
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Victoria Andrews, Elaine Beattie, Teresa Burnett-Cole, Karen McLean (Scribe), Michelle Robichaud, Mary Royal, Don Stiles (8)

REGRETS/ABSENT: Wayne Harris, Micheline Montreuil, Blair Paterson (3)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Acting Chair, Don Stiles, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Following a quick check-in with members Jim led us into the meeting with prayer.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER(S): It was agreed that Mary Royal-Duczek be a corresponding member to today's meeting.

INTERIM MOTIONS: None

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There were two changes to the agenda:

- The motion regarding a Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Glen Cairn should be to name Anne Montgomery not John Montgomery.
- An additional motion has been added to name Brian Copeland as a Pastoral Charge Supervisor to MacKay P.C. for the duration of Peter Woods's sabbatical.

MOTION 2026-25 (T. Burnett-Cole/ J. Allen) "that the agenda be accepted as amended."

CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION 2026-26 (E. Beattie/J. Allen) "that the minutes of March 17, 2026, be accepted as circulated."

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Jen Gow (Kemptville: St. John's) had submitted an application form to be a member of the PR Commission but could not start until after March 2026. She regrets that circumstances prevent her from joining us at this time but would like to look at things again in September.

REMEMBRANCES: None

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) – graduated return to work schedule effective March 16, 2026.

ACKNOWLEDGED SABBATICALS: None**SABBATICALS/COVERAGE:****Orleans P.C.**

MOTION: 2026-27 (M. Robichaud/E. Beattie) “that the EOORC PR Commission takes note of the upcoming sabbatical of the Rev. Molly Bell (OM), Orleans Pastoral Charge for the period January 1, 2027, to April 4, 2027.” **CARRIED**

SUPERVISED MINISTRY EDUCATION (SME) site:**Quyon P.C.**

MOTION: 2026-28 (T. Burnett-Cole/M. Robichaud) “that the EOORC PR Commission recommends to the Office of Vocation that the Quyon Pastoral Charge be recognized as a Supervised Ministry Education (SME) site.” **CARRIED**

CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS: None**PASTORAL CHARGE CONSTITUTIONS:** None**SHARED MINISTRY AGREEMENTS:** None**AMALGAMATIONS:****Cobden-Queen's Line and Zion, Douglas P.C.s**

MOTION: 2026-29 (E. Beattie/T. Burnett-Cole) “that the EOORC PR Commission recommends that the EOORC Executive approves the amalgamation of the Cobden-Queen's Line P.C. and Zion, Douglas P.C. effective May 01, 2026.” **CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF PROFILES: None**CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS:** None**CHANGE OF TERMS:** None**SACRAMENTS/ELDERS:** None**CONGREGATIONAL DESIGNATED MINISTER (CDM):****Arnprior: Grace-St. Andrew's P.C.**

MOTION: 2026-30 (T. Burnett-Cole/E. Beattie) “that the EOORC PR Commission takes note of the Arnprior: Grace-St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge's CDM position description.” **CARRIED**

Parkdale P.C.

MOTION: 2026-31 (E. Beattie/M. Robichaud) “that the EOORC PR Commission takes note of the Parkdale Pastoral Charge's CDM position description and affirms that it is a level 3 position.” **CARRIED**

[Note: Victoria declared a conflict and removed herself from the meeting.]

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

Glen Cairn P.C.

MOTION: 2026-32 (M. Robichaud/J. Allen) “That the EOORC PR Commission names Anne Montgomery (OM-R) as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Glen Cairn Pastoral Charge, for April 28, 2026, to cover the governing board meeting.” **CARRIED**

MacKay P.C.:

MOTION: 2026-33 (M. Robichaud/E. Beattie) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Brian Copeland, EOORC member, as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the MacKay Pastoral Charge, for the term of sabbatical for the Rev. Peter Woods (April 15 – June 9, 2026).” **CARRIED**

PCS needed for at least Cumberland P.C., South Mountain-Hallville P.C., Calvin P.C. (Pembroke), Glasgow P.C.

LIAISONS:

Liaisons are needed for Cumberland P.C. and numerous others.

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:

Members were brought up-to-date on various pastoral charges with whom they are working.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1) Rideau Park P.C.

Victoria noted the search is ongoing. They still have a retired minister in place while they continue to look for a full-time person.

2) Other updates

Victoria provided information on some of the items she is working on – retirement policies, supervised ministry sites (SMEs), CDM positions etc. Regions may approach these differently across the country – it is important to find a process that works for all participants. She will continue to update the Commission to ensure everyone is aware of what is happening throughout the region.

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Pastoral Relations Commission

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LAST WORD:

Next meeting – **Tuesday, May 19, 2026** at 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83150733651?pwd=3MpvRPApa9KkOpJn0zE8VmzifZMhP6.1>

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CLOSING: The business listed on the agenda being completed, Don declared the meeting closed at 2:21 p.m. Teresa closed with prayer to send us safely on our way.