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In the Loop

A Summary of the December 2022 English Commission Meeting

Visitors: Rev. InHo Kim, Partner for Congregational Vitality and Clergy Support
Dave Chan, 2023 Elder

Committee and Other Reports

1. San Francisco Presbytery
 - a. Pastor InHo invited elders to participate in the upcoming assessment of S.F. Presbytery. Holy Cow Consulting's landscape survey will help the presbytery to identify their strengths and weaknesses, evaluate the transitional leadership model, and ascertain feedback on the needs and the direction of the presbytery.
 - b. Stated Clerk, Rochelle Shaw, will be retiring and resigning from her position on February 28, 2023.
 - c. 2023 Meeting Schedule
 - 1) Tuesday, February 21 (online) – Conflicts with English Commission
 - 2) Tuesday, May 9 (hybrid)
 - 3) Tuesday, August 8 (hybrid)
 - 4) Tuesday, November 14 (online)
 - 5) Saturday, September 23, Presbytery Day (format TBD)
 - d. Nominating/Committee on Representation
 - 1) Rev. Grace Kaori-Suzuki was elected as Co-Moderator of Presbytery for 2022-2023.
 - 2) Rev. Cal Chinn was elected as Synod Commissioner (second term, Class of 2025).
 - e. Committee on Ministry
 - 1) Recently retired ministers include Rev. Andrew Rhee, Rev. Randy McGrady-Beach (John Knox PC, Dublin), and Rev. Ernie Hess (St. Andrews PC, Pleasant Hill).
 - 2) Ministers who passed away in 2022 include Rev. Peter Yuen, Rev. Kwong Sun Kim, Rev. Burton Dix Williams, Rev. Keith Chamberlain, and Rev. Dr. Robert Andrew Pitman.
 - f. Finance, Property and Oversight Committee – A loan to the Delta Community Presbyterian Church, Discovery Bay was approved to expand the church school and remove temporary trailers by co-signing the Synod Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program loan.
 - g. Personnel Working Group – The appointment of Rev. Karen Thistlethwaite as Transitional Executive Partner for Operations and Communications was approved.
 - h. The Commission thanks Diane Go for her service and excellent reporting as Presbytery Representative.
2. Mission and Evangelism
 - a. 2022 End-of-Year Donations – Guided by core principles such as Matthew 25 objectives, the committee made the following mission gifts on behalf of the EWC:
 - 1) \$500 IM4HI

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- 2) \$500 Cantonese Worshiping Community
 - 3) \$500 S.F. Night Ministry
 - 4) \$500 S.F. SafeHouse
 - 5) \$500 Poor People's Campaign
 - 6) \$400 Asian Women's Shelter
 - 7) \$300 Tsuru for Solidarity
 - 8) \$300 Pipit Fund
- b. S.F. Interfaith Council Winter Shelter Meal - PCC is scheduled to cook and serve dinner at the shelter provided by the Unitarian Universalist Church on Friday, February 17, 2023.
3. Resource
- a. Reorganization of Duties - The committee is feeling the weight of an increased workload for 2023 such as coordinating and providing ushering, Tea-time, and Sabbath Sunday lunches. Some tasks are proving to be more challenging to fill such as safety monitors.
 - b. There are a variety of ways to help sustain the worshiping community in person and online, volunteer opportunities that can be tailored to your abilities, interests, and availability.
4. Worship & Nurture
- a. Advent
 - 1) The Practice of Anointment - Many people have found the anointing ceremony to be meaningful.
 - 2) HTML Email - A colorful email was sent out on November 26 and December 3 instead of the regular textual message. We received positive feedback about the look. Approximately 235 recipients got the email and 150 opened it.
 - b. Worship Attendance for November (in-person counts in parentheses)
 - 1) 11/6 118 (29) Trilingual Service/Congregational Meeting
 - 2) 11/13 74 (26)
 - 3) 11/20 59 (36)
 - 4) 11/27 80 (31)
 - 5) Online participation seems to trend lower without a corresponding increase in in-person worshippers.
5. Nominating
- a. After a consultation with Rev. InHo Kim of the Committee on Ministry, the committee approved a framework to guide the formation of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The PNC will consist of seven (7) members including representatives from the:
 - 1) Cantonese Worshiping Community (1)
 - 2) Mandarin Worshiping Community (1)
 - 3) English Worshiping Community (5) - The five (5) members allocated to the EWC will include:
 - a) Current Elder (1)
 - b) Current Deacon (1)
 - c) Three (3) members-at-large including a member of the 2022 Mission Study Team and others who reflect the diversity of the worshiping community

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6. Board of Deacons

Jeanine Lim was appointed as Deacon Representative to the 2023 Nominating committee and the PNC.

7. Pastor's Report

- a. Cantonese Worshiping Community – Rev. Grace Song, a minister in good standing with the S.F. Presbytery and a chaplain at S.F. General Hospital, will preside over Communion and moderate the Cantonese Commission meeting beginning in January. She will serve part time on the first Sunday of each month.
- b. The Art of Transitional Ministry – With full support from the English elders, Pastor Don has accepted an invitation to join the faculty of the Transitional Ministries Educational Consortium. He will be taking study leave from February 13-19 to attend the conference in St. Louis.

8. Treasurer's Report

- a. Budget Notes
 - 1) To generate more income from cash reserves, a 13-month Certificate of Deposit (CD) was purchased that offers a guaranteed return of 3% at maturity.
 - 2) The generous annual pledges and special gifts from our community continue to serve as positive indicators of member support for the church's ministry.
- b. Income to Expense Report for November 2022

	November 2022	Year to Date
Total Receipts (A)	\$47,692.14	\$232,870.02
Total Expenses (B)	\$18,264.42	\$187,687.42
Surplus/Deficit = (A-B)	\$29,427.72	\$45,182.60

Old Business - None

New Business

- 1. The Commission met with Rev. InHo Kim in closed session for confidential discussions. Pastor Don was excused from this segment of the meeting.
- 2. Elder Representative to the Pastor Nominating Committee
Action: Heidi Wong was approved by unanimous consent to serve as Elder Representative on the PNC.
- 3. Nominating Committee
Action: Carl Jew will continue as Elder Representative to the committee for 2023. Ordinarily committee assignments are made in January, but early action was taken to enable the Nominating committee to begin their work without delay in January.

Calendar Dates

January 8	Ordination & Installation Service
January 8	Resource Committee
January 15	<i>Dismantling Racism Sunday</i> – Guest Preacher: Mary Jane Gordon, Ingleside Presbyterian Church

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January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance
January 17	English Commission
January 22	<i>Lunar New Year</i>
January 24	Board of Deacons (Moved from 01/22/2023)
January 29	Consistory
February 5	<i>Communion & Sabbath Sunday Meal</i>
February 7	M&E and W&N Committees
February 12	Resource Committee
February 13	Pastor Don – On study leave through 02/19/2023
February 17	S.F. Interfaith Council Winter Shelter Meal
February 20	<i>President's Day Observance</i>
February 21	Presbytery of San Francisco
February 21	English Commission (To be rescheduled)
February 22	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
February 26	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>
February 26	Board of Deacons

The meeting closed after a time of reflection and gratitude as Jeanette Huie concluded six years of faithful service as a ruling elder.