

**In the Loop**  
**A Summary of the February 2021 English Commission Meeting**

**Presbytery of San Francisco (SFP) Report**

1. As an adaptation to this extended time of social distancing, presbytery meetings are now held across two days; one day is spent on the regular agenda and the second day is reserved for Open Space, a time for additional follow-up discussion.
2. Transitional Leadership Model – The Presbytery was moving towards a vote in May 2021 to make permanent the current transitional leadership model that distributes executive presbyter duties to three staff. However, the vote has been postponed and the transitional leadership model will remain in place for a second year and be evaluated by a newly formed Partnership Model Evaluation Team that includes Brad Woo.
3. COVID Relief to Churches – An additional \$500K has been earmarked to provide emergency relief in the form of grants to churches.
4. Elder Mustapha Baksh from Irvington Presbyterian Church in Fremont was installed as co-moderator of the presbytery.
5. A celebration was held in recognition of the service of St Paul's Presbyterian Church in San Francisco as it closes.

**Committee and Other Reports**

1. Resource
  - a. General Assembly Statistical Report – The committee and English Commission received the 2020 report prepared by Ed Kam on behalf of the clerk of session. The Membership, Congregational Life & Racial Ethnic and Financial Statistics are reported annually to PCUSA that involves extensive coordination of data sharing with 4 treasurers, clerk of session and other key lay leaders, and results in producing a major statistical report that contains 8 subsections for 3 worshipping communities of one church. Kudos to Eddie Kam for completing this massive report ahead of the deadline!
  - b. Custodial Services – The committee is considering a recommendation to increase janitorial service from once to twice a month.
  - c. Fiber Optic Cable Installation – To increase internet speed/bandwidth at the church, the PCC Building and Finance Committee approved the fiber optic platform offered by AT&T that comes without installation costs. However, engineers projected an unexpected cost of \$66,611.52 to install the fiber optic system. Further conversation with AT&T is needed. Jeremy Lue and Dave Chan are designated to participate in negotiations with AT&T.
2. Worship & Nurture (W&N)
  - a. Mission Statement – The committee adopted the following statement crafted by Dave Miller. *The Worship & Nurture Committee provides meaningful opportunities for worshippers to experience God and to acknowledge and celebrate God's love and grace. The Committee, either directly or through other PCC groups, provides opportunities for people of all ages to build, study, renew and enhance their faith.*
  - b. Worship
    - 1) Season of Lent – This year's theme is "*What Are You Up To*" based on material from Marcia McFee that will be supplemented with devotional readings prepared by elders and deacons and pastor-led discussions during tea-time.

- 2) April 18 - Women's Fellowship will be leading worship on the theme of Celebrating the Gifts of Women.
- c. Nurture
  - 1) Women's Fellowship - Linda Lee has been serving as Bible study leader using Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study "*Into the Light— Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament.*"
  - 2) The next quarterly meeting of Presbytery Women in the Presbytery will be March 6 and the guest speaker will be Toni Eby of SafeHouse.
3. Board of Deacons – Assignments for 2021
  - a. Chairperson: Eddie Kam
  - b. Secretary: Jackie Jew
  - c. Cards (USPS) to the Community: Irene Young Ng
  - d. E-cards: **Vacant**
  - e. Readers and Liturgists: Eddie Kam – Duties will transfer back to W&N in 2022
  - f. Newsletter reporter: **To be determined**
  - g. Prayer List: **To be determined**
  - h. Tea Towel Supply: Jackie Jew
  - i. Committee Assignments for 2021
    - 1) Mission and Evangelism: Jeanine Lim Chan, Carole Chinn-Morales
    - 2) Nominating: Jeanine Lim Chan
    - 3) Personnel: Eddie Kam
    - 4) Resource: Jackie Jew
    - 5) Worship and Nurture: Eddie Kam
    - 6) Good News from the Pews: Irene Young Ng
  - j. Presbytery Commissioner: Ruth Wu
  - k. Deacons Plus: Pat Chan, Norma Fong Chan and Terry Chan, Marie Chin and Wayne Eng, Richard Jann, Mary Wong Leong and Dayton Leong, JoJo Woo

### **Treasurer's Report**

After one month into the new year, Winchell Quock reported an operating deficit of \$3,016.92; however, it is worth noting that the annual per capita expense of \$4,484.00 was prepaid in full in January instead of 12 monthly installments.

The special offering designated for the Board of Deacons' Compassion Fund raised \$850.00 after one month.

### **New Business**

CH/PCC Healing Committee – Pastor Don invited members of the healing committee (Shar Hall, Jeannie Choy Tate, Elaine Chan Scherer, Laurene Chan, Brad Woo, Scott Barlow - CH Board President) to meet with the commission for a discussion that included a range of topics such as the committee's 19-year history and significant accomplishments made on behalf of victims of clergy sexual abuse, and future directions of healing work to be done. The Healing Committee also plans to meet with the Cameron House Board of Directors and Presbytery of San Francisco.

### **Calendar Dates**

- March 2 M&E and W&N Committees
- March 14 Resource Committee
- March 14 PCC Session
- March 14 Mission Study Team

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- March 16 English Commission
- March 28 Palm Sunday
- March 28 Board of Deacons
- April 1 Maundy Thursday
- April 2 Good Friday
- April 4 Easter Sunday
- April 6 M&E and W&N Committees
- April 11 Resource Committee
- April 11 Mission Study Team
- April 18 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday  
Guest Preacher: Jeannie Kim
- April 20 English Commission
- April 25 Board of Deacons