

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

Canadian Shield Regional Council Pastoral Relations Commission Report – May 2024

My roll as Chair of The Pastoral Relations Commission of the Canadian Shield Regional Council is coming to an end and it is time to pass the tiller of this ship to another. I am proud to say that, as a region, we are leaders in finding new ways to be the church. This report sets out what we have done since we last reported to you and lists those individuals who have stepped up and taken on responsibility in the governance of the church. Thank you one and all for what you do.

John Watson

Chair – Pastoral Relations Commission

We give thanks for the faithful service of our Pastoral Relations Commission members – John Watson (Chair), Karen Gooch (Secretary), Joy Galloway, Jane Graham, Ted Harrison, Erin Todd, Janet Venton, Stewart Walker, Joy Bott, and Fraser Williamson.

Pastoral Relations Activity Since the Last Regional Council Meeting in September 2022:

1. **St. James in the Valley, Sudbury, ON** – approved the re-appointed David Chuipka (Candidate) part time (20 hours) effective October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2024.
2. **First Wesley Pastoral Charge, Thunder Bay, ON** – approved the request for a change of Pastoral Relations from the Rev. Louise Hart (OM).
3. **Harmony Pastoral Charge, Thunder Bay, ON** – approved the call of the Rev. Mastard Sakala effective October 1, 2022.
4. **Wawa Pastoral Charge, Wawa, ON** – approved the change in the appointment of Minhyuk Hwang (Candidate) from 20 hours to 25 hours effective September 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023.
5. **Copper Cliff Pastoral Charge, Copper Cliff, ON** – approved the appointment of the Rev. William Steadman (OM – Retired) part-time (16 hours) effective December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2025.

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6. **Westminster Pastoral Charge, Thunder Bay, ON** – approved the appointment of Steven Loweth (DLM) full time effective March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2026.
7. **First-Wesley Pastoral Charge, Thunder Bay, ON** – approved the call of the Rev. Lionel Ketola (OM) part time (30 hours) effective March 1, 2023.
8. **Willowgrove Pastoral Charge, Sault Ste. Marie, ON** – approved the appointment of the Rev. Glen Eagle (OM – retired) part-time (20 hours) effective February 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023.
9. **Espanola Pastoral Charge, Espanola, ON** – approved the Shared Ministry Personal Agreement between St. George's Anglican Church and Espanola Pastoral Charge effective February 1, 2023.
10. **Blind River Pastoral Charge, Blind River, ON and Iron Bridge Pastoral Charge, Iron Bridge, ON** – approved the collaborative agreement effective May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2026.
11. **Blind River Pastoral Charge, Blind River, ON and Iron Bridge Pastoral Charge, Iron Bridge, ON** – approved the appointment of Laurence Muvunzi (OM – Admissions) full time effective May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2026.

