



# Good News for the Pews

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## From Pastor Don

As the church prepares to turn its focus toward Advent and the beginning of the new year it is also time that we begin to think about the next steps of our interim journey. Although our worshipping community has been through this process before, I think it is a good idea to lay out some of the highlights of what we need to do to move through interim time towards the eventual nomination and election of the next Installed pastor for the English Worshipping Community (EWC) of the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown. The next major step will be the Mission Study.

The Mission Study process, which culminates in a written Mission Study Report, is an assessment process for use in congregations that will be searching for a new pastor, or those seeking to assess their current ‘state of health.’ In our case, of course, we will engage the Mission Study in preparation for our pastoral search. The Mission Study is required by the SF Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM), and must follow the guidelines that they have established. Some of you may know that I have recently been nominated to serve on COM. This will be an aid to PCC as I can make sure we move through the process without ‘surprises.’

Soon, the English Commission will recommend the team members to the PCC Session which will then appoint a committee of between 5–7 people that represent the diversity of our English Worshipping Community, but also represent the Cantonese and Mandarin Communities as well. Remember that in our church, Rev. Kaan, Pastor Hao, and I are co-pastors. Our church is pretty unique in the PC(USA), with the ‘One Church – Three Commission’ structure. Our search, while focusing on the needs of the English Worshipping Community, must also serve the entire church. The Mission Study Team (MST) will look at the following general areas:

- Membership and history of the EWC and the larger church
- EWC and PCC finances for the last 10 years
- Demographics of the surrounding community, which should include: Chinatown specifically and surrounding neighborhoods; population changes; economic changes; and changes in local institutions

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**From Pastor Don** *(continued from page 1)*

The goal is to articulate a current sense of the mission of the EWC. Now, I have been reviewing the process and preparing for my role in it, and I am keenly aware that the church recently did a similar process with the Adaptive Change Team. The Adaptive Change Team also produced a written report. That report contains a number of recommendations. I believe that it will be important to see what from the Adaptive Change report *we can begin to explore and implement now*, even while we begin to undertake the Mission Study. I am also aware that while there is much passion and energy in this congregation, and that we care deeply about our work and our place in God's mission in our community, we also have fatigue and even some frustrations. I doubt that there is anyone who said to themselves "Oh yay! I love committee work and I can't wait to engage in a brand new congregational study!'" (If I am wrong about that and you happen to be totally thrilled with the prospect, please come see me!)

As the Commission does its work in preparation for the MST, I will be working with the COM to adapt the COM guidelines to our situation. I will work with the MST to adapt and repurpose as much of the Adaptive Change work as possible. But the Mission Study will also require some new research and new reporting. Once the MST is formed they will include time for congregational reflection, analyzing data, and envisioning future ministry opportunities. It will also be important that through the Mission Study we are able to articulate a clearer understanding of our relationship with Cameron House, and our other community partnerships (including CCDC, the Food Bank, etc.) That means that through this process we will need to engage our partners in ministry and assess what we are doing, what we could be doing and what we don't want to do any more. The MST will produce a final report, which will need to be reviewed and accepted by the Commission, then the full PCC Session, before it is reported to the COM for their approval. Once COM accepts and approves the report, we will be given permission to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and prepare to search for our next installed pastor. Remember that Mission Study Team is *appointed* by the PCC Session (upon the recommendation of the EWC) while the Pastor Nominating Committee will be *elected* by the congregation.

As we approach new milestones on the Mission Study and the subsequent Pastor Nominating search, you can expect updates from the MST, the Commission, and myself. If anyone has questions about the process we are going to engage in, I invite you to get in touch with me.

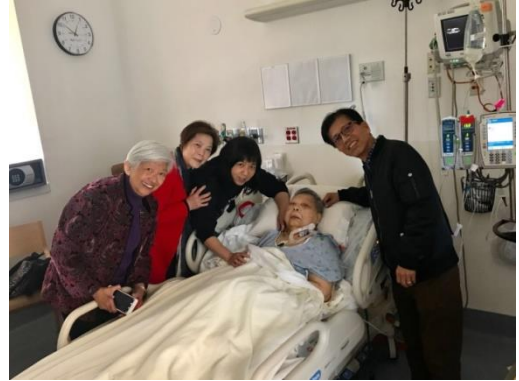
*With blessings,*  
*Pastor Don*

## The Cantonese Worshipping Community

by Glen Choy

We are truly blessed to be under the guidance of God! As we approach the end of 2019 and cross over to the new year, let us review what has happened in the last few months.

