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Holy Manners*

- Keep God at the center of everything we do
- 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:

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.

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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.

10:30 a.m., #5 - 19 Reddington Dr, Palgrave, ON

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

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:

Rev. Neil Parker totaled his vehicle on a snowy road recently. He is doing well. Blanket Exercise being done at Grace UC., Thornbury. Mary continues tutoring & teaching.

Opening Worship:

We told the Easter story together. A selection from Living in Peace by Kennon Callahan was read.

Opening Motions:

- 1) Approval of Agenda:
MOTION by Joyce MacKinnon / Kim Posno, that the agenda be accepted.

MOTION Carried.
- 2) Approval of the [February 1, 2017](#) & [April 10, 2017](#) Commission Minutes
MOTION by Muriel Lush / Rev. Neil Parker, that the Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery approves the minutes of Feb 1, 2017 and April 10, 2017 as circulated.

MOTION Carried

Student Reviews –

- 1) Janet Jones
– Ordination Gift? Ordination May 27, 2017. File to be taken to office after ordination.
Motion by Joyce MacKinnon / Rev. Neil Parker, that the Education & Students Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery give Janet Jones a \$75 gift card to Faith Books Plus as an ordination gift from the Presbytery.

MOTION Carried
- 2) Anita Rowland
– Will be due for Annual interview (CAN 205), reappointment (203b). Will this be the final interview in late August / early September?
- 3) Michael Henkel
– Michael was to meet with us for his annual (semi) interview, for renewal of candidacy, for agreement to reappoint. Michael sent regrets. No further information available.

Motion by Rev. Neil Parker / Joyce MacKinnon, that whereas Michael Henkel is not offering times to meet with the Education & Students Commission for renewal of candidacy status, and to the best of our knowledge has not achieved the measure of success for his educational process that we had set for him (enrollment in a CAPE unit at Grey-Bruce), that we not continue his status as a candidate for ordained ministry, effective June 30, 2017.

MOTION

Carried

One Abstention – Muriel Lush.

Licensed Lay Worship Leaders:

Barb Downie, Ed Elliotson, David Forbes, Muriel Lush, Sue Scottinwood, Penny Squirrel, Lorna Bywater. Presentation of certificates on June 20, 2017.

1) Motions to renew the licenses of LLWL's:

MOTION by Mary McBride / Kim Posno, that Northern Waters Presbytery approve Barb Downie / Ed Elliotson / David Forbes / Muriel Lush / Sue Scottinwood / Penny Squirrel / Lorna Bywater as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

MOTION

Carried

Education & Students budget to cover the lunch for LLWLs at the June meeting.

Countryside SME 208:

MOTION by Joyce MacKinnon / Rev. Diane Dier, that Northern Waters Presbytery approve the SME 208 application from Countryside Pastoral Charge.

MOTION

Carried

MOTION by Rev. Tessica Hackshaw / Muriel Lush, that Northern Waters Presbytery approve Rev. Linda Butler as the educational supervisor in support of the Countryside LMU SME 208 application.

MOTION

Carried

Possible Site Visits:

Palgrave, Nobleton-Schomberg, Cheltenham, Badjeros, Creemore-New Lowell.
 Possible future site visits: Countryside. Westminster: Orangeville.

Ed Supervisors:

Rev. Linda Butler, Rev. Bev Irwin, Rev. Kristal McGee, Rev. Fran Ota,
 Rev. David Shearman, Rev. Jeff Werner, Rev. Maj. Neil Parker

Discernment Processes:

- Bolton – Concluded, with thanks to Rev. Jonathan Vickers, Joyce MacKinnon

- Westminster: Orangeville – Concluding, thanks to Rev’s J. Werner, Tessica Hackshaw
- Tottenham-Rich Hill – (Kim Posno / Linda Butler)
- Possible discernment, WM at CIUC. (Rev. Brian Goodings? / 1 E & S person?)
- Commending to Continued Lay Ministry resource developed in response to request.

Leadership Transition

Discussion about a possible Chairperson, and particular vision.

Dates of Future Meetings and Devotions:

Annual Interview – Meeting with Anita Rowland, late August or early September.

Closing Prayer and Benediction:

Motion to Adjourn: Kim Posno, declared the meeting thankfully accomplished and adjourned.

Benediction

Rev. Major Neil Parker offered a prayer and grace, blending Buddhist & Christian practices.

Rev. Jeff Werner, Chair

Mary McBride, Recording Secretary