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Holy Manners*

- Keep God at the center of everything we do
- Ensure that everyone has what they need in order to fully participate
- Speak for ourselves
- Speak for a purpose
- Separate people from problems
- Allow for full and equitable participation
- Listen carefully without interruption
- Welcome the conflict of ideas
- Take a future orientation
- Demonstrate appreciation
- Honour the decisions of the body
- Commit to holding one another to account when we do not keep our holy manners
- Keep the discussion at the table
- Watch our body language
- Check in about good use of time
- Provide a process for allowing the quiet people to speak, with an invitation to speak
- Sincerely say what we really feel

* The phrase “holy manners” comes from *Behavioural Covenants in Congregations* by Gil Rendle. United Church Moderator Marion Parry made extensive use of the term during her time as moderator. There are a number of versions of “holy manners”.

Accessibility Statements:

We want to ensure that accessibility needs are met and that everyone can hear, see and communicate effectively. Is there anything we need to know or do so everyone can participate fully? Tell us of any difficulties you may face participating today.

For participants who have difficulty with accessibility concerns as they relate to a conference call, please check with your phone service provider for options which they support.

Bell: http://www.bell.ca/Accessibility_services

Mission Statement

Called to serve all in the name of Jesus Christ, Northern Waters Presbytery in Toronto Conference will work in an inclusive way to build connection and community by encouraging and challenging the congregations and people of our area.

Statement of Commitment

In fulfilling our mission, Northern Waters Presbytery strives at all times to provide its programs and services in a way that respects the dignity and independence of people with disabilities. We are also committed to giving people with disabilities the same opportunity to access our programs and services and allowing them to benefit from the same services, in the same place, and in a similar way as other participants.

Quorum

Quorum for all Executive and Commission meetings shall be two thirds (2/3rds) of the voting membership. (140429 Exec)

10:00 a.m. St. John's United Church, Alliston

Present: Joyce MacKinnon, Linda Thompson, Judy Chalmers, Rev. Dennis Posno, Rev. Kent Ward, Ann Harbridge, DLM, Patti Rodgers, DLM.

Regrets: Rev. Jeff Werner, Janet Iles.

Staff Support: Rev. John Neff (CPrM)

Welcome

Constitution of the Court

Chair, Rev. Dennis Posno began with, 'In the name of Jesus the Christ, the only head of our church, I constitute this meeting of the executive of Northern Waters Presbytery in Toronto Conference for any business that may properly come before it'.

Devotions

– Reading poems/prayers from *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth* by Walter Brueggemann; one related to Jeremiah 25 and one related to Pentecost.

Opening Motions:

- 1) Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Ann Harbridge, DLM / Joyce MacKinnon that the agenda for the May 17, 2016 meeting of the Executive of Northern Waters Presbytery be accepted as circulated with permission to adjust as needed.

MOTION Carried

- 2) Approval of the minutes from the January 18, 2016 Executive Meeting

MOTION by Linda Thompson / Judy Chalmers that the Executive of Northern Waters Presbytery approve the minutes of the meeting held January 18, 2016 as circulated.

MOTION Carried

- 3) Approval of the minutes from the April 5, 2016 Executive Meeting

MOTION by Ann Harbridge, DLM / Joyce MacKinnon that the Executive of Northern Waters Presbytery approve the minutes of the meeting held April 5, 2016 as circulated.

MOTION Carried

Correspondence

1. Letter from St. Paul's United Church, Midland
The letter of thanks was acknowledged and received with appreciation.
2. Five Oaks Request
The letter was acknowledged. Chairperson, Rev. Dennis Posno will send a letter in response.

Business Arising from the Meeting Minutes

- 1) Consultation on stewardship.
There is a new package about stewardship coming out soon. They are going to plan a stewardship workshop Conference wide.
- 2) Becoming an Affirming presbytery
Rev. Kent Ward will prepare a statement for the June presbytery meeting indicating we are not able to pursue this at the present time due to a lack of resources and time.
- 3) Remits
Reviewed the Remit Overview Prezi.
We will try to bring forward a vote for some of the Remits at the June meeting? Remit 5 and 7 and possibly 8.
Will ask Caledon village to provide 3 scrutineers if possible. If not counts will happen after all voting is done.
- 4) New Presbyter orientation
Will invite new presbyters to have lunch with the chairperson. Q & A time.
- 5) Moderator's visit
At the Chairs and Secretaries meeting some concern was expressed around the length of the day of the planned moderators visit; the cost for workshops. The date may change from October 2017 to November 2017. Ann Harbridge, DLM, Rev. Kerrie Perry and Rev. Dennis Posno will continue to update.

