
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, 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 1:08 p.m. and led us in an opening prayer.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Recommendation to Executive regarding Celebration of Ministry services
- Recommendation to Executive regarding renewal dates for re-licensing of LLWLs

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION 2023-01 (I. Bromley/S. MacDonald) “that the minutes of December 13, 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 - Jan Lougheed

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???

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

Bristol P.C.

MOTION 2023-02 (J. Allen/L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of Jon Williams, Pastoral Charge Supervisor, names Cathy Stewart, EOORC member, as EOORC representative at the Annual General Meeting of the Bristol Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Melville, Eganville P.C.

MOTION 2023-03 (S. MacDonald/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of Jon Williams, Pastoral Charge Supervisor, names Michelle Robichaud, EOORC member, as EOORC representative at the Annual General Meeting of the Melville, Eganville Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Calvin P.C. (Pembroke)

MOTION 2023-04 (I. Bromley/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Margie Patterson, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Calvin (Pembroke) Pastoral Charge to cover the Rev. Tiina Cote’s sabbatical.”

CARRIED**St. John’s P.C. (Brockville)**

MOTION 2023-05 (E. McIntyre/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Linda Suddaby, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to St. John’s Pastoral Charge (Brockville) effective January 10, 2023.”

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 (Aylmer closing, Eardley open for a couple of services per year.)

Arnprior – Sheryl McLeod (until the minister completes Admissions)

Augusta – Linda Suddaby (while the minister is on LTD)

Aylwin – Susan Butler-Jones, Boyd Drake (**only until mid-March 2023**)

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**) - no PCSKnox Edwards – (**closing in early 2023**) - Ed Gratton

Lanark-Balderson – Sharon MacDonald

Lansdowne – Donald Wachenschwanz

Lower Gatineau Valley - **Vacant**

Lyn: Christ Church – Shelley Roberts

Mallorytown – Charlotte Hoy

Manotick – CS – no PCS

Melville-Eganville – Jon Williams

Merrickville – (**closing early 2023**) - Christopher Ryan

Metcalf – Ed Gratton

Namur – Jim Kenney

Ottawa Chinese – Barbara Reynolds

Pembroke: Mt. Zion – Kevin Moratz
Pembroke: Zion Evangelical – Zacharia Mandara (meetings);
Ingrid Condie-Bennett (Pastoral Care)
Perth Road – Heather McLurg Murphy
Pittston – Myra Garvin
Quyon – Susan Butler-Jones (**only until mid-March 2023**)
Rideau – Sharon MacDonald
Rockland – Jim Kenney
Russell – Ed Gratton
Shawville – Charles Barrett
South Stormont – John Noordhof
Southminster – Eric Lukacs
St. John's (Brockville) – Linda Suddaby
Stittsville – Cindy Casey
Templeton – **Vacant**
Vernon – ministry is supplied by the Baptist Church

Pastoral Charges in search mode:

(Liaisons in place as noted)

Admaston – (**not looking**)
Ashton-Munster – Jim Allen
Aylwin – Susan Butler-Jones, Boyd Drake (**only until mid-March 2023**)
Bathurst – Shelley Roberts
Centenary – Charlotte Hoy
Central Lanark - Wayne Harris
Clyde Forks-Tatlock – (**summer ministry only**)
Cobden-Queen's Line –
Delta-Toledo – Charlotte Hoy
Denbigh, Matawatchan, Schutt –
Elgin-Portland – Wayne Harris
Glasgow-Castleford –
Greenwood – Ina Bromley
Kenmore (**in process to close**) – Ed Gratton
Knox Edwards – Ed Gratton
Lanark-Balderson – Sharon MacDonald
Lansdowne – Patsy Henry
Lower Gatineau Valley –
Mallorytown – Charlotte Hoy
Manotick – Dianne Cardin
Merrickville (**closing 2023**)
Metcalf – Ed Gratton
Namur – Jim Kenney
Ottawa Chinese – Charles Barrett

Parkdale (Ottawa) – Jim Allen
 Perth Road – Heather McLurg Murphy
 Quyon – candidate
 Rideau – Sharon MacDonald
 Rockland – Jim Kenney
 Russell – Ed Gratton
 Shawville – Charles Barrett
 South Stormont – Erin McIntyre
 St. John's (Brockville) – Linda Suddaby
 Stittsville – Caroline Penhale
 Templeton -

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS

RE-APPOINTMENT

Manotick P.C. – Paul Whynacht (CS)

MOTION 2023-06 (L. Suddaby/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Paul Whynacht (CS) to the Manotick Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 30 hours per week, with an annual remuneration of forty-nine thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven dollars and thirty-six cents (\$49,877.36), from January 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023.”

CARRIED

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCSs:

Whit reported from Jon Williams on a number of pastoral charges in the northern end of the region.

- Melville, Eganville. The church in Eganville is for sale. The members have been worshipping at the Lutheran Church for the time being.
- St. John's, Golden Lake – numbers are down considerably. Closure has been seriously talked about.
- St. Andrew's, Matawatchan is currently worshipping with those at Denbigh.
- Bristol P.C. – all appears to be well there.

OTHER BUSINESS:

St. John's P.C., Kemptville

The Rev. Ralph Taylor, Voluntary Associate Minister (VAM), at St. John's P.C., Kemptville will cover the pastoral needs of the Community of Faith (CoF) during the upcoming medical leave of the Rev. Lynda Harrison (dates unknown at the moment).

Licensed Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) update

Most have now submitted their accountability reports.

Can LLWLs be Sacrament Elders? Whit's understanding is that they can.

Renewing licenses for LLWLs

MOTION 2023-07 (E. McIntyre/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission recommends to the Executive that Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWLs) be licensed/re-licensed annually effective July 1 – June 30.”

CARRIED

MOTION 2023-08 (J. Allen/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission recommends to the Executive that Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWLs) be licensed/re-licensed at the spring annual meeting of EOORC.” **CARRIED**

Cost of Living (CoL) update

Updated calculations have been made using the current consumer cost index resulting in some pastoral charges being moved up to a higher category.

Wayne is revising the spreadsheet to show only EOORC pastoral charges and in a font size large enough to be readable. This will be circulated to the commission as soon as possible.

Community of Faith (CoF) self-assessment forms

Anita Jansman, Whit, and Peter Bartlett have been working on the form which is based on a form developed by another region. It can be completed on-line in fillable format and submitted directly. It will be sent to the contact person listed for each pastoral charge on ChurchHub and is to be completed and submitted annually.

Celebration of Ministry (CoM) Services

Candidates are now vetted on a rotating basis so there is no set time for Celebration of Ministry services (in the past, they were held at Conference annual meetings). In an effort to avoid having some candidates wait almost a year after approval, the Commission makes the following recommendations to the Executive:

MOTION 2023-09 (E. McIntyre/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission recommends to the Executive that EOORC holds Celebration of Ministry services in the spring and fall as needed, and that location and specific dates be chosen to be convenient for those being ordained, commissioned, admitted and recognized.” **CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting – **Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023** 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

CLOSING: Linda offered to lead us in a closing prayer. The business listed on the agenda being completed, Wayne declared the meeting closed at 1:59 p.m.