

## **In the Loop**

### **October 15 English Commission Meeting Highlights**

#### **A Conversation with Mike Lee, Executive Director of Donaldina Cameron House (DCH)**

Mike has been on the job for 100 days and expressed an ongoing excitement of meeting so many wonderful people. He and Pastor Don meet regularly, and sought out this opportunity for conversation with the English Commission. Mike values the shared history and partnership between the PCC and DCH, collaborative relationships, and the potential for creating a shared vision. He has hopes of reinvigorating our joint relationship, strategizing partnership options, and developing new pathways for service.

#### **Pastor's Report**

In the past three weeks, Pastor Don's external events calendar included: Presbytery Day at Sojourner Truth in Richmond and a workshop entitled "Out of the Narrow Place: Collective Exodus from White Supremacy;" the monthly SF Interfaith Council Breakfast meeting that will be followed by a meeting with the executive director, Michael Pappas, for a discussion on Chinatown and the PCC; and the annual CCDC Gala Dinner.

At the PCC, Pastor Don presented at Presbyterian Women on the Cuba mission trip of the Presbytery of Long Island; participated in the worship planning team meeting to prepare for the November calendar; co-hosted Rev. Arlington Trotman's visit to Chinatown and PCC; and attended Presbytery Women of the Presbytery.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

At the end of the third quarter (9/30/19), the 2019 budget is operating with a surplus of \$40,000.00. The level of congregational giving seems to be holding steady. Winchell has prepared the 2020 draft budget that will be similar to the current year.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Deacons – In support of their duty to care for the worshiping community, pew cards are being prepared for distribution in November.
- Nominating – The committee is working to finalize the slate of nominees for the October 27<sup>th</sup> English Worshiping Community meeting.
- Resource – The PCC will be hosting the presbytery meeting on November 12 and responsible for leading the worship service among other duties. Presbyterian Mission Agency Director, Diane Givens Moffett, will be preaching.
- Worship & Nurture
  - Future Worship Logistics
    - 11/3 – PCC Annual Congregational Meeting will begin at 11:30. Worship will be condensed, and include more music and a shortened sermon.
    - 11/10 – Communion and Sabbath Sunday lunch will be moved to 11/10 to accommodate the annual congregational meeting scheduled for the first Sunday of November.
    - 11/17 – Hunger & Homelessness Sunday – Mission & Evangelism committee will invite a guest preacher. It will also be the designated date to return Harvest Home donations for Cameron House.

- Nurture
  - The adult study retreat about the Belhar Confession, and the themes of unity, reconciliation and justice, will be held on October 19 at the Sequoias.
  - The EWC potluck will be held on October 26, and include mah-jong, dumpling making, and the movie, Crazy Rich Asians.
  - Pastor Don will be leading the School of Discipleship in a study of Ezra and Nehemiah.
  - Women's Fellowship will start the Horizons Bible Study, Love Carved in Stone. (10 Commandments)
- The committee will have vacancies to fill as Pat (Deacon) and Linda (Elder) complete their terms at the end of the year.
- Mission & Evangelism
  - Rev. Arlington Trotman, International Peacemaker of the PCUSA, enjoyed his recent visit to PCC, DCH and Chinatown that was organized by Jeanette Huie.
  - The presbytery's \$1,000.00 grant for mission giving will be allocated to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) to purchase travel bags for migrants.

### **Old Business**

- November 3 – PCC Annual Congregational & Corporation Meeting  
Rochelle Shaw, Stated Clerk of the SF Presbytery, will be present at worship and conduct a facility walk-through in preparation for the November 12th Presbytery meeting.

### **New Business**

- Mission Study Committee – Don provided an overview of the process followed by a preliminary discussion on the formation of the committee and appointment of its members.
- Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity (IM4HI) – Linda Lee received a request from Rev. Deborah Lee, director of IMRHI, inviting PCC/EWC to donate as a Congregational Sustainer of the IM4HI whose mission includes: *building a network of sanctuary and immigrant justice congregations, supporting dozens of families to freedom and a new life, and changing the narrative about migration and criminalization so that we can envision a community where everyone is cherished, welcomed and treated with human dignity.* Susie, Linda and Pastor Don will meet with Debbie to explore how we can be involved and supportive, and engage our members and young people in this work.

### **Upcoming Events**

- 10/19 Study Retreat
- 10/26 EWC Potluck
- 10/27 EWC 'Congregational' Meeting – Reformation Sunday
- 11/3 PCC Congregational Meeting
- 11/10 PCC Session Meeting
- 11/12 PCC hosts the SF Presbytery meeting

**Next Commission Meeting:** November 19, 2019