A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Ina Bromley, Wayne Harris (Chair), Charlotte Hoy, Sharon MacDonald, Karen McLean (Scribe), Whit Strong (7)

REGRETS: Patsy Henry, Erin McIntyre, Linda Suddaby (3)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair, Wayne Harris, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and led us in an opening prayer.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Jim Allen noted the correction in September's meeting needed further correction. It should read "the date of the closing of Eardley Aylmer U.C. is October 20 23, 2022."

MOTION 2022-121 (J. Allen/S. MacDonald) "that the minutes of September 13, 2022 be accepted as amended." CARRIED

RESTORATIVE CARE:

For information:

- Dave Henderson (Candidate) at Mt. Zion, Pembroke, has returned from medical leave effective Oct. 2, 2022.
- David Illman- White is on restorative care effective September 29, 2022.

SABBATICALS:

South Mountain- Hallville P.C. - Blair Paterson

MOTION 2022-122 (I. Bromley/S. MacDonald) "that the EOORC Commission takes note of the upcoming sabbatical of the Rev. Blair Paterson (South Mountain-Hallville P.C.) from April 24 – July 23, 2023." **CARRIED**

Pembroke: Calvin P.C. – Tiina Côté

MOTION 2022-123 (C. Hoy/ J. Allen) "that the EOORC PR Commission takes note of the upcoming sabbatical of the Rev. Tiina Côté (Pembroke: Calvin P.C.), dates to be determined."

CARRIED

ACKNOWLEDGED SABBATICALS:

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 ???

Carla Van Delen – Barrhaven P.C. – April 17 – July 9, 2023 PCS???

Blair Paterson – South Mountain-Hallville P.C. – April 24 – July 23, 2023 PCS???

Tiina Côté – Pembroke: Calvin P.C. – dates to be determined PCS???

LIAISONS:

Russell and Metcalfe P.C.s

MOTION 2022-124 (S. MacDonald/ I. Bromley) "that the EOORC PR Commission names Ed Gratton (OM) as Liaison to the Russell and Metcalfe Pastoral Charges effective Oct. 11, 2022."

CARRIED

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

Stittsville P.C.

MOTION 2022-125 (J. Allen/ C. Hoy) "that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Cindy Casey (OM) as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Stittsville Pastoral Charge effective October 11, 2022." **CARRIED**

Pastoral Charges without called/appointed Ministry Personnel:

(Pastoral Charge Supervisor in place as noted)

Addison - Lynne Gardiner

Admaston – Paul McLenaghan

Ashton-Munster – Jim Allen

Aylmer-Eardley – Jim Allen

Amprior – Sheryl McLeod (until the minister completes Admissions)

Augusta – Linda Suddaby (while the minister is on Medical Leave)

Aylwin – Susan Butler-Jones, Boyd Drake

Bristol – Jon Williams

Central Lanark – Wayne Harris

Clyde Forks-Tatlock – Carla Van Delen

Delta-Toledo – Charlotte Hoy

Denbigh, Matawatchan, Schutt – Jon Williams

Elgin-Portland – JoAnne Fletcher

Glasgow-Castleford – James Murray

Golden Lake – Jon Williams

Greenwood – Ina Bromley

Kenmore (in process to close)

Knox Edwards – Ed Gratton

Lanark-Balderson - Sharon MacDonald

Lansdowne – Donald Wachenschwanz

Lower Gatineau Valley - Vacant

Lyn: Christ Church – Shelley Roberts

Mallorytown – Charlotte Hoy

Melville-Eganville – Jon Williams

Merrickville – Christopher Ryan

Mt. Zion – Kevin Moratz

Namur – Jim Kenney

Ottawa Chinese – Barbara Reynolds

Pembroke: Zion Evangelical – Zacharia Mandara (meetings);

Ingrid Condie-Bennett (Pastoral Care)

Perth Road – Heather McLurg Murphy

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Pittston – Myra Garvin

Quyon – Susan Butler-Jones

Rideau - Sharon MacDonald

Rockland – Jim Kenney

Shawville – Charles Barrett

South Stormont – John Noordhof

Templeton – Vacant

Vernon – ministry is supplied by the Baptist Church

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENTS

Osgoode-Kars P.C. – Karen Boivin (OM-R)

MOTION 2022-126 (I. Bromley/ S. MacDonald) "that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of Karen Boivin (OM-R) to the Osgoode-Kars Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 14 hours per week with a total annual remuneration of twenty-four thousand nine hundred and seventeen dollars and twenty-five cents (\$24,917.25), from September 6, 2022 – June 30, 2023."

SACRAMENTS ELDERS:

MOTION 2022-127 (J. Allen/ C. Hoy) "that the EOORC PR Commission appoints the following ministry personnel as mentors to the Sacraments Elders:

Paul McLenaghan (OM-R) to Deb Jinkinson

Rod Selby (OM-R) to Michael Wattie

Heather Froats (OM-R) to Barb DeJeet (until Dec. 31, 2022)."

CARRIED

[Note: A mentor has not yet been found for Liz Church]

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCSs:

Lanark-Balderson/Central Lanark P.C.s

Sharon MacDonald reported the interview for an applicant had been postponed – hopefully, they will be able to re-schedule.

Rideau P.C.

Sharon also reported that Peter Bartlett had held an information session with the charge. A small group attended but they all found it enormously informative and helpful.

Parkdale P.C.

Jim Allen noted it has not been too long since a profile had been done there so they are hoping they can just tweak it a bit to update the information. He will stay in touch with them.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Pastoral Report

Chair Wayne prepares a regular report containing information on all Pastoral Charges including ministry personnel in place, appointment/call dates, vacancies, sabbaticals, restorative care, PCSs

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and Liaisons and more. Members took a few minutes to review and update the information.

Pastoral Relations Report at EOORC meeting on Nov. 5, 2022

Whit asked for input as to what he should report on. He has 10 minutes so will attempt to include information on the following:

- A number of ministers have come into the Region since our last in-person gathering. He would like to introduce them to the court or at least acknowledge them if they are not at the meeting: Ronnie Magno, Zachariah Mandara, Don McLean, Eric Pagé, Jennifer Power, Rachael Robinson, Grant Stuckless.
- The 2023 Minimum Salary list is available.
- Covenanting services are the responsibility of the Communities of Faith.
- Sacraments Elders: We now have four.
- A number of ministers have expressed concern that they do not see their colleagues any more. Whit and Peter are working together to try to find ways to support the missing community building aspect of the former Presbyteries.
- The reality is that Communities of Faith who are looking for part-time ministers will wait a long time since most ministers are only interested in full-time positions. Lanark-Balderson/ Central Lanark and Russell/ Metcalfe are two good examples of neighbouring Pastoral Charges that have come together to work co-operatively to find and share a full-time minister.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting – **Tuesday, November 8, 2022** 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

CLOSING: Whit offered the closing prayer. The business listed on the agenda being completed, Wayne declared the meeting closed at 1:44 p.m.