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

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Elaine Beattie, Teresa Burnett-Cole, Patsy Henry, Karen McLean (Scribe), Micheline Montreuil, Don Stiles (Acting Chair), Whit Strong (8)

REGRETS/ABSENT: Wayne Harris (Chair), Blair Paterson, Michelle Robichaud (3)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Acting Chair, Don Stiles, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Following a quick check-in with members, Jim led us into the meeting with prayer.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER(S): None

INTERIM MOTIONS: None

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Some names had been spelled incorrectly.

MOTION 2025-50 (E. Beattie/M. Montreuil) “that the agenda be accepted as corrected.”

CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

The Rev. Gervis Black’s name was misspelled under Remembrances.

MOTION 2025-51 (M. Montreuil/T. Burnett-Cole) “that the minutes of June 17, 2025 be accepted as corrected.”

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REMEMBRANCES: None

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:**Queenswood P.C.**

MOTION 2025-52 (J. Allen/T. Burnett-Cole) “that the EOORC PR Commission acknowledges the disbanding of the Queenswood Pastoral Charge effective July 31, 2025.” **CARRIED**

PASTORAL CHARGE CONSTITUTIONS: None**SHARED MINISTRY AGREEMENTS:** None**PROFILES:** None**CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS****Almonte P.C.**

MOTION 2025-53 (E. Beattie/M. Montreuil) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Heather Kinkaid (OM-R) to Almonte P.C. as Congregational Minister; 24 hours/week; July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.” **CARRIED**

Rideau Park P.C.

MOTION 2025-54 (E. Beattie/M. Montreuil) "That the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of James Baldwin (OM-R) to the Rideau Park Pastoral Charge, 40 hours/ week as Congregational Minister effective Sept. 9, 2025, to ~~Feb. 28~~ **March 8**, 2026, with the possibility of no more than one more 6-month re-appointment, on condition of proof of progress toward call." **CARRIED**

Britannia P.C.

MOTION 2025-55 (T. Burnett-Cole/J. Allen) “That the EOORC PR Commission revokes the June 17, 2025 Motion (2025-44) for the re-appointment of Jennifer Power (OM) to the Britannia Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

CHANGE OF TERMS: None**SACRAMENTS/ELDERS:** None**CONGREGATIONAL DESIGNATED MINISTER (CDM):** None**PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:****Carleton Place: Zion-Memorial P.C.**

MOTION 2025-56 (J. Allen/T. Burnett-Cole) “that the PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Grant Dillenbeck (OM-R), EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Carleton Place: Zion-Memorial Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Williamstown P.C.

MOTION 2025-57 (E. Beattie/M. Montreuil) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence

of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Lois Gaudet, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Williamstown Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Note: PCS needed for Glasgow-Castleford and Athens

LIAISONS

Centretown P.C.

MOTION 2025-58 (T. Burnett/J. Allen) “That the EOORC PR Commission names Janet Nield (OM-R) as Liaison to the Centretown P.C.” **CARRIED**

Rideau Park P.C.

MOTION 2025-59 (M. Montreuil/T. Burnett-Cole) That the EOORC PR Commission names Barbara Reynolds as Liaison to the Rideau Park Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Pastoral Charges not searching: (26)

Addison	Augusta	Aylmer-Eardley
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	South Mountain-Hallville
St. John's (Brockville)	Templeton	Verona-Harrowsmith
Vernon	Westmeath	

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCSs

Liaisons in attendance updated the Commission regarding the Pastoral Charges they are assisting – in particular, Southminster and Lansdowne.

OTHER BUSINESS:

P.C.s not looking

Whit reported that he, Mary Royal-Duczek, and Éric Hébert-Daly are still trying to find a mutual time to meet to talk about the number of churches not looking for ministers and ministry support options.

Dates of Future PRC Meetings

The PRC usually meets the third Tuesday of each month. Due to various conflicts, it was agreed to change our October meeting to Tuesday, Oct. 28 and the November meeting to Nov. 25. Arrangements will be made for a meeting in Dec. if needed.

2025-30

The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council
(EOORC)
Pastoral Relations Commission

July 15, 2025
Conference Call (Zoom)

LAST WORD:

Next meeting – **Tuesday, August 19, 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: Teresa led us in a closing prayer. The business listed on the agenda being completed, Don declared the meeting closed at 2:10 p.m.