
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Ina Bromley, Wayne Harris (Chair), Sharon MacDonald, Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean (Scribe), Micheline Montreuil, Blair Paterson, Whit Strong, Linda Suddaby (10)

REGRETS: Patsy Henry, Charlotte Hoy (2)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair, Wayne Harris, called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m. After a quick check-in with members, Linda Suddaby led us in an opening prayer.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Name a Liaison to Lansdowne P.C.

INTERIM MOTIONS: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION 2024-01 (B. Paterson/E. McIntyre) “that the minutes of November 28, 2023 be accepted as circulated.” **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MEDICAL LEAVE:

Restorative Care: Rev. Eric Pagé (OM) Williamstown P.C.

LTD: Rev. Kathleen Petrie (OM) Augusta P.C.

SABBATICALS/COVERAGE: None

ACKNOWLEDGED SABBATICALS:

David Sherwin – Zion-Memorial P.C. (Carleton Place) – March 1 to May 31, 2024

Tiina Côté – Pembroke: Calvin P.C. – May 1 – September 2, 2024 PCS – Margie Patterson

Elaine Beattie – Glen Cairn P.C. – June 1 to August 31, 2024

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

Lorrie Lowes – Bells Corners P.C. – July 1 to September 30, 2024

SUPERVISED MINISTRY EDUCATION SITE: None

Parkdale P.C. (Ottawa)

An upcoming appointment at Parkdale P.C. (Ottawa) with Huda Kandalajt beginning March 1, 2024 (converting a CDM to a SME appointment) was tabled at the November meeting until further information was forthcoming from the Office of Vocations.

MOTION 2024-02 (S. MacDonald/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission recommends the suitability of the Parkdale Pastoral Charge to be a Supervised Ministry Education site (SME).”

CARRIED

CHANGE IN RELATIONS/SHARED MINISTRY AGREEMENTS

MOTION 2024-03 (S. MacDonald/M. Montreuil) “that the EOORC PR Commission takes note of the Shared Ministry Agreement between Lanark-Balderson and Central Lanark Pastoral Charges effective February 1, 2024.” **CARRIED**

MOTION 2024-04 (B. Paterson/L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. Andrew Jensen (OM) for a change in pastoral relations effective July 31, 2024.” **CARRIED**

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS**Grace-St. Andrew's P.C. (Arnprior)****For Information:**

The congregational meeting took place on December 10, 2023. Wayne received verbal confirmation of the vote in favour of calling the Rev. Ronnie Magno and Whit has since received the paperwork confirming the vote.

Rothwell P.C. (Ottawa)

MOTION 2024-05 (E. McIntyre/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of the Rev. Jessica Hetherington (OM) to the Rothwell Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 20 hours per week effective January 1 – 31, 2024.” **CARRIED**

Carleton Memorial P.C. (Ottawa)

MOTION 2024-06 (M. Montreuil/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of the Rev. Matt Gallinger (OM) to the Carleton Memorial Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 30 hours per week effective January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.” **CARRIED**

Pastoral Charge Supervisors:

PCSs needed for St. Andrew's (Westmeath); Kemptville: St. John's; Lower Gatineau Valley; Templeton

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 (Eardley open for only a couple of services per year.)

Aylwin – Natalie Matkovsky

Bethel-St. Andrew's – Jan Lougheed

Central Lanark – Wayne Harris

Charge pastorale Namur – Jim Kenney

Chinese (Ottawa) – Barbara Reynolds (after 10 years, only on call)

Christ Church United (Chesterville) – Christine Lowson

Clyde Forks-Tatlock – Carla Van Delen

Delta-Toledo – Charlotte Hoy
Denbigh, Matawatchan, Schutt – Jon Williams
Elgin-Portland – JoAnne Fletcher
Genesis Co-operative – Jim Allen
Glasgow-Castleford – James Murray
Glengarry East – John Noordhoff
Golden Lake – Jon Williams
Greenwood – Ina Bromley
Harrowsmith-Verona – Sharon MacDonald
Kemptville: St. John's – **After passing of the minister**
Kenmore (selling building – NOT disbanding) - Ed Gratton
Knox Edwards – (disbanding April 30, 2024) - Ed Gratton
Lanark-Balderson – Sharon MacDonald
Lansdowne – Donald Wachenschwanz
Lower Gatineau -
Lyn: Christ Church – Shelley Roberts
Mallorytown – Charlotte Hoy
Melville-Eganville – Ina Bromley
Metcalf – Ed Gratton
Osgoode-Kars – Ed Gratton
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
Russell – Ed Gratton
Southminster – Brian Copeland
St. Andrew's (Westmeath) -
St. John's (Brockville) – Linda Suddaby
Templeton -
Vernon – Vicki Simzer
Williamstown – Lois Gaudet

LIAISONS

Liaisons are still needed for Aylwin; Merivale-Fallowfield; Morrisburg: Lakeshore Drive; South Mountain-Hallville; St. Andrew's (Westmeath); Kemptville: St. John's

Lansdowne P.C.

MOTION 2024-07 (I. Bromley/L. Suddaby) "That the EOORC PR Commission names Phyllis Dietrich as Liaison to the Lansdowne Pastoral Charge." **CARRIED**

Pastoral Charges in search mode:

(Liaisons in place as noted)

Ashton-Munster – Jim Allen

Aylwin –

Bethel-St. Andrew's – Beth Sweetnam

Cardinal – Myra Garvin

Charge pastorale Namur – Jim Kenney

Chinese (Ottawa) – Charles Barrett

Denbigh, Matawatchan, Schutt – Jon Williams/Ina Bromley

First United (Ottawa) – Janet Nield

Genesis Co-operative – Jim Allen

Glasgow-Castleford – James Murray

Harrowsmith-Verona – Sharon MacDonald

Kemptville: St. John's – **After the passing of the minister**

Lansdowne – Phyllis Dietrich

Melville-Eganville – Ina Bromley

Merivale-Fallowfield -

Metcalf – Ed Gratton

Morrisburg: Lakeshore Dr. -

Osgoode-Kars – Ed Gratton

Perth Road – Heather McLurg Murphy

Quyong – Cathy Stewart

Rockland – Jim Kenney

Rothwell – Beth Sweetnam

Russell – Ed Gratton

Smiths Falls: Trinity – Wayne Harris

South Mountain-Hallville -

St. Andrew's (Westmeath) -

Pastoral Charges not searching:

Addison

Eardley

Centenary

Clyde Forks-Tatlock

Delta-Toledo

Elgin-Portland

Glasgow-Castleford

Greenwood

Lower Gatineau Valley

Lyn: Christ

Mallorytown

Pittston

Rideau

St. John's (Brockville)

Templeton

Vernon

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCSs**Lanark-Balderson/Central Lanark**

Reps from Lanark-Balderson and Central Lanark Pastoral Charges have been in touch with the Rev. Dan Hansen. Wayne has sent a copy of the Covenanting service to all involved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1) FOR INFORMATION ONLY

DLMs

The original remit was defeated at the General Council level. There is now the possibility of DLMs being allowed to submit Testamurs and be Ordained/Commissioned. The training of ministry personnel is very different now from what it used to be. DLMs will have to meet a certain educational requirement but there is still uncertainty as to what that bar will be.

2) Deaths

- Rev. David Spivey – December 1, 2023
- Rev. Lynda Harrison – December 22, 2023

Whit has informed the treasurer of these passings and will notify the families that donations will be made to the M&S Fund in their memories.

LAST WORD: None

Next meeting – **Tuesday, February 20, 2024** 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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<https://united-church.zoom.us/j/85233506275>

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