

In the Loop
A Summary of the January 2021 English Commission Meeting

The Commission welcomed the Class of 2023 elders to their first meeting of the new year. In recognition of this occasion, Mildred Hall, David Miller and Annie Wong shared their reflections on why they answered the call to serve as ruling elders. For the first time in many years, the English Commission has a full complement of nine elders serving on the team.

Presbytery of San Francisco (SFP) Report

1. A working group is tasked with handling a range of issues associated with presbytery assets such as property deeds and titles and envisioning the future use of vacant church properties.
2. The presbytery is sponsoring a workshop series that begins on January 20th on antiracist transformation facilitated by Crossroads (Antiracism Organizing and Training).
3. **Action:** Diane Go and Ruth Wu were approved by unanimous consent to continue for a second year as PCC Commissioners to SFP.

Committee Reports

1. Mission and Evangelism
 - a. *Do Justice* – The committee agreed to form a task force to determine what it means to be a Matthew 25 worshiping community and gauge the level of interest from PCC. The task force will seek members interested in social justice and provide a new opportunity for community involvement.
 - b. *Love Kindness* – As a condition of receiving grant funding from the city, the Food Pantry must comply with background checks for its delivery volunteers, conduct a nutritional survey with clients of the home delivery service, and conduct a satisfaction survey with all participants. In preparation for the Lunar New Year, Jeanette Huie is researching and buying Chinese food items as a supplement to the regular food packages. M&E set aside \$500 of its mission giving budget to provide Food Pantry clients with traditional foods to celebrate the Lunar New Year.
 - c. *Walk Humbly* – In February, the committee will discuss evangelism and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
2. Resource
 - a. Church Reentry – A task force consisting of Dave Soohoo, Winchell Quock and Jackie Jew was formed to develop safety policies and practices to guide the eventual reentry to the church building.
 - b. Broadband at the Church – The current bandwidth available at the church is minimal by today's standards and unlikely to be adequate to meet the growing demand for data across the three worshiping communities. Comcast charges a one-time fee of \$11-\$15K to install fiber optic cables. ATT doesn't charge for installation; however, it assesses a monthly fee of \$1K or a discounted basic rate of \$590/month plus additional charges for telephone and other services. Satellite-based internet service offers limited bandwidth similar to the current internet service provider.
 - c. Membership – At the end of 2020, EWC membership remains at 116.
 - d. Online Presence – Dave Miller reported that PCC web traffic had 377 hits and 245 unique visitors to the site.
 - e. Water Waste – A plumbing failure occurred in the first-floor men's room that went undetected for a time and resulted in enormous water waste. An appeal was

made to the SF Water Department and SFWD will grant relief to PCC and provide a credit on the next invoice to offset a portion of the cost.

3. Worship & Nurture
 - a. The committee is actively recruiting members and recently added Mildred Hall and Laurene Chan.
 - b. Worship
 - 1) Dave Miller described the amount and complexity of tasks associated with preparing and delivering the music-related aspects of worship and significant behind-the-scenes preparations made by key contributors such as Norm Proctor, Dave Chan, and Mildred Hall.
 - 2) Dave Chan has done a fabulous job of adding music performed by members of our community (e.g., Caitlin Gong playing cello, Gordie Jeong, the piano) to the preludes, interludes, and postludes.
 - 3) The committee is actively planning for Lent and the season's theme from which aspects of worship and other Lenten activities will flow.
 - c. Nurture
 - 1) School of Discipleship – After a short break, the SOD resumed its Monday meetings on January 3rd with a study of the Lord's Prayer.
 - 2) Taiji – Norma Fong's class was well received with 8-12 attendees per session.
4. Board of Deacons – Rev. Maggi Henderson has been invited to provide consultation on a range of operational issues such as confidentiality.
5. Imagining Church Project – Bruce and Doreen Der McLeod are working with Derek Wu, Princeton Seminary Research Assistant, to form and convene a focus group with broad representation from the EWC.

Treasurer's Report

1. The monthly report for December showed a positive variance of \$5,476.77.
2. The 2020 annual income to expense report concluded the year with a positive variance of \$23,215.70, a significant head-start as we enter the new year and anticipate new budget priorities and expenses associated with the mission study.
3. Line item 701-Miscellaneous is a general category of expenses that can be a source of confusion. Winchell explained that nearly half of the \$42,179.71 was attributed to the CH Healing Fund and the committee's educational video project. There were other unscheduled fund transfers and expenditures this year such as the LCD projector upgrade for the sanctuary, start-up monies for the Compassion Fund, and allocations from SFP to the three worshipping communities.

New Business

1. Formation of a Matthew 25 Task Force
 - a. A Matthew 25 group pledges to 1) build congregational vitality, 2) dismantle structural racism, and/or 3) eradicate systemic poverty.
 - b. M&E decided at its January meeting to form a task force to examine whether the EWC will become a Matthew 25 community and gauge the interest of the PCC.
 - c. Ed Chin and Jeanette Huie recommend that a layperson be elected to serve as chairperson of the task force.
2. English Commission Committee & Other Assignments of the Elders for 2021 – The elders reviewed their assignments of the past year and filled vacancies for the new year as follows:

COMMITTEE	2021 ELDER ASSIGNMENTS
Mission & Evangelism	Ed Chin (Co-Chair) Jeanette Huie (Co-Chair)
Resource	Dave Soohoo (Chair) Winchell Quock Annie Wong
Worship & Nurture	David Miller (Chair) Nancy Chee Mildred Hall
Mission Study	Nancy Chee
Nominating	Nancy Chee Second Elder (to be named)
PCC/Cameron House Partnership	Carl Jew
Personnel	Carl Jew (Chair)
ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS	2021 ELDER ASSIGNMENTS
EWC Treasurer	Winchell Quock
PCC Treasurer	Dave Soohoo
PCC Building & Finance	Dave Soohoo Winchell Quock Annie Wong
Presbytery Representative	No English elders – Delegated to Diane Go & Ruth Wu
English Commission Secretary	Carl Jew
Food Pantry	Jeanette Huie
Ragsheet	Jeanette Huie
Webmaster	Dave Miller
E-Communications	Dave Miller
Worship Design Team	Dave Miller Mildred Hall
Worship Streaming	Nancy Chee
Organist	Mildred Hall Dave Miller
Sunday School	Nancy Chee
Church Office Volunteer	Annie Wong

Calendar Dates

- February 2 M&E and W&N Committees
- February 4 Presbytery of San Francisco
- February 6 Board of Deacons Training
- February 12 Chinese New Year
- February 14 Resource Committee
- February 14 Mission Study Team
- February 15 President's Day Holiday
- February 16 English Commission
- February 17 Ash Wednesday
- February 28 Board of Deacons
- March 2 M&E and W&N Committees
- March 14 Resource Committee
- March 14 PCC Session

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- March 14 Mission Study Team
- March 16 English Commission
- March 28 Palm Sunday
- March 28 Board of Deacons