

Pastoral Relations Commission



The Canadian Shield is indeed blessed to have in place such a fine group of individuals, both lay and ministry personnel, who serve on our Pastoral Relations Commission. We have been supported by staff that make the work of the PR Commission timely and professional. I believe that together, both volunteer and staff, we make a good team.

The PR Commission has been meeting at least monthly and has met its goal of putting together a PR Policies and Procedure document for CSRC before this year's AGM. It was not an easy task considering the policies that existed in the many diverse presbyteries that came together to form our region. We believe we are making a new way, the CSRC way.

We have crafted a *Pulpit Supply Policy and Best Practices* document to guide communities of faith in considering options for pulpit supply. With so many communities without paid accountable leadership, we know it is not easy. It is our hope that this document will help inform decisions and bring some understanding of the tension between two overlapping areas of responsibility.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Rev. Lillian Roberts for her guidance and leadership as our Pastoral Relations Minister and wish her well in her next chapter, Retirement, the best job she will ever have.

Welcome aboard Rev. Rob Smith as our new PR Minister.

John Watson
Chair, Pastoral Relations Commission

REPORT OF PASTORAL RELATIONS ACTIVITY:

This report reflects the activity since the last Regional Council meeting in 2019.

2019			
NAME	MINISTRY PERSONNEL	PASTORAL RELATIONS ACTION	DATE EFFECTIVE
St. Paul's, Hillview, New Liskeard	Rev. Dr. Judith Visser, OM	Change in Terms of Call (from full to $\frac{3}{4}$ time)	January 1/20
St. Joseph's Island	Rev. Pieter Le Roux, OM	full-time Call	August 1/19
St. Andrew's, Sudbury	Rev. Catherine Somerville, OM	Revision in Terms/Appt. (increased to 20 hrs/wk)	July 1/19 – June 30/21
St. Peter's, Sudbury	Rev. Dawn Vaneyk, OM	Change in PR – retirement	July 1/20
Trinity United, Thunder Bay	Rev. Randy Boyd, OM	Change in PR - retirement	May 31/20
Covenant, Timmins	Rev. Cindy Desilets, OM	Change in PR	December 31/19

2019 (continued)			
NAME	MINISTRY PERSONNEL	PASTORAL RELATIONS ACTION	DATE EFFECTIVE
First-Wesley, Thunder Bay	Rev. Louise Hart, OM	Call	January 1/20
Harmony, Thunder Bay	Rev. Joyce Fergus-Moore, OM-Retired	part-time appointment (13.3 hrs/wk)	Sept. 1/19 – August 31, 2020
Iroquois Falls/Matheson	Laura Hutchison, Candidate Supply	½ time appointment	July 1/19 – June 30/20
2020			
St. John's, Marathon	Selina Mullin, Candidate Supply	full-time appointment	March 1/20 – Feb 28/22
Covenant, Timmins	Rev. William Jones, OM-Retired	part-time appointment (20 hrs/wk)	March /20 – Feb 28/21
Powassan-Chisholm	Elizabeth Kiff, Candidate Supply	full-time appointment	August 1/20 – July 31/21
Little Current	Paul Allard, DLM	Change in PR	June 30/20
Pinegrove, Thunder Bay	Rev. Robert Smith, OM	Change in PR	July 30/20
St. Peter's, Sudbury	Rev. Dawn Vaneyk, OM	Postponement of Retirement	from July 1/20 to Sept. 30/20
Trinity, North Bay	Lisa Blais, DLM	32 hr/wk re-appointment	July 1/20 - June 30/23
Manitowaning-Tehkummah	Rev. Martin Garnis, OM-Retired	full time re-appointment	July 1/20 - June 30/23
St. Mark's, Sudbury	Rev. Linda Saffrey, OM-Retired	½ time re-appointment	July 1/20 – June 30/23
Trinity, Capreol	Pamela Brown, Candidate Supply	½ time appointment	August 17/20 – June 30/22
St Andrew's, North Bay	Tracy Davis, DLM	full-time re-appointment	July 1/20 – June 30/23
Harmony, Thunder Bay	Rev. Mastard Sakala, OM	full-time appointment	Oct 1/20 – Sept. 30/22
Trinity, Iroquois Falls/Matheson	Laura Hutchison, DLM	½ appointment	July 15/20 – June 30/21

