
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Ina Bromley, Wayne Harris (Chair), Charlotte Hoy, Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean (Scribe), Don Stiles, Linda Suddaby, Whit Strong (7)

REGRETS/ABSENT: Patsy Henry, Micheline Montreuil, Blair Paterson, (5)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair, Wayne Harris, called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. After a quick check-in with members Linda offered an opening prayer.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER(S): None

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Sabbaticals – Beachburg
- Call – Trinity U.C., Smiths Falls

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION 2024-98 (S. MacDonald/J. Allen) “that the minutes of September 17, 2024 be accepted as circulated.” **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REMEMBRANCES: None

MEDICAL LEAVE:

- Restorative Care: Rev. Tiina Côté (Calvin)Pembroke P.C. – effective Sept. 26, 2024
- Restorative Care: Rev. Carolyn Insley (North Gower-Carsonby P.C.) – effective May 7, 2024.

ACKNOWLEDGED SABBATICALS: None

SABBATICALS/COVERAGE:

Beachburg P.C.

MOTION 2024-99 (E. McIntyre/C. Hoy) “That the EOORC PR Commission takes note of the upcoming sabbatical of the Rev. Kevin Moratz, Beachburg Pastoral Charge for the period February 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025 and the month of July 2025.” **CARRIED**

SUPERVISED MINISTRY EDUCATION (SME) site: None

CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS:

Zion-Memorial P.C.

MOTION 2024-100 (L. Suddaby/E. McIntyre) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. David Sherwin (OM) for a change in pastoral relations to retire as of June 30, 2025.” **CARRIED**

Trinity-St. Andrew’s P.C., Renfrew

MOTION 2024-101 (J. Allen/I. Bromley) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. James Murray (OM) for a change in pastoral relations to retire as of June 30, 2025.” **CARRIED**

Mount Zion P.C. (Pembroke)

MOTION 2024-102 (C. Hoy/D. Stiles) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of David Henderson (DLM) for a change in pastoral relations effective December 31, 2024.” **CARRIED**

Salem: Locksley P.C.

MOTION 2024-103 (E. McIntyre/J. Allen) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. William McDowell for a change in pastoral relations effective December 31, 2024.” **CARRIED**

PASTORAL CHARGE CONSTITUTIONS: None

SHARED MINISTRY AGREEMENTS: None

AMALGAMATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF PROFILES: None

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS

Kemptville: St. John’s P.C.

MOTION 2024-104 (S. MacDonald/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the call of the Rev. Michelle Robichaud (OM) to the Kemptville: St. John’s Pastoral Charge, 40 hours per week as Congregational Minister, effective January 1, 2025.” **CARRIED**

Smiths Falls: Trinity P.C.

MOTION 2024-105 (D. Stiles/C. Hoy) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the call of the Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro to the Smiths Falls: Trinity Pastoral Charge 40 hours per week as Congregational minister effective January 1, 2025.” **CARRIED**

charge pastorale Grâce P.C. (Chelsea, QC)

MOTION 2024-106 (E. McIntyre/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of the Rev. Jessica Hetherington to the charge pastorale Grâce P.C. (Chelsea, QC) 14 hours per week as Congregational minister effective September 29, 2024 – March 30, 2025.” **CARRIED**

CHANGE OF TERMS: None

SACRAMENTS/ELDERS: None

CONGREGATIONAL DESIGNATED MINISTER (CDM): None

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

PCS needed for Golden Lake, Queenswood, Mount Zion Pembroke (Dec. 31, 2024); Salem: Locksley (Dec. 31, 2024).

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

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

Carp-Dunrobin – Beth Sweetnam

Charge pastorale Grâce Pastoral Charge – Jim Allen (continuing on after J. Hetherington's appointment ends.)

Charge pastorale Namur – Jim Kenney

Chinese (Ottawa) – Barbara Reynolds (after 12 years, only on call)

Clyde Forks-Tatlock – Carla Van Delen

Delta-Toledo – Charlotte Hoy

Denbigh, Matawatchan, Schutt – Jon Williams

Elgin-Portland – JoAnne Fletcher

First (Ottawa) – Howard Clark

Glasgow-Castleford – James Murray

Golden Lake –

Greenwood – Ina Bromley

Harrowsmith-Verona – Sharon MacDonald

Kemptville: St. John's – Jim Allen

Kenmore (selling building – NOT disbanding) - Ed Gratton

Knox (Nepean) – Shaun Yaskiw

Lansdowne – Donald Wachenschwanz

Lyn: Christ Church – Shelley Roberts

Mallorytown – Charlotte Hoy

Melville-Eganville – Margie Patterson

Merivale-Fallowfield – Wayne Harris

Metcalf – Ed Gratton

Morrisburg: Lakeshore Dr. – Blair Paterson

North Gower-Carsonby – Sandra Yule
Perth Road – Heather McLurg Murphy
Pittston – Myra Garvin
Queenswood -
Rideau – Sharon MacDonald
Rockland – Jim Kenney
Rothwell – Nancy Best
Russell – Ed Gratton
Smiths Falls: Trinity – Wayne Harris
South Mountain-Hallville – Christine Lowson
Southminster – Brian Copeland
St. Andrew's (Westmeath) – Gary McKay
St. John's (Brockville) – Linda Suddaby
White Lake – Sheryl McLeod

