

## PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

When my predecessor, John Watson, wrote his report last year he spoke about passing the tiller of the ship to another. As a former merchant seaman, the nautical reference resonated with me, the ship has long been a metaphor for the church. While a small boat can be handled by a single person, a ship requires a crew to operate smoothly. We are blessed in Canadian Shield to have an excellent 'crew' in the Pastoral Relations Commission. The work of the commission is primarily about employment relationships—calls, appointments, retirements, changes in call or appointment and vetting calls and appointments for compliance with denominational policy. In addition to these employment issues, we are also responsible for licensing LLWLs and sacraments elders, and appointing pastoral charge supervisors.

The bulk of the report you will find below is a digest of actions we have undertaken over the past year. It was compiled by our staff support person the Rev. Rob Smith with assistance from our commission secretary Karen Gooch, and I thank them both for the great work they have done over the past year supporting the work of the Commission. I would also like to thank Rev. Todd MacDonald and Rev. Dale Hildebrandt who filled in as primary staff support while Rob was on sabbatical.

The Pastoral Relations ministry of the Region is an activity in which all members of the commission participate together. I cannot do my work apart from them and we can't do our work without all of you the representatives to Canadian Shield Regional Council. I would like to thank all who have given of their time to enable our ministry together: my colleagues on the Commission; those who have served as Pastoral Relations Liaisons and Pastoral Charge supervisors; our Licensed Lay Worship Leaders and the team who supports them; and our Sacraments Elders. Finally, I would like to thank our staff who are always there to assist me and the Commission as we do our work: Peter Hartmans, Rob Smith, Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Melody Duncanson-Hales, Calin Lau, Shawn Redden, Jody Maltby, Susan Whitehead, Celio de Andrade Santos Jr., Donna Rutz, Kathleen Jones and Meranda Mackenzie. It has been a privilege to work with all of you this past year.

Submitted in Christ's name,

The Rev. Stewart Walker, Chair, Pastoral Relations Commission, Canadian Shield Regional Council

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

## **Pastoral Relations Activity**

### **Since the Last Regional Council Meeting in May 2024 2024**

1. **St. Stephen's on the Hill, Sudbury, ON** – accepted the request for a change of pastoral relations from the Rev. Catherine Somerville effective December 31, 2024 due to retirement.
2. **Licensed Lay Worship Leaders** – we relicensed the following LLWLs Lori Van Santvoort-Jansekovich and Lorna Corzine effective July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2027.
3. **Wawa Pastoral Charge, Wawa, ON** – renewed the Sacraments Elder license of Lorna Chiupka until June 30, 2025.
4. **Trinity Pastoral Charge, Chapleau, ON** – renewed the Sacraments elder license of Susan Lindquist until June 30, 2025
5. **Trinity Pastoral Charge, Chapleau, ON** – renewed the Sacraments elder license of Tim Cecile until June 30, 2025
6. **Trinity Pastoral Charge, Capreol, ON** – approved the re-appointment of Pam Brown (Candidate) part time (20 hours) until August 31, 2025.
7. **St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge, Massey, ON** – renewed the Sacraments Elder license of May Cameron until June 30, 2025.
8. **Licensed Lay Worship Leaders** – we relicensed the following LLWLs; Cyndy Raby, George Bott, Vivian Hall, and John McDonald until June 30, 2027.
9. **St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge Sudbury, ON** – accepted the request to change pastoral relations from the Rev. David Legrand (OM) effective October 6, 2024.
10. **Magnetawan Shared Ministry, Magnetawan, ON** – accepted the request to change of pastoral relations from the Rev. Sylvia Poetschke (OM – ELCC) effective October 15, 2024.
11. **The Rev. Lawrence Muvunzi (OM)** was admitted into The United Church of Canada.
12. **Trinity Manitoulin Pastoral Charge, Mindemoya, ON** – renewed the appointment of Kim Inglis (Candidate) part time (20 hours) until June 30, 2025.
13. **Onaping Falls Pastoral Charge, Levak, ON** - approved the provisional appointment of Diane Tait (Ordinand) effective September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2028.
14. **The Rev. Diane Tait** – approved the ordination of Diane Tait on September 29, 2024 at Trinity, Lively, ON.
15. **Burks Falls Pastoral Charge, Burks Falls, ON** – approved the call of the Rev. Linda Newnham (OM) effective September 1, 2024.
16. **St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge, Sault Ste. Marie, ON** – approved the re-appointment of the Rev. David Zub (part-time – 12 hours) until January 31, 2025.
17. **St. Paul's Pastoral Charge, New Liskeard, ON** – approved the request to re-license Eleanor Katona and Bev Foley as sacraments elders.
18. **Licensed Lay Worship Leaders** – re-licensed the following LLWLs Lorna Chiupka, Cathy Bright, Shannon Duffus-Edmond, Wanda Wilding, Marie Rinne and Roger West.
19. **St. Paul's-Emmanuel Community Pastoral Charge, Englehart, ON** – approved the re-appointment of the Rev. Elaine Lush (OM – retired) (part-time 20 hours) until December 31, 2025.
20. **St. James in the Valley Pastoral Charge, Val Therese, ON** – approved the appointment of the Rev. David Legrand (part time 14 hours) from November 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

