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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 Parry 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.

Meeting at The Globe Restaurant in Rosemont 12:00 p.m.

Attendance: Eleanor Firth, Rev. Janet Jones, Rev. Kerrie Perry, and Cassie Vermeer-Korrittko (via phone)

Welcome

The members of Program Commission were invited to a final luncheon and celebration of the ministry and work they have done for a time.

Business

- 1) Funds designated for the Open Hands United Youth Mission Trip
 - to send these funds to World Pilgrims (Doris Kizinna) as we have revised our plans due to the political unrest in Nicaragua and are planning a trip for March Break 2020 in Guatemala. We talked about who will be invited to apply – and agreed that we should give priority to those in the north east section of Region 8 due to logistics and planning. We recognize that other areas of the region may also have mission trips being organized and partnerships in place. (All agreed)
- 2) Worshiplude
 - Rev. Kerrie Perry to get a cheque requisition to pay for the bus (approx. \$4,100) and a cheque requisition to cover the cost of the hotel for the bus driver, to be held by High Country United Church who will be receiving registrations for this trip while we go through the transition from Presbytery to Region. Rev. Janet Jones will distribute information and posters to the youth leader network and area churches. Janet will post info on High Country United Church's website. (All agreed)
- 3) Labyrinth plans at Trinity Centennial United Church in Rosemont
 - balance of unused funds from the Kleinburg will go towards the labyrinth (this could be \$25,000 to \$40,000 depending on other factors). Trinity Centennial has raised \$800. An application for the Vision Fund is in process in hopes of receiving \$6,000. Other possible sources of funding include town, township, county, and Bell Lets Talk. Youth from the Regional Youth are tasked to spread the word to their congregations once all they receive information. Total cost of project is estimated to be \$70,000.
- 4) Transition
 - Rev. Kerrie Perry to send Kathy Douglas a report that includes regular activities we do in Northern Waters Presbytery around youth and young adults. This includes contact information of those who regularly provide leadership in those areas.
- 5) United Church Women
 - Eleanor Firth shared that 60 women gathered for the final meeting of Presbyterial in Alliston. The speaker was from the Dufferin Circle of Storytellers and good feedback was received. Over \$500 remains in the future youth trip fund – Rev. Kerrie Perry to send Eleanor information to forward the monies along to World Pilgrims for the 2020 trip. Money also remains in the Student Fund though there are no candidates in process in Northern Waters Presbytery. They will send the funds instead to the 40th Anniversary Award at Emmanuel College. Any other remaining money will be split up and dispersed

to the regions. The national UCW project, “Women for Change in Zambia” is receiving its’ first donation from High Country United Church in Camilla.

It is our recommendation that any left over funds from the Program Commission budget be designated for youth ministry and UCW activities in region 8. (All agreed)

6) Recognition

On behalf of Program Commission members, a token of appreciation was given to Rev. Kerrie Perry by Rev. Janet Jones, for all her work and dedication. Eleanor Firth also presented Kerrie with a card offering thanks from Presbyterial.

7) Final Words

As chair of Program Commission, I give my thanks to each and everyone who has served on our commission – giving their time and their talents in the ways they can. We have done a lot of work and played a role in many lives along the way – directly and indirectly. From youth trips (locally and nationally), regional youth group, curriculum presentations, worship, Camp Simpresca, outreach and justice, right relations, UCW, global relationships and partnerships, programming beyond our borders, supporting youth leaders... and so very much more, thank you. It has been an honour and a pleasure working with you and I hope you’ll consider your role in the new regions.

Adjournment

Rev. Janet Jones, Chair

Rev. Janet Jones, Recording Secretary