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A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

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

**REGRETS:** Ina Bromley (1)

**CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:**

Chair, Wayne Harris, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. After a quick check-in with members, Erin McIntyre led us in an opening prayer.

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Amalgamation of Bishops Mills and Oxford Mills United Churches
- Name a Liaison to Smiths Falls: Trinity P.C.

**INTERIM MOTIONS:**

**MOTION 2023-119** (C. Hoy/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the request from the Athens Pastoral Charge and the Rev. Terrie Chedore (OM) that the conditions of her call be changed by reducing the hours per week from 32 to 26 per week.” **CARRIED**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION 2023-120** (B. Paterson/E. McIntyre) “that the minutes of October 17, 2023 be accepted as circulated.” **CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**RESTORATIVE CARE/LTD:**

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

LTD: Rev. Lynda Harrison (OM) Kemptville: St. John's P.C.

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

## **AMALGAMATIONS:**

### **White Lake P.C.**

**MOTION 2023-121** (S. MacDonald/E. McIntyre) “Whereas the congregations of Burnstown United Church and St. Andrew’s United Church (White Lake) have been in conversation regarding an amalgamation and each have held congregational meetings affirming the desire to amalgamate, that the Pastoral Relations Commission approves the request of the Burnstown United Church to discontinue Sunday services and all other activities at the United Church in Burnstown as of December 31, 2023, and that as of January 2024 they will amalgamate with St. Andrew’s United Church in White Lake.” **CARRIED**

[Abstaining: Jim Allen]

[Note: When was the PR Commission granted the authority to approve/disprove amalgamations? There are possible financial and/or property issues that are not part of its mandate. The PRC needs to be involved in more than just the end of the process. This must be clarified with the Executive.]

### **Bishops Mills/Oxford Mills**

**MOTION 2023-122:** (B. Paterson/P. Henry) “Whereas the congregations of Bishops Mills UC and Oxford Mills UC have been in conversation regarding an amalgamation and each have held congregational meetings affirming the desire to amalgamate, that the Pastoral Relations Commission approves the request to amalgamate effective immediately.” **CARRIED**

[Abstaining: Jim Allen]

## **APPROVAL OF PROFILES:**

### **Harrowsmith-Verona P.C.**

**MOTION 2023-123:** (J. Allen/M. Montreuil) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the Harrowsmith-Verona Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

### **First P.C. (Ottawa)**

**MOTION 2023-124:** (E. McIntyre/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the First Pastoral Charge (Ottawa) profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

### **Rothwell P.C.**

**MOTION 2023-125:** (M. Montreuil/C. Hoy) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the Rothwell Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

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

### **Grace-St. Andrew’s P.C. (Arnprior)**

**MOTION 2023-126:** (S. MacDonald/J. Allen) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the call of the Rev. Ronnie Magno (OM) to the Grace-St. Andrew’s Pastoral Charge (Arnprior) as Congregational Minister, 30 hours per week, effective January 1, 2024, subject to the approval of the congregation.” **CARRIED**

[Note: The actual congregational meeting will not take place until December 10, 2023.]

**SACRAMENTS:**

**MOTION 2023-127:** (C. Hoy/J. Allen) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the following as Sacraments Elders for their respective pastoral charges:

Faye O’Brien – Denbigh-Matawatchan-Shutt P.C.

Cheryl Bird – Perth Road P.C.

Mary Ellen Ivison – Perth Road P.C.

Barbara Lorrain – Rockland P.C.

Andrew Nicholls – Buckingham P.C.

Carolyn Bennett – Delta-Toledo P.C.

Marilyn Moore – Rideau P.C.”

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 2023-128:** (L. Suddaby/J. Allen) “In light of the changes made by the General Council regarding the eligibility of Designated Lay Ministers who are retired from active ministry, be it resolved that the following retired DLMs be granted sacramental privileges: Debbie Poirier, Jon Williams, Margie Patterson, and Bev Buckingham.”

**CARRIED****Pastoral Charge Supervisors:****Vernon P.C.**

**MOTION 2023-129:** (S. MacDonald/J. Allen) “That the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Vickie Simzer, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Vernon Pastoral Charge”.

**CARRIED**

Note: PCSs needed for St. Andrew’s (Westmeath).

**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

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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  
Lanark-Balderson – Sharon MacDonald  
Lansdowne – Donald Wachenschwanz  
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  
Vernon – Vicki Simzer  
Williamstown – Lois Gaudet

**LIAISONS**

**Smiths Falls: Trinity P.C.**

**MOTION 2023-130** (M. Montreuil/E. McIntyre) “That the EOORC PR Commission names Wayne Harris as Liaison to the Smiths Falls: Trinity Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

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

**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  
 Lansdowne – Patsy Henry  
 Melville-Eganville – Ina Bromley  
 Merivale-Fallowfield -  
 Metcalfe – Ed Gratton  
 Morrisburg: Lakeshore Dr. -  
 Osgoode-Kars – Ed Gratton  
 Perth Road – Heather McLurg Murphy  
 Rockland – Jim Kenney  
 Rothwell – Beth Sweetnam  
 Russell – Ed Gratton  
 Smiths Falls: Trinity – Wayne Harris  
 South Mountain-Hallville -  
 St. Andrew's (Westmeath) -  
 St. John's (Brockville) – Linda Suddaby

**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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**1) Sacramental License for UCW National gathering:**

Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle (lay) has asked the PR Commission to grant her a sacramental license to serve communion at the UCW National gathering in July 2027. It was noted that PR polity does not allow for “one-off” sacramental licensing. In addition, it was verified there will be a number of women ministers in attendance who are already licensed for the sacraments. The consensus of the commission was to turn down this request. Whit was asked to send a note of explanation to Carolle.

**2) For Information: Motions related to DLMs**

Following the decisions of the General Council, the EOORC exec has passed two motions related to DLMs.

- That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council grant corresponding membership and sacramental privileges to all those who are retired from active ministry as Designated Lay Ministers, and make them eligible to apply for Voluntary Associate Minister status.

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(See **Motion 2023-128** above for the enactment of this.)

- That those who continue to be Designated Lay Ministers or who are currently completing studies to become a Designated Lay Minister, be permitted to carry their status and serve other Communities of Faith.

**LAST WORD:** None

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

**CLOSING:** Wayne led us in a closing prayer. The business listed on the agenda being completed, Wayne declared the meeting closed at 1:44 p.m.