
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Ina Bromley, Wayne Harris (Chair), Patsy Henry, Charlotte Hoy, Sharon MacDonald, Erin McIntyre, Karen McLean (Scribe), Blair Paterson, Don Stiles, Whit Strong (11)

REGRETS/ABSENT: Micheline Montreuil, Linda Suddaby (2)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair, Wayne Harris, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Following a quick check-in with members, Blair opened the meeting with prayer.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER(S): None

INTERIM MOTIONS:

First P.C. (Ottawa)

MOTION 2025-26 (M. Montreuil/L. Suddaby) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the call of the Rev. Dorcas Muketha (OM) to First Pastoral Charge, 40 hours per week as Congregational Minister effective July 1, 2025.” **CARRIED**

[Note: Enough votes to carry the motion on April 7/25]

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Rothwell P.C.
- Manse Chart (Whit)

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION 2025-27 (J. Allen/I. Bromley) “that the minutes of March 18, 2025 be accepted as circulated.” **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REMEMBRANCES:

Wayne expressed condolences on behalf of the Commission to Whit on the death of the Rev. Kendall Harrison on March 10, 2025. Kendal was the Regional Minister of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council – he and Whit had been colleagues for many years.

MEDICAL LEAVE:

- LTD: Rev. Carolyn Insley (North Gower-Carsonby P.C.) – effective November 7, 2024.
- Molly Bell (Orleans P.C.) effective March 27, 2025.
- Lynne Gardiner will return to work as of April 1, 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:****Athens P.C.**

MOTION 2025-28 (D. Stiles/E. McIntyre) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. Terrie Chedore (DM) for a change in pastoral relations to retire as of August 31, 2025. **CARRIED**

PASTORAL CHARGE CONSTITUTIONS: None**SHARED MINISTRY AGREEMENTS:** None**PROFILES:****Carp-Dunrobin P.C.**

MOTION 2025-29 (I. Bromley/J. Allen) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the Carp-Dunrobin Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

Parkdale P.C.

MOTION 2025-30 (B. Paterson/P. Henry) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the Parkdale Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS**Rideau Park P.C.**

MOTION 2025-31 (P. Henry/C. Hoy) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of Steve Moore (OM-R) to the Rideau Park Pastoral Charge, 20 hours per week as Congregational Minister (Short-Term supply), effective March 10 – May 16, 2025.” **CARRIED**

Glebe-St. James P.C.

MOTION 2025-32 (J. Allen/E. McIntyre) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of Steve Moore (OM-R) to the Glebe-St. James Pastoral Charge, 20 hours per week as Congregational Minister (Short-Term supply), effective May 27 – June 29, 2025.” **CARRIED**

Wall Street P.C.

MOTION 2025-33 (S. MacDonald/I. Bromley) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of Catherine Cavanagh (Candidate) to the Wall Street Pastoral Charge, 20 hours per week as SME Appointment, effective June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2027.” **CARRIED**

CHANGE OF TERMS: None

SACRAMENTS/ELDERS: None

CONGREGATIONAL DESIGNATED MINISTER (CDM): None

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

PCS needed for Glasgow-Castleford; Golden Lake

Pastoral Charges without called/appointed Ministry Personnel: (45) (02)

(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

Charge pastorale Namur – Jim Kenney

Chinese (Ottawa) – Barbara Reynolds (only on call)

Clyde Forks-Tatlock – Carla Van Delen

Delta-Toledo – Charlotte Hoy

Denbigh, Matawatchan, Schutt – Jon Williams

Elgin-Portland – JoAnne Fletcher

Gananoque: Grace – Lynne Gardiner

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 – Robert and Hilary Merritt
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; Southminster; Woodroffe

Pastoral Charges in search mode: (29) (03)

(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
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
Renfrew: Trinity St. Andrew's – Gary McKay
Rideau Park –
Riverside (Ottawa) – Barbara Reynolds
Rothwell – Beth Sweetnam
Russell – Ed Gratton
Salem: Locksley – Ina Bromley
Southminster -
St. Andrew's (Westmeath) – Gary McKay
Woodroffe –

Pastoral Charges not searching: (23)

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

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCSs

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rothwell P.C.:

Rothwell is back in the search process. Coverage will be available until August 31, 2025 but they must update their profile for approval by the PRC before that can happen.

Manse Chart:

Whit must send a listing of all pastoral charges in the region indicating whether or not they have a manse and the status of same. Members were able to help complete most of the chart.

LAST WORD:

Next meeting – **Tuesday, May 20, 2025 1:00-3:00 p.m.** via Zoom.

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

Meeting ID: 839 4150 6797
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CLOSING: Whit led us in a closing prayer. The business listed on the agenda being completed, Wayne declared the meeting closed at 2:16 p.m.