
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Ina Bromley, Wayne Harris (Chair), Charlotte Hoy, Sharon MacDonald (1:22 p.m.), Karen McLean (Scribe), Whit Strong, Linda Suddaby (8)

REGRETS: Patsy Henry, Erin McIntyre (2)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair, Wayne Harris, called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. and Whit led us in an opening prayer.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- CDM Position description for Bells Corners U.C.
- Re-appoint Laurie McKnight (OM-R) to Centretown P.C.

Interim Motions:

Christ Church P.C.

MOTION: 2023-28 (Charlotte Hoy/Sharon MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the Christ Church Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

Parkdale P.C.

MOTION: 2023-29 (Charlotte Hoy/Sharon MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the Parkdale Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

Parkdale P.C.

MOTION: 2023-30 (Charlotte Hoy/Sharon MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission takes note of the Parkdale Pastoral Charge’s position description for a Minister of Pastoral Care that is open to applications from both ministry personnel (call or appointed) and laity (CDM).” **CARRIED**

Note: The motions were approved via email on Feb. 28, 2023

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION 2023-31 (I. Bromley/J. Allen) “that the minutes of February 14, 2023 be accepted as circulated.” **CARRIED**

RESTORATIVE CARE:

For information:

- David Illman- White remains on restorative care effective September 29, 2022. He hopes to return to work May 7, 2023.

SABBATICALS/COVERAGE:**Barrhaven P.C.**

Motion 2023-32 (L. Suddaby/C. Hoy) “that the EOORC PR Commission appoints Jim Baldwin (OM-R), EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Barrhaven Pastoral Charge, to cover the Sabbatical of Carla Van Delen (OM).” **CARRIED**

South Mountain-Hallville P.C.

Motion 2023-33 (I. Bromley/L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission appoints Janet Evans (OM), EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the South Mountain-Hallville Pastoral Charge, to cover the Sabbatical of Blair Paterson (OM).” **CARRIED**

Smiths Falls: Trinity P.C.

Motion 2023-34 (C. Hoy/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission appoints Don McLean (OM), EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Smiths Falls: Trinity Pastoral Charge, to cover the Sabbatical of Christopher Ryan (OM).” **CARRIED**

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 – 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, 2024 PCS – Margie Patterson
Kim Vidal – Bells Corners P.C. – May 15 – August 31, 2023 PCS – not required since there is another minister on staff

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

MOTION 2023-35 (I. Bromley/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Brian Copeland (OM-R), EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Southminster Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Denbigh-Matawatchan-Schutt/Melville-Eganville P.C.s

MOTION 2023-36 (L. Suddaby/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Ina Bromley, EOORC member, as co-Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Denbigh-Matawatchan-Schutt and Melville-Eganville Pastoral Charges.” **CARRIED**

[Abstaining: Ina Bromley]

LIAISONS**Denbigh-Matawatchan-Schutt/Melville-Eganville P.C.s**

Motion 2023-37 (S. MacDonald/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Ina Bromley as co-Liaison to the Denbigh-Matawatchan-Schutt and Melville-Eganville Pastoral Charges.” **CARRIED**

[Abstaining: Ina Bromley]

Pastoral Charges without called/appointed Ministry Personnel:

(Pastoral Charge Supervisor in place as noted)

Addison – Lynne Gardiner

Admaston – Paul McLenaghan

Arnprior – Sheryl McLeod (until the minister completes Admissions)

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 – 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/Ina Bromley

Elgin-Portland – JoAnne Fletcher

Genesis Co-operative - (after July 1st)

Glasgow-Castleford – James Murray

Glengarry East - (after July 1st)

Golden Lake – Jon Williams

Greenwood – Ina Bromley

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

Manotick – Vacant

Melville-Eganville – Jon Williams/Ina Bromley

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

Rothwell – (after May 1st)

Russell – Ed Gratton

South Stormont – John Noordhof

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 – Susan Butler-Jones, Boyd Drake (only until mid-March 2023)
Bathurst – Shelley Roberts
Central Lanark - Wayne Harris
Denbigh, Matawatchan, Schutt – Jon Williams/Ina Bromley
Glasgow-Castleford – James Murray
Knox Edwards – Ed Gratton
Lanark-Balderson – Sharon MacDonald
Lansdowne – Patsy Henry
Manotick – Dianne Cardin
Metcalf – Ed Gratton
Namur – Jim Kenney
Ottawa Chinese – Charles Barrett
Parkdale (Ottawa) – Jim Allen
Perth Road – Heather McLurg Murphy
Quyong – 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

Pastoral Charges not searching:

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

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS

For Information:

Currently, 13 appointments end June 30, 2023, 3 end in August and 1 will end in September.

RE-APPOINTMENTS

Westmeath P.C. – James Young-Key Min (OM-R)

MOTION 2023-38 (S. MacDonald/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of the Rev. James Young-Key Min (OM-R) to the Westmeath Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 14 hours per week, effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.”

CARRIED

Centretown P.C. – Laurie McKnight (OM-R)

MOTION 2023-39 (L. Suddaby/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Laurie McKnight (OM-R) to the Centretown Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 16 hours per week, effective April 1, 2023 – April 30, 2023.”

CARRIED

BELLS CORNERS U.C. - CONGREGATIONAL DESIGNATED MINISTER (CDM) POSITION:

MOTION 2023-40 (S. MacDonald/C. Hoy) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the documentation submitted by Bells Corners U.C. for a CDM position.”

CARRIED

[Note: Whit will speak to them about the number of hours/week proposed for this position. They seem rather low for the amount of work required.]

SACRAMENTS:

For Information:

- The Executive has extended Sacramental privileges to Bev Buckingham (DLM) to October 31, 2023.
- No mentor has yet been named for Liz Church – Sacramental Elder (Elgin-Portland)

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCSs:

1) **Brockville: St. John’s U.C.** Linda reported they are now working with Peter Bartlett as well as with Kindred Works. She wondered if she should be attending all their meetings. Since they have not made an official decision about hiring a new minister, they will still need a PCS. There is no obligation to be at the meetings with Peter other than as a support person if she feels she would like to attend.

2) **Central Lanark and Lanark-Balderson P.C.s** Wayne noted they have interviewed one person and have a second one scheduled.

3) **Rideau P.C.** Sharon reported Rideau P.C. has also interviewed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

LLWLs

- All are ready for licensing/re-licensing at the May AGM for EOORC.
- An educational event is planned for May 6th at Carsonby U.C.
- Executive is looking at the possibility of on-line police checks for LLWLs similar to what is in place at National for ministry personnel and would like to know the PRC’s thoughts. All are in favour and see no reason to treat LLWLs any differently than ministry personnel in this regard.

Proposed Ordination Policy

Whit has discussed the matter with his regional colleagues across the country. A proposed policy was presented.

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.

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

CARRIED

Community of Faith (CoF) self-assessments

Whit reported the national church is working on a broader initiative so suggested we wait to see what they develop first.

Pastoral Care and Oversight Visits

Nothing to report on yet.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting – **Tuesday, April 11, 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 2:01 p.m.