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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.

Bell: http://www.bell.ca/Accessibility_services

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., St. John's United Church, Alliston

Present: Rev. Bruce Gregersen, Marg Krauter, Keith Lockhart, DLM, Carolyn Harding,
Rev. Ross Leckie, Rev. Fran Ota (12:00)

Regrets: Rev. Norm Munroe, Rev. Linda Butler, David Forbes, Ann Harbridge, DLM,
Rev. Felicia Urbanski

Absent: Thom McDonough

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 Worship:

Rev. Ross Leckie shared parts of the story "Grounded" Diana Butler-Bass. Prayer offered.

Opening Motions:

No quorum at this point. Discussion happened in general. Rev. Fran Ota arrived at lunch. Quorum achieved. Formal meeting began.

Approval of Agenda:

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

MOTION Carried

Approval of the [September 25, 2018](#) Congregational Life Commission Minutes

MOTION by Carolyn Harding / Rev. Ross Leckie that the Congregational Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery approves the minutes of [September 25, 2018](#) as circulated.

MOTION Carried

Correspondence:

None

Business Arising from the September 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

1. Hockley, Adjala Conveyance
\$2652.65 was spent on the Hockley conveyance. Cost for Adjala conveyance is not yet known.
The conveyance of Adjala building was approved by the Historical Society. They can only find photocopies of the original deed so they are talking with lawyers to see how this can proceed.
2. Pastoral Charge Supervisors
Need pastoral charge supervisors for:
 - a. Trinity United Church, Acton. Rev. Jeff Davison has agreed.
 - b. Countryside United Church, Thornton. Rev. Richard Moffat was suggested. This will be in a supportive capacity.
 - c. Nottawa-Rob Roy – Keith Lockhart, DLM, has agreed

MOTION by Rev. Ross Leckie / Carolyn Harding that the Congregational Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery appoint Rev. Jeff Davison as pastoral charge supervisor to Trinity United Church, Acton and appoint Keith Lockhart, DLM, as pastoral charge supervisor to Nottawa-Rob Roy Pastoral Charge.

MOTION

Carried

3. Inglewood UC Review – sub-Executive decisions
Executive Secretary, Rev. Jody Maltby has been contacted and will work out a timeline for Inglewood’s response to fulfil the obligations of the review.
4. 2017 and 2018 Assessments
Grenfel and Countryside United Churches were contacted about their 2018 assessments. Christian Island: It was noted that there is a different language for expectation of assessments from Christian Island. A decision should be made on how to approach this. Current amounts are 2017 - \$1,748, 2018 - \$1,714.
5. Learnings from CLC
 - a. HUB - Midland
Future discussion needs to take place at the Congregational Life Commission regarding learnings from this project (CLC 180925).

MOTION by Rev. Ross Leckie / Marg Krauter that the Congregational Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery authorize the chair and staff support to engage a writer to document the HUB project at St. Paul’s, Midland for up to \$1,000.

MOTION

Carried

- b. Other clusters
6. Flesherton / Eugenia pastoral charge: Amalgamation of St. John’s United Church and Eugenia United Church
Meetings have been held to plan what future the pastoral charge might have. At a duly called meeting of each congregation on October 14, 2018 a joint meeting and individual congregational votes was done. Eugenia voted unanimously in favour. St. John’s did not have quorum (10). A straw vote was held to determine the mind of the people and it was unanimously in favour (9). St. John’s council met and is asking presbytery to affirm the straw vote and allow the amalgamation of St. John’s and Eugenia. This is to take place before June 2019. Further, they would like all property to become part of the newly amalgamated congregation for its ongoing ministry and mission.

A motion was passed at a meeting of St. John’s United Church council on October 18, 2018 as follows:

that the Council of St. John’s United Church request that Northern Waters Presbytery affirm the straw vote by the St. John’s members (9 in favour, 0 opposed – 1 vote short of quorum) to affirm the Amalgamation of St. John’s United Church with Eugenia United Church, at the Amalgamation meeting of Oct. 14, 2018, and that Northern Waters Presbytery affirm the Amalgamation of St. John’s United Church with Eugenia United Church. Carried with 1 abstention.

MOTION Keith Lockhart, DLM / Carolyn Harding that the Congregational Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery accede to the request of St. John's United Church council and the unanimous vote of the Eugenia United Church congregational meeting and approve the amalgamation of the St. John's United Church and Eugenia United Church, both a part of the Flesherton-Eugenia pastoral charge in accordance with the Covenant Agreement established between the two congregations.

MOTION

Carried

MOTION Rev. Fran Ota / Keith Lockhart, DLM that the Congregations Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery approve \$2,000 towards the contracting of The Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) as consultant for the "Amalgamation and MAP Process Phase 2" dated October 22, 2018.

MOTION

Carried

Notes: The expectation is that the pastoral charge will cover the remainder of the contract with additional funds or negotiate with The Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) to have the funds come from the sale of property and, the Pastoral Charge Trustees are encouraged to fulfil their responsibilities for the property matters in the amalgamation including the negotiations for assistance in the process.

7. United Fresh Start

Two modules will be presented by the newly trained facilitators.

Countryside UC, Thornton "Decision Making" module will be led by Rev. Ross Leckie and Rev. Felicia Urbanski.

Caledon East UC "Leading Planned Change" module will be led by Rev. Fran Ota and Linda Booty.

8. Walters Falls

The CLC is awaiting an accounting of their finances and the transfer of the GIC.

9. Learnings by CLC

Brainstorm learnings from CLC. Commission to look at it and be prepared for further discussion at next meeting.

Reports:

1. Update from Settlement and Pastoral Relations Representative

There is a meeting next week. No update.

New Business:

1. Rev. Maj. Neil Parker – Interim Minister report

MOTION by Rev. Ross Leckie / Rev. Fran Ota that the Congregations Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery, having reviewed the Interim Ministers report of Rev. Maj. Neil Parker, acknowledges the work he has done and recommends that Conference Interim Ministry Committee interview Rev. Maj. Neil Parker for continuing designation as an interim minister.

MOTION

Carried

2. Nottawa UC

Rev. John Neff was asked to attend a meeting and talk about options for Nottawa’s future. They are not sure they can commit to the terms of the current vacancy. They will have a conversation with Rob Roy to inform them. They will make some decisions about their future.

Should their online profile be suspended until they have determined their viability?

MOTION by Rev. Fran Ota / Carolyn Harding that the Congregations Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery suspend the vacancy of Nottawa-Rob Roy pastoral charge to allow time for the determination of the viability of the Nottawa congregation and the future of the pastoral charge.

MOTION

Carried

3. Budget

– we are within our overall budget.

4. Salem UC

They are looking for some guidance on their property as they have plans to disband and want to transfer the charitable number to the cemetery and change the name of the cemetery. Rev. John Neff has asked them for additional information. Awaiting a response from the trustees.

Closing Prayer and Benediction:

Rev. Bruce Gregersen closed the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting:

November 20, 2018 at 10:00 am. Worship Ann Harbridge, DLM.

Rev. Bruce Gregersen, Interim Chair

Rev. John Neff, Recording Secretary

