
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen (1:15 p.m.), Ina Bromley, Wayne Harris (Chair), Sharon MacDonald, Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean (Scribe), Whit Strong, Linda Suddaby (8)

REGRETS: Patsy Henry, Charlotte Hoy (2)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair, Wayne Harris called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and led us in an opening prayer.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

INTERIM MOTIONS: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION 2022-98 (S. MacDonald/I. Bromley) “that the minutes of July 12, 2022 be accepted as distributed.”

CARRIED

RESTORATIVE CARE:

For information – the Rev. Kevin Moratz has returned to work effective August 1, 2022.

ACKNOWLEDGED SABBATICALS:

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

PCS – Howard Clark (OM-R)

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

Lynda Harrison – St. John’s P.C. (Kemptville) – July 1 – September 30, 2022

PCS – Ralph Taylor (OM-R) & Paul Vavasour (OM-R)

Paul Dillman – Riverside P.C. (Ottawa) – June 1 – August 31, 2022

Appt. – Jessica Hetherington 40%

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

Appt. – Heather Kinkaid 50%

David Illman-White – Centretown P.C. (Ottawa) – May 2, 2022

Appt. – Laurie McKnight ??%

Andrew Jensen – Knox P.C. (Nepean) – May – July 2022

PSC – Ed Gratton (OM)

Ed Gratton – South Gloucester P.C. (Ottawa) – July – September 2022 PSC ???

Christine Johnson – Bethel-St. Andrew’s P.C. – Jan. 1 – March 31, 2023 PCS ???

Christopher Ryan – Smiths Falls: Trinity P.C. – April 10 – September 5, 2023 PCS ???

MATERNITY LEAVE:

Grâce P.C. (Chelsea) – Natalie (Istead) Matkovsky (OM)

Further to our motion on April 12, 2022, we can now add the full dates of August 4, 2022 – April 15, 2023.

MOTION 2022-37 (E. McIntyre/S. MacDonald) “That the EOORC PR Commission takes note of the upcoming maternity leave of the Rev. Natalie (Istead) Matkovsky (Grâce P.C. (Chelsea)) tentatively beginning August 2022 to April 2023.” **CARRIED**

PROFILES:

Lanark-Balderson P.C. and Central Lanark P.C.

Both Lanark-Balderson P.C. and Central Lanark P.C. are adjusting their profiles by adding a one-line addition to each of them to indicate they are willing to be linked to each other to create a full-time ministry position. They will begin joint services on a trial basis beginning Sept. 4, 2022.

LIAISONS:

Parkdale P.C. (Ottawa)

MOTION 2022-99 (I. Bromley/L. Suddaby) “That the EOORC PR Commission names Jim Allen as Liaison to the Parkdale P.C. (Ottawa) effective August 9, 2022.” **CARRIED**

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

Southminster P.C.

A PCS is urgently needed since the called minister has retired effective July 23, 2022 and a church meeting has been scheduled for Sept. 11, 2022.

Grâce P.C. (Chelsea)

The appointed Congregational ministers are away from August to mid-September so someone is needed to fill-in for that time.

MOTION 2022-100 (E. McIntyre/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Jim Allen, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Grâce P.C. (Chelsea) from August – mid-September until the return of the appointed Congregational ministers.” **CARRIED**

St. Andrew’s P.C. (Rockland)

MOTION 2022-101 (J. Allen/C. Hoy) “That the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Jim Kenney (OM-R), EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the St. Andrew’s (Rockland) P.C. effective Sept. 1, 2022.” **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	Denbigh, Matawatchan, Schutt	Elgin-Portland
Glasgow-Castleford	Golden Lake	Greenwood
Kenmore (in process to close)	Knox Edwards	Lanark-Balderson

Lansdowne
Mallorytown
Perth Road
Shawville

Lower Gatineau Valley
Namur
Pittston
South Stormont

Lyn: Christ Church
Perth: St. Paul's
Rideau
Templeton

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS

Queenswood P.C. – Laurelle Callaghan (OM)

MOTION 2022-102 (S. MacDonald/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of the Rev. Laurelle Callaghan (OM-R) to the Queenswood Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 12 hours per week with a total annual remuneration of twenty-one thousand thirty-three dollars and forty cents (\$21,033.40), from October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023.”

CARRIED

Trinity P.C. (Ottawa) – Brian Copeland (OM-R)

MOTION 2022-103 (E. McIntyre/L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of the Rev. Brian Copeland (OM-R) to the Trinity Pastoral Charge (Ottawa) as Congregational Minister, 30 hours per week, with a total annual remuneration of fifty-three thousand two hundred and seventy-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$53,278.50), October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023.”

CARRIED

SACRAMENTS ELDER:

Admaston P.C.

MOTION 2022-104 (S. MacDonald/I. Bromley) “That the EOORC PR Commission takes note of the request of the Admaston P.C. that Deb Jenkinson be approved to take the Sacraments Elder course.”

CARRIED

[Note: For clarification – the Executive approves the Sacraments Elders; the PRC only approves the request for them to take the course. All previous minutes will be amended to reflect that clarification.]

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCSs:

St. John's P.C. (Brockville)

Linda Suddaby reported on the progress as the congregation tries to discern a path forward. There are many options available to them - they really need to determine their vision for ministry and their Community of Faith. Linda reviewed some of the thoughts of church members. Another meeting is set for Sunday. Linda would appreciate any ideas from Commission members – please send them to Wayne and Whit.

Aylmer-Eardley P.C.

Jim Allen reported that Aylmer is moving from Zoom meetings/worship to in-person gatherings. They have made the difficult decision to close – possibly in October 20, 2022. Centre Eardley U.C. has not met on a regular basis as a Community of Faith for 20 years or more. They hold two or three services annually and will likely carry on in this manner after Aylmer closes.

South Stormont P.C.

Erin McIntyre reported the search committee has been moving along well. They are looking for an order of ministry person and are ready to interview.

OTHER BUSINESS:**St. Andrew's P.C. (Rockland)**

Brian Wilkie finishes on August 31, 2022 and Jim Kenney will be the Pastoral Charge Supervisor effective September 1, 2022. He will help them get started on next steps and is willing to do some pulpit supply until they can sort things out.

LAST WORDS:

Four members of the PRC sent in comments regarding James Murray's suggestions concerning Pastoral Charge Supervisors. Wayne and Whit will compile the comments and send them to the Executive.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting – **Tuesday, September 13, 2022** 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom. Wayne will be away. Whit will Chair the meeting.

CLOSING: Erin offered the closing prayer. The business listed on the agenda being completed, Wayne declared the meeting closed at 2:32 p.m.