

**In the Loop**  
**A Summary of the June 15th English Commission Meeting**

**Committee Reports**

1. Mission and Evangelism
  - a. Rev. Jesse Jackson will be returning to Chinatown June 16-18 in support of the movement to Stop AAPI Hate. The schedule of events includes a community banquet, reception at Cameron House and rally at Portsmouth Square.
  - b. Back-to-School Supplies for Chinatown SRO Families – The project will be held in August with plans to distribute up to 200 gift cards to school-aged children.
2. Resource
  - a. [www.pccsf.org](http://www.pccsf.org) – The PCC website is due for an upgrade. Please share your ideas for improvement with our webmaster, Dave Miller.
  - b. Kitchen Freezer – A new freezer was delivered and installed at a cost of \$2,297.30.
  - c. Facility Usage – The Cameron House Summer Youth Program will be renting space at the church for six weeks this summer including the kitchen, fellowship hall and basement with an average daily attendance of 24 or 12 students on each floor.
3. Worship & Nurture
  - a. Pastor Don facilitated a retreat that provided an opportunity for members to gather as a community without having to focus on the “business” of the committee.
  - b. Worship – After more than a year of reliance on streaming worship services and Zoom meetings, Dave Miller observed that terminology is evolving to reflect the adaptations that have been made by churches to stay connected during the pandemic.
    - Both/And – both in person and streaming worship services
    - Multi-platform worship
    - Hybrid – a church or worship service that combines elements of in person and streaming activities
4. Mission Study Team
  - a. Town Hall Meeting – On Saturday, July 17 the community will assemble again to meet with the MST and receive their report on the recent survey and May 8<sup>th</sup> town hall meeting.
  - b. Appreciation was expressed for the participation and contributions of elders, Eleanor Wong and DiAn Chen, as representatives of the Cantonese and Mandarin worshipping communities to the mission study.
5. Nominating

Nancy Chee contacted members (Jerrick Woo, Lianne Leong, Mary Wong Leong, Jeanine Lim) to activate the nominations process for 2022.

**Additional Reports**

1. Matthew 25 Task Force
  - a. Task Force members will be facilitating a town hall meeting to discuss what the Matthew 25 initiative and its emphasis on congregational vitality and dismantling structural racism might mean for the EWC.
  - b. **Change of Date** - This town hall meeting originally planned for June 26 was rescheduled and moved to **Saturday, July 10.**

2. Princeton Seminary *Imagining Church* Research Project
  - a. Phase 1 of the Thriving Congregations research project was completed after a period of observation and assessment of the church's capacity to thrive in the face of adversity.
  - b. PCC was one of twelve congregations nationwide selected to participate in Phase 2 to develop a project to help us continue to grow and thrive.
  - c. Given the rigorous terms of agreement and the compressed timeline of the research project, Princeton Seminary was unable to grant the commission's request to postpone our participation. Consequently, the commission opted to forego this opportunity to partner with Princeton Seminary and focus on current priorities and projects at various stages of completion.
  - d. Further, the commission expressed gratitude for Doreen and Bruce Der-McLeod who served as our church's points of contact with the research staff and for our members who participated in focus group discussions and individual interviews to support the fact-finding process.
3. Interim Pastor's Report
  - a. Pastor Don and Rev. Kaan attended the Chinatown Revival Initiative on May 4, an event hosted by the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, Chinatown Community Development Center and Asian Pacific Fund to discuss the revitalization of Chinatown.
  - b. Vacation Leave – Pastor Don will be away on vacation beginning Tuesday, July 20 through Monday, August 2.

In accordance with personnel guidelines, PCC abides by the San Francisco Presbytery's minimum standard of granting Ministers of Word and Sacrament 28 days of vacation leave including 4 Sundays annually.
4. Treasurer's Report
  - a. At the end of May, the budget is operating in the black with a positive variance of \$4,123.78.
  - b. The PCC received a one-time grant of \$5,000.00 from San Francisco Presbytery that will be shared equally between the three worshipping communities.
  - c. During the season of Lent, the congregation donated \$1,510.00 to the PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing fund.

## **New Business**

1. Personnel
  - a. **Action:** MSP to accept the 2021-2022 Work Objectives for Interim Ministry.

Pastor Don will:

    - 1) Provide support and guidance to the MST to facilitate the completion of the Mission Study in the third year of interim ministry.
    - 2) Complete and build on the fieldwork project on *Sustaining Virtual Ministries Post-Pandemic* with three standing committees of the English Commission.
    - 3) Continue to facilitate planning for and transition towards a safe reentry to the church.
    - 4) Serve as a resource as the EWC and PCC discern whether to become a Matthew 25 congregation.
  - b. The West Bay Committee on Ministry (COM) reviewed and approved Pastor Don's 2021-2022 contract for interim ministry and forwarded the contract to the SFP

Executive Committee on Ministry for final approval. In the meantime, the commission was assured by the COM that the terms of the new contract are in effect even as the paperwork nears completion.

2. Guest Speaker  
**Action:** MSP to extend an invitation to Gordon Huie to speak at TeaTime on the subject of 9/11 on this 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on New York City.
3. Library Resources  
**Action:** MSP to accept Rev. Cal Chinn's donation of theological resources.
4. TeaTime
  - a. Now that the economy is reopening and gradually returning to normalcy, Sabrina Gee Shin has work obligations that prevent her from being able to host TeaTime.
  - b. The Commission thanks Sabrina for her hospitality and generous sharing of time, talents and Zoom account to help with community building even as we have remained apart.
  - c. **To Do:** Pastor Don will identify a temporary replacement as TeaTime host for the next three Sundays until W&N has time to take up this topic of discussion.
  - d. **Action:** MSP to purchase a second Zoom subscription to host TeaTime and ease the eventual bottleneck when multiple church meetings are held at the same time.

#### Calendar Dates

- o June 24 Joyce Alley Renovation Project Meeting
- o June 27 Board of Deacons
  
- o July 4 Independence Day
- o July 5 Independence Day Holiday Observance
- o July 6 M&E and W&N Committees
- o July 10 EWC Town Hall with the Matthew 25 Task Force
- o July 11 Resource
- o July 11 Mission Study (MST)
- o July 17 EWC Town Hall with the Mission Study Team
- o July 20 Pastor Don's Birthday
- o July 20 Pastor Don's Vacation through August 2
- o July 20 English Commission (may be moved to July 13)
- o July 25 Guest Preacher – Rev. Leslie Veen
- o July 25 Board of Deacons
  
- o August 1 Guest Preacher – Rev. Norman Fong
- o August 3 M&E and W&N Committees
- o August 8 Resource
- o August 8 Mission Study (MST)
- o August 17 English Commission
- o August 22 Board of Deacons
- o August 29 Consistory of Elders and Deacons