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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.

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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., St. John’s, Alliston

**Present:** Rev. Kent Ward (Chair); Judy Chalmers (Mission Support); Mary McKeen (Presbytery Treasurer); Betty Morrison (Finance); Mary Ellen Parsons (Mission Support),

**Regrets:** Patti Rodgers, DLM

**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 Motions:**

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Mary McKeen / Mary Ellen Parsons that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

MOTION

Carried

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

- 1) Bolton NMDLF application

MOTION by Judy Chalmers / Betty Morrison that the Governance Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery recommend to Northern Waters Presbytery the approval of the New Ministries Development and Leadership Fund (NMLDF) grant application from Bolton United Church in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the requested \$15,000.00 from Bolton United Church for Friday Evening Meal and Program.

MOTION

Carried

**Closing Prayer and Benediction:**

Rev. Kent Ward closed the meeting with prayer.

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Rev. Kent Ward, Chair

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Rev. John Neff, Recording Secretary