12. **Trinity Pastoral Charge, Thunder Bay, ON and Pinegrove Pastoral Charge, Rosalyn, ON** – approved the change of pastoral relations with David Colwell effective February 9, 2023.
13. **Matheson Pastoral Charge, Matheson, ON and Iroquois Falls Pastoral Charge, Iroquois Falls, ON** – approved the change of pastoral relations with Laura Hutchison (DLM) effective June 30, 2023.
14. **Covenant Pastoral Charge, Timmins, ON** – approved the appointment of Laura Hutchison (DLM) part time (20 hours) effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.
15. **St. Mark's Pastoral Charge, Sudbury, ON** – approved the extension of the appointment of Dian Tate (candidate) effective July 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024.
16. **St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge, Sault Ste. Marie, ON** – approved the change of Pastoral Relations with the Rev. Eun-Joo Park effective July 31, 2023.
17. **St. James in the Valley Pastoral Charge, Sudbury, ON** – approve the change of Pastoral Relations with David Chuipka (Candidate) effective June 30, 2023.
18. **Approved the licensing of Aaron Palmer as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader.**
19. **Approved the admission of the Rev. Byung Yun (James) Ko into the United Church of Canada.**
20. **Trinity Pastoral Charge, North Bay, ON** – approved the re-appointment of Lisa Blais (DLM) part time (34 hours) effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.
21. **Wawa Pastoral Charge, Wawa, ON** – approved the change of pastoral relations with Minhyuk Hwang effective July 31, 2023.
22. **Emmanuel Pastoral Charge, North Bay, ON** – approved the appointment of the Rev. William Kunder (OM – Retired) part-time 20 hours effective August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2026.
23. **Emmanuel Pastoral Charge, North Bay, ON** – approved the appointment of Tracy Davis (DLM) part-time (15 hours) effective August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2026.
24. **Trinity Manitoulin Pastoral Charge, Mindemoya, ON** – approved the appointment of Kim Inglis (Candidate) part-time (20 hours) effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
25. **St. Stephen's on the Hill, Sudbury, ON** – approved the change of terms of the Rev. Catharine Somerville (OM) to 16 hours effective September 1, 2023.
26. **Approved the creation of a benevolent fund for ministers in need.**
27. **Porcupine Pastoral Charge, Timmins, ON** – approved the change of pastoral relations from Brynn Carson (DLM) effective November 10, 2023
28. **Approved the admission of the Rev. Desire Tiriwepi (OM) to the United Church of Canada effective October 29, 2023.**
29. **Manitowaning-Tehkummah Pastoral Charge, Manitowaning, ON** – approved the call of Susan Peverley (OM) part-time (30 hours) effective October 1, 2023.
30. **St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge, North Bay, ON** – approved the appointment of Caitlin Smithers (Candidate) full-time effective September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2025.
31. **Porcupine Pastoral Charge, Timmins, ON** – approved the appointment of the Rev. Bill Jones (OM – Retired) part-time (20 hours effective September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2026.
32. **St. Paul's Emmanuel Community Pastoral Charge, Englehart, ON** – approved the re-appointment of the Rev. Elaine Lush (OM – retired) part-time (20 hours) effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
33. **Willowgrove Pastoral Charge, Sault Ste. Marie, ON** – re-appointment of the Rev. Glen Eagle (OM – retired) part-time (20 hours) effective December 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

34. **St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge, Sault Ste. Marie, ON** – appointment of the Rev. David Zub (OM – retired) part-time (14 hours effective January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024).
35. **Approved David Chuipka as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader effective December 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.**

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36. **St. Paul's Pastoral Charge, Thunder Bay, ON** – approved the call of the Rev. Desire Tiriwepi (OM) full time effective February 1, 2024.
37. **Approved the request of the Rev. Lillian Roberts (OM – retired) to be in formal association with Trinity, North Bay, ON**
38. **Thessalon Pastoral Charge, Thessalon, ON** – approved the appointment of Torrin Maag (Candidate) part-time (20 hours) effective March 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
39. **Approved the ordination of Tracy Davis**
40. **Approved the ordination of Helen Smith**
41. **Approved the commissioning of Lisa Blais**
42. **Trinity, North Bay, ON** – approved the provisional call of Lisa Blais (Candidate) part-time (36 hours) effective May 6, 2024
43. **Emmanuel, North Bay, ON** – approved the provisional call of Tracy Davis (Candidate) part time (15 hours) effective May 6, 2024.
44. **East Korah/Maxwell Pastoral Church, Sault Ste. Marie** – approved the provisional call of Helen Smith (Candidate) part-time (20 hours) effective May 6, 2024.

Pastoral Relations Liaisons

The following people serve as Pastoral Relations Liaisons for our region:

Joy Galloway, Mercedes Hughes, Sandra Jenkinson, Mardi Mumford, Catherine Somerville, Jan Venton, Stewart Walker and Fraser Williamson.

This year we said goodbye to Sylvia Carscadden and Karen Brophrey. We give thanks for their faithful service as pastoral relations liaisons over the years to the Canadian Shield Regional Council and to Manitou Conference.

Pastoral Relations Liaisons work with communities of faith to help them discern their ministry needs. We are blessed as a region to have such gifted and committed individuals who serve in this way.

If your community of faith is considering looking for a new minister or your current minister has requested a change in pastoral relations then contact our Pastoral Relations Minister, Rob Smith, and a liaison will be appointed to help you with the process.

