
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Ina Bromley, Teresa Burnett-Cole, Wayne Harris (Chair), Sharon MacDonald, Karen McLean (Scribe), Micheline Montreuil, Blair Paterson, Michelle Robichaud, Don Stiles, Linda Suddaby, Whit Strong (12)

REGRETS/ABSENT: Elaine Beattie, Patsy Henry, Charlotte Hoy (3)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair, Wayne Harris, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Following a quick check-in with members, Whit offered a prayer to lead us into the meeting.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER(S): None

INTERIM MOTIONS:

April 15, 2025 - Minutes

MOTION 2025-34 (S. MacDonald/P. Henry) "That the minutes of April 15, 2025 be accepted as circulated."

Profile – Britannia P.C.

MOTION 2025-35 (S. MacDonald/M. Montreuil): "That the EOORC PR Commission approves the Britannia Pastoral Charge Profile for posting on ChurchHub."

Knox P.C. (Nepean) – Sue Hutton

MOTION 2025-36 (S. MacDonald/M. Montreuil): "That the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of Susan Hutton (DLM) to the Knox Pastoral Charge (Nepean), 40 hours per week as Congregational Minister effective August 5, 2025 to June 30, 2028."

Rothwell P.C. – Natalie Matkovsky

MOTION 2025-37 (S. MacDonald/M. Montreuil): "That the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of Natalie Matkovsky (OM) to the Rothwell Pastoral Charge (Ottawa), 20 hours per week as Congregational Minister effective May 20, 2025 to October 27, 2025."

Richmond P.C. – Rachel Robinson

MOTION 2025-38 (J. Allen/C. Hoy): "That the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Rachael Robinson (OM-R) to the Richmond Pastoral Charge, 20 hours per week as Congregational Minister effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028."

[Note: All above motions had enough votes to carry the motion on May 21, 2025]

Quyon P.C. – Patricia Power

MOTION 2025-39 (M. Montreuil/P. Henry): "That the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Patricia Power (OM) to the Quyon Pastoral Charge, 20 hours per week as Congregational Minister effective June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026."

[Note: Enough votes to carry the motion on May 24, 2025]

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

May 20, 2025 meeting was cancelled. Minutes of April 15, 2025 were approved by interim motion.

CORRESPONDENCE: None**REMEMBRANCES:**

- Rev. Gay Smith – Feb. 26, 2025
- Rev. Ronnie Magno - May 18, 2025
- Rev. Gervis Beecher Black – May 26, 2025

MEDICAL LEAVE:

- LTD: Rev. Carolyn Insley (North Gower-Carsonby P.C.) – effective November 7, 2024.
- Molly Bell (Orleans P.C.) effective March 27, 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
- Teresa Burnett-Cole (OM), Glebe-St. James P.C., June 1 – Sept. 1, 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

PROFILES:

Athens P.C.

MOTION 2025-40 (J. Allen/ L. Suddaby) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the Athens Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

Southminster P.C.

MOTION 2025-41 (B. Paterson/T. Burnett-Cole) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the Southminster Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub after the P.C. addresses a minor wording concern.” **CARRIED**

[Abstaining: Ina Bromley]

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS

Trinity-St. Andrew’s P.C.

MOTION 2025-42(S. MacDonald/ D. Stiles) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the call of Rev. Eric Pagé (OM) to the Trinity-St. Andrew’s Pastoral Charge, 40 hours per week as Congregational Minister effective August 1, 2025.” **CARRIED**

Centenary P.C.

MOTION 2025-43 (M. Montreuil/I. Bromley) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Shelley Roberts (OM-R) to the Centenary Pastoral Charge, 13 hours per week as Congregational Minister effective September 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027.” **CARRIED**

[Abstaining: Sharon MacDonald]

Britannia P.C.

MOTION 2025-44 (J. Allen/B. Paterson) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Jennifer Power (OM) to the Britannia Pastoral Charge, 40 hours per week as Congregational Minister effective July 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025.” **CARRIED**

Cobden-Queen’s Line P.C.

MOTION 2025-45 (M. Montreuil/S. MacDonald) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Ingrid Condie Bennett (OM) to the Cobden-Queen’s Line Pastoral Charge, 20 hours per week as Congregational Minister effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.” **CARRIED**

St. John’s P.C. (Brockville)

MOTION 2025-46 (J. Allen/M. Montreuil) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Melaney Cassidy-Wise (OM) to the St. John’s Pastoral Charge (Brockville), 8 hours per week as Pastoral Care Minister effective July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.” **CARRIED**

Russell P.C.

MOTION 2025-47 (D. Stiles/L. Suddaby) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of Laurelle Callaghan (OM) to the Russell Pastoral Charge, 12 hours per week as Congregational Minister effective September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026.” **CARRIED**

CHANGE OF TERMS: None

SACRAMENTS/ELDERS:

Knox P.C. (Nepean)

MOTION 2025-48 (S. MacDonald/L. Suddaby) “That the EOORC PR Commission takes note of the request of the Knox Pastoral Charge (Nepean) that Susan Hutton (DLM) be licensed for the Sacraments effective August 5, 2025 for the duration of her appointment.” **CARRIED**

CONGREGATIONAL DESIGNATED MINISTER (CDM): None

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

PCS needed for Glasgow-Castleford and Athens

LIAISONS

Woodroffe P.C.

MOTION 2025-49 (M. Montreuil/S. MacDonald) “That the EOORC PR Commission names Andrew Love (OM) as Liaison to the Woodroffe P.C.” **CARRIED**

Liaisons are still needed for Rideau Park.

Pastoral Charges not searching: (26)

Addison	Augusta	Aylmer-Eardley
Cardinal	Centenary	Central Lanark
Clyde Forks-Tatlock	Delta-Toledo	Elgin-Portland
Glasgow-Castleford	Golden Lake	Greenwood
Harrowsmith-Verona	Lower Gatineau Valley	Lyn: Christ
Mallorytown	Metcalf	Pittston
Queenswood	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 – in particular, Almonte, Harrowsmith-Verona, and Gananoque.

OTHER BUSINESS:

P.C.s not looking

Whit reported that he, Mary Royal-Duczek, and Éric Hébert-Daly are meeting to talk about the number of churches not looking for ministers and what options for ministry support might be available to them. This is all very informal at the moment.

PRC Members – Terms of Office

Wayne noted that, with this meeting, four members have completed their maximum allowed two terms (6 years) on the Commission. He thanked Ina Bromley, Charlotte Hoy, Sharon

MacDonald, and Linda Suddaby for their countless hours of service to the region as part of the Pastoral Relations Commission. Their time with us has been most appreciated and they will be missed.

LAST WORD:

Next meeting – **Tuesday, July 15, 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: Don led us in a closing prayer. The business listed on the agenda being completed, Wayne declared the meeting closed at 2:03 p.m.