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A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, August 8, 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, Micheline Montreuil (3)

**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, Whit Strong led us in an opening prayer. He also notified us of the recent passing of the Rev. Andy McKee, a member of the former Renfrew and Upper Valley Presbyteries.

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**INTERIM MOTIONS:** None

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

It was noted that Motion 2023-82 on p. 2023-40 of the July 11<sup>th</sup> minutes erroneously lists Queenswood P.C. as being located in Pembroke.

**MOTION 2023-84** (I. Bromley/E. McIntyre) “that the minutes of July 11, 2023 be accepted as amended.” **CARRIED**

**SABBATICALS/COVERAGE:**

**MOTION 2023-85** (E. McIntyre/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission takes note of the upcoming sabbatical of Lorrie Lowes (OM), Bells Corners Pastoral Charge, for the period July 1 – September 30, 2024.” **CARRIED**

**ACKNOWLEDGED SABBATICALS:**

Christopher Ryan – Smiths Falls: Trinity P.C. – April 10 – Sept. 5, 2023; PCS – Don McLean  
Kim Vidal – Bells Corners P.C. – May 15 – August 31, 2023 PCS – not required since there is another minister on staff

Tiina Côté – Pembroke: Calvin P.C. – May 1 – September 2, 2023 PCS – Margie Patterson

Erin McIntyre – Cornwall: Knox-St. Paul’s P.C. – June 1 – September 3, 2024 - ???

**CHANGE IN RELATIONS:**

**Pembroke: Zion Evangelical P.C.**

**MOTION 2023-86** (I. Bromley/S. MacDonald) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the request made by the Community of Faith at a duly called congregational meeting on July 31, 2023 “that the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Dr. Daniel Hansen and the Zion Evangelical Pastoral Charge be ended effective January 31, 2024. Effective immediately, Rev. Hansen will not perform any functions of ministry on the pastoral charge or have access to the property or have contact with its members or adherents.” **CARRIED**

**LIAISONS****Bethel-St. Andrew's P.C. (Fitzroy Harbour)**

**MOTION 2023-87:** (L. Suddaby/J. Allen) "that the EOORC PR Commission names Beth Sweetnam as Liaison to the Bethel-St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge (Fitzroy Harbour)."

**CARRIED****Note:**

Liaisons are still needed for Trinity (Ottawa).

**PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:****Cardinal P.C.**

**MOTION 2023-88** (S. MacDonald/J. Allen) "That the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Myra Garvin (OM-R), EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Cardinal Pastoral Charge." **CARRIED**

**Note:**

PCSs are still needed for Rothwell and 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 – Jan Lougheed

Bristol – Jon Williams

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 – John Noordhoff

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

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Melville, Eganville – Ina Bromley  
Merrickville – (closing in 2023) - Christopher Ryan  
Metcalf – Ed Gratton  
Namur – Jim Kenney  
Osgoode-Kars – Ed Gratton  
Ottawa Chinese – Barbara Reynolds (after 10 years, only on call)  
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 -  
Russell – Ed Gratton  
South Stormont – Erin McIntyre (July 1<sup>st</sup> to 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 – Student  
Bethel-St. Andrew's – Beth Sweetnam  
Cardinal – Myra Garvin  
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 – Ed Gratton  
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) –

**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**

**City View P.C. – Jim Baldwin (OM-R):**

**MOTION 2023-89** (I. Bromley/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of Jim Baldwin (OM-R) to the City View Pastoral Charge, as Congregational Minister, 40 hours per week, effective August 7, 2023- August 7, 2024 to cover a maternity leave.”

**CARRIED**

**St. John's P.C. (Brockville) – Melany Cassidy-Wise (OM)**

**MOTION 2023-90** (L. Suddaby/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Melany Cassidy-Wise (OM) to the St. John's Pastoral Charge (Brockville) as Pastoral Care Minister, 10 hours per week, effective September 1, 2023 – January 30, 2024.”

**CARRIED**

**Parkdale P.C. (Ottawa) – Beverly Buckingham (DLM)**

**MOTION 2023-91** (J. Allen/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the change in terms of appointment of Beverly Buckingham (DLM) to the Parkdale Pastoral Charge (Ottawa) as Pastoral Care Minister, 20 hours per week, effective Aug. 4, 2023 – Aug. 3, 2026.”

**CARRIED**

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

**1) Central Lanark & Lanark-Balderson P.C.s**

Wayne reported that the pastoral charges of Central Lanark and Lanark-Balderson will be interviewing an applicant for a joint ministry position on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Sharon MacDonald will attend as the Liaison from EOORC.

**2) Covenanting Service – Rev. Minhyuk Hwang**

Erin noted there would be a covenanting service with EOORC, the South Stormont Pastoral Charge and the Rev. Minhyuk Hwang on Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Long Sault U.C.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**1) Supervised Ministry Education Sites (SME)**

Jim noted there has not been much progress made at Genesis Co-op in this area to date. Southminster has been approved by the Office of Vocation - Frank Emmanuel will continue on

there and this will be his learning site. Brian Copeland will continue as the Pastoral Charge Supervisor.

**2) Liaisons Compensation:**

Whit has nothing definite to report. He has contacted a number of Liaisons for input – some want to attend every meeting of a search committee while others only want minimal input as needed. Compensation could be hugely different depending on distances travelled and the number of meetings attended. This could be very challenging for some pastoral charges to manage.

**3) Proposed Ordination Policy**

Whit has asked that this be on the agenda for the September meeting of the Executive.

**4) Exit Interviews**

Whit will be meeting with one minister. This will feature on future agendas of the PR Commission.

**LAST WORD:** None

Next meeting – **Tuesday, September 12, 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 1:42 p.m.