We are looking for new liaisons. If you are interested, please let Rob know. A joint training with Shining Water for new liaisons is being planned for February 2025.

Current Assignments

1. Trinity, Thunder Bay, ON – liaison is Jan Venton – currently discerning future ministry needs.
2. Pinegrove, Thunder Bay, ON – liaison is Jan Venton – currently discerning future ministry

needs.

3. St. John's Pastoral Charge, Marathon, ON – liaison is Stewart Walker – currently discerning next steps.
4. Wawa Pastoral Charge, Wawa, ON – liaison is Joy Galloway – currently discerning future ministry needs.
5. Willowgrove Pastoral Charge, Sault Ste. Marie, ON – liaison is Stewart Walker – currently searching for a full-time minister
6. St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge, Sault Ste. Marie, ON – liaison is Stewart Walker – still discerning future ministry needs.
7. Central Algoma Churches Community (CACC), Blind River, ON – liaison is Stewart Walker – currently discerning next steps
8. Onaping Falls Pastoral Charge, Levak, ON – liaison is Mardi Mumford – currently discerning next steps
9. Sturgeon Falls Pastoral Charge, Sturgeon Falls, ON – liaison is Sandra Jenkinson – currently discerning next steps
10. Loring Pastoral Charge, Loring, ON – liaison is Catherine Somerville – currently discerning next steps
11. Nipissing-Restoule, Nipissing, ON – liaison is Fraser Williamson – currently discerning next steps
12. St. Paul's Pastoral Charge, Cochrane, ON – Liaison is Joy Galloway – currently discerning next steps
13. Kapuskasing Pastoral Charge, Kapuskasing, ON – liaison is Joy Galloway – currently discerning their future.

Pastoral Charge Supervisors

When a community of faith does not have a called or appointed ministry personnel The Manual requires that a pastoral charge supervisor be appointed. The Supervisor provides quorum for the meeting of the governing board. Pastoral Charge supervisors are also required when a ministry personnel is a student minister or an admissions minister.

In the Canadian Shield Region, a majority of our pastoral charges are without ministry personnel. We are dependent on pastoral charge supervisors. We are grateful for all those who serve in this way. Thank you. We appreciate your valuable and vital ministry.

We are always needing more people to be a pastoral supervisor. If you are interested and want to know more about this service opportunity, please contact Rob Smith rsmith@united-church.ca

1. All People's Pastoral Charge, Sudbury, ON – Barbara Nott
2. Blind River Pastoral Charge, Blind River, ON – Admissions Minister - Cory Vermeer-Cuthbert
3. Broadway Pastoral Charge, Thunder Bay, ON – Shane Judge
4. Burks Falls Pastoral Charge, Burks Falls, ON – vacant
5. Trinity Pastoral Charge, Capreol, ON – student minister – Lynda Todd
6. Carmichael Pastoral Charge, North Bay, ON – Sandra Jenkinson
7. Central Algoma Church Community, Bruce Mines, ON – Stewart Walker
8. Chapleau Pastoral Charge, Chapleau, ON – Susan Lindquist

