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

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Ina Bromley, Wayne Harris (Chair), Sharon MacDonald, Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean (Scribe), Blair Paterson, Don Stiles, Linda Suddaby, Whit Strong (10)

REGRETS/ABSENT: Patsy Henry, Charlotte Hoy, Micheline Montreuil, (3)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair, Wayne Harris, called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. After a quick check-in with members Jim offered an opening prayer.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER(S): None

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Zion, Douglas P.C. – update
- Zion, Douglas P.C. – Pastoral Charge Supervisor
- Centretown P.C. – Rev. David White retirement
- Central Lanark P.C. – Pastoral Charge Supervisor
- Carleton Memorial P.C. – Profile
- Parkdale P.C. - Liaison

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

The scribe noted that South Mountain-Hallville P.C. is not currently searching. They should be removed from the Liaison list.

MOTION 2024-109 (E. McIntyre/J. Allen) “that the minutes of October 15, 2024 be accepted as amended.”

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REMEMBRANCES: None

MEDICAL LEAVE:

- Restorative Care: Rev. Tiina Côté (Calvin) Pembroke P.C. – graduated return to work as of November 16, 2024.
- LTD: Rev. Carolyn Insley (North Gower-Carsonby P.C.) – effective November 7, 2024.

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:

Wall St. P.C. (Brockville)

MOTION 2024-110 (L. Suddaby/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission recommends to the Office of Vocation that the Wall Street Pastoral Charge (Brockville) be recognized as a Supervised Ministry Education (SME) site.”

CARRIED

CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS:

For Information – Zion, Douglas P.C. update

The Rev. Ingrid Condie-Bennett resigned as minister of this pastoral charge on December 30, 2023. She continues there as Sunday supply.

Riverside P.C.

MOTION 2024-111 (E. McIntyre/D. Stiles) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. Paul Dillman (OM) for a change in pastoral relations to retire as of June, 2025.”

CARRIED

Centretown P.C., Ottawa

MOTION 2024-112 (I. Bromley/E. McIntyre) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. David White (OM) for a change in pastoral relations to retire as of November 30, 2025.”

CARRIED

PASTORAL CHARGE CONSTITUTIONS: None

SHARED MINISTRY AGREEMENTS: None

AMALGAMATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF PROFILES:

Carleton Memorial P.C.

MOTION 2024-113 (J. Allen/S. MacDonald) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the Carleton Memorial Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub subject to the approval of the congregation on December 8, 2024.”

CARRIED

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS

Chinese P.C. (Ottawa)

MOTION 2024-114 (I. Bromley/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Caleb Liu to the Chinese Pastoral Charge (Ottawa), 40 hours per week as Congregational Minister, effective January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026.”

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).

Douglas P.C.

MOTION 2024-115 (L. Suddaby/S. MacDonald) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Ingrid Condie-Bennett, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Zion, Douglas Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Central Lanark P.C.

MOTION 2024-116 (S. MacDonald/D. Stiles) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Wayne Harris, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Central Lanark Pastoral Charge effective Feb. 1, 2025.” **CARRIED**

[Note: Abstaining – Wayne Harris]

Beachburg P.C.

MOTION 2024-117 (E. McIntyre/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Ina Bromley, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Beachburg Pastoral Charge to cover the minister’s sabbatical from Feb. 1 – March 31, 2025 and July 2025.” **CARRIED**

[Note: Abstaining: Ina Bromley]

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

Bethel-St. Andrew’s – Jan Lougheed

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
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
Zion, Douglas – Ingrid Condie- Bennett

LIAISONS

Parkdale P.C.

MOTION 2024-118 (S. MacDonald/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Jim Allen as Liaison to the Parkdale Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Liaisons are still needed for Knox (Nepean); Rideau Park; Southminster; Zion-Memorial (Carleton Place); 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
 Metcalfe – Ed Gratton
 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 -
 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	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:

Funding for training of Interim Ministers

At the October 15th meeting of the PRC, a motion was passed to table discussion regarding an Intentional Interim Ministry Recruitment/Training Fund. Whit had asked for comments from the commission regarding a financial plan. Erin's comments were sent out with other attachments for November. Other members are encouraged to send their ideas/comments in time for circulation prior to the January 21, 2025 meeting.

PR Webinars in 2025

Whit reported he will be hosting 3 Pastoral Relations webinars in 2025

- Conflict in the Church
- Supporting your Minister
- M&P Committee

These will all be promoted in the bi-weekly newsletters.

LAST WORD:

Next meeting – **Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024** 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: Blair offered the closing prayer. The business listed on the agenda being completed, Wayne declared the meeting closed at 1:56 p.m.