
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Ina Bromley, Wayne Harris (Chair), Patsy Henry, Charlotte Hoy, Sharon MacDonald, Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean (Scribe), Micheline Montreuil, Whit Strong (10)

REGRETS: Linda Suddaby (1)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair, Wayne Harris, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. After a quick check-in with members, Micheline Montreuil led us in an opening prayer.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Wayne noted he had erred in circulating the re-appointment at Glebe-St. James. The correct motion will be presented today.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION 2023-74 (P. Henry/M. Montreuil) “that the minutes of June 13, 2023 be accepted as circulated.”

CARRIED

RESTORATIVE CARE:

For information:

- Peter Dahlin has retired effective June 30, 2023 so is removed from the restorative care list.

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

SABBATICALS/COVERAGE:

Erin McIntyre (OM)

MOTION 2023-75 (J. Allen/I. Bromley) “That the EOORC PR Commission takes note of the upcoming sabbatical of Erin McIntyre (OM), Cornwall: Knox St. Paul’s Pastoral Charge, for the period June 1 – September 3, 2024.”

CARRIED

For Information:

Sandra Yule (OM) has indicated she will retire in June 2024 from Merivale-Fallowfield. An official request and motion will be forthcoming.

APPROVAL OF PROFILES:**Genesis Co-operative**

MOTION 2023-76 (S. MacDonald/P. Henry) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the Genesis Co-operative profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

LIAISONS**Christ Church United P.C. (Chesterville)**

MOTION 2023-77: (J. Allen/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Christine Lowson (OM) as Liaison to the Christ Church United Pastoral Charge (Chesterville).” **CARRIED**

Osgoode-Kars P.C.

MOTION 2023-78: (E. McIntyre/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Jim Allen as Liaison to the Osgoode-Kars Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

[Abstaining: Jim Allen]

Note:

Liaisons are still needed for Bethel-St. Andrew’s, Trinity (Ottawa), and Aylwin P.C.

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:**Christ Church United P.C. (Chesterville)**

MOTION 2023-79 (C. Hoy/M. Montreuil) “That the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Christine Lowson (OM), EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Christ Church United Pastoral Charge (Chesterville).” **CARRIED**

[Note: Erin McIntyre joined the meeting.]

Bethel-St. Andrew’s P.C. (Fitzroy Harbour)

MOTION 2023-80 (S. MacDonald/J. Allen) “That the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Jan Loughheed (OM), EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Bethel-St. Andrew’s Pastoral Charge (Fitzroy Harbour) effective July 23, 2023.” **CARRIED**

Osgoode-Kars P.C.

MOTION 2023-81 (S. MacDonald/M. Montreuil) “That the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Jim Allen, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Osgoode-Kars Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Note: Pastoral Charge Supervisor is required for Aylwin.

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)
Central Lanark – Wayne Harris
Christ Church United (Chesterville) – Christine Lowson
Clyde Forks-Tatlock – Carla Van Delen
Delta-Toledo – Charlotte Hoy
Denbigh, Matawatchan, Schutt – Jon Williams/Ina Bromley
Elgin-Portland – JoAnne Fletcher
Genesis Co-operative -
Glasgow-Castleford – James Murray
Glengarry East – Eric Pagé
Golden Lake – Jon Williams
Greenwood – Ina Bromley
Kenmore (in process to close) - Ed Gratton
Knox Edwards – (closing in 2023) - Ed Gratton
Lanark-Balderson – Sharon MacDonald
Lansdowne – Donald Wachenschwanz
Lyn: Christ Church – Shelley Roberts
Mallorytown – Charlotte Hoy
Melville, Eganville – Ina Bromley
Merrickville – (closing in 2023) - Christopher Ryan
Metcalf – Ed Gratton
Namur – Jim Kenney
Osgoode-Kars – Jim Allen
Ottawa Chinese – Barbara Reynolds
Pembroke: Mt. Zion – Kevin Moratz
Pembroke: Zion Evangelical – (until July 31st) 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
Russell – Ed Gratton
South Stormont – (Erin McIntyre from July 1st until August 31st)
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 –