21. **St. Mark's Pastoral Charge, Sudbury, ON** – approved the appointment of the Rev. Kathryn Dahmer (OM) (part-time 20 hours) effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.
22. **St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge, Sudbury, ON** – approved the short-term appointment of the Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte (OM – retired) (full-time) effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.
23. **Trinity Pastoral Charge, Lively, ON and St. Stephen's on the Hill Pastoral Charge, Sudbury, ON** – approved shared ministry Personnel Agreement with the Rev. James Ko (OM) effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028.

## **2025**

24. **Licensed Lay Worship Leaders** – we relicensed the following people until June 30, 2027: Joy Bott, Robert Cosbey and Diana Hannaford-Wilcox.
25. **St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge, Sault Ste. Marie, ON** – approved the re-appointment of the Rev. David Zub (part-time 12 hours) effective February 1, 2025 until May 31, 2025
26. **St. Paul's Pastoral Charge, Temiscaming, QC** – re-appointed Glenda Woodbury as Sacraments elder until June 30, 2026.
27. **Broadway Pastoral Charge, Thunder Bay, ON** – re-appointed Lori Jansekovich as their sacraments elder until June 30, 2026.
28. **St. Paul's Pastoral Charge, Cochrane, ON** – re-appointed Christine Mitchell-Kydd as their sacraments elder until June 30, 2026.
29. **Licensed Lay Worship Leaders** – we relicensed the following people from the North Bay area until June 30, 2028: Linda Clarke, Rob Farris, Peter Haddow, Elizabeth Henderson, Brenda McLay, Jennifer Moorlag, Frances Morris, Aaron Palmer, Linda Sarginson and John Sheridan.

## **Pastoral Relations Liaisons**

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

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

This year we said goodbye to Mercedes Hughes. We give thanks for her faithful service as a pastoral relations liaison.

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 always looking for new liaisons. If you are interested, please let Rob know.

## **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. **Harmony, Thunder Bay, ON** – liaison is Jan Venton – currently discerning future ministry needs.
4. **Wawa Pastoral Charge, Wawa, ON** – liaison is Joy Galloway – currently searching for a part-time minister.
5. **Loring Pastoral Charge, Loring, ON** – liaison is Catherine Somerville – currently searching for a part-time minister
6. **Magnetawan Shared Ministry, Magnetawan, ON** – liaison is Catherine Somerville – currently searching for a full-time minister.
7. **Kapuskasing Pastoral Charge, Kapuskasing, ON** – liaison is Joy Galloway – currently searching for a part-time minister.
8. **St. Andrew's, North Bay, ON** – liaison is Catherine Somerville – currently in the process of discerning a provisional call.
9. **Trinity, Capreol, ON** – liaison is Mardi Mumford – currently discerning a provisional call.

### **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.

This year we have had a number of changes and a few of our longer-term supervisors have decided it is time to step back. We give thanks to the faithful service of Rick Thorne, Will Kunder, Aaron Palmer and Erwin Thompson. As a result, we have a number of pastoral charges who are currently without a supervisor. We are trying to discern what pastoral charge supervision looks like in a post ministry personnel context.

1. All People's Pastoral Charge, Sudbury, ON – Barbara Nott
2. Broadway Pastoral Charge, Thunder Bay, ON – Shane Judge
3. Trinity Pastoral Charge, Capreol, ON – student minister – Lynda Todd
4. Carmichael Pastoral Charge, North Bay, ON – Sandra Jenkinson
5. Central Algoma Church Community, Bruce Mines, ON – Stewart Walker
6. Chapleau Pastoral Charge, Chapleau, ON – Susan Lindquist
7. Cochrane: St. Paul's Pastoral Charge, Cochrane, ON – Bill Jones
8. Coniston: St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge, Coniston, ON – Stewart Walker
9. Echo Bay Pastoral Charge, Echo Bay, ON, - Bruce McLeish
10. Espanola Pastoral Charge, Espanola, ON – Whitney Bruno
11. Goulais River Pastoral Charge, Goulais River, ON – Laurie Stevenson
12. Harmony Pastoral Charge, Thunder Bay, ON – Steven Loweth
13. Hearst: St. Matthew's and St. Paul's Pastoral Charge – Bill Jones
14. Iroquois Falls Pastoral Charge, Iroquois Falls, ON – Diane Matheson-Jimenez

