
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Victoria Andrews, Elaine Beattie, Wayne Harris (Chair), Karen McLean (Scribe), Mary Royal (1:20 p.m.), Don Stiles (7)

REGRETS/ABSENT: Teresa Burnett-Cole, Micheline Montreuil, Blair Paterson, Michelle Robichaud (4)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair, Wayne Harris, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. He extended a warm welcome to the Rev. Victoria Andrews who replaces the Rev. Whit Strong as the Regional Minister for Pastoral Relations on Whit's retirement. Following a quick check-in with members Wayne led us in an opening prayer.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER(S): None

INTERIM MOTIONS:

Quyon P.C.

MOTION 2025-104 (J. Allen/M. Montreuil) "That the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Cathy Stewart, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Quyon Pastoral Charge effective Jan. 1, 2026."

CARRIED

[Note: Passed on Nov. 29, 2025]

Bristol P.C. (QC)

MOTION 2025-105 (E. Beattie/M. Robichaud) "That the EOORC PR Commission approves the call of the Rev. Catherine Stewart (OM) to the Bristol Pastoral Charge (QC), 13 hours per week as Congregational Minister effective January 1, 2026."

CARRIED

[Note: Passed on December 13, 2025]

Barrhaven P.C.

MOTION 2025-106 (E. Beattie/M. Robichaud) "That the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of the Rev. Jennifer Power (OM) to the Barrhaven Pastoral Charge, 40 hours per week as Congregational Minister effective January 5, 2026 – January 31, 2027."

CARRIED

[Note: Passed on December 13, 2025]

North Gower P.C.

MOTION 2025-107 (E. Beattie/M. Montreuil) "That the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of the Rev. Sandra Yule (OM) to the North Gower Pastoral Charge, 30 hours per week as Congregational Minister effective January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026."

CARRIED

[Note: Passed on December 13, 2025]

St. John's P.C. (Brockville)

MOTION 2025-108 (E. Beattie/M. Montreuil) "That the EOORC PR Commission approves the appointment of the Rev. Melany Cassidy-Wise (OM) to the St. John's Pastoral Charge (Brockville), 8 hours per week as Congregational Minister of Pastoral Care, effective January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026." **CARRIED**

[Abstaining: Blair Paterson]

[Note: Passed on December 13, 2025]

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Zoom meeting connection at the bottom of the agenda.
- Two requests to retire
- PCS for Zion/Wesley P.C.s
- Profile for Centretown

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION 2026-01 (D. Stiles/J. Allen) "that the minutes of November 25, 2025, be accepted as circulated." **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Email from Almonte M&P

REMEMBRANCES:

- Rev. John Barker, Dec. 18, 2025. [Victoria will notify the Treasurer and ask him to make a donation to the M&S Fund.]

MEDICAL LEAVE:

- LTD: Rev. Carolyn Insley (North Gower-Carsonby P.C.) – effective November 7, 2024.
- Rev. Erin McIntyre (Knox-St. Paul's Pastoral Charge, Cornwall) – effective October 26, 2025 - extended
- Rev. Lynne Gardiner is expected to return to work January 23, 2026.

ACKNOWLEDGED SABBATICALS: NONE**SABBATICALS/COVERAGE:****Dominion Chalmers P.C. (Rev. Andrew Love)**

MOTION 2026-02(E. Beattie/J. Allen) "that the EOORC PR Commission takes note of the upcoming Sabbatical of the Rev. Andrew Love (OM), Dominion Chalmers Pastoral Charge, for the period May 1 – July 30, 2026." **CARRIED**

SUPERVISED MINISTRY EDUCATION (SME) site: None

CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS:

Rev. Lorrie Lowes

MOTION 2026-03 (E. Beattie/D. Stiles) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. Lorrie Lowes for a change in pastoral relations to retire as of December 31, 2026.” **CARRIED**

Rev. Grant McNeil

MOTION 2026-04 (E. Beattie/J. Allen) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. Grant McNeil to retire as of June 31, 2026.” **CARRIED**

Rev. Christine Lowson

MOTION 2026-05 (E. Beattie/D. Stiles) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the request of the Rev. Christine Lowson for a change in pastoral relations effective June 30, 2026.” **CARRIED**

PASTORAL CHARGE CONSTITUTIONS: None

SHARED MINISTRY AGREEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF PROFILES:

Arnprior: Grace-St. Andrew's P.C.