COMMUNITIES OF FAITH CURRENTLY IN PASTORAL RELATIONS PROFILE/SEARCH

COMMUNITY OF FAITH	NOTES
Magnetawan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pastoral relations liaison is Sandra Jenkinson- on hold for the moment
Trout Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pastoral relations liaison is Catherine Somerville- pursuing a collaboration agreement with Zion in Sundridge
Omond, North Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pastoral relations liaison is Sandra Jenkinson- on hold for the moment
St. Paul's, Cochrane	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pastoral relations liaison is Joy Galloway- on hold for the moment
Covenant, Timmins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pastoral relations liaison is Nancy Ferguson- working on their profile
Sturgeon Falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pastoral relations liaison is Sandra Jenkinson- on hold for the moment
St. James in the Valley, Sudbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pastoral relations liaison is Catherine Somerville- on hold for the moment
St. Stephen's on the Hill, Sudbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pastoral relations liaison is Sylvia Carscadden- on hold for the moment
Little Current	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pastoral relations liaison is Stewart Walker- currently in search
Manitowaning-Tehkummah Pastoral Charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pastoral relations liaison is Stewart Walker- just beginning to write their profile
Mindemoya	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pastoral relations liaison is Stewart Walker- in search
Iron Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pastoral relations liaison is Nancy Ferguson- currently on hold
St. Paul's, Thunder Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pastoral relations liaison is Joy Bott- in search for a full-time minister.
Trinity, Thunder Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pastoral relations liaison is Joy Bott- searching for a full time minister
First, Wawa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pastoral relations liaison is Joy Galloway- searching for a part time minister
Pinegrove, Rosslyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- pastoral relations liaison is Jan Venton- in search for a half-time minister

When a community of faith is looking for a new minister, they contact the Pastoral Relations Minister, and a Pastoral Relations Liaison is assigned to guide them through the process of writing their profile, posting it on ChurchHub and searching for a new minister.

We are very grateful for those who are willing to serve in this way. The following people serve as Pastoral Relations Liaisons: Joy Bott, Karen Brophey, Sylvia Carscadden, Nancy Ferguson, Joy Galloway, Sandra Jenkinson, Catherine Somerville, Jan Venton, Stewart Walker, and Fraser Williamson.

COMMUNITIES OF FAITH WITHOUT MINISTRY PERSONNEL

COMMUNITY OF FAITH	PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISOR
Echo Bay Pastoral Charge	Bruce McLeish
Iron Bridge Pastoral Charge	Jane Graham
St. Paul's, Manitouwadge	Joy Bott
Willowgrove, Sault Ste. Marie	Helen Smith
First, Wawa	Eun-Joo Park
St. John's, Marathon (student)	Jim Jackson
Harmony, Thunder Bay	Jan Venton
St. Paul's, Thunder Bay	John Watson
Trinity, Thunder Bay	Louise Hart
Broadway, Thunder Bay	Sandra Hansen
Pinegrove, Rosslyn	Christina Stricker
Grace, Nipigon	John Watson
St. Andrew's, Schreiber	George Bott
Phelps, Redbridge	Ron Holotuk
Mattawa Pastoral Charge	Rick Thorne
Nipissing-Restoule Pastoral Charge	Fraser Williamson
Carmichael Pastoral Charge	Jim Sinclair
Omond Memorial, North Bay	Will Kunder
Powassan Pastoral Charge (student)	Kathleen McCallum
South River / Trout Creek	<i>vacant</i>
St. Andrew's, Sturgeon Falls	Gordon Roberts
St. Paul's, Temiscaming	Lillian Roberts
Trinity, Magnetawan	Barbara Lee
Trinity, Chapleau	Susan Lindquist
Val D'Or	Will Kunder
Grace, Hornepayne	George Bott
Trinity, Kirkland Lake	Elaine Lush
St. Paul's, Cochrane	Bryn Carson
Mount Joy, Timmins	Cyndy Desilets
Trinity, Capreol (Student)	Lynda Todd
St. James in the Valley, Val Therese	Catherine Somerville
St. Stephen's, Chelmsford	Mardi Mumford
Little Current Pastoral Charge	Martin Garniss
Trinity Manitoulin Pastoral Charge, Mindemoya	Maxine McVey and Erwin Thompson
All People's, Sudbury	Barb Nott
St. Stephen's on the Hill, Sudbury	John Fraser
St. Peter's, Sudbury	Erin Todd

In our region we have 77 pastoral charges, 37 ministry personnel. We have 41 pastoral charges currently without ministry personnel. They are without ministry personnel because they have chosen to be lay led at this time or they are currently searching for a new minister.

A Pastoral Charge Supervisor is required for every community of faith that does not have a ministry personnel. We are very grateful for all those people who are willing to serve our church in this way. A Pastoral Charge Supervisor helps to remind our communities of faith that they are not alone that they are an important part of our United Church.

The Pastoral Relations Commission assigns a pastoral charge supervisor. A detailed job description is available from the Pastoral Relations Minister or on our website.