Bethel-St. Andrew's -

Central Lanark - Wayne Harris

Christ Church United (Chesterville) – Christine Lowson

Denbigh, Matawatchan, Schutt – Jon Williams/Ina Bromley

Genesis Co-operative – Jim Allen

Glasgow-Castleford – James Murray

Glengarry East – Eric Pagé

Knox Edwards – Ed Gratton

Lanark-Balderson – Sharon MacDonald

Lansdowne – Patsy Henry

Melville, Eganville – Ina Bromley

Metcalf – Ed Gratton

Namur – Jim Kenney

Ottawa Chinese – Charles Barrett

Osgoode-Kars – Jim Allen

Parkdale (Ottawa) – Jim Allen

Perth Road – Heather McLurg Murphy

Rockland – Jim Kenney

Rothwell – Beth Sweetnam

Russell – Ed Gratton

St. John's (Brockville) – Linda Suddaby

Trinity (Ottawa) –

Note: Micheline Montreuil has offered to be either a PCS or Liaison as needed. She can travel to CoFs near her residence and is willing to go farther afield if meetings can be held via Zoom.

Pastoral Charges not searching:

Addison

Delta-Toledo

Lower Gatineau Valley

Pittston

Templeton

Centenary

Elgin-Portland

Lyn: Christ

Rideau

Clyde Forks-Tatlock

Greenwood

Mallorytown

Southminster (Ottawa)

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS**Queenswood P.C. – Laurelle Callaghan (OM):**

MOTION 2023-82 (E. McIntyre/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Laurelle Callaghan (OM) to the Queenswood Pastoral Charge (~~Pembroke~~), as Congregational Minister, 12 hours per week, effective October 1, 2023- September 30, 2024.”

CARRIED

Glebe-St. James P.C. – Susan Toller (Candidate)

MOTION 2023-83 (P. Henry/M. Montreuil) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Susan Toller (Candidate) to the Glebe-St. James Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 20 hours per week, effective September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024.”

CARRIED

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCSs:

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

The final service at Balderson U.C. was on June 25th and part of the service involved passing the trowel (used in laying the cornerstone of the original church building) to the new owners – the Mennonites. The sale of the building closed on June 30th - the Board will gather shortly to determine how to disburse the funds from the sale.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1) Zion Evangelical P.C. (Pembroke)

Dan Hansen (OM) will return to work on August 1, 2023.

2) Supervised Ministry Education (SME):

Southminster

Southminster has had a non-United Church person leading them in worship – this person has recently joined the UCC candidacy process. This could be his learning site for the next two years or less.

Genesis Co-operative

They are in a holding pattern to see how things are going.

3) PR Commission – granting sacramental privileges

Currently the PR Commission sends recommendations for sacramental privileges to the Executive for approval. The PR Commission has been asked if it would feel comfortable as the body which would grant sacramental privileges to Sacramental Elders, Candidates, and Diaconal ministers.

Discussion indicated the Commission members are all supportive of the idea.

4) Proposed Ordination Policy - update

The June minutes which included the motion from the PR Commission regarding a proposed Ordination policy has been sent to the Executive and will be on the agenda for its September meeting.

5. Liaisons – compensation?

Whit contacted a number of Liaisons regarding the suggestion but has not received much response. In September he proposed reaching out to *all* the appointed Liaisons to determine if we should be recommending the same levels of compensation for them as are given to Pastoral Charge Supervisors.

LAST WORD:

Jim raised the question of exit interviews. While this was previously handled by presbyteries/conferences, it does not appear to have been carried over to the regions. This will be discussed further in the fall.

Next meeting – **Tuesday, August 8, 2023** 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

CLOSING: Jim led us in a closing prayer. The business listed on the agenda being completed, Wayne declared the meeting closed at 1:48 p.m.