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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))

9:30 a.m. via conference call.

Present: Rev. Kent Ward, Betty Morrison, Patti Rodgers, DLM, Mary McKeen, Judy Chalmers,

Absent: Mary Ellen Parsons

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 / Judy Chalmers that the agenda be accepted as amended.

MOTION

Carried

Approval of the [September 24, 2018](#) and [September 30, 2018](#) Governance Commission Minutes

MOTION by Betty Morrison / Judy Chalmers that the Governance Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery approves the minutes of [September 24, 2018](#) and [September 30, 2018](#) as circulated.

MOTION

Carried

Correspondence:

None

Reports

1. Mission Support

– No report

2. Financial update

Info from PTCC, showing Northern Waters fund balance at Sept 30, 2018 of \$1,703,546 (we disbursed over \$1,000,000 in 2018) and there have been no additions to PTCC funds in 2018).

In our net revenue grant money, we have \$18,888 remaining for 2018 and will have another \$76,000 in 2019.

Our 5% balance for 2019 looks like it will be around \$85,177.

We may have between \$100,000.00 and \$200,000.00 left in the presbytery account at the end of the year. A decision will have to be made as to what happens with the money.

Business:

1. PTCC applications

There was significant discussion around available funds. There are no funds available through PTCC for this year. There may be funds available in the presbytery account that could be used.

There are also funds available in the Kleinburg Youth Fund which could be used for Camp Simpresca.

- a) Badjeros UC – Grey Dufferin Pastoral Charge
Decision around Badjeros’ grant application will be deferred until a conversation can happen with the Congregational Life Commission and Badjeros representatives.
- b) Meaford UC
Rev. John Neff to get financial statements (2018 budget and 2017 financial statement) before a decision is made. May look to finding funds through the PTCC interest and 5% allotments.
- c) Camp Simpresca

MOTION by Patti Rodgers, DLM / Judy Chalmers that the Governance Commission approve the grant application for up to \$15,000 for Camp Simpresca for the purchase of an onsite utility vehicle with final approval to be given by Rev. Kent Ward and Mary McKeen upon receipt of a quote.

MOTION

Carried

Camp Simpresca will be directed to Region 10 for further requests for money.

Rev. Kent Ward will not be available for the next presbytery meeting. Mary McKeen will report in his absence.

Closing Prayer and Benediction:

Rev. Kent Ward offered prayer.

Next meeting:

October 18, 2018 9:00 a.m. conference call.

Rev. Kent Ward, Chair

Rev. John Neff, Recording Secretary