SACRAMENTS ELDERS APPOINTED UNTIL JUNE 30, 2021

COMMUNITY OF FAITH	<u>SACRAMENTS ELDER</u>
First, Wawa	Lorna Chuipka
St. Paul's, Manitouwadge	Sheila Dean and Gwen Denny
St. Matthews-St. Paul's, Hearst	Susan Jannson
St. Paul's, Temiscaming	Glenda Woodbury
Grace, Nipigon	Phyllis Gauvin
St. Andrew's, Coniston	Maxine Dale
Grace, Hornepayne	Jim Claveau
St. Paul's, Cochrane	Christine Mitchell-Kydd
Phelps, Redbridge	Frances Morris
Broadway, Thunder Bay	Lori Van Santvoort Jansekovich
All People's, Sudbury	Marlene Chuipka
Trinity, Kirkland	Brenda Lumsden
Trinity, Capreol	Pam Brown
Trinity, Chapleau	Susan Collins Lindquist
Trinity, Chapleau	Timothy Cecile
St. Andrew's, Sturgeon Falls	Kathie Smith

We give thanks for these people and their willingness to serve their community of faith in this way.

Sacraments Elders are licenced on a yearly basis. The community of faith is responsible for applying each year. If your sacrament elder is not listed here, their license is no longer valid. Please take the time now to renew by contacting Rob Smith, Pastoral Relations Minister.

FORMAL ASSOCIATION

All ministry personnel who are either retired or are not serving a pastoral charge are required to be in formal association with a community of faith in order to be compliant with the standards of the United Church of Canada. If you wish to continue to perform the duties of ministry like marriage in the name of the United Church you need to seek out a formal association.

The following ministry personnel are in formal association with these communities of faith:

The Rev. Mary Jo Tracy – Lyons Memorial, Gore Bay

The Rev. Maxine McVey – Lyons Memorial, Gore Bay

The Rev. Melody Duncanson-Hales – Western Manitoulin Pastoral Charge

The Rev. Robert Smith – First Wesley, Thunder Bay

The process of entering into formal association is outline in the Policy and Procedures Manual of the Pastoral Relations Commission available from our Pastoral Relations Minister or on our website.

We give thanks to our retired ministry personnel for their continued service to our church.

LICENSED LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

The Canadian Shield Regional Council is very blessed to be served by a group of very gifted Licensed Lay Worship Leaders. We are grateful for all the work that they do each and every Sunday. An LLWL is licensed by their home community of faith, however they can serve any community of faith.

We also have an excellent Licensed Lay Worship Leader Resource team who work hard to support our LLWL's. The members of the Resource Team are: Dawn Yorke, David Giuliano, Susan Peverley, Janice Frame and Jane Graham.

The resource team also helps with re-licensing. To make the relicensing process a little easier it was decided to divide the region into three areas; East (North Bay and Timmins), Central (Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury) and West (points west from Sault Ste. Marie to Thunder Bay). We are currently working through each area one year at a time. This year we are focusing on the central region.

The Licensed Lay Worship Leader Resource Team reviewed all the re-licensing applications made on file and, at their meeting held on May 25, 2020, recommended the following schedule for relicensing:

RELICENSING FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL CENTRAL

The following LLWLs are relicensed until December 31, 2020, and will be considered for further licensing to June 30, 2023 following interviews by Zoom that will be held in the fall of 2020.

Elaine Brummer
Jane Graham
Marg Hiddleston
Brian Mundell
Dawn Yorke

Gail Cronin
Marguerite Hayes
Bonnie Kirk
Nancy Mundell

Martha Cunningham-Closs
Cindy Hebert
Ross MacLeod
Faye Moffatt

RELICENSING FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL WEST

The following LLWLs are relicensed for 1 Year, until June 30, 2021

George Bott
Robert Cosbey
Marie Rinne
Nancy Vernon

Joy Bott
Vivian Hall
Nancy Rouble
Wanda Wilding

Cathy Bright
John McDonald
Lori Van Santvoort-Jansekovich

RELICENSING FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL EAST

The following LLWLs are relicensed for 2 years, until June 30, 2022

Karen Brophey
Rob Farris
Ron Holotuk
Linda Sarginson

Linda Clarke
Peter Haddow
Brenda McLay
John Sheridan

Don Clysdale
Elizabeth Henderson
Frances Morris
Kathie Smith

We are also very blessed to have within the boundaries of our region the Online Licensed Lay Worship Leaders training program coordinated by Joy and George Bott and directed by the Rev. Dr. Christine Jerrett. We give thanks for their ministry, not only to our region, but to our entire denomination.

Another program that originates within our region but serves our entire denomination is the United in Worship Project which provides worship resources for churches. Check out their website: <https://www.united-in-worship.ca/>