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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 Governance Commission meetings shall be 50% of the voting membership. (151006 (Exec))

10:00 a.m., via conference call

Present: Rev. Kent Ward, Patti Rodgers, DLM (until 10:30), Betty Morrison,
Mary Ellen Parsons, Mary McKeen, Judy Chalmers, Marg Krauter

Staff Support: Rev. John Neff (CPrM)

Constituting the Meeting:

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

Opening Worship:

Rev. Kent Ward opened with prayer.

Opening Motions:

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Betty Morrison / Mary McKeen that the agenda be accepted as amended.

MOTION Carried

Approval of the [June 7, 2018](#) Governance Commission Minutes

MOTION by Mary Ellen Parsons / Betty Morrison that the Governance Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery approves the minutes of [June 7, 2018](#) as circulated.

MOTION Carried

Correspondence:

1. None

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

1. None

Reports

1. Mission Support
 - a) Queen's Bush Rural Ministries has disbanded
2. Financial Report –Report of finances up to August 31, 2018

Business:

1. TUCC proposal: Innovative Ministry Training Program

The Congregational Life Commission passed a motion in support of the Innovative Ministry Training Program project in principle (180626). 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.

Janet Marshall from TUCC updated that the three other presbyteries have contributed to this initiative.

It is too early to know what funds might be available to support this project. Mary will track and a decision will be made at a later time.

2. Kleinburg Youth Fund grant request

a) Holland Centre

MOTION by Judy Chalmers / Patti Rodgers, DLM, that the Governance Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery approve the grant request from Holland Centre Pastoral Charge for \$370.63 from the Kleinburg Youth Fund for a TV for the Sunday School.

MOTION

Carried

3. New Ministries Development and Leadership Fund

a) Application from Palgrave

MOTION by Mary McKeen / Betty Morrison that the Governance Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery recommend to Northern Waters Presbytery the New Ministries Development and Leadership Fund grant request in the amount of \$25,690.00 from Palgrave United Church for the Cultivating Community: Deepening Dirt 2 Delicious Camps.

MOTION

Carried

4. Mission Support – Comment on Grey Bruce Health Care Chaplaincy Mission support grant application.

Mission Support in the amount of \$4,000 was given in previous years. This year's request is for \$30,000. Historically they have also applied for other sources of funding. The Governance Commission highlights the importance of this ministry for a large geographical area and recommends to Region 8 its future support in an amount it finds appropriate in accordance with its funding.

5. Bolton – PTCC grant request

Bolton United Church was informed that the application would be better suited to the New Ministries Development and Leadership Fund (NMDLF) and were asked to fill out the application. If it comes in before Saturday's plenary meeting a brief Governance Commission meeting will be called before the plenary meeting start.

6. Motions to bring to Plenary re: PTCC and NMDLF

Governance Commission will bring 3 motions forward to the plenary meeting.

Closing Prayer and Benediction:

Offered by Rev. Kent Ward.

Next meeting:

October 16, 2018 9:30 a.m. conference call.

 Rev. Kent Ward, Chair

 Rev. John Neff, Recording Secretary