15. Kapuskasing Community Church Pastoral Charge, Kapuskasing, ON – Laura Hutchinson
16. Katrine Pastoral Charge, Katrine, ON – Fraser Williamson
17. Kirkland Lake Pastoral Charge, Kirkland Lake, ON – Elaine Lush
18. Loring Pastoral Charge, Loring, ON – John Sheridan
19. Marathon: St. John's Pastoral Charge, Marathon, ON – Jim Jackson
20. Massey Pastoral Charge, Massey, ON – Brian Bigelow
21. Matheson Pastoral Charge, Matheson – Elaine Lush
22. Mattawa-Rutherglen Pastoral Charge, Mattawa, ON – vacant
23. Mount Joy Pastoral Charge, Timmins, ON – Rob Galloway
24. Nipigon Pastoral Charge, Nipigon, ON – John Watson
25. Nipissing-Restoule Pastoral Charge, Nipissing, ON – Fraser Williamson
26. Phelps Pastoral Charge, Redbridge, ON – Ron Holotuk
27. Pinegrove Pastoral Charge, Rosslyn, ON – Christina Stricker
28. St. Andrews Pastoral Charge, North Bay, ON – Kathie Smith
29. St. Paul's Pastoral Charge, New Liskeard, ON – Peter Haddow
30. Sturgeon Falls Pastoral Charge, Sturgeon Falls, ON – Gordon Roberts
31. St. Paul's Pastoral Charge, Temiscaming, QC – Lillian Roberts
32. Thessalon Pastoral Charge, Thessalon, ON – Jane Graham
33. Trinity Pastoral Charge, Thunder Bay, ON – Christina Stricker
34. Trinity Pastoral Charge, Manitoulin, ON – Melody Duncanson-Hales
35. Val D'Or Pastoral Charge, Val D'Or, QC – Elaine Lush
36. Wawa Pastoral Charge, Wawa ON – Helen Smith

### **Sacraments Elders**

#### **Licensed Until June 30, 2026**

1. Maxine Dale – St. Andrew's, Coniston, ON
2. Glenda Woodbury – St. Paul's, Temiscaming, QC
3. Lori Jansekovich – Broadway, Thunder Bay, ON
4. Christine Mitchell-Kydd – St. Paul's, Cochrane, ON

#### **Licensed Until June 30, 2025**

*(Please fill out the on-line form if you wish these folks to continue as your sacraments elders.)*

#### [Sacraments Elder Application Form | Canadian Shield](#)

1. May Cameron – St. Andrew's, Massey
2. Mona Campbell, All People's, Sudbury
3. Tim Cecile – Trinity, Chapleau
4. Marlene Chuipka – All People's, Sudbury
5. Susan Jansson – St. Matthew's and St. Paul's Anglican/United Church, Hearst.
6. Kerttu Ladouceur – St. Matthew's and St. Paul's Anglican/United Church, Hearst
7. Susan Lindquist – Trinity, Chapleau
8. Diane Rust – Mountjoy, Timmins
9. Kathie Smith – St. Andrew's, Sturgeon Falls
10. Judy Tomlin – Hillview, New Liskeard
11. 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 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 (Licensed until June 30, 2027)**

- 1. George Bott**
- 2. Joy Bott**
- 3. Cathy Bright**
- 4. Lorna Chuipka**
- 5. Robert Cosbey**
- 6. Vivian Hall**
- 7. Diane Hannaford-Wilcox**
- 8. John McDonald**
- 9. Cyndy Raby**
- 10. Lori Van Santvoort-Jansekovich**
- 11. Wanda Wilding**

#### **East – North Bay and Area (Licensed until June 30, 2028)**

- 1. Linda Clarke**
- 2. Rob Farris**
- 3. Peter Haddow**
- 4. Elizabeth Henderson**
- 5. Ron Holotok**
- 6. Jennifer Moorlag**
- 7. Brenda McLay**
- 8. Frances Morris**
- 9. Aaron Palmer**
- 10. Linda Sarginson**
- 11. John Sheridan**

#### **Central – Sudbury – Licensed until June 30, 2026**

- 1. Gail Cronin**
- 2. Jane Graham**
- 3. David Chuipka**
- 4. Cindy Hebert**
- 5. Marg Hiddleston**
- 6. Ross Macleod**
- 7. Faye Moffatt**
- 8. Brian Mundell**
- 9. Nancy Mundell**

## **10. Judy Sears**

## **11. Dawn Yorke**

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.

On October 19, 2024 we offered an on-line workshop on writing prayers and choosing music by Alydia Smith for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders.

The Rev. Kathleen McCallum has been teaching a hybrid LLWL training course. The final in-person session will be held at Villa Loyal in May 2025. Twelve students have participated in the 2-year course. A special thank you to Kathleen for organizing and teaching the course.

### **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 partnered with Shining Waters regional council in September 2024 to host a in person retreat at Fern Resort in Orillia. Seven of our ministers attended the 3-day event.

We invited the Rev. Dr. Andrew Richardson to offer a follow up on-line conversation about the competencies for collaborative ministry. He had led us in a similar conversation at our Ministry Personnel Retreat in May of 2024 at Sault Ste. Marie.

We are in the midst of planning a retreat at Villa Loyola in Sudbury, June 12-13, 2025, just before the Festival of Faith. Our facilitators are Todd and Ruth McDonald. We encourage all ministry personnel active and retired to join us.