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In the Loop

The Commission's Quarterly Report to the PCC Session for December and an Overview of the November 2024 English Commission Meeting

1. Membership: 112. A memorial service of worship was held for Irene Young Ng, faithful deacon and elder of the PCC, on November 23rd in San Anselmo.
2. Communion: The sacrament was celebrated on the first Sunday of the months of October, November and December.
3. New Members' Class – Rev. Hammond will be teaching a five-week course for new members in December – January.
4. Budget: As of October 2024, the English Worshiping Community is operating with a modest surplus of \$1,509.67 for the year.
5. The Board of Deacons hosted a communitywide fellowship with a potluck dinner and recreation in September.
6. PCC Second Pantry – It was motioned, seconded and passed unanimously for the English Commission to begin the transition to assume responsibility for management of the food pantry (PCC Second Pantry) located at Cameron House under the direction of Elder David Chan with assistance from other PCC and community members.

The management transition began in mid-September and was completed on 10/31/2024. 262 persons are enrolled in the Second Pantry.

7. Hunger and Homelessness Sunday on November 17 - The worship service focused on the issue of hunger with Elder Scott Barlow speaking from the pulpit along with volunteers from PCC's Food Pantry.

During teatime, PCC members who volunteered in Guatemala, reported on their experience of helping install a water purification system in the village of San Esteban.

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An Overview of the 11.19.24 Commission Meeting

Mission and Evangelism Committee

The committee approved a donation of \$500 to support the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity emergency fund. The gift will be funded by a reallocation of the mission giving budget.

To Do: This case points to a need to develop committee policy on compassion giving.

Resource Committee

To Do: The committee and Commission will be strategizing on ways to reach out to inactive members.

Worship and Nurture Committee

To Do: The committee has identified Zoom teatime as an area in need of attention and requested additional help from the Resource committee and Commission to implement improvements.

To Do: Fellowship is an essential aspect of a worshipping community. The committee and Commission will consider new programming to build and expand upon current practices such as Sabbath Sunday, Advent/Lenten series and special one-time events.

Treasurer

To Do: How will the treasurer's report be made to the Commission in 2025 after Winchell Quock completes his term as Elder and rotates off?

New Business: Session Meeting

Action: Motioned, Seconded and Passed to rescind the 10.15.24 action that recommends Pastor Don to serve as the supervisor of record of the part-time employee of the PCC Food Pantry. This matter of employee supervision of a PCC employee falls outside the purview of the EWC Personnel committee and the English Commission, and is the responsibility of the Session.

Calendar Dates

Dec. 15	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
Dec. 15	Board of Deacons
Dec. 17	English Commission
Dec. 22	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
Dec. 24	<i>Christmas Eve Communion Service</i>
Dec. 25	<i>Christmas Holiday Observance</i>
January 1	New Year's Day Holiday
January 5	<i>Epiphany</i>
January 5	<i>Communion & Sabbath Sunday</i>
January 7	M&E and W&N Committees
January 12	<i>Ordination & Installation Service of Elders and Deacons</i>
January 12	Resource Committee
January 19	Board of Deacons
January 21	English Commission
January 26	Deacon Retreat
January 29	<i>Lunar New Year</i>