9. Cochrane: St. Paul's Pastoral Charge, Cochrane, ON – Laura Hutchison
10. Coniston: St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge, Coniston, ON – Stewart Walker
11. Echo Bay Pastoral Charge, Echo Bay, ON, - Bruce McLeish
12. Espanola Pastoral Charge, Espanola, ON – Whitney Bruno
13. Goulais River Pastoral Charge, Goulais River, ON – Laurie Stevenson
14. Hearst: St. Matthew's and St. Paul's Pastoral Charge – Bill Jones
15. Hornepayne: Grace Pastoral Charge, Hornepayne ON – George Bott
16. Iron Bridge Pastoral Charge, Iron Bridge, ON – Admission minister - Cory Vermeer-Cuthbert
17. Kapuskasing Community Church Pastoral Charge, Kapuskasing, ON – Laura Hutchinson
18. Katrine Pastoral Charge, Katrine, ON – Fraser Williamson
19. Kirkland Lake Pastoral Charge, Kirkland Lake, ON – Elaine Lush
20. Loring Pastoral Charge, Loring, ON - vacant
21. Manitouwadge Pastoral Charge, Manitouwadge – Joy Bott
22. Marathon: St. John's Pastoral Charge, Marathon, ON – Jim Jackson
23. Massey Pastoral Charge, Massey, ON – Brian Bigelow
24. Mattawa-Rutherglen Pastoral Charge, Mattawa, ON – Richard Thorne
25. Mount Joy Pastoral Charge, Timmins, ON – Rob Galloway
26. Nipigon Pastoral Charge, Nipigon, ON – John Watson
27. Nipissing-Restoule Pastoral Charge, Nipissing, ON – Fraser Williamson
28. Phelps Pastoral Charge, Redbridge, ON – Ron Holotuk
29. Pinegrove Pastoral Charge, Rosslyn, ON – Christina Stricker
30. Schreiber Pastoral Charge, Scriber, ON – George Bott
31. St. James in the Valley, Sudbury, ON – David LeGrand
32. St. Mark's Pastoral Church, Sudbury, ON – Kathy Dahmer
33. St. Paul's Pastoral Charge, New Liskeard, ON – Peter Haddow
34. Sturgeon Falls Pastoral Charge, Sturgeon Falls, ON – Gordon Roberts
35. St. Paul's Pastoral Charge, Temiscaming, QC – Lillian Roberts
36. Thessalon Pastoral Charge, Thessalon, ON – Jane Graham
37. Trinity Pastoral Charge, Thunder Bay, ON – Christina Stricker
38. Trinity Pastoral Charge, Manitoulin, ON – Erwin Thompson
39. Val D'Or Pastoral Charge, Val D'Or, QC – Will Kunder
40. Wawa Pastoral Charge, Wawa ON – Helen Smith

Sacraments Elders

1. George Bott – St. John's, Marathon
2. May Cameron – St. Andrew's, Massey
3. Mona Campbell, All People's, Sudbury
4. Tim Cecile – Trinity, Chapleau
5. Marlene Chuipka – All People's, Sudbury
6. Stephen Collins – St. John's Marathon
7. Maxine Dale – St. Andrew's, Coniston
8. Phyllis Gauvin – Grace, Nipigon
9. Lori Jansecovich – Broadway, Thunder Bay
10. Susan Jansson – St. Matthew's and St. Paul's Anglican/United Church, Hearst.
11. Christine Mitchell-Kydd – St. Paul's, Cochrane

12. Kerttu Ladouceur – St. Matthew’s and St. Paul’s Anglican/United Church, Hearst
13. Susan Lindquist – Trinity, Chapleau
14. June McDougall – Knox, Manitowaning
15. Bonnie Moore – St. Paul’s, New Liskeard
16. Diane Rust – Mountjoy, Timmins
17. Kathie Smith – St. Andrew’s, Sturgeon Falls
18. Judy Tomlin – Hillview, New Liskeard
19. Glenda Woodbury – St. Paul’s, Temiscaming, QC
20. Dawn Yorke - Espanola

A Sacraments Elder is appointed by the community of faith, trained by the region and licenced by the region to offer the sacraments to their community of faith where there are no available ministry personnel. They are licensed for one year and must be renewed annually by action of the community of faith.

We held a Sacraments Elder training in March 2023 facilitated by the Rev. Stewart Walker. We are very grateful for the willingness of these people to serve their community of faith in this way.

Licensed Lay Worship Leaders

West – Thunder Bay to Sault Ste. Marie

1. **George Bott** (*Licensed until June 30, 2024*)
2. **Joy Bott** (*Licensed until June 30, 2024*)
3. **Cathy Bright** (*Licensed until June 30, 2024*)
4. **Lorna Chuipka** (*Licensed until June 30, 2024*)
5. **Robert Cosby** (*Licensed until June 30, 2024*)
6. **Vivian Hall** (*Licensed until June 30, 2024*)
7. **Diane Hannaford-Wilcox** (*Licensed until June 30, 2025*)
8. **John McDonald** (*Licensed until June 30, 2024*)
9. **Cyndy Raby** (*Licensed until June 30, 2024*)
10. **Marie Rinnie** (*Licensed until June 30, 2024*)
11. **Lori Van Santvoort-Jansekovich** (*Licensed until June 30, 2024*)
12. **Nancy Vernon** (*Licensed until June 30, 2024*)
13. **Wanda Wilding** (*Licensed until June 30, 2024*)

