

## Empowered by God's Love Through Christ, We Welcome, Celebrate, and Serve our Community

### In the Loop

#### A Summary of the November 17, 2020 English Commission Meeting

##### Presbytery Report

1. The Presbytery allocated \$500K of emergency funding since March to member churches to offset some of the financial impact of the coronavirus on church ministries.
2. The transitional leadership model adopted by the Presbytery will be reviewed in January 2021. Executive duties formerly held by Rev. Jeff Hutcheson are currently shared by InHo Kim, Leonard Nielson and Jennifer Sacramento Streett.
3. Jeanette Huie joined 38 others to attend the first meeting of West Bay Presbyterians on *Becoming Anti-Racists* facilitated by Ginger Smyly, Jeannie Tate Choy, Lori Yamauchi and Mary Jane Gordon. The leadership team has accepted an invitation to attend the next meeting of Mission and Evangelism.

##### Committee Reports

1. Mission and Evangelism
  - a. Food Pantry
    - 1) As the holiday season approaches, there is some concern about a staffing shortage as volunteers will likely take personal time off.
    - 2) The program was awarded a grant of \$109,260.00 for a period of 4.5 years, approximately \$24,280.00 annually.
  - b. Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Christmas Gifts for Children
    - 1) December 5<sup>th</sup> is the target date to deliver 100 gifts to CCDC.
    - 2) Participation is lagging behind this year as of the first week of November. However, Sabrina Gee Shin will reach out to her extensive Facebook community to help fill the need.
2. Resource
  - a. The committee will be featuring the work of our church's diverse ministries and the contributions of its many volunteers on each of the four Sundays of Advent. This effort will also provide an opportunity to express gratitude for the countless hours and essential work contributed by members of the church community.
  - b. Worship Technology – Dave Chan has arranged for a behind-the-scenes look at livestreaming a worship service for those who might be willing to help as back-up technicians.
  - c. Kitchen Freezer – The estimated cost of replacing the compressor is \$700-\$900 whereas a new freezer may cost \$3,000-\$4,000.
3. Worship & Nurture
  - a. Sound Technology - Kyle Shin offered to share his knowledge and talents in this field to further enhance the livestreamed music experience. Plans are in the works to experiment with these new approaches.
  - b. Advent – To prepare for the Advent season from the safety of home, the community will be receiving a variety of resources including devotional materials, Advent wreath/candle ceremony instructions, and Christmas Joy offering envelopes.
  - c. Christmas Eve – A service of lessons and carols will be held on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm that will be followed by a Zoom sing-along at 8:15 pm.
  - d. *Spirituality in Chaotic Times* – Rev. Leslie Veen will be hosting an online class on January 9-10, 2021.

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- e. Membership Confirmation Inquirers Class – Scheduled for Wednesday evenings, January 27 – February 24, 2021.
4. *Reimagining Church* Research Project  
Derek Wu, Princeton Seminary research assistant, has begun his fact finding and orientation to the PCC, and attended the annual congregational meeting, quarterly meeting of the Session, and a Wednesday Night Covenant Group bible study. In the coming weeks and months, Doreen and Bruce Der McLeod will assist Derek with arranging interviews and focus groups.

### **Treasurer's Report**

1. The October monthly report showed a positive variance of \$7,227.99.
2. The year-to-date income to expense report yielded a positive variance of \$11,530.31.

### **Old Business**

1. Debriefing on October-November Gatherings
  - a. A number of special events were highly concentrated in late October – early November including the Mission Study Team-sponsored listening session, annual EWC congregational meeting, annual PCC congregational meeting, quarterly meeting of the PCC Session and the Cameron House/PCC Healing Journey event.
  - b. The Commission engaged in a time to reflect on the significance of each of these community gatherings.
2. Reentry to the Church
  - a. Program – The Food Pantry is designated as an essential service that has operated continuously since the stay-at-home order was issued.
  - b. Administration – The pastoral staff enter the building to use their church offices to varying degrees each week.
  - c. EWC Worship – A team (limited to a maximum of 7) resumed livestreaming worship services from the sanctuary in October.
  - d. Other – Other church volunteers enter the building periodically to complete tasks such as maintenance and paperwork.
  - e. Upcoming – The Mandarin Commission plans to hold an all-day retreat at the church on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The co-pastors have held discussions about retreat plans in relationship to current public health guidance and coordination with Food Pantry staff and clients.
3. Harvest Home Project  
Cameron House will set aside thirty Harvest Home debit cards valued at \$20.00 each for the PCC community.

### **New Business**

2021 Budget Discussion – Tabled

### **Expanded Calendar of Dates**

- o December 1 M&E and W&N Committees
- o December 2 Pastor Don on study leave (completion of 11/18-24 conference)
- o December 13 Resource Committee
- o December 15 English Commission
- o December 24 Christmas Eve Service
- o December 25 Christmas Holiday

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- December 27 Board of Deacons
- December 28 Pastor Don on vacation through January 3, 2021
- January 1 New Year's Day Holiday
- January 5 M&E and W&N Committees
- January 10 Resource Committee
- January 18 Martin Luther King Holiday
- January 19 English Commission
- January 23 Training for Elders
- January 24 Board of Deacons