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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 Parly 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 be set at 50% for the Commissions and that quorum be set at 66.67% (2/3rds) for the Northern Waters Executive. 160405 (Exec)

Present: Mary McKeen (corresponding member), Rev. Dennis Posno, Judy Chalmers, Janet Iles, Marg Krauter, Rev. Kent Ward (first part of meeting), Ann Harbridge, DLM, Cassie Vermeer-Korittko

Regrets: Rev. Kerrie Perry, Rev. Maj. Neil Parker

Staff: Rev. John Neff

10:00 a.m. St. John's United Church, Alliston

Welcome

Constitution of the Court:

In the name of Jesus the Christ, the only head of our church, I constitute this meeting of the executive of Northern Waters Presbytery in Toronto Conference for any business that may properly come before it.

Devotions

Prayer Rev. Kent Ward

Opening Motions:

1) Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Ann Harbridge, DLM / Rev. Dennis Posno that the agenda for the November 26, 2018, meeting of the Executive of Northern Waters Presbytery be accepted as circulated with permission to adjust as needed.

MOTION

Carried

2) Approval of the minutes from the September 13, 2018, Executive Meeting

MOTION by Rev. Kent Ward / Judy Chalmers that the Executive of Northern Waters Presbytery approve the minutes of the meeting held September 13, 2018, as circulated.

MOTION

Carried

Reports and Motions

1) Governance (Rev. Kent Ward)

- Most of the governance business was dealt with at the November plenary.
- Mary McKeen reviewed the financial statement. All PTTC monies have been received. The November and December salaries are not showing yet. Some mileage claims are still to come in. The *Observer* subscription is to be paid in December. Offerings collected at covenanting services in past were divided among the students. Mary will check with Rose Cambourne. Any funds remaining in PTTC will be forwarded to Region 8 as the region has been designated the successor to Northern Waters Presbytery.
- The Kleinburg Youth fund still has funds available. It will pay for a utility truck for Camp Simpresca if invoice is received before the end of December.
- Invoices are needed by the end of November. Presbytery treasurers have been asked to stay on until March 2019.

- Youth Network Christmas dinner. There is money available to pay for Rev. Kerrie Perry's dinner. The evening is an opportunity to thank Kerrie for her leadership.

New Business

1) Labyrinth Project – Kleinburg Fund Request

MOTION by Judy Chalmers / Cassie Vermeer-Korittko that the funds remaining in the Kleinburg Youth Fund as of December 31, 2018, be transferred to a trust fund at Trinity Centennial United Church, Rosemount, for the construction of a labyrinth. If the funds are not used by December 31, 2021, the money including any interest earned will be returned to the region in which the church is located and is to be used for Youth Ministry. The labyrinth is to be identified as a legacy of the Kleinburg Youth Fund.

MOTION

Carried

2) Remaining Funds

MOTION by Rev. Dennis Posno / Ann Harbridge, DLM, that the executive of Northern Waters Presbytery approve the transfer of all funds remaining on December 31, 2018, in the Northern Waters Presbytery accounts to the regions based upon the percentages of pastoral charges moving to each region (region 8 – 49 (74%) region 9 – 1 (1%), region 10 – 16 (24%) and the region in which Christian Island will reside (1%)

MOTION

Carried

Region 8 will need to set up policies for grant applications. Region 8 commissioners are meeting for two days this week.

Correspondence –

- a) Thivan Hoang, Remit Implementation Program Assistant re Closing Down Websites -- forwarded to Louise Hewson
- b) Thivan Hoang, Lay members on presbytery rolls -- forwarded to Louise Hewson – request for names of Lay members of Presbytery and to which region they will be going to.
- c) Thivan Hoang, Winding down check-in webinars - recordings and PowerPoints provided a link
- d) Thivan Hoang, Transferring Electronic Records -- Janet Iles watched the webinar and forwarded the names of Louise Hewson and Rev. John Neff who would be ones who need access to transfer electronic records to the “hub”.

Rev. John Neff will look after closing out the Dropbox folders and will delete any files and users. We shouldn't do it ourselves.

Louise Hewson is finished at the end of this week.

Report and Motions cont...

2) CLC (Ann Harbridge, DLM)

- There is a lot of work to be carried over to the new regions as there are many congregations in transition. Rev. John Neff will have knowledge of what is happening for Region 8. John

(congregational support) will look after forwarding files to Rev. Todd McDonald in Region 10. Communities of faith will have to maintain their section on the “hub”. Some things will be public; some aspects will be private.

- 3) Program (Cassie Vermeer-Korittko)
Changing Open Hands trip to Guatemala with Pat MacDonald to Doris Kizzinna and World Pilgrims as a result of political unrest in Nicaragua. Funds were returned to Program Commission and will be transferred to World Pilgrims. World Pilgrims is a United Church program and recognized by General Council and People in Partnership. Dates will need to move as a result of the change. Worshiplude is happening February 1-3, 2019, for Northern Waters Presbytery youth as well as current Toronto Conference and region 8 participants. Poster is out, registration will follow. Leadership from Rev. Janet Jones, Cassie Vermeer-Korittko, Kim Posno and maybe folks from First United Church in Owen Sound. Bus is booked. Agenda is set. Registration will happen through High Country United Church.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Benediction:

Rev. Dennis Posno said the grace before the meal. The members of Congregational Life Commission joined the executive for the meal prior to the CLC meeting. Louise Hewson was wished well and given a gift during the meal.

Marg Krauter, Chair

Janet Iles, Secretary

