
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Ina Bromley, Wayne Harris (Chair), Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean (Scribe), Whit Strong, Linda Suddaby (1:26 p.m.) (7)

REGRETS: Patsy Henry, Charlotte Hoy, Sharon MacDonald (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:

MOTION 2022-128 (I. Bromley/J. Allen) “that the minutes of October 11, 2022 be accepted as circulated.” **CARRIED**

RESTORATIVE CARE:

For information:

- David Illman- White remains on restorative care effective September 29, 2022.

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???

CHANGE IN RELATIONS:

Christ Church United P.C.

~~**MOTION 2022-129** (E. McIntyre/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Pastor Debbie Poirier (DLM) for a change in pastoral relations to retire effective June 30, 2022.” **CARRIED**~~

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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

Arnprior – 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
Manotick - CS
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
Pittston – Myra Garvin
Quyong – Susan Butler-Jones
Rideau – Sharon MacDonald
Rockland – Jim Kenney
Shawville – Charles Barrett
South Stormont – John Noordhof
Southminster – Eric Lukacs
Stittsville – Cindy Casey
Templeton – Vacant
Vernon – ministry is supplied by the Baptist Church

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS

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Parkdale P.C. – Bev Buckingham (DLM-R)

MOTION 2022-130 (J. Allen/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of Bev Buckingham (DLM-R) to the Parkdale Pastoral Charge as Short-term Supply Minister, 20 hours per week with a total annual remuneration of thirty-five thousand five hundred and thirty-four dollars (\$35,534.00), from November 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023.”

CARRIED

RE-APPOINTMENT:

MOTION 2022-131 (E. McIntyre/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of the Rev. William McDowell (OM-R) to the Salem: Locksley Pastoral Charge, as Congregational Minister, 11 hrs/week with a total annual remuneration of eighteen thousand seven hundred and twenty-five dollars and seventy-four cents (\$18,725.74), July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.”

CARRIED

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCSs:

South Stormont P.C.

Erin reported another interview has been scheduled for later this week.

Maynard

Whit noted Kathy Petrie is still on leave.

St. John's P.C., Brockville

Linda met with these folks this morning. The Executive has asked the group to explore a possible arrangement with the rental group that had expressed interest. The pastoral charge has formed another committee to take a two-pronged approach – one to find people to lead Sunday worship and second to look into the possibility of hiring someone 10 hrs./wk. for pastoral care.

Lyn: Christ U.C.

They have stopped searching at this time and have decided to use LLWLs for now. The Rev. Shelley Roberts is providing pastoral care.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Sacraments Elders training course

There are currently four Sacraments Elders who have been approved to preside over the sacraments in their own Communities of Faith. Debbie Poirier and Whit are revising the course based on their own observations and feedback from the participants and will offer the new version in the spring of 2023. What numbers do we need in order to run the course? Four or more is great. Whit will ask Anita to post an announcement in the newsletter.

LLWL update (Spring event, re-licensing, annual reporting)

Whit will be in touch with the committee – they are planning a Spring event in May 2023. One topic is how to address Affirming in church. Jenni Leslie will take the lead on resourcing this. Most churches have already sent in their letters requesting re-licensing for the LLWLs in their midst.

Whit is really concentrating on reporting i.e. where have you preached, what con-ed course have you taken etc.

One of the churches that has closed left a significant legacy specifically for LLWL programming.

It would be good to have more LLWLs in the areas covered by the former Seaway Valley and Upper Valley Presbyteries.

Celebration of Ministry

Three candidates have been approved. Cathy Stewart and Paul Whynacht are in appointments and are in line for ordination. One other has nothing pending yet.

Discussion was held regarding the timing of ordination and how this impacts candidates looking for work as well moving through the pay scale.

Can the Office of Vocations confirm how often they hold interviews and confirm there are no more between now and May?

The consensus was that Whit suggest to Executive two ordination services each year approximately six months apart i.e. at our spring and fall meetings. The spring service could be in-person and the fall one would be virtual.

Pastoral Care and Oversight Visits

This appears to have been lost in the new regional structure. The feeling was if congregations want this, another team will have to look at it - there are just not enough Pastoral Relations bodies to go around.

This sounds sort of like what Peter Bartlett is doing although he is working mainly with congregations to try to determine new directions.

Are pastoral oversight visits still necessary? Maybe – they do help to see what might be happening before it becomes a fire.

This requires more thought and planning.

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

CLOSING: Jim offered the closing prayer this month. The business listed on the agenda being completed, Wayne declared the meeting closed at 2:24 p.m.