First, I would like to share the good news that happened in the month of July. Mrs. Jinyou Chen, mother of Ms. Suwen Huang, one of our Cantonese Commission members, has committed herself to Christ. She has been sick for many years. In first week of July, she was transferred to ICU of Chinese Hospital due to a serious heart problem. She was baptized in the hospital, as witnessed by two of our elders, two of our church members, and of course, her own family. She regained her health one week later and was released from the hospital then. Just recently, she came to worship at our church for the first time and received communion on that 1st Sunday of September.



Mrs. Jinyou Chen was baptized in Chinese Hospital



8/3/19 Annual Evangelism event "Jesus Loves Chinatown"

At the beginning of August, we participated in the annual outreach program called "Jesus Loves Chinatown". This is a day where all the churches in Chinatown join together to reach out to the Chinatown community. On that day, we passed out flyers on the streets and invited people to come to our church. Afterwards, we held a special worship to pray for all the students who would start their new school semester in the coming months.

Plenty of wonderful events have happened during this year, thanks to our Lord. We will continue to pray to Him, anticipating what He has in store for us in the future.



8/11/19 Special worship for college students

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** by Mildred Hall, Carole Chinn-Morales and Ruth Wu

Women's Fellowship had the pleasure of hosting Presbyterian Women's quarterly gathering on October 5, in the church social hall. It was an opportunity to get organized under Mildred's leadership to demonstrate our commitment to the women of San Francisco Presbytery, as well as to the larger church. Several churches were represented by their women: First PC, Livermore; Old First PC, San Francisco, and Lafayette-Orinda PC, Lafayette; as well as PCC.

The speaker, Patt Schroeder, introduced us to a nonprofit that has devised a way for people to connect through participating in interesting programs in live time, on cell phones. Engaging with others on topics like poetry, sports, healthy living, or music, just to name a few, is a service that anyone will benefit from. But this service can be especially valuable for the home bound or for anyone not able to participate regularly in community events and learning opportunities. The nonprofit is called Well Connected, a community service of Covia. (Go to: [www.covia.org](http://www.covia.org)).



**Ruth Wu, Catherine Coleman, Patt Schroeder**

As Presbyterians at any gatherings, we didn't miss out on wonderful home-baked goodies by our women as well as a delicious lunch by chef Dayton Leong. Devotions and fellowship times were part of the day and Pastor Don joined us during lunch. Several of the women wanted to see our sanctuary, and Pastor Don was available to give the tour and to convey some of our church history.

At our September Women's Fellowship meeting, we had the unique chance to share time with Pastor Don as he talked about a wonderful trip to Cuba with some members of the Long Island Presbytery. They learned about life in Cuba in some of the non-tourist areas and focused on maintaining relationships with the pastor and church members of that city. He showed us photos that provided a different view of Cuba than those we usually see of the tourist areas. Thank you Pastor Don, for opening our eyes.

The current PW *Horizons* Bible study is *Love Carved in Stone – A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*, by Eugenia Anne Gamble. (*Horizons* is a publication of Presbyterian Women.) Linda Lee will lead the study of the first lesson at our October 21 meeting. Watch for and listen to announcements regarding continuing study of the Ten Commandments as well as other programs with Women's Fellowship (WF).

If you would like to know more about WF meetings, contact Mildred at ([mildredhal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mildredhal@sbcglobal.net)).

To learn about Presbyterian Women, go to this website:

[www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org).

**Presbyterian Women PC(USA)**  
**Racial Equity Asian Women - Member at Large (REMAL)**  
**by Pat Chan, Board Member**

On September 18, I flew to Louisville, Kentucky, for my Board meeting. I met up with three other members at Midway, the Chicago airport. We were able to get the Hampton Inn hotel shuttle to take us to the hotel. We had about 1 hour before we met for dinner.

My roommate this year was Carole Wheeler. She is the Synod representative for Southern California/Hawaii. This is her first year, so she arrived the day before for her orientation. Last year, my roommate was Barbara Clark, from Pennington, Oregon, who is the Synod of the Pacific representative. Aleida Jernigan is the Hispanic Member at Large and she is from Vancouver, Washington. It is so nice that the three of us are from Synod of the Pacific. (see photo). Susan Jackson-Dowd is the Executive Director and she has 11 staff members to help her and us out.