East – North Bay and Area

1. **Karen Brophey** (*Licensed until June 30, 2025*)
2. **Linda Clarke** (*Licensed until June 30, 2025*)
3. **Rob Farris** (*Licensed until June 30, 2025*)
4. **Peter Haddow** (*Licensed until June 30, 2025*)
5. **Elizabeth Henderson** (*Licensed until June 30, 2025*)
6. **Ron Holotok**
7. **Jennifer Moorlag** (*Licensed until June 30, 2025*)
8. **Brenda McLay** (*Licensed until June 30, 2025*)
9. **Frances Morris** (*Licensed until June 30, 2025*)
10. **Aaron Palmer** (*Licensed until June 30, 2026*)

11. **Linda Sarginson** (*Licensed until June 30, 2025*)
12. **John Sheridan** (*Licensed until June 30, 2025*)

Central – Sudbury

1. **Lorna Corzine** (*Licensed until June 30, 2024*)
2. **Jane Graham** (*Licensed until June 30, 2026*)
3. **David Chuipka** (*Licensed until June 30, 2026*)
4. **Shannon Duffus** (*Licensed until June 30, 2026*)
5. **Cindy Hebert** (*Licensed until June 30, 2026*)
6. **Marg Hiddleston** (*Licensed until June 30, 2026*)
7. **Ross Macleod** (*Licensed until June 30, 2026*)
8. **Faye Moffatt** (*Licensed until June 30, 2026*)
9. **Brian Mundell** (*Licensed until June 30, 2026*)
10. **Nancy Mundell** (*Licensed until June 30, 2026*)
11. **Judy Sears** (*Licensed until June 30, 2026*)
12. **Roger West** (*Licensed until June 30, 2025*)
13. **Dawn Yorke** (*Licensed until June 30, 2026*)

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.

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, Susan Peverley, Janice Frame, Peter Haddow and Jane Graham.

We held a LLWL education event with Kellie McComb about boundaries on February 25, 2023. We held a LLWL Check-in on Saturday, November 19, 2023.

In the fall of 2023, Kathy McCallum started a hybrid training for licensed lay worship leaders. The course includes both in person and zoom training. There are 12 people enrolled in the course. We are also very blessed to have within the boundaries of our region the On-line Licensed Lay Worship Leaders training program directed by Joy and George Bott. 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/>

Ministry and Personnel Wellness Team

One of the roles of the Pastoral Relations Minister and of the Pastoral Relations Commission is to support the “health, joy and excellence” of our ministry personnel. The following ministers serve as the Ministry Wellness Team along with Rob Smith our Pastoral Relations Minister; Ted Harrison, Erin Todd, Nancy Ferguson, Caitlin Smithers, and Kellie McComb the Canadian Shield and Shining Waters Regional Council Office of Vocation Minister. They are a great team. We have continued to offer quarterly zoom gatherings for Ministry Personnel.

- Advent Check-in with Peter Hartmans on December 7, 2022

- January Check-in with Janice MacLean on January 26, 2023
- “Getting to Your Why” with Kellie McComb on May 10, 2023
- Advent and Christmas Check-in with Erin Todd – November 16, 2023
- Preparing for Lent with the Rev. Dr. William Steadman – January 31, 2024.

We also partnered with Shining Waters regional council in November 2023 to host a in person retreat at Fern Resort in Orillia. Our speaker was Rebecca Simon-Peter who spoke about how to rebuild our churches after surviving the pandemic.

We also held a retreat at Willowgrove in Sault Ste. Marie May 2-3, 2024 prior to the Regional Meeting with The Rev. Dr. Andrew Richardson on the “Competencies of Collaborative Ministry.”