

English Commission Meeting October 16, 2018

Stan Wong led us in devotions that centered around the story of Joseph and how he was sold to merchants by his brothers. Stan reminded us that Joseph eventually ended up in a place not originally intended by his brothers but ultimately was able to bring redemption for his people. Stan also reminded us that God's timetable is not our timetable and that God uses us in unexpected ways.

InHo Kim from SF Presbytery's Committee on Ministry attended our meeting to answer questions regarding the process of beginning our search for a new pastor. The search will include consideration of a search for an interim pastor and possible utilization of the work of our Adaptive Leadership group as part of a new Mission Study, which will be necessary for pastoral candidates to review.

InHo will continue to be a resource person for us, not only for the pastor search process but also to help our congregation address our healing and communication needs that have been identified, particularly in the past year. Our official Committee member liaison is Rev. Maggi Henderson from Old First Presbyterian Church, San Francisco.

Our Commission voted that the English Commission will become the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee and will present this to our whole church Session.

We continue to plan for our retreat on Saturday, November 3rd with the Adaptive Leadership group. The retreat will be held at PCC in the morning with a working lunch; start time to be clarified.

We are also planning a Consistory training session for 2019. A poll will be going out to Elders and Deacons for a weekend date in January or February.

Susie Wong presented a request by the Food Bank that supplies our food pantry to consider hosting an additional day of food distribution. PCC would take over providing the distribution location for the 260 people who go to True Sunshine Church on Mason St. between Pacific and Broadway Sts. The Food Bank will provide manpower and will run the additional distribution. Adding this extra day will require approval by Session.

Our commission approved to engage the Food Bank staff to discuss opening a second pantry at PCC during the week.

Committee reports:

Treasurer: YTD deficit is \$26,493. This deficit at this time of the year occurs routinely and we usually catch up by the end of the year.

Resource: Minute for Stewardship has begun.

Nominating: We have 3 Elder nominees. There are vacancies for Deacons but the change in PCC Bylaws that will allow shorter terms (2 year) will hopefully help recruitment in 2019. English Worshipping Community's elections will be held October 28th.

Mission and Evangelism: Peace and Justice offering raised over \$1400. Stop Hunger Now meal packing on October 13th was successful. Rev. John Grett will preach and stay for Q and A on Hunger and Homelessness on Sunday, November 18th.

Worship and Nurture: November 4th worship will be shortened for annual congregational meeting (all worshipping communities). A worshipping community potluck is being planned for November 10th with Pam Jane and Barb Fong coordinating. Advent begins December 2nd. Preparation of the sanctuary will be held November 25th after Cantonese worship. Advent devotions will be available via email or hard copy. There is a special offer until the end of the year for the Glory to God Hymnal; committee is considering whether to order it.

Presbytery is meeting November 13th at Lakeside Presbyterian Church. Participants will have time to work on decision making for regional funds.

By email, our Commission approved sending elders to the "Leadership and Anxiety in the Church: a Family Systems Perspective" on November 28th.

Upcoming dates:

10/28/18	EWC meeting for election of officers
11/3/18	Retreat EC and Adaptive Leadership group
11/4/18	Annual PCC meeting
11/6/18	Committee meetings
11/10/18	EWC Potluck
11/11/18	Session meeting
11/13/18	Presbytery meeting, Lakeside PC
11/20/18	English Commission meeting
11/25/18	Help hand greens in sanctuary

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