Thursday we had our Committee meetings to attend. I have one new Committee for this year. We all have to be a member of the Racial Equity during our three year term. The chairperson suggested that we all read and study the 21 Day Challenge of the PC(USA) Racial Justice Challenge. The study guide is titled: *Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community Antiracism*.

We will meet through ZOOM for one hour; 6 sessions before Christmas. Unfortunately, I was not able to participate the first session due to my work schedule. I hope to meet with the group a few times depending on my work schedule. 2 p. m. Pacific Time is not ideal for me. We met and planned with our committees. This year we were fortunate to have met at the Presbyterian Center and at the Hampton Inn. Our next Committee meetings will be through ZOOM. The next Board meeting will be in February through ZOOM. It is really nice this way. We don't have to fly to Louisville and stay for a few days. This way we save a lot of money.

Saturday night we were treated to a River Boat buffet dinner. It was a warm night and the lights from the building and the bridge were so beautiful. This was a nice surprise. Last year, we went out to a restaurant and had an Italian meal. Sunday morning we had a worship service with Communion.

## WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?

Asked to the English Worshipping Community during worship on September 1, 2019  
by Diane Go and the responses she received

**Diane Go:** My touchstone, my keystone

**Irene Ng:** The Good Shepherd. The Grace Giver. Revolutionary Extraordinaire. God Incarnate. The Liberator

**Steve Ng (Irene's son, who lives in Abiquiu, New Mexico):** Teacher/Rabbi; the one who tells parables and takes you on walks around the countryside meeting people

**Nancy Chee:** Jesus is my best friend! Always there when I need him and always in my heart

**Pam Jang:** My relationship with Jesus...hmmm...To follow his footsteps, mostly in the areas that I am passionate about. Being kind to others is always my number one.

**Ed Chin:** Jesus, who manifests God's presence among us, is my guide and teacher who leads me to the great unknowable that binds all things together we call Parent, father, mother, God.

**Harriet Hall:** He is my protector, my friend, my sanctuary.

**Linda Lee:** Jesus is sufficient to provide

**Mary Wong-Leong:** Jesus is my model; he's the goal in my life.

**Dayton Leong:** I see him as God's deckhand; the true fisher of men; his tune is follow me; he reminds us to be Alive, Alert, Aware, Active, and Awake with Attitude to accept everyone's lifestyle with God's grace and bring to his table your catch. We need to make that cast and catch one for Jesus! Saying, FISH ON! AMEN

**Rachel Wong:** Jesus is my all-time comforter! With so many of my friends and family members in their golden years, I feel comforted in knowing that they are going to their heavenly home and will be with their Heavenly Father.

**Anonymous:** Jesus represents the highest human form of purity of spirit, integrity, empathy, and grace and is my standard that we all should be striving for.

This summer I had the opportunity to go home to my home church in New York City to serve God and the neighborhood children. I directed the FCPC children's Summer Program. The staff consisted of four staff members (teacher and teacher's aides) and two volunteers along with one part time Christian Educator and myself. Things over there have changed a lot in the last eighteen years. They used to have a pianist; now I have an overhead projector and a CD player. But at times I still used a guitar and the ukulele. It was all good.

The program consisted of morning singspiration and worship. Our theme for this year comes from Psalm 118:24. "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Then we had sessions in math and reading in the morning. We walked to the nearby public school for lunch. During the afternoon we had play time, cooking time, vocabulary, arts/crafts, and Spanish lessons. We would go to the public library once a week.

We had thirty-six children from ages 6 through 11 years old. We had all kinds of children in the program: good children, challenging children, crying children and everything in between that you can think of. My staff was challenged with this group of children, and we loved them all. Seven weeks is a very long time! It was a total of 35 days of school and I did not miss one day!



I do thank my Bible Study Group for their support in prayers and for giving the church a set of reference books for the staff and students to use. I also thank Wayne for spending a few weeks with me and the children. I do believe that he had a good time and he also enjoyed the children a lot. I also want to thank my sister-in-law and my two nieces for coming out to volunteer their time with the program. I don't want to forget my ex-coworker who became my Spanish teacher. I give a lot of credit to my part time Christian Educator who became my bouncing board with the difficult students that we had. I do thank God for all His support and the Holy Spirit that was guiding me throughout this summer. I hope that the seeds that we have planted this summer in the children's hearts will continue to grow in them. May God continue to bless the children and also with my staff. If I do have the opportunity next year, maybe Wayne and I will go back again.



