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A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Jim Allen, Ina Bromley, Wayne Harris (Chair), Patsy Henry (1:25 p.m.), Sharon MacDonald, Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean (Scribe), Whit Strong (8)

**REGRETS:** Charlotte Hoy (1)

**CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:**

Chair, Wayne Harris, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and led us in an opening prayer.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION 2023-50** (I. Bromley/J. Allen) “that the minutes of April 11, 2023 be accepted as circulated.” **CARRIED**

**RESTORATIVE CARE:**

For information:

- Peter Dahlin is on medical leave effective March 20, 2023.

**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, 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

**CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS:**

**MOTION 2023-51** (S. MacDonald/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. Dr. Christine Johnson for a change in pastoral relations effective July 31, 2023.” **CARRIED**

**MOTION 2023-52** (L. Suddaby/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. Catherine Oxford-Grant for a change in pastoral relations to retire as of July 31, 2023.” **CARRIED**

**LIAISONS**

**Trinity P.C. (Ottawa)**

**MOTION 2023-53:** (S. MacDonald/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Jim Allen as Liaison to the Trinity Pastoral Charge (Ottawa).” **CARRIED**

**Note:** Liaisons are still needed for Christ Church United (Chesterville), Osgoode-Kars, Rothwell P.C., Glengarry East P.C. (after July 1<sup>st</sup>), Genesis Co-op (until June 30<sup>th</sup>), and Aylwin P.C.

**PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:**

Pastoral Charge Supervisors are required for Osgoode-Kars, Rothwell, Aylwin, and Quyon.

**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 –

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 1<sup>st</sup>)

Glasgow-Castleford – James Murray

Glengarry East – John Noordhof as of July 1<sup>st</sup>

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

Melville-Eganville – Jon Williams/Ina Bromley

Merrickville – (closing early 2023) - Christopher Ryan

Metcalfe – Ed Gratton

Namur – Jim Kenney

Osgoode-Kars – (after July 1<sup>st</sup>)

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 –

Rideau – Sharon MacDonald

Rockland – Jim Kenney

Rothwell – (after May 1<sup>st</sup>)

Russell – Ed Gratton

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South Stormont – John Noordhof (Erin McIntyre from July 1<sup>st</sup> until 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 –  
Bathurst – Shelley Roberts  
Central Lanark - Wayne Harris  
Denbigh, Matawatchan, Schutt – Jon Williams/Ina Bromley  
Genesis Co-operative – (Jim Allen after July 1<sup>st</sup>)  
Glasgow-Castleford – James Murray  
Glengarry East – (after July 1<sup>st</sup>)  
Knox Edwards – Ed Gratton  
Lanark-Balderson – Sharon MacDonald  
Lansdowne – Patsy Henry  
Manotick – Dianne Cardin  
Metcalf – Ed Gratton  
Namur – Jim Kenney  
Ottawa Chinese – Charles Barrett  
Osgoode-Kars -  
Parkdale (Ottawa) – Jim Allen  
Perth Road – Heather McLurg Murphy  
Quyong – candidate  
Rockland – Jim Kenney  
Rothwell – (after May 1<sup>st</sup>)  
Russell – Ed Gratton  
Shawville – Charles Barrett  
St. John's (Brockville) – Linda Suddaby  
Stittsville – Caroline Penhale  
Trinity (Ottawa) – Jim Allen

**Pastoral Charges not searching:**

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

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**(RE)-APPOINTMENTS****Spencerville P.C. – Susan Hutton (DLM):**

**MOTION 2023-54** (L. Suddaby/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Susan Hutton (DLM) to the Spencerville Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 20 hours per week, effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.” **CARRIED**

**Lakeshore P.C. (Morrisburg) – Janet Evans (OM)**

**MOTION 2023-55** (E. McIntyre/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of the Rev. Janet Evans (OM) to the Lakeshore Pastoral Charge (Morrisburg) as Congregational Minister, 20 hours per week, effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.”

**CARRIED****Britannia P.C. – Jennifer Power (OM)**

**MOTION 2023-56** (S. MacDonald/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of the Rev. Jennifer Power (OM) to the Britannia Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 40 hours per week, effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.”

**CARRIED****Rothwell P.C. – Jessica Hetherington (OM)**

**MOTION 2023-57** (E. McIntyre/L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Jessica Hetherington (OM) to the Rothwell Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister/Supply Minister, 20 hours per week, effective June 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.”

**CARRIED****Cobden-Queensline P.C. – Ingrid Condie-Bennett (OM)**

**MOTION 2023-58** (S. MacDonald/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of the Rev. Ingrid Condie-Bennett (OM) to the Cobden-Queensline Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 20 hours per week, effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025.”

**CARRIED****Melville-Eganville P.C. – Michelle Robichaud (OM)**

**MOTION 2023-59** (I. Bromley/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of the Rev. Michelle Robichaud (OM) to the Melville-Eganville Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 20 hours per week, effective July 1 – July 31, 2023 subject to the receipt of required paperwork.”

**CARRIED****CALLS:****Stittsville P.C. – Michelle Robichaud (OM)**

**MOTION 2023-60** (I. Bromley/L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the call of the Rev. Michelle Robichaud (OM) to the Stittsville Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 40 hours per week, effective August 1, 2023.”

**CARRIED****Manotick P.C. – Paul Whynacht (OM)**

**MOTION 2023-61** (E. McIntyre/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the call of the Rev. Paul Whynacht (OM) to the Manotick Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 30 hours per week, effective May 1, 2023.”

**CARRIED**

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**South Stormont P.C. – Minhyuk Hwang (OM)**

**MOTION 2023-62** (E. McIntyre/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the call of the Rev. Minhyuk Hwang (OM) to the South Stormont Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 40 hours per week, effective September 1, 2023 pending approval at the congregational meeting on May 14, 2023.”

**CARRIED**

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

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

June 30, 2023 is the closing date for the sale of Balderson United Church. The final service will be held on June 25, 2023. Will someone from EOORC be there to decommission the church as a United Church? President Susan Hutton should be asked first.

**2) Lansdowne P.C. (Patsy)**

Lansdowne is still working on their profile and will contact Patsy when they are ready to resume their search.

**3) Rideau P.C.(Sharon)**

Westport has decided not to look for ½ time. They are going to continue on with pulpit supply for the time being.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**1) PRC Members’ Terms of Office:**

Linda is now a member of the Executive and Erin is on the Nominations list for the Executive as well at the AGM. Both have indicated their desire to remain on the PRC if they can manage the time commitment to both positions. Nominations has been asked to put out a call for 2-4 more members – preferably ministry personnel to maintain equity and quorum on the team.

**2) Time line for Executive Meetings**

The Executive will not likely make any change to its meeting schedule until after the new Executive is named at the AGM. The PRC will revisit its schedule at that time to enable our motions to be dealt with as quickly as possible at the Executive.

**3) LLWLs**

**Updates (Whit)**

The LLWLs have responded extremely well to the online declaration. Whit has to follow up with a very few.

There is still no definitive answer to whether or not an LLWL who is a Sacraments Elder may act in both roles at the same service at their home CoF. There seems to be a desire to maintain a separation between one person carrying out both roles in the same service. On the other hand, requiring a CoF to pay for 2 people at the same service will add to the costs for small congregations and may make it challenging to find people for a service when there are already so few LLWLS available for the outlying regions.

The Ordination policy is in the hands of the Executive – no further update at this time.

**4) Zion-Evangelical P.C. (Pembroke)**

Whit attended a recent meeting of the Church Council and will bring a full report to the Executive on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**LAST WORD:** Next meeting – **Tuesday, June 13, 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 1:49 p.m.