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A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Jim Allen, Ina Bromley, Wayne Harris (Chair), Sharon MacDonald, Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean (Scribe), Micheline Montreuil, Whit Strong (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. He extended a welcome to Rev. Micheline Montreuil who has joined the Commission. Whit led us in an opening prayer.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION 2023-63** (I. Bromley/S. MacDonald) “that the minutes of May 9, 2023 be accepted as circulated.” **CARRIED**

**RESTORATIVE CARE:**

For information:

- Peter Dahlin remains on medical leave effective March 20, 2023.

**ACKNOWLEDGED SABBATICALS:**

Christopher Ryan – Smiths Falls: Trinity P.C. – April 10 – Sept. 5, 2023; PCS – Don McLean  
Carla Van Delen – Barrhaven P.C. – April 17 – July 9, 2023; PCS – Jim Baldwin  
Blair Paterson – South Mountain-Hallville P.C. – April 24 – July 23, 2023; PCS – Janet Evans  
Tiina Côté – Pembroke: Calvin P.C. – May 1 – September 2, 2023 PCS – Margie Patterson  
Kim Vidal – Bells Corners P.C. – May 15 – August 31, 2023 PCS – not required since there is another minister on staff

**APPROVAL OF PROFILES:**

**Osgoode-Kars P.C.**

**MOTION 2023-64** (J. Allen/S. MacDonald) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the Osgoode-Kars Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

**LIAISONS**

**Melville, Eganville P.C.**

**MOTION 2023-65:** (S. MacDonald/M. Montreuil) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Ina Bromley as Liaison to the Melville, Eganville Pastoral Charge replacing Jon Williams.”

**CARRIED**

[Abstaining: Ina Bromley]

**Glengarry East P.C.**

**MOTION 2023-66:** (E. McIntyre/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Eric Page as Liaison to the Glengarry East Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

**Rothwell P.C.**

**MOTION 2023-67:** (I. Bromley/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Beth Sweetnam as Liaison to the Rothwell Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

**Note:**

- 1) Liaisons are still needed for Christ Church United (Chesterville), Trinity (Ottawa), Osgoode-Kars, Genesis Co-op (until June 30<sup>th</sup>), and Aylwin P.C.
- 2) Liaisons do not have to be a member of the region.

**PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:**

Pastoral Charge Supervisors are required for Osgoode-Kars, Rothwell, Aylwin, and the Genesis Co-op.

**Melville, Eganville P.C.**

**MOTION 2023-68** (M. Montreuil/J. Allen) “That the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Ina Bromley, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Melville, Eganville Pastoral Charge, replacing Jon Williams.” **CARRIED**  
[**Abstaining:** Ina Bromley]

**Quyon P.C.**

**MOTION 2023-69** (E. McIntyre/J. Allen) “That the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names the Rev. Cathy Stewart, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Quyon Pastoral Charge.” **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

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

Aylmer-Eardley – Jim Allen (Aylmer closing, Eardley open for a couple of services per year.)

Aylwin –

Bethel-St. Andrew’s – (after Aug. 1, 2023)

Bristol – Jon Williams

Central Lanark – Wayne Harris

Clyde Forks-Tatlock – Carla Van Delen

Delta-Toledo – Charlotte Hoy

Denbigh, Matawatchan, Schutt – Jon Williams/Ina Bromley

Elgin-Portland – JoAnne Fletcher

Genesis Co-operative - (after July 1<sup>st</sup>)

Glasgow-Castleford – James Murray

Glengarry East – John Noordhof effective July 1<sup>st</sup>

Golden Lake – Jon Williams

Greenwood – Ina Bromley

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Kenmore (in process to close) - Ed Gratton  
Knox Edwards – (closing in early 2023) - Ed Gratton  
Lanark-Balderson – Sharon MacDonald  
Lansdowne – Donald Wachenschwanz  
Lyn: Christ Church – Shelley Roberts  
Mallorytown – Charlotte Hoy  
Melville, Eganville – Ina Bromley  
Merrickville – (closing early 2023) - Christopher Ryan  
Metcalf – Ed Gratton  
Namur – Jim Kenney  
Osgoode-Kars – (after July 1<sup>st</sup>)  
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  
Quyong – Cathy Stewart  
Rideau – Sharon MacDonald  
Rockland – Jim Kenney  
Rothwell – (after May 1<sup>st</sup> for 1 month)  
Russell – Ed Gratton  
South Stormont – John Noordhof (Erin McIntyre from July 1<sup>st</sup> until August 31<sup>st</sup>)  
Southminster – Brian Copeland  
St. John's (Brockville) – Linda Suddaby  
Stittsville – Cindy Casey  
Vernon – ministry is supplied by the Baptist Church

**Pastoral Charges in search mode:**

(Liaisons in place as noted)  
Ashton-Munster – Jim Allen  
Aylwin –  
Central Lanark - Wayne Harris  
Denbigh, Matawatchan, Schutt – Jon Williams/Ina Bromley  
Genesis Co-operative – (Jim Allen after July 1<sup>st</sup>)  
Glasgow-Castleford – James Murray  
Glengarry East – (Eric Pagé after July 1<sup>st</sup>)  
Knox Edwards – Ed Gratton  
Lanark-Balderson – Sharon MacDonald  
Lansdowne – Patsy Henry  
Metcalf – Ed Gratton  
Namur – Jim Kenney  
Ottawa Chinese – Charles Barrett  
Osgoode-Kars -