*Rev. Arlington Trotman with outstretched arms was able to touch opposite walls in one of the residential single rooms at the Clayton Hotel. Photo by Rev. Norman Fong*

International peacemaker, Rev. Arlington Trotman, an immigrant to the United Kingdom and a leader in the struggle for racial justice in England and Europe, visited the Bay Area from September 23-October 2, 2019.

He was one of 10 peacemakers from around the world that the Presbyterian Mission Agency brought to the U.S. to interpret issues of peace and justice. Rev. Trotman was hosted by San Francisco Presbytery and he gave presentations, led bible studies and preached at Old First, Ingleside, Noe Valley Ministry, Pittsburg Community Church, First Presbyterian of Livermore, and Calvary Presbyterian Church.

This was his first visit to San Francisco and he was very interested in a tour of Chinatown. We met him at PCC and Pastor Don spoke about the history of our church and our current ministries. Our tour continued on to Cameron House, Mei Lun Yuen, Cambridge Hotel, Ross Alley, Golden Gate Fortune Cookie factory, and dinner at San Sun Restaurant.

Throughout the years, other international peacemakers have visited PCC to inform us and open our hearts and minds. By sharing stories of their work and witness, peacemakers help us understand peace and justice concerns around the world and provide insights that can inspire us to greater faithfulness.

Thank you also to Laurene Chan, David Pon, Cindy Joe, and Norman Fong who helped lead the tour!





For today's Stewardship Minute, or minutes, I'm reading the wonderful article by Deacon Jeanine Lim written for the *Good News for the Pews*, it's entitled:

“An Authentic Public Witness Requires an Authentic Community Existence.  
The Love, Care, Justice, and Peace We Desire in the World Must Also  
Be Practiced Among Ourselves”

Every year like clockwork, someone from the Nominating Committee asked me to consider serving as an elder or a deacon. For various reasons, I declined. Maybe it's because when I had previously served as an elder, I was still working full-time, commuting back and forth from the East Bay to the City, was assigned to chair two church committees, and had to attend more meetings than I cared to count. I was tired! However, after the resignation of Pastor Kimberly, I reconsidered. I thought our worshipping community needed people to “step up” during this transitional period. Since I am now retired, (no more daily commuting, yay!), I was in a position to serve. So, I volunteered to serve as a deacon, and am now serving the first year of a three-year term.

I have to admit that I was curious about the role of a deacon, and I would bet that many of you wonder, too. From my observations, deacons are the ones who wash dishes after teatime and Sabbath Sunday meals. They help during memorial services and receptions, and they organize potlucks. They make sure there are ushers for worship, and prepare the elements for Communion. Deacons send cards of sympathy and encouragement, and they maintain the prayer lists that are distributed regularly that you read in the Rag Sheet. They get asked to do special projects, and always deliver with competence and consideration for all the niceties. The many other tasks performed by deacons, like making sure there are adequate pantry supplies and that dirty kitchen towels are washed, are too numerous to list here.

When I found myself observing more closely and as I began to serve, I concluded the following: **BOY, THE DEACONS HAVE TO WASH A LOT OF DISHES!!!!** I further observed that we Deacons were not attending to one of the principal tasks I thought that deacons were responsible for, and that is the calling, visiting, and provision of comfort and support to the members of our worshipping community. We were so busy with the chores, special projects, and day-to-day stuff, that we forgot one of the principal responsibilities set forth for deacons in the Book of Order. And the lack of calling and connection seemed to me to be particularly acute, since for several months we were a worshipping community without a pastor.

The Deacons are now in the process of reframing our goals and objectives, and creating an organized and intentional caring ministry. In May, we had a retreat during which we explored a ministry of calling, visitations, outreach and connection with our worshipping community's members. We invited Pastor Gerald Chinen of the Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church, which has a robust care ministry of 30 Deacons, to lead us in training. Yes, there are only seven of us, so we can't be too ambitious. Watch for further details in the Rag Sheet, the PCC website, and e-mail blasts!

As for me, one of the joys of retirement is having more time to read. Here is a quote from a book, *The Call to Conversion* by Jim Wallis.