MOTION 2026-06 (D. Stiles/E. Beattie) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the Arnprior: Grace-St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

Bethel-St. Andrew's P.C. (Fitzroy Harbour)

MOTION 2026-07 (J. Allen/E. Beattie) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the Bethel-St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge (Fitzroy Harbour) profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

Rideau Park P.C.

MOTION 2026-08 (E. Beattie/D. Stiles) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the Rideau Park Pastoral Charge Position Description and Profile, as amended, for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

[**Note:** On ChurchHub, under Salary: it states “Minimum Salaries & Reimbursements for Ministry Personnel guidelines published by EOORC.” This should be corrected to “The United Church of Canada.”]

Centretown P.C.

MOTION 2026-09 (J. Allen/E. Beattie) “That the EOORC PR Commission approves the Centretown Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub, pending confirmation and approval of the use of restricted funds.” **CARRIED**

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

MOTION 2026-10 (D. Stiles/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the re-appointment of Jim Baldwin (OM-R) to the Rideau Park Pastoral Charge, with no change in the conditions, effective March 9, 2026 – September 8, 2026.” **CARRIED**

CHANGE OF TERMS: None

SACRAMENTS/ELDERS: None

CONGREGATIONAL DESIGNATED MINISTER (CDM): None

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

PCS needed for at least Spencerville P.C., Cumberland P.C., and South Mountain-Hallville P.C.

Zion-Wesley P.C.s

MOTION 2026-11 (E. Beattie/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Susan DeHaan, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to both Zion Pastoral Charge and Wesley Pastoral Charge (Pembroke)”

CARRIED

Winchester P.C.

MOTION 2026-12 (D. Stiles/E. Beattie) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Jim Allen, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Winchester Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

[**Abstaining:** Jim Allen]

LIAISONS:

Liaisons are needed for at least Cumberland P.C., and the Zion/Wesley (Pembroke) P.C.s

Pastoral Charges not searching: (26)

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
Metcalf	Pittston	Rideau
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.

Jim Allen: Carleton Memorial is continuing with Sunday supply; Williamstown must update their profile.

Wayne Harris: Central Lanark is on the “not looking” list. Almonte has issued a call for July 1, 2026.

Don Stiles: Has signed a contract for shared ministry with Lansdowne and Seeley's Bay. (Victoria would like to develop a document/process for this for other congregations who might be interested in pursuing this possibility.)

OTHER BUSINESS:

1) Wayne Menard

Wayne is completing his final course and will then have his final interview. Once this happens, he will be eligible for a call.

2) Zion Evangelical/Wesley Pembroke

These pastoral charges still wish to share a minister. They can have pulpit supply for the time being while some of the logistical challenges are being worked out.

3) Inkerman and South Mountain-Hallville

A regional member is needed to attend congregational meetings on Jan. 25 and Feb. 1. Lay reps could fill this role but the on-line directory does not appear to be current. Regional staff will work on this.

4) Introducing Victoria

It would be good to have a Zoom meeting for Liaisons and Pastoral Charge Supervisors to meet Victoria. Some possible dates will be propose shortly.

5) Update on Congregational Designated Minister (CDM)

According to the Manual, a CDM can be hired to preach where there is no OM or DLM in place. This addresses the limitations on LLWLs (based on the maximum number of Sundays they are allowed to preach). They will need adequate oversight, be under the discipline of EOORC, and require adequate supervision. More follow-up on this next month.

6) Sacramental Elders

Who do interested people contact? What is the process/ training etc.?

7) Anything else?

Mary expressed thanks for the invitation to sit in on Commission meetings. She and Victoria will have some overlap in their work and it will be good to hear first-hand what is happening.

LAST WORD:

Next meeting – **Tuesday, February 17, 2026** at 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Note: Victoria will set up a Zoom link for our February meeting which will hopefully be a recurring link for the rest of the year.

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.