
A meeting of the Pastoral Relations (PR) Commission was held via Zoom Conference call on Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

PRESENT:

Jim Allen, Victoria Andrews, Elaine Beattie, Teresa Burnett-Cole, Karen McLean (Scribe), Michelle Robichaud, Don Stiles (7)

REGRETS/ABSENT: Charlotte Hoy, Sharon MacDonald, Micheline Montreuil, Mary Royal-Duczek (4)

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER:

Chair, Don Stiles, called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. Following a quick check-in with members – our prayers and concerns are with Micheline as she sits with her sister who is gravely ill - Jim led us in an opening prayer. Noting that church and business are inclusive and tied together, Jim asked for God's guidance as we move into our meeting.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER(S): None

INTERIM MOTIONS: None

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There were three additions change to the agenda:

- Carleton Memorial profile
- Liaisons are urgently needed for Athens and Barrhaven.
- Natalie Matkovsky

MOTION 2026-43 (T. Burnett-Cole/M. Robichaud) “that the agenda be accepted as amended.”

CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION 2026-44 (J. Allen/M. Robichaud) “that the minutes of May 19, 2026, be accepted as circulated.”

CARRIED

CORRECTION TO MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2026:

On page 2026-16, Motion 2026-29 (E. Beattie/T. Burnett-Cole) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the amalgamation of the Cobden-Queen's Line P.C. and Zion, Douglas P.C. effective May 01, 2026.”

CARRIED

In fact, the PR Commission does not currently have the authority to approve an amalgamation. This falls under the purview of the Executive. While a technicality, we should amend our motion to bring it in line with the current practice.

The motion was amended as follows:

Motion 2026-45 (T. Burnett-Cole/ E. Beattie) “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

CORRESPONDENCE:

The secretary has received a letter of resignation from Blair Paterson. She has written to him thanking him for his time on the Commission and his wise and thoughtful contributions.

REMEMBRANCES:**MEDICAL LEAVE:**

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

ACKNOWLEDGED SABBATICALS:

- Andrew Love, May 1 to July 30, 2026

SABBATICALS/COVERAGE: None**SUPERVISED MINISTRY EDUCATION (SME) site:** None**CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS:** None**PASTORAL CHARGE CONSTITUTIONS:** None**SHARED MINISTRY AGREEMENTS:** None**AMALGAMATIONS:** None**APPROVAL OF PROFILES:****Winchester P.C.**

MOTION: 2026-46 (J. Allen/M. Robichaud) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the Winchester Pastoral Charge profile for posting on ChurchHub.” **CARRIED**

Carleton Memorial P.C. (Ottawa)

MOTION: 2026-47 (M. Robichaud/T. Burnett-Cole) “that the EOORC PR Commission approves the Cumberland Pastoral Charge correction to its profile posted on ChurchHub, moving from ¾ to full-time ministry position.” **CARRIED**

CALLS/(RE)-APPOINTMENTS: None**CHANGE OF TERMS:** None**SACRAMENTS/ELDERS:** None**CONGREGATIONAL DESIGNATED MINISTER (CDM):** None

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS:

Centretown P.C. (Ottawa)

MOTION: 2026-48 (J. Allen/T. Burnett-Cole)) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Janet Nield (OM-R) as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Centretown Pastoral Charge (Ottawa), effective June 23, 2026.” **CARRIED**

Cumberland P.C.

MOTION: 2026-49 (E. Beattie/T. Burnett-Cole)) “that the EOORC PR Commission, in the absence of called/appointed ministry personnel, names Kathryn Peate (OM) as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Cumberland Pastoral Charge, effective June 23, 2026.” **CARRIED**

PCS needed for at least Glasgow P.C., South Mountain-Hallville P.C.

LIAISONS:

Cornwall: Knox-St. Paul's P.C.

MOTION: 2026-50 (E. Beattie/ M. Robichaud) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Terrie Chedore (OM-R), as Liaison to the Cornwall: Knox-St. Paul's Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Athens P.C.

MOTION: 2026-51 (E. Beattie/ T. Burnett-Cole) “that the EOORC PR Commission names Don Stiles (OM), as Liaison to the Athens Pastoral Charge.” **CARRIED**

Liaisons are needed for Barrhaven and numerous other pastoral charges.

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
Kenmore	Lower Gatineau Valley	Lyn: Christ
Mallorytown	Metcalfe	Pittston
Rideau	South Mountain-Hallville	St. Andrew's (Westmeath)
St. John's (Brockville)	Templeton	Vernon

FOLLOW-UPS FROM LIAISONS AND PCS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

1) Bells Corners request

Bells Corners sent a letter requesting that the PR commission waive the policy requiring retiring ministers to step away from the church they were serving for a period of time to allow the new minister to settle into the life of the church. The rationale is that the full-time minister is staying – there is no new minister and no “settling in” time required.

Concerns from members centred on the fact that no one will be replacing Lorrie. If the congregation is moving from 1 ¾ time to 1, then who is covering all the extras? There is a temptation to have the remaining minister take on everything. The concern is that the former minister might gradually end up taking on extra things as a volunteer now. One must remember this is still a change in a pastoral relationship.

MOTION: 2026-52 (M. Robichaud/E. Beattie) “that the EOORC PR Commission, after careful consideration determined that the wisdom and past concerns held on pages 55-56 of the 2026 EOORC Governance Handbook – “Ministry Personnel involvement in a former community of faith” - be maintained.” **CARRIED**

Victoria will contact Bells Corners. There must be a break. Both the congregation and Lorrie need space. Since the position will not be filled, this requires a pastoral relations process. How will the pieces covered in the ¾ time position be filled? Ideally, they should update their profile. A liaison should be appointed to help them determine what their new ministry model will look like.

2) Record of Call/appointments (ROCA) update – pilot:

Updated forms and beta testing are coming. EOOR will be a pilot region for this.

3) Transitional practitioner (TP):

Interim ministers are very hard to find. A new category has been created. Transitional practitioners will have interim training and can be a consultant to guide a community of faith through the process.

4) Arnprior student supply:

Grace-St. Andrews (Arnprior) has approved a student supply and are sending the request to PRC. There have been issues with ChurchHub – Victoria is working with them to try get the issue resolved to make a July 1st appointment.

5) Sacraments Elder training:

Since the EOORC AGM, there has been increased interest in this position. Victoria would like to have a cohort – hoping to offer this training in the spring and fall of each year.

6) Église Unie de la Grâce United Church

The Rev. Natalie Matkovsky has been away from her pastoral charge since 2024. The incoming minister would like Natalie to preach at her covenanting service.

MOTION: 2026-53 (T. Burnett-Cole/J. Allen) “that the EOORC PR Commission, grants permission for the Rev. Natalie Matkovsky to preach at a covenanting service at her former congregation at the Église Unie de la Grâce United Church (see page 56 of the 2026 EOORC Governance Handbook under Exceptions).” **CARRIED**

LAST WORD:

Next meeting – Scheduled for **Tuesday, July 15, 2026**, at 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom. There being some conflicts due to a number of our clergy members beginning holidays, it was agreed that Victoria will circulate a Doodle poll to try to find an acceptable date.

July meeting:

Topic: PRC

Time: Jul 22, 2026 01:00 PM America/Toronto

CLOSING: The business listed on the agenda being completed, Don declared the meeting closed at 1:52 p.m. and closed with prayer to send us on our way.