“The greatest need in our time is not simply for “kerygma,” the preaching of the gospel; nor for “diakonia,” service on behalf of justice; nor for “charisma,” the experience of the Spirit's gifts; nor even for “propheteia,” the challenging of the king. The greatest need of our time is for “koinonia,” the call simply to be the church, to love one another, and to offer our lives for the sake of the world. The creation of living, breathing, loving communities of faith at the local church level is the foundation of all  
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the other answers. The community of faith incarnates a whole new order, offers a visible and concrete alternative, and issues a basic challenge to the world as it is. The church must be called to be the church, to rebuild the kind of community that gives substance to the claims of faith.”

So, in your prayer to decide your pledging for 2020, know that a portion of your money is the extension of that get-well or thank you card, a meal brought when we visit someone who’s sick, celebrating a birthday with delicious cake, providing funds to buy some socks, clothing or food for someone who needs a helping hand, the quarterly pot-luck dinner get together, as well as expenses for our calling and caring ministry ahead of us.

We are thankful for Pat Chan, Desi Ng and Jerrick Woo who will be going off next year. Current Deacons will be Pam Jang, Jackie Jew, Jeanine Lim, and Eddie Kam, Chairperson of the Deacons. The Nominating Committee is still trying to fill vacancies, so if today’s minute inspired you to consider one of our vacancies and you feel called to be a Deacon, please let a member of the Nominating Committee know.

*Eddie Kam*



The healthy and beautiful rainbows created with vegetables, fruit and jello and served by Belinda Hum and her son, Max, added deliciously to the sincerity of the welcome message of PCC's English Worshipping Community's Pride Service held on July 28, 2019.

*Jeanne Quock*

## **Mission & Evangelism Minute for Stewardship**

**by Susie Wong**

Mission and Evangelism Committee members: Ed Chin, Doreen Der-McLeod, Shar Hall, Jeanette Huie, Cindy Joe, Gilbert Lee, Jeanine Lim and Susie Wong

The M&E committee follows the commandments in **Micah 6:8** to guide our work:

**What does the Lord require of you but to do Justice, Love Kindness, and walk humbly with God.**

### **Do Justice**

We support Social Justice through advocacy and education:

In 2019, we continued to support the effort to rename Julius Kahn Park to a place based name instead of a person who pushed Chinese exclusion laws. We will continue to provide the congregation with information on ballot measures - "Yes on Prop A!"- to raise needed funding for more affordable housing and supportive services. In past years, we join in the Womens' March, March for our Lives (to support Gun Control). Members continue to attend the annual Interfaith Homeless Persons Memorial at the winter solstice to protest the hundreds of deaths on the streets in our city. We bring speakers who are working for justice to share their experiences. Missionaries Farsiana and Bernie Adenay-Risakotta, educated us about their work in Indonesia bringing Christians and Muslims together and helping women to empower themselves. SF SafeHouse for Women staff and alumnae spoke about recovery from sexual exploitation. Rev. Lyn Juckiness spoke on the abuses of women in the military. Rev. Norman Fong spoke about the plight of families living in SROs, and John Brett of the Gubio Project and the SF Night Ministry spoke of the need to see the humanity of our unhoused neighbors.

### **Love Kindness**

We engage in activities that allow us to be present with others in times of need with a welcoming spirit, giving respect & dignity. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of our Food Pantry – serving 135 seniors living in single rooms in our neighborhood. We participate in the Interfaith Winter Shelter Program by cooking and serving dinner to unhoused men sleeping at the church that night. The PCC DINKS & SINKS also cook and serve dinner to unhoused neighbors at Old 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church several times a year. This year, we are working with the International Rescue Committee to provide packing travel bags for asylum seeking families who come with very little and need to bus across the U.S. to stay with family or friends. The rolling duffle bags will include bedding, dishes, towels, flashlights and toiletries.

### **Walk Humbly with our God**

We organize ways for our congregation to contribute to the church's work at home and though out the world.

