



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

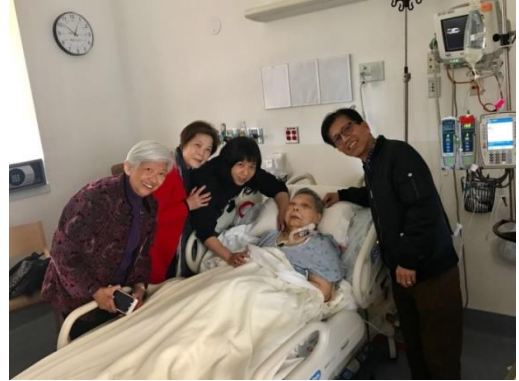
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The Cantonese Worshipping Community

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