LIAISONS

Liaisons are still needed for Knox (Nepean); Parkdale; Rideau Park; South Mountain-Hallville; Southminster; Zion-Memorial (Carleton Place); Mt. Zion (Pembroke); Salem: Locksley

Pastoral Charges in search mode:

(Liaisons in place as noted)
Almonte – Wayne Harris
Ashton-Munster – Jim Allen
Aylwin – Natalie Matkovsky
Bethel-St. Andrew's – Beth Sweetnam
Cardinal – Myra Garvin
Carp-Dunrobin – Beth Sweetnam
Denbigh, Matawatchan, Schutt – Jon Williams
First United (Ottawa) – Janet Nield
Glasgow-Castleford – James Murray
Grâce (Chelsea) – Jim Allen
Harrowsmith-Verona – Sharon MacDonald
Kemptville: St. John's – Jim Allen
Knox (Nepean) -
Lansdowne – Phyllis Dietrich
Melville-Eganville – Ina Bromley
Merivale-Fallowfield – Wayne Harris
Metcalf – Ed Gratton
Morrisburg: Lakeshore Dr. – Blair Paterson
Mt. Zion (Pembroke) -
Namur – Jim Kenney
Parkdale -
Perth Road – Heather McLurg Murphy
Quyon – Cathy Stewart

Rideau Park -
 Rockland – Jim Kenney
 Rothwell – Beth Sweetnam
 Russell – Ed Gratton
 Salem: Locksley -
 Smiths Falls: Trinity – Wayne Harris
 South Mountain-Hallville –
 Southminster –
 St. Andrew's (Westmeath) – Gary McKay
 Trinity-St. Andrew's (Renfrew) -
 Zion-Memorial (Carleton Place) -

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	South Mountain–Hallville	St. John's (Brockville)
Templeton	Vernon	

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCSs

Liaisons in attendance updated the Commission regarding the Pastoral Charges they are assisting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

December meeting of the PRC

MOTION 2024-107 (D. Stiles/L. Suddaby) “That the December meeting of the EOORC PR Commission be moved from December 17 to December 10, 2024.” **CARRIED**

Funding for training of Interim Ministers

At its July 16, 2024 meeting, the PRC passed the following motion:

MOTION 2024-71 (I. Bromley/L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission, after discussion, recommends that the EOORC Executive set up an Intentional Interim Ministry Recruitment/Training Fund.” **CARRIED**

Whit reported the Finance Team would like the PRC to come up with a financial plan for this. It will take some time and thought.

MOTION 2024-108 (E. McIntyre/J. Allen) “That discussion regarding an Intentional Interim Ministry Recruitment/Training Fund be tabled to the January 2025 meeting of the PRC.” **CARRIED**

Ministry Personnel Support Leadership Team

At its June meeting the Executive passed the following motion:

2024-06-13_009 MOTION (S. Hutton/C. Ryan) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive approve the creation of the Ministry Personnel Support Leadership Team and

its preliminary mandate, to be populated by the Nominations Leadership Team:

Mandate of the Ministry Personnel Support Team

- a. encourage and coordinate a variety of opportunities and gatherings to build connections and support for ministry personnel within the region.
- b. find ways to intentionally welcome new ministry personnel into the region
- c. explore ways of offering a chaplaincy function to ministry personnel
- d. coordinate the offering of educational events and retreats
- e. Identify common issues and realities experienced by ministry personnel and find ways to advocate for changes in practice or policy.

Membership Size

4-8 Ministry Personnel, reflecting the differing dynamics of the region - rural/urban, part-time/full-time, gender, etc.

Pastoral Relations Minister, *ex officio*

CARRIED

ALSO, at its meeting in October, the Executive received the following information from Whit:

Rev. Whit Strong shared the following names people have put their names forward to serve on this Leadership Team: Rev Jenni Leslie, Rev Paul Dillman, Terrie Chedore DM, Rev Zacharia Mandara, Rev Lynne Gardiner, Rev Whitman Strong (Staff Resource). A formal recommendation from Nominations Leadership Team will come to the November Executive meeting.

LAST WORD:

Next meeting – **Tuesday, November 19, 2024** 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

<https://united-church.zoom.us/j/83941506797>

Meeting ID: 852 3350 6275
1 855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

CLOSING: Whit offered the closing prayer. The business listed on the agenda being completed, Wayne declared the meeting closed at 1:54 p.m.