Reports and Motions

- 1) Commission reports –
 - a) Education & Students (Rev. Jeff Werner)
No Report. Next meeting is June 2, 2016
 - b) Program (Patti Rodgers, DLM, or Janet Jones)
 - Program Commission has not met since last executive meeting. Next meeting is June 1, 2016.
 - Marking the 30th anniversary of the apology to First Nations.
 - Looking into a Social Justice staff position.
 - Will be exploring alternative forms of meeting
 - c) Governance (Rev. Kent Ward)
Next meeting is June 9, 2016 in Owen Sound. Will be talking about Faith Books Plus and our relationship with this book room.
 - d) CLC (Ann Harbridge, DLM)
 - Are still being challenged to meet the needs of congregations with current volunteer base.
 - Have had 3 Cooperative Innovative Ministry consultations. There will be one more in June 2016. There is interest by a number of congregations to continue talks about possibilities moving forward.

- Are looking at process and best practices around churches we know are having challenges/conflict. (E.g. listening teams before a review).

e) TC Executive
 No Report

f) Nominations

MOTION by Ann Harbridge, DLM / Patti Rodgers, DLM, that the Executive of Northern Waters Presbytery

- i. appoint Marg Krauter as a member of Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation (PTCC) for a 3 year term from 2016-2019;
- ii. appoint Thom McDonough to the Congregational Life Commission.

MOTION

Carried

g) Agenda Planning
 Meeting May 17, 2016

New Business:

1) TC AGM Voting Privileges

MOTION by Linda Thompson / Judy Chalmers that in accordance with Section D.1.2(d) of The Manual, Northern Waters Presbytery elects (names of individuals) Appendix A, as persons eligible to attend the 92nd annual meeting of Toronto Conference 2016 as voting members.

MOTION

Carried

2) Survey request from Richard Bott (email 160413)

The Executive decided not to promote the survey distribution.

3) Additional meal funds collected at Wasaga Beach

Since there was an error in collecting money for meals at the last presbytery meeting (\$10 charged instead of \$5)

MOTION by Ann Harbridge, DLM / Joyce MacKinnon that the Executive of Northern Waters Presbytery donate the excess meal income from the April plenary meeting to Mission and Service Fund.

MOTION

Carried

4) Pastoral Relations Request

MOTION by Linda Thompson / Joyce MacKinnon that the Executive of Northern Waters Presbytery affirms the action of the chairs of the Executive, Congregational Life Commission and Governance Commission on a pastoral relations matter.

MOTION

Carried

5) Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) application information and applications.

a. We have three applicants for the PROK exchange:

Cris Pagett, Mary Elizabeth Piercy, DM, Rev. Kerrie Perry.

MOTION by Ann Harbridge, DLM / Judy Chalmers that the Executive of Northern Waters Presbytery affirms the Northern Waters Presbytery applicants; Cris Pagett, Mary Elizabeth Piercy, DM, Rev. Kerrie Perry, for the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) exchange.

MOTION

Carried

b. We are responsible for costs. How are we going to arrange this?

The Governance commission is tasked with arranging for the availability of funds.

Next meeting:

