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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:

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 the Congregational Life Commission meetings shall be 50% of the voting membership. (160405 (Exec))

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

Present: Carolyn Harding, Rev. Felicia Urbanski, Marg Krauter, Rev. Fran Ota,
Ann Harbridge, DLM, Rev. Bruce Gregersen, Thom McDonough, Rev. Linda Butler

Regrets: Rev. Ross Leckie, David Forbes

Absent: Rev. Norm Munroe, Keith Lockhart, DLM.

Staff Support: Rev. John Neff, Conference Program Minister (CPrM)

Welcome & Constituting the Meeting:

Ann Harbridge, DLM, constituted the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ for all business properly brought before it.

Opening Worship:

Rev. Fran Ota. Will be done at end.

Opening Motions:

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Thom McDonough / Rev. Felicia Urbanski that the agenda be accepted as amended.

MOTION Carried

Approval of the [June 8, 2018](#) Congregational Life Commission Minutes

MOTION by Carolyn Harding / Marg Krauter that the Congregational Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery approves the minutes of [June 8, 2018](#) as circulated.

MOTION Carried

Correspondence:

None

Business Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes:

1. Inglewood UC
Conference sub-Executive is awaiting clarification on the quit claim before making any decisions regarding the review.

2. TUCC proposal
MOTION by Rev. Bruce Gregersen / Marg Krauter that the Congregational Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery is in support of this project in principle. There is a recognition that there are limited funds available to presbytery. The Congregational Life Commission asks the Governance Commission to see if there are some funds available to support this project. The Congregational Life Commission suggests that this project from TUCC include a large catchment including multiple regions.

MOTION Carried

3. Annesley UC, Markdale – Request for use of manse funds.

MOTION by Rev. Linda Butler / Carolyn Harding that the Congregational Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery approve the use of \$25,000 from the manse fund with no plan for repayment and require a financial plan showing how Annesley United Church, Markdale is going to break the cycle of yearly deficits and needed draws from capital.

MOTION

Carried

4. Branding Workshops

– No update

5. Clustering

It will be important moving forward to identify areas in our presbytery that might represent natural clusters.

Reports:

1. Update from Settlement and Pastoral Relations Representative

June....

- ... St. James United Church (Elmvale), Margaret Jordan, ordained minister, called July 1, 2018, full time
- ... Monticello Pastoral Charge, Anita Rowland, diaconal minister called July 1, 2018, part time based on 10 hours per week
- ... Ballinafad United Church, Felicia Urbanski, ordained minister, called July 1, 2018, part time based on 15 hours per
- ... Wasaga Beach United Church, Keith Lockhart, designated lay minister, renewal appointment beginning July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021, part time 30 hours per week.
- ... Chatsworth –Massie Pastoral Charge, reappoints Kara McCluskie, designated lay minister, July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, part time 24 hours per week.
- ... Holland Centre United Church, reappoints Deborah McKellar, retired diaconal minister, July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, 10 hours per week.
- ... Trinity United Church (Grand Valley), reappoints Ingrid Remkins, diaconal minister, July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, 20 hours per week (pastoral charge asked to turn this into a call)
- ... Bolton United Church, reappoints Eleanor Scarlett, ordained minister, beginning July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, 30 hours per week (while pastoral charge completes some tasks).
- ... First United Church (Owen Sound), reappoints Joy Wagler, designated lay minister, July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, 16 hours per week.

Retained on the Roll ... July 2018 – June 2019

- ... John Niles, ordained minister, a chaplain with the Canadian Armed Forces.
- ... Mary Elizabeth Piercy, diaconal minister in search of a call or appointment.
- Change in pastoral relations...
- ...Shawn Ankenmann, Flesherton-Eugenia Pastoral Charge, effective December 31, 2018
- ... Audrey Brown, Annesley United Church (Markdale), effective June 30, 2018

- ... Hyuk Cho, Trinity United Church (Acton), effective July 31, 2018.

Transfers within Conference

- ... Audrey Brown, ordained minister, from Northern Waters Presbytery to Living Waters Presbytery, July 1, 2018.
- Transfer between Conferences
- ... Hyuk Cho, ordained minister, from Northern Waters Presbytery in Toronto Conference, to Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery

New Business:

1. Approval of Bruce Peninsula Companion Cluster Covenant

MOTION by Marg Krauter / Thom McDonough that the Congregational Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery approve the Bruce Peninsula Companion Cluster Covenant and give thanks for the work and openness in this cluster arrangement.

