
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Wayne Harris (Chair), Karen McLean (Scribe), Micheline Montreuil, Blair Paterson, Whit Strong (6)

REGRETS/ABSENT: Elaine Beattie, Teresa Burnett-Cole, Patsy Henry, Michelle Robichaud, Don Stiles (5)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair, Wayne Harris, called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. Following a quick check-in with members, Micheline led us into the meeting with a reading “A Summer Prayer” from the book “Out of the Ordinary” by Joyce Rupp.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER(S): None

INTERIM MOTIONS: None

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Request to be a SME site from Carp-Dunrobin.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION 2025-60 (M. Montreuil/J. Allen) “that the minutes of July 15, 2025 be accepted as circulated.” **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Request from Carp-Dunrobin to be a SME site.

REMEMBRANCES: None

MEDICAL LEAVE:

- LTD: Rev. Carolyn Insley (North Gower-Carsonby P.C.) – effective November 7, 2024.

ACKNOWLEDGED SABBATICALS:

- 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:

MOTION 2025-61 (B. Paterson/ M. Montreuil) “That the EOORC PR Commission recommends to the Office of Vocation that the Carp-Dunrobin Pastoral Charge be recognized as a Supervise Ministry Education (SME) site.” **CARRIED**

CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS: None

PASTORAL CHARGE CONSTITUTIONS: None

SHARED MINISTRY AGREEMENTS: None

PROFILES: None

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS: None

CHANGE OF TERMS: None

SACRAMENTS/ELDERS: None

CONGREGATIONAL DESIGNATED MINISTER (CDM): None

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

PCSs needed for Glasgow-Castleford; Athens

Grace-St. Andrews P.C. (Arnprior)

MOTION 2025-62 (J. Allen/M. Montreuil) “that the PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Sheryl McLeod (OM), EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Grace-St. Andrew’s Pastoral Charge (Arnprior).” **CARRIED**

Lansdowne P.C.

MOTION 2025-63 (B. Paterson/M. Montreuil) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Don Stiles, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Lansdowne Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Athens P.C.

MOTION 2025-64 (J. Allen/M. Montreuil) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names David Steele, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Athens Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

LIAISONS

Athens P.C.

MOTION 2025-65 (B. Paterson/M. Montreuil) “That the EOORC PR Commission names Phyllis Dietrich as Liaison to the Athens Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Williamstown P.C.

MOTION 2025-66 (M. Montreuil/B. Paterson) That the EOORC PR Commission names Jim Allen as Liaison to the Williamstown Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Pastoral Charges not searching: (27)

Addison	Augusta	Aylmer-Eardley
Bathurst	Cardinal	Centenary
Central Lanark	Clyde Forks-Tatlock	Delta-Toledo
Easton's Corners	Elgin-Portland	Glasgow-Castleford
Golden Lake	Greenwood	Harrowsmith-Verona
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: No reports

OTHER BUSINESS:

Membership of PR Commission

Wayne and Jim are currently the only lay members of the Commission and that will go down to one when Wayne's term finishes at the AGM 2026. This leaves the Commission heavily weighted toward ministry. Whit will contact ministers/Pastoral Charges to see if anyone they know might be interested in the Pastoral Relations Commission's work, either EOORC member or not.

LAST WORD:

Next meeting – **Tuesday, September 16, 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: Blair led us in a closing prayer. The business listed on the agenda being completed, Wayne declared the meeting closed at 1:59 p.m.