

# THE WEEKLY RAG

For the United Ministries  
of the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown and Donaldina Cameron House

March 9, 2025

## This Week at PCC

Join us for this First Sunday  
in Lent as we reflect on the



parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable begins and ends with the question, “Who is my neighbor?” and the answer is surprisingly, “the stranger.” The Samaritan, whose place of worship and customs are different from the lawyer who questions Jesus, is both a stranger and a neighbor to the man who was beaten and left in a ditch.

In our world, many of our physical neighbors are strangers to us, and many of our neighbors —those closest to us— feel like strangers in divisive political climates. If we align our intentions and actions, then maybe we need to reconsider who we label as “stranger,” and ask ourselves if we have acted as good neighbors.

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## Women’s Fellowship Bible Study - March 17, 7pm

Women’s Fellowship is continuing its Horizons Bible Study, “Let Justice Roll Down” with Lesson 5 on Air Quality. The study will be led by Linda Lee. For those attending, please read: Gen. 1:30-31, 2:7, 7:15, 21-22; Psalm 104:29; Isaiah 42:5; Ezekiel 37:5-10 and Acts 2: 1-4.

The zoom link can be found in the Saturday email.

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## TAKE ACTION: Reject devastating cuts to SNAP!

The SF-Marin Food Bank encourages us to make our voices heard and urge elected leaders to prevent cuts to SNAP and Nutrition Security Programs. So many of our neighbors experiencing food insecurity rely on these social safety net programs.

Click [here](#) for more information and to sign a petition and send pre-written letters online - it’ll only take a few minutes!

## Today's Hymns and Scripture Passages

*Opening*

**Come Sing, O Church, in Joy**  
305 in Glory to God

*Meditation*

**Stranger**

*Closing*

**What Is The World Like**  
771 in Glory to God

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**Psalm 112 / Luke 10: 25-37**

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## Service Opportunities

**FOOD PANTRY**

**VOLUNTEERS:**

**[Saturday Pantry](#)**

**THURSDAY PANTRY:**

10:15-11:45am. Email  
**[foodpantry@pccsf.org](mailto:foodpantry@pccsf.org)** if  
you can volunteer.

Location: Cameron House  
parking lot.

**To Host Teatime:**

**[TEATIME SIGN UP](#)**

## Prayer List

Prayers of comfort for **Ralph Bautista and family**, on the death of their son Victor. And for all those who have loved ones in the last stages of life.

Prayers of healing strength for **David Lee** as he continues his chemotherapy treatments.

Prayers of strength and discernment for our **Mandarin siblings** as they transition without pastoral leadership.

Prayers for the **leaders of our country** as they continue to make life-changing decisions about our common future. May they be filled with justice and mercy.

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### Never Met a Stranger

When we talk about God, we say  
she's never met a stranger.  
She makes friends at the airport.  
She waves to babies in the check-out line.

When we talk about God, we say  
she'll leave the porch light on.  
She'll have warm bread in the oven.  
She'll have all the time in the world.

When we talk about God, we say  
she'll look you in the eye.  
She'll love you as you are.  
She'll call you by your name.

When we talk about God,  
we never have to talk about  
which side of the road she might walk down.  
Wherever you are,  
that's where she'll be.

# CALL FOR YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO REIMAGINE THE FUTURE OF ETHNIC CONCERNS COMMITTEE

## Call for Volunteer Planning Team:

### Reimagining the Future of Ethnic Concerns Consultation

The Ethnic Concerns Consultation (ECC) invites passionate young adults (ages 18-40) to serve on a volunteer planning team to discern the future of ECC and its role in advocating for racial and economic justice in the church and society.

Since 1973, ECC has been a space for spiritual growth, intercultural awareness, and advocacy within the Presbyterian Church (USA). As we look toward the future, we seek a diverse and dedicated group of young adults to help shape the next chapter of ECC's legacy. **About the Planning Team** The planning team will convene at **Zephyr Point October 17-19, 2025** for a retreat focused on:

- Learning about ECC's history and legacy
- Reimagining how ECC can engage an intergenerational audience in today's church
- Exploring creative ways to amplify ECC's advocacy for racial and economic justice
- Building community across cultural and regional backgrounds
- Designing and implementing the October 2026 ECC Event (participation required).

We are seeking 12 planning team members:

- At least 4 representatives from the Synod of the Pacific
- At least 4 representatives from the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii
- Up to 4 At-Large members representing other synods of the PC(USA), or other denominational partners in full communion with the PC(USA) – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), United Church of Christ (UCC), Reformed Church in America (RCA), Episcopal Church.

### Who Should Apply?

We encourage young adults from across the PC(USA) and partner denominations to apply—especially those who are passionate about:

- Racial and economic justice in the church
- Intercultural ministry and intergenerational engagement
- The future of ECC and its mission

This is a unique opportunity to be part of an intergenerational movement that has been fostering intercultural advocacy and awareness for over 50 years.

### How to Apply

Interested in joining the planning team? **Complete your application by May 31, 2025** using this link: <https://bit.ly/ecc-planning-team>.

For more information, contact Sara Tillema, Director of Programs at Zephyr Point: [stillema@zephyrpoint.org](mailto:stillema@zephyrpoint.org). We hope you'll join us in shaping the future of ECC!



**For more information about this opportunity, please visit [www.zephyrpoint.org/adult/ecc](http://www.zephyrpoint.org/adult/ecc).**