We present special offerings:

-One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter) to support the Presbyterian Hunger Project, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self Development of People

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- Peace - (during World Wide Communion) raises funds for PCUSA to help stop child soldiers and supported work of missionaries like Farsijana and Bernie in Indonesia
- Fundraiser for Living Waters (Mother’s Day) – to help build clean water systems internationally
- Joy (Christmas)– to support church workers in need & the work of racial/ethnic schools
- 2 cents a meal – collected at Tea Time, supports hunger programs

We organize involvement: In past years, we worked with other churches in the Rise Against Hunger project to pack nutritious instant meals for emergency needs throughout the world. The Alternative Christmas Fair supports fair trade projects that help reduce poverty in many countries. The SRO Kids projects provide school supplies to 200 children and join with other churches and neighborhood organizations to provide Christmas gifts. In this way, we share Christ’s love with our neighbor families living in single rooms.

We organize presentations from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer to inspire us through the work of the church throughout our nation and the wider world.

The M&E portion of the church budget supports local nonprofits working with people in need (CH, CCDC, Asian Womens’ Shelter, SafeHouse for Women, IRC), and contributes to funding a desperately needed clean water system internationally through Living Waters for the World.

No matter how big or small, our contributions help to share God’s love and make a difference in the world!

Peace of Christ,  
*Susie Wong*  
Chair, Mission an Evangelism Committee



**Nominating Committee 2019**

**by Diane Go**

The yearly goal of the English Worshipping Community Nominating Committee is to select the leadership of our community for the community’s approval. We vote annually in the month of October to approve a slate that consists of nominees for the Board of Deacons (Deacons), our English Worshipping Community’s Commission, our community’s Personnel Committee and finally, the Nominating Committee itself.

The tasks that help the Committee achieve this goal are

- 1) to discern who to ask
- 2) to approach members to be nominees for the selected group or committee, including the Pastor Nominating Committee when appropriate.

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3) to present the slate for vote at the annual Worshipping Community meeting and to present the approved slate to the entire PCC Congregation at its annual meeting.

The members of the 2019 Nominating Committee are:

Barbara Fong, Joanne (Jojo) Woo, Kathy Tong, Pamela Jang, Sing Quan, Eddie Kam (Deacon representative), myself, Diane Go (Elder representative) and Pastor Donald P. Hammond.

For me, one of the most challenging tasks is that of discernment. It takes the input of the entire team to decide who to reach out to with the question of “Will you serve?” Each year brings its unique challenges, so no one term of service is the same. I have experienced this in my 10 years participating on the Nominating Committee. What drives me forward are the lessons that Jesus taught the disciples about loving each other and showing that love by serving.

As we near the deadline to present to the English Worshipping Community on October 27th and to the entire PCC Congregation on November 3rd, please keep this important Committee in your prayers. And if you are approached by one of our members, keep your heart open to God’s call to serve. And also, if you feel the desire to serve, seek us out!



**Minute for Stewardship - Personnel Committee**

**by Carl Jew**

A year ago, our congregation focused its attention on adaptive change and what it means to face an uncharted future together. In *Canoeing the Mountain*, Tod Bolsinger addresses the complexity of Christian leadership and I quote:

*Christian work is a “family” and a “business” at the same time. To be a Christian is to find identity and mutual commitment in relationships constituted by God that make us into brothers and sisters...And at the same time, we are a business with a mission to fulfill, services to offer, constituencies to support, and regulations, demands, and obligations required of us...This means that Christian leaders function almost constantly in dual relationships.*

On the **business** side, the Personnel Committee works on duties such as conducting staff performance evaluations, adhering to employment policies at the workplace, utilizing best practices of the Presbyterian Church on personnel matters, and advising the budget and planning process as it relates to the minister’s salary and housing allowance.

Regarding the work of **relationship building** in church life, where can a minister go to speak freely about professional or personal concerns? One answer is the Personnel Committee whose members strive to provide a safe space where church staff can speak openly and honestly, and practice the discipline of confidentiality to build trusting relationships, and where our pastor can expect to receive support as a brother in Christ, in our common purpose to fulfill our church’s mission.

If you are interested in the stewardship of the church’s human resources by helping to create a healthy work environment for church staff and providing confidential support to our pastor, or simply want to learn more about personnel supervision, consider joining the Personnel Committee in 2020.

## The Resource Committee and Stewardship by David Soohoo

These past few weeks and coming weeks, we have heard or will be hearing from the many committees who are working on our church's stewardship, mission and ministry. They provide insights about what we do and where we are as a dynamic worshipping community and faithful members of the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown and the Presbyterian Church USA.

