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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 Pardy made extensive use of the term during her time as moderator. There are a number of versions of “holy manners”.

### Accessibility Statements:

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

10:00 a.m. Conference Call

Present: Rev. Jeffrey Werner, Rev. Major Neil Parker, Joyce MacKinnon, Muriel Lush, Kim Posno, Rev. Tessica Hackshaw

Regrets: Rev. Diane Dier, Mary McBride

Absent:

## Welcome

### Constituting the Meeting:

The Chair declared that in the name of Jesus Christ, Sovereign and Hero of the Church, and by our presence, this Commission meeting of Northern Waters Presbytery is open for the business coming before this Court.

### Check-in time:

Sun is shining (tomorrow is Candlemas). Muriel Lush invited us to Wiarton to see Willy tomorrow morning. Ralph Milton has a new "Welcome to the United Church" book available.

### Opening Worship:

Rev. Jeff Werner offered a reflection on Candlemas. Muriel Lush reflected on the Sunday evening massacre at the Mosque in Quebec City. There is a Mosque in Owen Sound, where flowers were left recently. Prayers are being offered this evening at the Mosque.

### Opening Motions:

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Joyce MacKinnon / Kim Posno that the agenda be accepted.

MOTION Carried

Approval of the January 18, 2017 Commission Minutes

MOTION by Muriel Lush / Joyce MacKinnon, that the Education & Students Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery approves the minutes of January 18, 2017 as circulated.

MOTION Carried

No motion for Correspondence List at this time.

### New Business:

Palgrave United Church SME 208

MOTION by Kim Posno / Muriel Lush that Northern Waters Presbytery approve the SME 208 application from Palgrave Pastoral Charge.

MOTION Carried

The Educational Supervisor in support of the Palgrave application is Rev. Linda Butler, approved at our January 18, 2017 meeting. We offer responses to the learning site, opportunities, supervisor.

## Nobleton-Schomberg SME 208

MOTION by Joyce MacKinnon / Rev. Tessica Hackshaw that Northern Waters Presbytery approve the SME 208 application from Nobleton-Schomberg Local Ministry Unit.

MOTION Carried

MOTION by Muriel Lush / Joyce MacKinnon, that Northern Waters Presbytery approve Rev. Jean Leckie as the educational supervisor in support of the Nobleton-Schomberg LMU SME 208 application.

MOTION Carried

## Cheltenham SME 208

MOTION by Rev. Neil Parker / Rev. Tessica Hackshaw that Northern Waters Presbytery approve the SME 208 application from Cheltenham Local Ministry Unit.

MOTION Carried

Rev. Jeff Werner left the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Rev. Neil Parker.

MOTION by Kim Posno / Joyce MacKinnon, that Northern Waters Presbytery approve Rev. Jeffrey Werner as the educational supervisor in support of the Cheltenham LMU SME 208 application.

MOTION Carried

**Orientation event(s)**

– Rev. Neil Parker asks that Badjeros & Creemore-New Lowell be included in an orientation meal (March)

**Check-ins:**

As it had been only 2 weeks since the previous meeting, we dispensed with this item.

**Licensed Lay Worship Leadership:**

Plan for license renewals (July 1 2017 to June 30, 2018)

**Dates of Future Meetings and Devotions:**

May 3 at 10:15 (to be confirmed) Face to face, interview 1.

**Closing Prayer and Benediction:**

Motion to Adjourn: Rev. Neil Parker moved that the business of the meeting being accomplished, we adjourn.

**Prayer:**

Rev. Neil Parker concluded with a blessing prayer.

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 Rev. Jeff Werner, Chair

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