

In the Loop
A Summary of the July 13 English Commission Meeting

Committee Reports

1. Mission and Evangelism

SRO School Supplies – Chinatown CDC staff identified 115 households with a total of 153 elementary school-aged children to be served. The goal is to raise \$3,060.00 to give each child a \$20.00 gift card to purchase school supplies. (153 x \$20.00 = \$3,060.00) There are fewer families living in Chinatown after a year of sheltering in place and a pressing need for increased living space. Pastors Kaan and Hao will be invited to attend the back-to-school event to be held at the church.
2. Resource
 - a. SFMTA (SFMTA) Station – Winchell Quock and Cindy Joe met with SFMTA representatives to conduct a hardhat walk-through of the construction project and focus attention on the project's impact on church property. PCC sent a memorandum to SFMTA highlighting damages incurred during construction: 1) 85 holes in basement walls that need patching/painting, 2) restoration of an exterior gate, 3) easement repair, 4) power washing the building and windows, 5) exterior painting.
 - b. Easement (southside) – The property at 916 Clay Street has a door that exits to the church's easement in cases of emergency. The church's gate lock has been changed and rekeyed to reduce the risk of misuse by the owners and tenants of 916 Clay.
 - c. Church Mutual Insurance – Pastor Don accompanied an inspector on a walk-through of the building. A risk assessment report is forthcoming that will determine whether any remediation is needed in the building.
3. Worship & Nurture
 - a. Outdoor Worship on August 29
 - 1) W&N is planning for an outdoor worship and communion service on August 29 in Golden Gate Park followed by a picnic lunch.
 - 2) Worship will not be streamed on this date.
 - b. Both/And Worship

The committee discussed additional ways to make worship meaningful to both on-line worshipers and in-person worshipers. Dave Miller has incorporated those discussions into a working document.
4. Mission Study Team

A second congregational town hall meeting hosted by the MST will be held on July 18th. The MST will be facilitating small-group discussions on the results of the April survey and key themes identified at the May 2021 town hall meeting.
5. Nominating

Nancy Chee, Co-Chair along with Mary Wong Leong, reported that the committee is actively working to identify nominees to serve in 2022.

Additional Reports

1. Pastor's Report
 - a. Pastoral coverage has been arranged for July 20 – August 2 while Pastor Don is away on vacation leave.

- b. After a year of fellowships via Zoom, Pastor Don will be meeting this month with young adults for the first time in person over a meal.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. For the month of June, there was an operating deficit of \$2,132.82; however, the budget at the midpoint of the year has a positive variance of \$1,990.96.
 - b. Offerings and other receipts are tracking on par with last year whereas expenses have increased in areas such as compensation and shared PCC expenses.

Old Business

1. Safety Planning and Protocols for Reentry to the Church
 - a. The Commission held an exhaustive discussion about the resumption of worship and fellowship at the church and the health and safety factors that need to be addressed to obtain approval from the Session to authorize a worshipping community to gather safely indoors.
 - b. **Action:** The Commission, by unanimous consent, recommends that the PCC convene a modified task force with equal representation from each of the worshipping communities comprised of two lay leaders and a co-pastor to work on churchwide reentry plans and practices.
2. West Bay Connections Anti-Racism Capacity Building and Congregational Partnerships Project
Action: This agenda item was tabled and will be revisited after a follow-up discussion on Matthew 25 is held at the August Commission meeting.

New Business

1. Personnel
The pastoral portfolio review was postponed and rescheduled for the August meeting.
2. Matthew 25 Initiative
 - a. The Commission held a debriefing on the July 10th town hall meeting. The presentation made by the task force combined with the comments of the 40 attendees suggests that the goals of Matthew 25 align well with the core values and commitments of the EWC.
 - b. **Action:** By unanimous consent, the Commission voted to register as a Matthew 25 worshipping community.
 - c. **To Do:** Pastor Don will complete the Matthew 25 registration process.
 - d. **To Do:** Follow-up discussion about Matthew 25 is needed and will be assigned to the August Commission meeting agenda.
3. Communion on August 29
Action: The Commission approved the Worship & Nurture committee's special request to offer communion in person on August 29 at an outdoor worship service.

Calendar Dates

- o July 20 Pastor Don's Vacation through August 2
- o August 1 **Guest Preacher – Rev. Norman Fong**
- o August 3 M&E and W&N Committees
- o August 8 Resource Committee
- o August 8 Mission Study (MST)

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- August 17 English Commission
- August 22 Board of Deacons
- August 29 Communion Service and Picnic Lunch at the Park

- September 6 Labor Day Holiday Observance
- September 7 M&E and W&N Committees
- September 12 Resource Committee
- September 12 Mission Study (MST)
- September 21 English Commission
- September 26 Board of Deacons