Parkdale (Ottawa) – Jim Allen  
 Perth Road – Heather McLurg Murphy  
 Rockland – Jim Kenney  
 Rothwell – (after May 1<sup>st</sup>)  
 Russell – Ed Gratton  
 St. John's (Brockville) – Linda Suddaby

**Pastoral Charges not searching:**

Addison	Centenary	Clyde Forks-Tatlock
Delta-Toledo	Elgin-Portland	Greenwood
Lower Gatineau Valley	Lyn: Christ	Mallorytown
Pittston	Rideau	Southminster (Ottawa)
Templeton		

**CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS**

**Wesley P.C. (Pembroke) – Zacharia Mandara (OM):**

**MOTION 2023-70** (E. McIntyre/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the call of Zacharia Mandara (OM) to the Wesley Pastoral Charge (Pembroke), as Congregational Minister, 40 hours per week, effective July 1, 2023.” **CARRIED**

**Melville, Eganville P.C. – Michelle Robichaud (OM)**

**MOTION 2023-71** (M. Montreuil/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Michelle Robichaud (OM) to the Melville, Eganville Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 20 hours per week, effective July 1 - 31, 2023.” **CARRIED**

**Rideau Park P.C. – Georgina Fitzgerald (OM-R)**

**MOTION 2023-72** (S. MacDonald/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Georgina Fitzgerald (OM-R) to the Rideau Park Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 10 hours per week, effective July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.” **CARRIED**

**Pembroke: Mt. Zion P.C. – David Henderson (Candidate)**

**MOTION 2023-73** (I. Bromley/M. Montreuil) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of David Henderson (Candidate) to the Pembroke: Mt. Zion Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 24 hours per week, effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026.” **CARRIED**

**FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCSs:**

**1) Lanark-Balderson P.C. (Sharon MacDonald)**

June 30, 2023 is the closing date for the sale of Balderson United Church. The final service will be held on June 25, 2023. Sharon will lead the decommissioning. Lanark has accepted amalgamation. There were a few tense moments during the process but, overall, the congregations have handled the closing well.

Sharon continues as PCS/Liaison for Lanark and Wayne Harris is both PCS/Liaison for Central Lanark P.C. Both are working on the effect the closing will have on service changes and they continue to search for a joint minister.

## **2) Trinity, Parkdale (Jim Allen)**

They continue to look at possible options.

## **3) South Stormont P.C.(Erin McIntyre)**

South Stormont approved the call to the Rev. Minhyuk Hwang at their congregational meeting. He will begin Sept. 1, 2023.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **1) Supervised Ministry Education (SME):**

#### **Southminster**

They would like to be a SME site to have a student with them. PRC may approve the site but the Office of Vocation approves the student. Whit will meet with them this week for more discussion. PRC will address this again next month.

#### **Genesis Co-operative**

Jim Allen is the Liaison. If they are not successful in their search for a minister, Genesis has expressed the desire to be a SME site. Jim feels they could provide an effective support team. Genesis offers many opportunities for a student. The challenge is to ensure a student doesn't work full-time at the expense of his/her/their studies which is a temptation with multiple pastoral charges.

### **2) Time line for Executive Meetings**

The Executive will continue meeting on the second Thursday of the month. While this is a bit tight when our PRC meetings fall on the Tuesday of the same week, Whit feels he is in constant contact with the Executive and that they are informed well in advance of any items that may require their discussion/decisions. It was agreed to keep our existing meeting schedule as is for now.

### **3) Proposed Ordination Policy - update**

At the PRC meeting on March 14, 2023, the following motion was approved and sent to the Executive. Whit will ask for a status report.

**MOTION 2023-41** (I. Bromley/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission forwards and recommends the following motion regarding a regional Ordination Policy to the Executive of EOORC:

“To satisfy the requirements for Ordination, Commissioning or Recognition within EOORC, a Provisional Call or Appointment must:

- 1) be for a minimum of 12 consecutive months
- 2) be for a minimum of 20 hours per week
- 3) be a covenanted ministry involving a Community of Faith and EOORC
- 4) not fill a gap resulting from a pastoral leave from which the incumbent is expected to return within 12 months.
- 5) Include the Candidate being enrolled in The United Church of Canada Pension and Benefits Plan.

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Requests for an exemption for extraordinary circumstances may be sent to the EOORC Executive via the Pastoral Relations Commission.” **CARRIED**

#### **4. Liaisons – compensation?**

Whit reminded the Commission that Pastoral Charge Supervisors are reimbursed for time and mileage by the Pastoral Charges but Liaisons are not. Questions regarding this practice include

- How much time are Liaisons spending at this work?
- Can Pastoral Charges afford another expense and, if so, what is reasonable?

This will come forward for further discussion.

#### **5. Sacrament Elders**

Some more Pastoral Charges have expressed interest in having some members of their CoFs become Sacrament Elders. Debbie Poirier and Whit offered the initial course and are making changes to improve it. They hope to be ready to offer another one in Fall 2023.

**LAST WORD:** Next meeting – **Tuesday, July 11, 2023** 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**CLOSING:** Sharon led us in a closing prayer. The business listed on the agenda being completed, Wayne declared the meeting closed at 2:01 p.m.