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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:**

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

10:00 a.m., Conference Call

**Present:** David Forbes, Marg Krauter, Rev. Bruce Gregersen, Rev. Fran Ota, Thom McDonough, Ann Harbridge, DLM.

**Absent:** Keith Lockhart, DLM, Rev. Felicia Urbanski, Carolyn Harding, Rev. Ross Leckie, Rev. Norm Munroe, Rev. Linda Butler,

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

**Welcome & Constituting the Meeting:**

Rev. Bruce Gregersen constituted the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ for all business properly brought before it.

**Opening Thoughts / Prayer:**

Rev. Bruce Gregersen led prayer. Process theology and God in relationship. God who calls the best out of us. In our work we are part of the dance of God calling the congregations to be the best they can be.

**Opening Motions:**

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Marg Krauter / Rev. Fran Ota that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

MOTION

Carried

**New Business:**

1. Annesley UC, Markdale – Declaration of Vacancy

MOTION by Thom McDonough / David Forbes that the Congregational Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery receive for information the Demographic, Financial and Community profile (TC 425 DFC) and the Ministry Articulation Profile (TC 425 MAP); approve the Ministry Position Description (TC 425 PD) and the Request to Declare a Vacancy form (TC 425 V) from Annesley United Church; declare Annesley United Church vacant and request Settlement and Pastoral Relations to appoint a liaison.

MOTION

Carried

*Rev. Bruce Gregersen to contact Rev. Mark Waugh to see if he will be pastoral charge supervisor for Annesley, UC, Markdale.*

2. Marsville United Church – Request to list the church for sale

MOTION by Rev. Fran Ota / Marg Krauter that the Congregational Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery approved the request of the trustees to list the Marsville United Church for sale.

MOTION

Carried

**Closing Prayer and Benediction:**

Rev. Bruce Gregersen closed the meeting with prayer.

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Rev. Bruce Gregersen, Acting Chair

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Rev. John Neff, Recording Secretary