

A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Jim Allen, Ina Bromley, Wayne Harris (Chair), Charlotte Hoy, Sharon MacDonald, Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean (Scribe), Micheline Montreuil, Blair Paterson, Whit Strong, Linda Suddaby (11)

**REGRETS:** Patsy Henry (1)

**CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:**

Chair, Wayne Harris, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. After a quick check-in with members, Jim Allen led us in an opening prayer asking especially to keep Patsy in our prayers as she undergoes emergency surgery.

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Liaison required for Grace U.C., Chelsea this Sunday
- Linda – questions regarding amalgamation

**INTERIM MOTIONS:** None

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

**CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Whit noted he had received incorrect information on two items that must now be corrected in previously approved minutes.

- Tiina Côté's sabbatical was approved for May 1 – September 2, 2023. This should have been 2024.
- Rev. Lynda Harrison – date of death should have been Dec. 22, 2023.

It was agreed the Scribe will correct all previously approved minutes that are affected by these errors and will send them to Anita Jansman for reposting on the EOORC website as well as to Debra Kigar at the GCO.

**MOTION 2024-22** (M. Montreuil/J. Allen) “that the minutes of February 26, 2024 be accepted as circulated.” **CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**MEDICAL LEAVE:**

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

**ACKNOWLEDGED SABBATICALS:**

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

Cindy Casey – Kanata P.C. – April 1 to June 30, 2024

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

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

### **CHANGE IN RELATIONS**

#### **Stittsville P.C. – Michelle Robichaud**

**MOTION 2024-23** (L. Suddaby/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. Michelle Robichaud (OM), Stittsville P.C., for a change in pastoral relations effective March 9, 2024.” **CARRIED**

#### **Parkdale P.C. (Ottawa) – Anthony Bailey**

**MOTION 2024-24** (M. Montreuil/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey (OM), Parkdale P.C. for a change in pastoral relations to retire as of September 30, 2024.” **CARRIED**

**AMALGAMATIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF PROFILES:** None

### **CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Kanata P.C.**

**MOTION 2024-25** (C. Hoy/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of Michelle Robichaud (OM) to the Kanata Pastoral Charge as Short-term Supply, 20 hours per week effective March 10 – June 30, 2024.” **CARRIED**

**CHANGE OF TERMS:** None

**SACRAMENTS:** None

**CONGREGATIONAL DESIGNATED MINISTER (CDM):** None

### **Pastoral Charge Supervisors:**

#### **South Mountain-Hallville P.C.**

**MOTION 2024-26** (E. McIntyre/L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Christine Lawson, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the South Mountain-Hallville Pastoral Charge effective immediately.” **CARRIED**

[Abstaining: Blair Paterson]

#### **Bathurst P.C.**

**MOTION 2024-27** (C. Hoy/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Shelley Roberts, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Bathurst Pastoral Charge effective July 1, 2024” **CARRIED**  
[Abstaining: Micheline Montreuil]

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[Note: PCSs are still needed for St. Andrew's (Westmeath); 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

Bathurst – Shelley Roberts

Bethel-St. Andrew's – Jan Lougheed

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

Kenmore (selling building – NOT disbanding) - Ed Gratton

Knox Edwards – (disbanding April 30, 2024) - Ed Gratton

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

Quyon – Cathy Stewart

Rideau – Sharon MacDonald

Rockland – Jim Kenney

Russell – Ed Gratton

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South Mountain-Hallville – Christine Lowson  
Southminster – Brian Copeland  
St. Andrew's (Westmeath) -  
St. John's (Brockville) – Linda Suddaby  
Templeton -  
Williamstown – Lois Gaudet

### **LIAISONS**

#### **Grace U.C. (Chelsea)**

They have requested that someone attend after service on Sunday to review the process involved in searching for a minister. Jim offered to do this.

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

#### **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 – Jim Allen

Lansdowne – Phyllis Dietrich

Melville-Eganville – Ina Bromley

Merivale-Fallowfield -

Metcalf – Ed Gratton

Morrisburg: Lakeshore Dr. -

Osgoode-Kars – Ed Gratton

Parkdale -

Perth Road – Heather McLurg Murphy

Quyon – Cathy Stewart

Rockland – Jim Kenney

Rothwell – Beth Sweetnam

Russell – Ed Gratton

Shawville -

Smiths Falls: Trinity – Wayne Harris

South Mountain-Hallville -

St. Andrew's (Westmeath) -

**Pastoral Charges not searching:**

Addison	Aylmer-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****Bishops Mills P.C.**

Linda reported they are having difficulty with the local bank regarding paperwork for the amalgamation of St. Andrews and Oxford Mills United Churches. The motion that was approved by the Executive asks for approval to amalgamate Bishops Mills United Church and Oxford Mills United Church. The bank claims St. Andrew's and Bishops Mills are different churches.

Whit will draft a letter to Eric including the background information and ask him to send a cover letter from the Executive indicating St. Andrew's U.C. in Bishops Mills and Bishops Mills U.C. are one and the same, that the Congregation is in good standing and has the support of the region for making this move.

**OTHER BUSINESS:****1) Stittsville P.C.**

Whit attended Stittsville last Sunday and announced a review would take place. The regional Executive has decided to appoint a Commission to take care of things and run the pastoral charge until further notice. No search process will be initiated at the moment.

**2) For Information:****- Position Description**

"Community of Faith and Network Support Minister". This person will replace Peter Bartlett. The original position had too much overlap with the PRC. The newer version maintains the link through visioning with congregations and working with them to determine if they wish to pursue amalgamation, closure etc. If the proposed action affects the ministry position, then the PRC will be brought into the conversation. If not, then the PRC does not have to be involved.

**- Amalgamation of North Gower U.C. and Carsonby U.C. (North Gower P.C.)**

They are already working on the process. They are not changing their name yet – they want something significant to their situation. The last service for Carsonby is April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**LAST WORD:**

- Whit reported that the motion proposing that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive grant the Pastoral Relations Commission powers to decide on disbanding and amalgamations of pastoral charges had been defeated.

From the Executive minutes: “It was expressed that the work of disbanding and amalgamations blurs the lines with Pastoral Relations.

It was suggested that more emphasize (sic) and through (sic) be given to how to accompany pastoral charges during discussions around amalgamating and disbanding, and until it is clear what is the best process, and which body could decide on issues, it should continue to be referred to the Executive. It was suggested that, in conjunction with the Executive Minister, L. Church, S. Hutton, and R. Kim will research strategic ways for how to proceed with providing guidelines from the Regional Council to congregations on disbanding and amalgamating.”

- The Covenanting service for the Rev. Blair Paterson, Chesterville U.C., and EOORC will be held on Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the church.

Next meeting – **Tuesday, April 16, 2024** 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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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 1:53 p.m.