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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.

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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

Quorum be set at 50% for the Commissions and that quorum be set at 66.67% (2/3rds) for the Northern Waters Executive. 160405 (Exec)

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

Present: Margaret Krauter, Judy Chalmers, Janet Iles, Rev. Kent Ward, Cassie Vermeer-Korittko, Rev. Dennis Posno, Rev. Neil Parker.

Regrets: Rev. Bruce Gregersen

Staff: Rev. John Neff, Rev. Kerrie Perry,

Corresponding Member: Mary McKeen, Rev. Cathy Hird (by phone for first part of meeting)

Welcome

All were welcomed by chair, Margaret Krauter.

Constitution of the Court:

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

Each shared highlights of the summer. Prayer by Margaret Krauter.

Opening Motions:

- 1) Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rev. Kent Ward / Judy Chalmers that the agenda for the September 13, 2018 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 [June 5, 2018](#) Executive Meeting

MOTION by Judy Chalmers / Rev. Kent Ward that the Executive of Northern Waters Presbytery approve the minutes of the meeting held [June 5, 2018](#) as circulated.

MOTION

Carried

- 3) Correspondence –
 - a) PTCC
 - b) Jody Maltby

Business Arising from the Meeting Minutes

none

Reports and Motions

- 1) Nominations (Rev. Cathy Hird) re PTTC
– PTTC has requested that terms for Directors and Members be extended. We need one more member to be from Region 8. Mary McKeen's term as a director goes to 2020; Rev. Kent Ward goes to June 2019; Margaret Krauter and Betty Morrison's terms go to June 2019 as members. PTCC wants them in place for January 2019. - Mary Ellen Parsons is willing to serve as a member.

**Northern Waters Presbytery
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MOTION by Rev. Dennis Posno / Janet Iles that the Executive of Northern Waters Presbytery recommend to Northern Waters Presbytery the appointment of Rev. Kent Ward as a director (3 year) to PTCC extending his term until June 2021 and Betty Morrison and Margaret Krauter extending their terms for 3 years until June 2021. Mary Ellen Parson as Member (3 yr) of PTCC until the end of 2022.

MOTION

Carried

- 2) Education & Students (Rev. Neil Parker)
They are still trying to work out the transition to the Office of Vocation. There are interviews to be done.
- 3) Program (Cassie Vermeer-Korittko)
No recent meetings; Rev. Kerrie Perry update: Cassie is doing worship at the next Presbytery meeting with other GC43 commissioners. Women's Ministry will meet September 26 and have invited representatives from the new regions; Evolve event and Niagara Event are coming up. Northern Waters Presbytery is teaming with Living Waters for Niagara. For Evolve they are reviewing applications as they come in with their references. Return of funds from float for Rendez-vous is to be applied to Niagara trip.
- 4) Governance (Rev. Kent Ward)
They haven't had a meeting. Some grant requests are being received. They will not have to prepare a budget. Mission Support requests will be forwarded to Toronto Conference office.
A discussion was held re the letter received from PTCC. The proposal received from Charles Donley, President indicated that Region 8 would be the successor to Northern Waters. Our directors will check to see who is to make the necessary motions.
- 5) CLC (Ann Harbridge, DLM)
Rev. Bruce Gregersen is the acting chair. Rev. John Neff provided an update. They are preparing information for both Region 10 and 8. re motions about each pastoral charge to provide background information. They are working with congregations that are going through challenging transitions and there are some ministers on restorative care.
- 6) TC Executive (Rev. Thérèse Samuel; Ed Elliotson; Rev. Kristal McGee)
Thérèse and Kristal attended the Executive meeting yesterday.
- 7) Agenda Planning (Rev. John Neff)
We reviewed the agendas for the September 29 meeting at Caledon Village and the November 3 meeting at Alliston.
At the September 29 meeting, General Council Commissioners will do the worship and in the afternoon, they will present reports.
November 3rd. is the last meeting of Northern Waters Presbytery with registration at 1:30p.m. and will begin at 2 p.m. at St. John's Alliston. There will be some business followed by the speaker closing worship and recognition of staff and presbyters. Dinner is at 5:00 p.m. and the day is finished after dinner. Invitations will be through the newsletter. Regional information re Regions 8 and 10 should go out to all in Northern Waters Presbytery – Recognition – Marg Krauter will look after staff recognition and Rev. Dennis Posno will help her. – Rev. Kerrie Perry and Marg look after recognition of presbyters.

New Business:

- 1) Region 8 and 10 Update
 - region 8 meeting regularly, staff is in place, talking about getting information out. Region 8 is having an informal gathering October 20 in Mount Forest. The first annual meeting will be the last weekend in May at the Unifor Centre, Port Elgin. Region 8 working well together as all new, common interests. Region 8 office in Hamilton Conference as it is owned by the church. Others are in rented spaces. Staff will go out
 - Region 10 has had 3 meeting. Most staff has been named. The office is still not decided; Indigenous churches still deciding where they wish to be
- 2) Recognition of NW Staff

Next meeting:

At the call of the chair either at Northern Waters Presbytery Office or by conference call

Benediction:

Rev. Dennis Posno closed with prayer.

Marg Krauter, Chair

Janet Iles, Secretary