
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Wayne Harris (Chair), Charlotte Hoy, Sharon MacDonald (1:36 p.m.), Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean (Scribe), Blair Paterson, Linda Suddaby, Whit Strong (9)

REGRETS/ABSENT: Ina Bromley, Patsy Henry, Micheline Montreuil, Don Stiles (4)

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 Whit led us in an opening prayer.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER(S): None

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Amalgamations - Jim
- Carleton Memorial – Pastoral Charge Supervisor/Liaison
- Lynne Gardiner – medical leave

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION 2024-119 (B. Paterson/E. McIntyre) “that the minutes of November 19, 2024 be accepted as circulated.” **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REMEMBRANCES:

- Marion Milnes, December 2, 2024. [Whit has notified the Treasurer and asked him to make a donation to the M&S Fund.]

MEDICAL LEAVE:

- Restorative Care: Rev. Tiina Côté (Calvin) Pembroke P.C. – graduated return to work as of November 16, 2024. (She will remain off work for the next month.)
- LTD: Rev. Carolyn Insley (North Gower-Carsonby P.C.) – effective November 7, 2024. Ed Gratton and Paul Whynacht are covering.
- Lynne Gardiner will be on medical leave from Jan. 9, 2025. Dave Steele will cover Sunday services.

ACKNOWLEDGED SABBATICALS:

- Kevin Moratz (OM), Beachburg P.C., February 1 to March 31, 2025 and July 2025.

SABBATICALS/COVERAGE: None

SUPERVISED MINISTRY EDUCATION (SME) site: None

CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS: None

PASTORAL CHARGE CONSTITUTIONS: None

SHARED MINISTRY AGREEMENTS: None

AMALGAMATIONS:

Jim noted that Amalgamations seems to be under the direction of both Whit Strong and Mary Royal-Duczek. The Executive does not have anything official in place so Pastoral Relations has been handling this by default. However, the PRC cannot make decisions – only recommendations.

Given that Mary might be involved, how might this work? Does Pastoral Relations take the lead? Might it also involve Property and Finance? Would Pastoral Relations have Commission powers in this area?

Whit reported that he and Mary have been in discussion and have agreed on a plan. Mary will take the lead but as soon as the situation affects the serving minister, then Whit becomes involved.

APPROVAL OF PROFILES:

Renfrew: Trinity-St. Andrew's P.C.

MOTION 2024-120 (J. Allen/L. Suddaby) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the Renfrew: Trinity-St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub.”

CARRIED

Russell P.C.

MOTION 2024-121 (C. Hoy/J. Allen) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the Russell Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub.”

CARRIED

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS

Charge pastorale Grâce (Chelsea)

MOTION 2024-122 (E. McIntyre/B. Paterson) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Marie Sylvénie Chery (Candidate, SME) to the Charge pastorale Grâce (Chelsea), 40 hours per week as Congregational Minister, effective December 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025.”

CARRIED

CHANGE OF TERMS: None

SACRAMENTS/ELDERS: None

MOTION 2024-123 (C. Hoy/L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the respective pastoral charges, that the Sacraments Elder status be renewed for another year. Lyn: Christ Church Pastoral Charge – Barb De Jeet; Admaston Pastoral Charge – Deb Jinkinson; Denbigh-Matawatchan-Schutt Pastoral Charge – Faye O'Brien; Rideau Pastoral

Charge – Marilyn Moore; Central Lanark Pastoral Charge – Michael Wattie; Rockland Pastoral Charge – Barbara Lorrain.” **CARRIED**

CONGREGATIONAL DESIGNATED MINISTER (CDM): None

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

PCS needed for Golden Lake; Salem: Locksley (Dec. 31, 2024); Gananoque: Grace P.C. (January 1, 2025); Glasgow-Castleford (Feb. 1, 2025).

Carleton-Memorial P.C.

MOTION 2024-124 (E. McIntyre/B. Paterson) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Jim Allen, EOORC member, as both Pastoral Charge Supervisor and Liaison to the Carleton-Memorial Pastoral Charge effective January 1, 2025.” **CARRIED**

[**Note:** Abstaining - Jim Allen]

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

Beachburg – Ina Bromley (covering sabbatical Feb. 1-Mar. 31, 2025 and July 2025)

Bethel-St. Andrew’s – Jan Loughheed

Carleton-Memorial – Jim Allen

Carp-Dunrobin – Beth Sweetnam

Central Lanark – Wayne Harris (Effective Feb. 1, 2025)

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

Glasgow-Castleford – James Murray (until Jan. 31, 2025)

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
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
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
Zion, Douglas – Ingrid Condie- Bennett

LIAISONS

Knox P.C. (Nepean)

MOTION 2024-125 (J. Allen/L. Suddaby) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Barbara Reynolds as Liaison to the Knox Pastoral Charge (Nepean).” **CARRIED**

Liaisons are still needed for Rideau Park; Southminster; Zion-Memorial (Carleton Place); Salem: Locksley; Trinity-St. Andrew's (Renfrew) (July 1, 2025).

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
Carleton-Memorial – Jim Allen
Carp-Dunrobin – Beth Sweetnam
Denbigh, Matawatchan, Schutt – Jon Williams
First United (Ottawa) – Janet Nield
Glasgow-Castleford – James Murray (Until Jan. 31, 2025)
Grâce (Chelsea) – Jim Allen

Harrowsmith-Verona – Sharon MacDonald
 Kemptville: St. John's – Jim Allen
 Knox (Nepean) – Barbara Reynolds
 Lansdowne – Phyllis Dietrich
 Merivale-Fallowfield – Wayne Harris
 Morrisburg: Lakeshore Dr. – Blair Paterson
 Namur – Jim Kenney
 Parkdale – Jim Allen
 Perth Road – Heather McLurg Murphy
 Quyon – Cathy Stewart
 Rideau Park -
 Rockland – Jim Kenney
 Rothwell – Beth Sweetnam
 Russell – Ed Gratton
 Salem: Locksley –
 Shawville – Charles Barrett
 Smiths Falls: Trinity – Wayne Harris
 Southminster –
 St. Andrew's (Westmeath) – Gary McKay
 Trinity-St. Andrew's (Renfrew) -
 Zion-Memorial (Carleton Place) -

Pastoral Charges not searching:

Addison	Aylmer-Eardley	Cardinal
Centenary	Clyde Forks-Tatlock	Delta-Toledo
Elgin-Portland	Glasgow-Castleford	Golden Lake
Greenwood	Lower Gatineau Valley	Lyn: Christ
Mallorytown	Metcalfe	Pittston
Rideau	South Mountain-Hallville	St. John's (Brockville)
Templeton	Vernon	

[Note: Mary Royal-Duczek has asked Whit, Brian Cornelius and Erin McIntyre to meet in January 2025 to talk with her about the churches in our listing who are not searching for ministers.]

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCSs

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ministry Personnel Support Leadership Team

Whit reported the team has been populated with 5 ministers. He will be the regional support minister to the team. They have organized ministry days into the new year. 22 people attended the last event with Executive minister Éric Hébert-Daly.

TABLED TO JANUARY MEETING:

Funding for training of Interim Ministers

Whit reminded members of his request for input into possible funding for training Interim ministers (see original discussion in July 16, 2024 minutes.) This will be on the agenda for our meeting on January 21, 2025.

LAST WORD:

Next meeting – **Tuesday, January 21, 2025** 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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

Meeting ID: 839 4150 6797
1 855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

CLOSING: Jim wished everyone a Merry Christmas and led us in a closing prayer. The business listed on the agenda being completed, Wayne declared the meeting closed at 1:46 p.m.