

In the Loop

February 2020 English Commission Meeting

Attendance: Nancy Chee, Ed Chin, Diane Go, Rev. Donald Hammond, Carl Jew, David Soohoo, Winchell Quock, and Betty Delany and Vickie Lewis from Ingleside P.C. and the Presbytery Committee on Ministry
Excused: Jeanette Huie

Presbytery Correspondence: Jeff Hutcheson announced his resignation as Presbytery Pastor for Mission and Vision and will be leaving his post in May 2020.

Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM)

During a church's interim ministry, the COM ordinarily conducts an exit interview with the Session prior to filling the vacancy and contracting with an interim pastor. Pastor Don arranged for the Committee on Ministry to schedule time with the Commission to conduct an exit interview that was nine months overdue. Betty Delany and Vickie Lewis of the COM facilitated an in-depth discussion with the elders on a range of topics including:

- Describe Rev. Kimberly Elliot's most strategic accomplishments.
- Describe the culture of the English Worshiping Community.
- Describe the strengths and weaknesses of the lay leadership.
- If I were serving on the Pastor Nominating Committee, how would I describe the major challenges the incoming pastor will face.
- Describe the separation experience from Rev. Elliot.
- Mission Study – Where is God calling us now?
- How can the COM help and provide support?

Committee Reports

- Worship & Nurture
 - Video Projection at Worship – As the committee continues its study of the use of computer technology in worship, the worship design team decided to use video projection on a limited basis during Lent as they weigh the benefits and costs of computer enhancements in worship.
 - Memorial Day Retreat – After polling the level of interest within the EWC and taking into account current priorities such as the mission study, the committee decided to suspend the retreat for 2020 and revisit the topic for 2021 and beyond.
- Resource
 - Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) have been purchased and will be delivered next week.
 - The Resource Committee will take the lead on updating the EWC membership roll and present their findings to the Commission at a future date.
 - CH/PCC Healing Fund – There remains \$20K in unused funds that are designated for the CH/PCC healing fund. Clarity is needed on matters such as financial controls and plans for use of the funds as the project winds down.
- Mission & Evangelism
 - PCC donated \$4,250 to Living Waters World Ministries (LWWM) to purchase a water filtration system and promote community health in third world countries. Representatives from LWWM will worship at PCC on February 23, speak at Minute for Mission to thank our church for its contributions and make a presentation at

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teatime. M&E will assess whether there is sufficient interest in forming a work team in 2020 to serve on an LWWM project for a week in Guatemala.

- Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity – IMHI sponsors a vigil on the second Friday of each month at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) headquarters, 630 Sansome Street. Don will contact Rev. Deborah Lee to see about PCC leading worship in the future.
- Tsuru for Solidarity – There is consensus to donate \$500 to the organization plus hold an origami fold-in and fundraiser. Jeanette will organize the event that is tentatively planned for May 8, 2020.
- Deacons
 - Pew/Prayer Cards – Due to extenuating circumstances, the Pew/Prayer Card project was postponed and will be launched in March.

Pastor's Report

- Mission Study - Once the membership of the team is finalized, the Mission Study Team (MST) will begin to meet. Don will work closely with the MST in the beginning to identify goals.
- The worship planning team is making preparations for the Lenten Season and Holy Week.

Treasurer's Report

- It's standard practice for the EWC to pay off the entire annual per capita expense in January; consequently, prepayment of the annual per capita expense results in a temporary deficit spending in January that will level off by the end of the year.
- Clarification – Budget line item 103-Pretax Retirement Fund is voluntary and funded solely by and at the discretion of the interim pastor; therefore, the pretax retirement cost doesn't have any impact on the operating budget.

Old Business

- Nominating Committee – Nancy agreed to serve as the elder representative with the condition that one of the other committee members will serve as chairperson.

New Business

- Membership Roll – Tabled and referred back to the Resource Committee
- PCC Clerk of Session Duties – Tabled
- Presbytery Commissioners for 2020 – Tabled for March 2020
- Session Meeting Recap – All elders with the exception of Carl attended the specially called meeting in response to the emerging public health crisis in China. A motion was passed to allocate \$8K towards the purchase of masks for residents of Wuhan province.

Upcoming Events

- March 8 – Gifts of Women Sunday
- March 8 – PCC Session Meeting
- March 17 – Commission Meeting