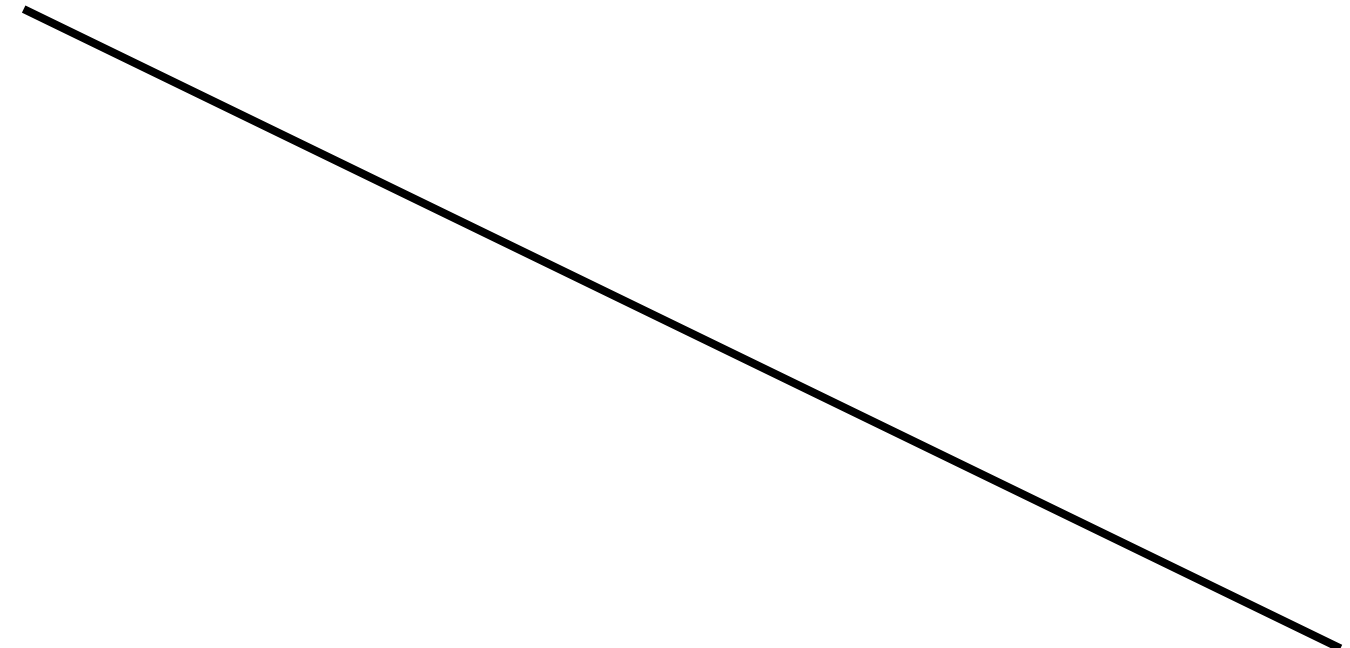
June 15, 2016 10:00 am, Northern Waters Presbytery Office
Opening devotions – Ann Harbridge, DLM

Benediction:

Offered by Rev. Dennis Posno.

Rev. Dennis Posno, Chair

Rev. John Neff, Recording Secretary



Appendices

Appendix A

Patti Agnew
Audrey Archer
Joanne Avison
Annette Beausaert
Christina Beirnes
Elaine Bilton
Janice Bramham
Marina Brown
Wayne Bryant
Judy Chalmers
John Corrigan
Nell Crathern
Joanne Davis
Carol de Winter
Beverly DelGuidice
Milne Dick
Barbara Downie
Virginia East
Ed Elliotson
Donna Elliot-Sled
June Everton
Shirley Farnell
Eleanor Firth
Jackie Fiske
Kaye French
Mike Hammond
Carolyn Harding
Mary Hawthorne
Violet Hill
Shari Hopkins
Nancy Hopkinson
Greta Horton
Janet Iles
Frances Johnston
Margaret Johnston
Rosemary Johnston
Lynn Kiddle
Ken King
Marg Krauter
George Leck

Ray Lisk
Marion Locke
Muriel Lush
Joyce MacKinnon
Wendy May
Mary McBride
Wendy McCauley
Patrick McDonough
Thom McDonough
Penny McKay
Mary McKeen
Doreen McLean
Betty Morrison
Ed Neelands
Marian Noble
George Norris
Sharon Norton
Richard Oliver
Mary Ellen Parsons
Kim Posno
Edith Preston
Doug Reid
Frank Reid
Mary Schoenhardt
Monica Scott
Sue Scottinwood
Carl Spencer
Andy Spiece
Penny Squirrell
Pat Steer
Cindy Storey
Barbara Swan-Wolf
June Switzer
Linda Thompson
Shirley Thompson
Robert Tite
Nina Townsend
Susan Turner
Mary Louise Twining
Wayne Van Dyke

Cassie Vermeer-Korittko
Fern Wardlaw
Edna Wright

Youth at Conference:

Josh Blair (Georgian Shores)
Cris Pagett (Knox, Durham)
Didier Rousseau (Georgian Shores)