. Note **Motion 2021-106** above, with regards to the closing of the Roebuck Pastoral Charge.

LIAISONS:

Central Lanark P.C.

MOTION 2021-110 (S. MacDonald/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PRA Commission names Karen McLean as additional Liaison to the Central Lanark Pastoral Charge effective November 9, 2021.” **CARRIED**

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS (PCSs):

Central Lanark P.C.

MOTION 2021-111 (E. McIntyre/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Karen McLean, EOORC member, as additional Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Central Lanark Pastoral Charge effective November 9, 2021.” **CARRIED**

Lyn: Christ United P.C.

MOTION 2021-112 (S. MacDonald/P. Henry) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Shelley Roberts (OM-R), EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Lyn: Christ United Pastoral Charge effective November 9, 2021 to replace Kimberly Heath (OM).” **CARRIED**

Pastoral Charges without Supervisors:

Lower Gatineau Valley	Templeton	Vernon
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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	

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS**Spencerville P.C. – Susan Hutton (DLM Candidate)**

MOTION 2021-113 (I. Bromley/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Susan Hutton (DLM Candidate) to the Spencerville Pastoral Charge, 20 hours per week as Congregational Minister with a total annual remuneration of twenty-six thousand ninety-five dollars (\$26,095.00), from November 9, 2021 to June 30, 2023.”

CARRIED**FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCSs:****Lanark-Balderson**

Sharon MacDonald reported they are now meeting every other week and working very hard to complete their profile. They are still worshipping with pulpit supply.

Central Lanark

Wayne Harris met with Trinity U.C., Middleville last week. They have received applications from overseas personnel but the difficulty lies in getting work visas for Canada.

OTHER BUSINESS:**1) Augusta P.C.**

Whit Strong has continued to keep in touch with the minister and the congregation.

2) Elgin-Portland P.C.

Whit has reviewed the profile and is drafting a letter to explain why the profile was not accepted by the Commission.

3) EOORC Fall Meeting

The presentation for the Sacrament Elders policy will be pre-recorded. Whit will be available at the meeting to answer questions from the floor.

4) February 2022 – EOORC Workshops

The focus will be on workshops and information. This is an opportunity to do address Pastoral Relations items. Suggestions would be welcome.

5) Communications Policy

MOTION 2021-114 (S. MacDonald/P. Henry) “that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council (EOORC) adopts a policy establishing a *minimum* for a Communications Allowance (phone/internet) of \$1000/yr. This is not to be pro-rated.

In the case of ministry personnel having more than one call or appointment, this cost shall be shared equally between the pastoral charges. In the event that one of the calls or appointments

comes to an end, the remaining pastoral charge(s) shall then assume the total Communications Allowance cost. For all part-time calls or appointments, the Communications Allowance policy shall be recorded under “Additional Terms” on the “Record of Call or Appointment” form.

Monthly reimbursement for communications expenses shall be reimbursed to ministry personnel upon providing the pastoral charge with receipts.

Further, that pastoral charges with existing calls and appointments be informed of this policy and be asked to increase their compensation to ministry personnel accordingly.” **CARRIED**

LAST WORD:

Archives

Are we still collecting Annual Reports? If so, where do they go? [At this point, send them to Whit.]

Checking church records

Is this still being done? [This seems to have fallen through the cracks. Whit will investigate.]

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting – December 14, 2021 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom

CLOSING: Wayne thanked everyone for attending. This will be his last meeting with the Commission until he recovers from upcoming surgery. We wish him well. Whit offered our closing prayer today and, the business of the Commission being completed, Chair Wayne declared the meeting closed at 2:06 p.m.