

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF ZOOM

WE ARE WORKING FOR CONNECTION, NOT PERFECTION!

- I. THOU SHALL REMEMBER THAT GOD IS IN CHARGE. IT'S GOD'S MEETING, NOT OURS.** That said, please grant grace to one another as we all navigate this new way of doing a Presbytery meeting.
- II. THOU SHALL IDENTIFY YOURSELF EVERY TIME.** Some of us are using our kids' or spouse's or roommate's tablet or laptop and their name is on the account.
- III. THOU SHALL TURN ON YOUR CAMERA.** If you're calling into the meeting, we won't be able to see you. For everyone else – our connections are strengthened when we can see one another.
- IV. THOU SHALL REMEMBER TO MUTE YOUR DEVICE.** Sometimes the Moderator or the meeting co-hosts will do this for you; sometimes you will do it for yourself. One of the positive aspects of Zoom meetings is the chance for many of us to see inside one another's homes. One of the negatives is that we are then all (un)willing participants in whatever else is happening in your house during the meeting.
- V. THOU SHALL REMEMBER TO UNMUTE YOUR DEVICE.** We can't hear you if you are on mute!
- VI. THOU SHALL USE THE 'CHAT' FUNCTION TO COMMUNICATE.** If you have a question or comment that doesn't need to be shared with the entire group, please contact the stated clerk or one of the co-hosts using the private chat button.
- VII. THOU SHALL REMEMBER THAT THERE IS A DELAY WHEN WE USE A VOICE VOTE.** This is particularly true with commissioners who are participating via telephone instead of Zoom.
- VIII. THOU SHALL BE PATIENT WHEN TECHNOLOGY FAILS.** Internet failures and connectivity problems are inevitable. If you get dropped from the meeting and must re-connect please remember that we are working as quickly as we can to resolve the issue and get you re-admitted.
- IX. THOU SHALL REMEMBER THAT NO ONE KNOWS HOW TO DO THIS PERFECTLY.** The pandemic has caused opportunities for connection and also generated significant stress. We are grateful to be together in this way while at the same time we are mindful of our shared grief in not meeting face-to-face.
- X. AND FINALLY: REMEMBER THAT GOD IS FAITHFUL** On Sinai God reminded Moses: **I AM the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.** God continues to deliver us and draw us into relationship with him and each other. Especially in COVID-time!