
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Ina Bromley, Patsy Henry, Charlotte Hoy, Sharon MacDonald, Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean (Scribe), Micheline Montreuil, Blair Paterson, Whit Strong (10)

REGRETS/ABSENT: Wayne Harris (Chair), Don Stiles, Linda Suddaby (3)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Acting Chair, Whit Strong, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Following a quick check-in with members, Sharon led us in an opening prayer.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER(S): None

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

INTERIM MOTION:

MOTION 2025-10 (M. Montreuil/J. Allen) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the change in the terms of the appointment of Beverley Buckingham (DLM-R) at Parkdale P.C. to increase the hours of the appointment from 20 hours/week to 40 hours /week effective February 2, 2025, until December 31, 2025.”

CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION 2025-11 (I. Bromley/S. MacDonald) “that the minutes of January 21, 2025 be accepted as circulated.”

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from Whit to Janie Hill re SME at Rothwell U.C.

REMEMBRANCES: None

MEDICAL LEAVE:

- LTD: Rev. Carolyn Insley (North Gower-Carsonby P.C.) – effective November 7, 2024.
- Lynne Gardiner is on medical leave from Jan. 9, 2025.

ACKNOWLEDGED SABBATICALS:

- Kevin Moratz (OM), Beachburg P.C., February 1 to March 31, 2025 and July 2025.
- Stephanie Bates (OM), Cumberland P.C., June 1 – August 31, 2025
- Lorrie Lowes (DM), Bells Corners P.C., July 1 – Sept. 30, 2025

SABBATICALS/COVERAGE: None

SUPERVISED MINISTRY EDUCATION (SME) site: None

CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS: None

PASTORAL CHARGE CONSTITUTIONS: None

SHARED MINISTRY AGREEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF PROFILES: None

Whit gave notice that several P.C.s are working on their Profiles so we may expect a number over the next few weeks.

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS

North Gower-Carsonby P.C.

MOTION 2025-12 (B. Paterson/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of Sandra Yule (OM-R) to the North Gower-Carsonby Pastoral Charge, 20 hours per week as Congregational Minister (Supply appointment to cover Medical Leave), effective April 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.” **CARRIED**

CHANGE OF TERMS: None

SACRAMENTS/ELDERS: None

CONGREGATIONAL DESIGNATED MINISTER (CDM): None

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

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

MOTION 2025-13 (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 Salem: Locksley Pastoral Charge. **CARRIED**

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

Bethel-St. Andrew's – Jan Lougheed
Cardinal – Myra Garvin
Carleton-Memorial – Jim Allen
Carp-Dunrobin – Beth Sweetnam
Central Lanark – Wayne Harris
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
Gananoque: Grace -
Glasgow-Castleford –
Golden Lake –
Greenwood – Ina Bromley
Harrowsmith-Verona – Sharon MacDonald
Kenmore (selling building – NOT disbanding) - Ed Gratton
Lansdowne – Donald Wachenschwanz
Lyn: Christ Church – Shelley Roberts
Mallorytown – Charlotte Hoy
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
Salem: Locksley – Ina Bromley
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

Liaisons are still needed for Rideau Park; Riverside P.C. (Ottawa); Salem: Locksley; Southminster P.C. (Ottawa) (August 2025); Trinity-St. Andrew's (Renfrew).

Riverside P.C. (Ottawa)

MOTION 2025-14 (M. Montreuil/C. Hoy) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Barbara Reynolds as Liaison to the Riverside Pastoral Charge (Ottawa).” **CARRIED**

Trinity-St. Andrew's P.C. (Renfrew)

MOTION 2025-15 (I. Bromley/E. McIntyre)) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Gary McKay as Liaison to the Trinity-St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge (Renfrew).” **CARRIED**

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

Carleton Place: Zion-Memorial – Ed Gratton

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

Morrisburg: Lakeshore Dr. – Blair Paterson

Namur – Jim Kenney

Parkdale – Jim Allen

Perth Road – Heather McLurg Murphy

Quyon – Cathy Stewart

Renfrew: Trinity St. Andrew's -

Rideau Park –

Riverside (Ottawa) – Barbara Reynolds

Rockland – Jim Kenney

Rothwell – Beth Sweetnam

Russell – Ed Gratton

Salem: Locksley –

Shawville – Charles Barrett

St. Andrew's (Westmeath) – Gary McKay

Trinity-St. Andrew's (Renfrew) – Gary McKay

Pastoral Charges not searching:

Addison

Cardinal

Augusta

Centenary

Aylmer-Eardley

Clyde Forks-Tatlock

Delta-Toledo
Golden Lake
Lyn: Christ
Pittston
St. John's (Brockville)

Elgin-Portland
Greenwood
Mallorytown
Rideau
Templeton

Glasgow-Castleford
Lower Gatineau Valley
Metcalf
South Mountain-Hallville
Vernon

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCSs

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Zoom Gathering for PRC Liaisons

Barbara Reynolds has requested a meeting of all Liaisons. She would like to know how they are doing in their jobs as Liaisons and feels it would be a good sharing and learning time for everyone. Whit will set up a Doodle poll suggesting some dates prior to Easter.

Financial Support for the Intentional Interim Minister (IIM) Training Program

There is currently only one designated IIM in our Region. All the rest are either involved in something else or are retired and have said they are not interested.

The Pastoral Relations Ministers Circle has had conversations regarding IIMs and Transitional Ministers. The difference is primarily cost of the training although Transitional ministers are generally more informed and less regulated.

The greatest need for one or the other at the moment is at least three for churches in the Ottawa area. Could EOORC co-host a con-ed event here and invite someone to do the training? Whit noted we could not offer official designation for either IIMs or Transitional ministers. Financial assistance could involve the cost of a couple of placements.

LAST WORD:

Next meeting – **Tuesday, March 18, 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 led us in a closing prayer. The business listed on the agenda being completed, Whit declared the meeting closed at 2:02 p.m.