MOTION

Carried

2. Trinity UC, Beeton – TC 425 MAP

MOTION by Rev. Linda Butler / Rev. Felicia Urbanski that the Congregational Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery receive for information the Ministry Articulation Profile (TC 425 MAP) from Trinity United Church, Beeton.

MOTION

Carried

The Congregational Life Commission encourages the document to be filled out more fully.

3. Pastoral charge supervisors

- a. Kilsyth / Keady-North Derby – deferred. Ann to make inquiries.
- b. Annesley UC Markdale – deferred. Ann to make inquiries.
- c. Waverley United Church – disbandment proposal

The Congregational Life Commission has already declared Waverley United Church (180327) disbanded as of June 30, 2018 and that the church property will be surplus and distributed according to the Toronto Conference policy. Further to that decision the following motion is made:

MOTION by Thom McDonough / Carolyn Harding that the Congregational Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery approve the following proposal as part of the terms of the disbandment of Waverley United Church:

- that whatever monies are left in the bank account as of June 30, 2018 be split equally between North Simcoe Hospice, St. Paul's United Church, Midland general fund and St. Paul's, Midland hand bell choir.
- and that the Congregational Life Commission give thanks to the Trustees for their hard work.

MOTION

Carried

d. Walters Falls United Church – disbandment proposal

MOTION by Rev. Fran Ota / Rev. Linda Butler that the Congregational Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery approve the following as terms of the disbandment of Walters Falls United Church

- All expenses (such as presbytery assessments, salaries, commitments to central treasury, care and sale of property) be paid before disbursements;
- As much as possible the CLC will concur with the proposal offered by Walters Falls United Church. As such it agrees to the disbursement of 25% of the remaining capital. Recognizing disbursements can only be given to registered charities the Congregational Life commission approves the following disbursements:
 - 40% to Chapman House Hospice
 - 30% to three local cemeteries if they are charitable organizations (10% to each: Walters Falls, Temple Hill, McLean's) and plaques to be erected recognizing the donation from the 10%.
 - 20% to the Walters Falls Community Centre for accessibility upgrades. The CLC understand that 10% cannot be given to Walters Falls Community Church as it is not a registered charity.
 - 10% to Temple Hill United Church, the sister church in the pastoral charge;
- In addition, the CLC designates 50% of the remaining funds to be given to Temple Hill United Church for their ongoing ministry;
- The rest of the remaining funds to be disbursed according tot the Toronto Conference policy;

and

- Walters Falls transfer all the funds to the central treasury prior to June 30, 2018 and close all of their financial accounts;

and

- that the Congregational Life Commission give thanks to the Trustees of Walters Falls for their hard work.

MOTION

Carried

Thanks to Thom McDonough and Rev. Maj. Neil Parker for their diligent work with Walters Falls and Temple Hill.

4. Trillium Pastoral Charge

– Adjala property transference to historical society

The Congregational Life Commission would like to have some questions answered before proceeding:

- What is the rationale for wanting the conveyance?

- What are the terms of the Watson Trust Agreement and how will it be affected by the conveyance?
 - Does there have to be a transfer of the Watson Trust agreement along with the property?
 - What are the financial statements of Adjala ministry site of Trillium United Church
5. Chatsworth/Massie Pastoral Charge
– an update was given. The Pastoral Charge Supervisor is attempting to have coverage for the pulpit.
 6. Wasaga Beach Plan of Organization
MOTION by Rev. Fran Ota / Rev. Bruce Gregersen that the Congregational Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery approve the Plan of Organization of the Wasaga Beach United Church.
MOTION Carried
 7. Salem United Church – Update
They are working toward a disbandment date between mid- October and December 2018
 8. United Fresh Start
- module was presented to Creemore and New Lowell churches.

Closing Prayer and Benediction:

Rev. Fran Ota offered the morning reflection (which was delayed). Refugees in the news and perspective of Jesus as a refugee child when they fled. Read a poem entitled “Eat the Rich (A Waiter Recites the Specials for Sarah Huckabee Sanders) by Robert Chancey

Next meeting:

September 25, 2018, or at the call of the acting chair, Rev. Bruce Gregersen. Worship: Rev. Bruce Gregersen (Ann gone from July 1 – November 1, 2018)

Future Meeting Dates:

4th Tuesday of the month unless otherwise notified. 10:00 am at the presbytery office.

Ann Harbridge, DLM, Chair

Rev. John Neff, Recording Secretary