We gratefully acknowledge those who are serving as teachers and instructors to our youth, who quietly count the offerings and donations, who diligently clean up the areas of our church, who provide music accompaniment during worship and those who provide us with nourishment during Tea Time and Sabbath Sundays. We are also thankful to our many volunteers who enhance our security and provide audio/visual support for our church and those adding to our infrastructure and tasks needing attention. We also acknowledge the care and support of our Board of Deacons and the governance by the Elders and Session. And to all of you whose commitment and dedication celebrates the ministry of our church here in Chinatown and beyond.

Our **English Resource Committee** provides oversight, support and administration of the budget and financial condition, communications, membership and stewardship for our English worshipping community. Along with the

Building and Finance Committee of the Session, we are actively engaged in the facility maintenance, security and space utilization of our building. With ever changing needs and environment, we continue to update and evolve our policies and procedures

Serving with me on the Resource Committee are Jonathan Chan, Wayne Eng, Stuart Go, Jackie Jew, Liane Leong, Terry Leong, Winchell Quock, and Rev. Don Hammond.

We worship, fellowship and are baptized because of our faith in the Christ Jesus/God. Our lives are a reflection and a response to his calling and ministry. Varied are our gifts and talents and stewardship is our response to his calling.

Stewardship, as a discipline, involves every aspect of our lives and in all the stages of life. In sharing the Good News, seeking peace & justice, employing resources and abilities, it is our response to God's grace and goodness. Stewardship requires consideration and deliberation of how our choices affect others, of how we can be good caretakers of the world and the global community and of how we can best serve God as Disciples of Christ.

Stewardship is about making choices, as individuals and in community. It is more than giving money to the church. Stewardship is about being faithful disciples, caring for and managing all that God has given us.

## **Minute for Stewardship 2019 Worship & Nurture**

**by Dave Miller**

Like all the rest of the church committees, we on the Worship & Nurture Committee play an important role in the life of our worshipping community.

Putting on our “worship” hat, we are responsible for ensuring that worship provides an opportunity for God to reach into your lives and for you to acknowledge God’s love and grace. At each of our meetings, we discuss any feedback on worship that our members have received. While we may have our own feedback, we’d love to have your feedback as well. If anything touched you especially, or if anything pushed you away from your encounter with God, we’d like to know about it. While the experience is fresh in your mind, chat with any of our members. They include Linda Lee, Diane Go, Nancy Chee, Norma Fong Chan, Pat Chan, and myself. Pastor Don also participates in our meetings.

And, putting on our “nurture” hat, we are responsible for opportunities to give youth a solid grounding in our faith and to renew and enhance the faith of all of us. We get and act on reports from Nancy on Sunday school. we get and act on reports from study groups like Sunday Morning School of Discipleship and the Wednesday Night Bible Study group. We follow and help where possible the monthly gathering with youth and young

adults. We plan for retreats such as the Family Retreat at Westminster Woods and the upcoming Study Retreat in October.

We couldn’t do our work without you. Many of you help out with activities for Advent Studies and with creations for worship. Several of you keep on top of recruiting readers and communion servers. And, your stewardship in the form of donations to the church lets us advance funds for sports leagues, as well as pay for reservations for retreats. We pay worship planning expenses and we subsidize Advent and Lenten studies materials.

We’d love it if you participated as a committee member. You can influence worship and help direct nurture opportunities for members of our church. An added benefit to being a committee member is that we usually have really good snacks! Join us.



from Linda Lee and Susie Wong

- Sunday, Nov. 3      Annual PCC Congregational Meeting, 11:30 am
- Tuesday, Nov. 12    SF Presbytery meets at PCC
- Sunday, Nov. 17    Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Sunday speaker, John Brett,  
Gubbio Project and Night Ministry
- Monday, Nov. 18    Women's Fellowship
- Sunday, Dec. 1      Advent Begins, Hanging of the Greens worship
- Sunday, Dec. 1      SRO Kid's Christmas Gifts drive
- Sunday, Dec. 8 & 15   Alternative Christmas Fair
- Sunday, Dec. 15     Rev. Deborah Lee, guest preacher,  
Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity
- Saturday, Dec. 21    Interfaith Homeless Memorial, 5:30 gathering at UN Plaza
- Tuesday, Dec. 24    Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship & Caroling
- Sunday, Dec. 29     English Ministries Consistory (Elders & Deacons) Meeting

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