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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.

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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))

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9:30 a.m. via conference call.

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

**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 offered prayer.

**Opening Motions:**

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Betty Morrison / Judy Chalmers that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

MOTION Carried

MOTION by Judy Chalmers / Mary McKeen that Marg Krauter be a corresponding member.

MOTION Carried

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

1. Meaford UC PTCC grant application and Badjeros UC – Grey Dufferin Pastoral Charge PTCC grant application

MOTION by Patti Rodgers, DLM / Betty Morrison that the Governance Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery encourage Badjeros and Meaford United Churches to apply to PTCC through Region 8 in the new year.

MOTION Carried

2. Camp Simpresca

Brian Cooper from Camp Simpresca has been informed that they have to have the purchase of a new utility vehicle completed before the end of the year or the funds will not be available and they will have to apply to PTCC through Region 10 in the new year.

**Closing Prayer and Benediction:**

Rev. Kent Ward offered prayer.

Next meeting: At the call of the chair.

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Rev. Kent Ward, Chair

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Rev. John Neff, Recording Secretary