

“In the Loop”

Summary of the Oct. 21, 2025 Meeting of the English Commission (EC) To the English Worshipping Community (EWC)

San Francisco Presbytery

- Next meeting: **November 15, 2025**
 - **Workshop on Embezzlement Prevention within the Church** presented Oct. 27, attended by EC and EWC members.
 - **Rev. Sungwoo Sam Kim**, new Transitional Associate Presbyterian, invited to preach Nov. 23.
 - **Rev. Jorge Bautista**, Race Equity Coordinator, invited to preach at PCC January 2026 (tentative).
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Committee and Other Reports

Treasurer’s Report (EWC)

- Income: **\$19,468.74**
 - Expenses: **\$16,859.55**
 - Monthly positive balance: **\$2,609.19**
 - Year-to-date surplus: **\$13,468.84**
 - EC will seek clarification on line items and budgets for PCC and EWC regarding the three pantries.
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Mission and Evangelism (M&E)

- **Sanctuary Church Taskforce:** Awaiting Session approval on proposal to designate certain rooms as “private space.”
 - **PDA Mission Trip:** Trinity Presbyterian, Oroville (Sept. 21–27) to rebuild two homes damaged by the Paradise Fire. Presentation Oct. 26; participants shared positive experiences and possible future trips. Thanks to all who served.
 - Awaiting total collected from **Peace and Global Witness Offering**. M&E voted to donate **\$1,000 to MECA** and **\$1,000 to PDA Israel/Palestine** due to urgent need. Funds from Peace Making budget.
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Joice St. Pantry

- **October 2:** Marked 1-year anniversary of PCC EWC’s management of Thursday pantry.
 - **386 active participants** (capacity for two more); weekly service capacity of 350.
 - Thank-you gifts and customized aprons in planning.
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Worship and Nurture

- Average attendance through August: **64**.
 - **Anniversary Sunday:** Nov. 2, bilingual Cantonese and English worship with annual meeting and luncheon (all three communities).
 - **2026 Retreat:** June 13–14.
 - Wednesday night study group considering hiring Bible study leader (possibly from SF Presbytery or a seminary student). Cost from W&N budget.
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Personnel

- Terms of call for Pastor Don presented Oct. 19 at EWC annual meeting and approved.

Deacons

- Hosted **EWC Potluck** Oct. 4 – great fellowship!
- **College care packages** in planning.

Matthew 25 Engagement

- Reminder: Some committees, including the Matthew 25 team, are open to members beyond elders and deacons.

Nominating

- Slate for upcoming EWC Leadership Team presented and approved Oct. 19 Annual Meeting.
(See document: [10. PCC NC slate 2025.docx](#))

Pastor's Report

- Attended **Synod of the Pacific Assembly** at Zephyr Point, Tahoe (Oct. 1–3). Appointed to Personnel Committee; declined nomination for chair until Jan. 2026. Workload less than COM responsibilities.
- Final **COM report** at Nov. 15 Presbytery Assembly (First Alameda). Thanks to EC and EWC for support during two terms—critical time for Presbytery transition.
- Met with **Rev. Merrida Wilson-Wong**, temporary pastor at Chinese Congregational Church; open to collaboration.
- Attended **SFIC monthly breakfasts** (Sept. & Oct.).
- Met with **Teresa Rose** in preparation for Oct. 12 presentation to EWC.
- Completed “**Thinking Politically with Martin Luther**” (Princeton Seminary). Reflected on Reformation’s political influence and modern implications, including Christian

Nationalism.

Old Business

- **Updates on progress regarding MWC** forthcoming. EC aware of EWC's desire for regular communication.
 - **Elder training:** Scheduled for January 2026, open to all three commissions.
 - **Compassionate Communication Workshop:** Attended with Teresa Rose; reminder that good communication begins within our own community.
 - **Mandated Policies Update:** EC initiating updates (Book of Order) for Sexual Misconduct, Harassment, Child/Youth Protection, and Anti-Racism policies. These will require Session approval.
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New Business

- **Session meeting:** Sunday, Nov. 2 via Zoom (Rev. Grace not attending).
 - **Food Allergies:** Discussed listing member allergies; due to privacy concerns, recommendation is to list ingredients for all prepared foods (non-packaged) to allow informed choices.
 - **Bylaws Revision:** Raised at EWC Annual Meeting; future discussion, not on Nov. Session agenda.
 - **Church Growth:** Exploring ways to strengthen PCC ministries and collaborate with MWC and CC.
 - **Endowment Fund Task Force:** Motion approved to form task force; **Carl Jew** to lead exploration.
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Calendar

Date	Event
Oct. 7	M&E, W&N
Oct. 19	EWC Annual Meeting – Present TOC/Slate
Oct. 26	Oroville PDA Presentation (Teatime)
Nov. 2	Annual Congregational & Corporation Mtg; Daylight Saving
Nov. 4	M&E, W&N
Nov. 9	Harry Chuck 90th Lunch/Singalong; Session Meeting
Nov. 16	Kim Lan Grout, CH, speaking at Teatime
Nov. 18	EC Meeting
Nov. 23	Rev. Sungwoo Sam Kim preaching
Nov. 30	Consistory Meeting – 1st Sunday of Advent
