

# Virtual Holy Manners

*The Very Reverend Marion Pardy introduced Holy Manners as a resource for the 38th General Council 2003. Holy Manners has been used as resource for the conduct of meetings by subsequent General Councils and their executives. It has been adapted here for use as a resource by all councils and church bodies.*

This is an adaptation of the Holy Manners resource written by The Very Reverend Marion Pardy, to be used as a resource for the conduct of participants in a virtual setting.

We will:

- keep God at the centre of everything we do;
- each speak for ourselves;
- speak for a purpose;
- separate people from problems;
- allow for full and equitable participation;
- attend to others 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;
- be mindful of our language used in open chats;
- be mindful that using the chat box is equivalent to speaking out on the floor of the court;
- be mindful that the chat box is to be used for comments at the invitation of the chair of the meeting;
- be mindful that 'sidebar' conversations in the chat box can be disruptive to all participants;
- check in about good use of time;
- allow the quiet people to speak, with an invitation to speak; and
- sincerely say what we really feel