

In the Loop
A Summary of the March 2025 Meeting of the English Commission (EC)
to the English Worshipping Community (EWC)

Committee and other Reports

1. Session Meeting:
 - a. Mar. 9, 2025 Re:future direction for the Mandarin, Cantonese and English WC COM (Committee On Ministry) representatives from Presbytery met with Session. Over the next 3 months, COM representatives for each commission will meet with Dr. Grace Suzuki, Bridge Transitional Executive for COM for the Presbytery of San Francisco to come up with recommendations and bring forth to our Session at the June 8 meeting.
2. Treasurer's report:
 - a. Expenses - \$15,778 for the month and \$42,793.77 YTD (11.4% of budget).
 - b. Receipts - \$34,445.20 for the month and \$52,938.70 YTD (22% of budget).
 - c. For the year 2024, we ended the year with a surplus of \$9,580. We earned interest of \$17,085. Without the interest income we would have ended the year with a deficit.
3. Mission and Evangelism
 - a. Forming a Taskforce on exploring PCC-EWC Becoming a Sanctuary Church to help the EC in its discernment process;
 - b. Donated \$500 to San Francisco Interfaith Council in support of winter shelter meals;
 - c. One Great Hour of Sharing presentations from March 30 to April 20 at church.
4. Food Pantry:
 - a. Joice St. Pantry is going well thanks to the many volunteers from PCC and continues to open up space to food insecure in the community. Presently, the combined waitlist of both pantries is close to 400 due to popup pantries serving thousands closed last June. Volunteer opportunities are available for both pantries.
5. Resource
 - a. Good News for the Pews will be published in April, date TBD by editors Jackie Jew and Jeanine Lim-Chan.
 - b. Continuing the old tradition of Soup Lunches during Lent It has been refreshing having different cooks each week. Please try to join us during the next few weeks in Lent as well as Maundy Thursday.

6. Worship and Nurture

- a. Worship Feedback regarding guest preachers: 2/9/25 Rev. Morataya. Good content and inspiring. 2/16/25. Other guest speakers are in the works.
- b. February attendance: averaging 35 in-person and 30 on-line weekly.
- c. Lenten Sanctified Arts series: TeaTime discussion of Lenten topics are being led by Diane Go and/or Linda Lee.
- d. June 2025 EWC Retreat: Rev. Joann Lee of Calvary Presbyterian Church is our presenter. Details to come. Please consider attending as it will be a great time together.

7. Deacons

- a. Plan to bring home communion to some shut in members beginning in May.

8. Matthew 25 Engagement Team:

- a. June 8th, we will have an interfaith service with Dr. Satsuki Ina speaking. Satsuki is a practicing Buddhist. The EC approved this service in accordance with Presbytery guidelines for interfaith services.

9. Pastor's Report:

Pastor Don holds responsibilities and actively participates in the Presbytery which helps him lead EWC as well as helps keep our worshipping community up-to-date and in the loop. Included below are some of the things he is involved in: (Shared 1st Person)

- a. As the COM liaison to Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, I have been temporarily moderating their session which meets on the third Thursday of each month.
- b. I have begun working with the faculty of the Art of Transitional Ministry (also known as Interim Training) in preparation for this summer's course at Zephyr Cove.
- c. I attended the Presbytery Co-Chair Brunch on January 29 at the presbytery offices in El Cerrito. This event provided updates for committee co-chairs on ongoing changes in presbytery staffing and structure, and introduced new policies and procedures being implemented.
- d. I made the difficult decision to resign from the Standing Rules Working Group. This special team was commissioned by the Presbytery to begin the challenging task of reviewing and rewriting the Standing Rules governing the structure, functions, and powers of various committees and working groups at the presbytery level. I tendered my resignation in part to free up more time and energy for my final year of service on COM.

10. Covid Procedure Task Force

- a. Came up with an updated protocol. It was voted and accepted by the EC. We will share this with the Session at the next meeting. Covid policies will be printed in the Rag sheet for the next few weeks.

11. New Business

- a. Voted to have fundraisers for our church be approved by the EC. A protocol is being drafted for approval by the EC.

Calendar

March 18	English Commission
Apr. 1	M&E and W&N Committees
Apr. 6	Communion/Sabbath Sunday
Apr. 13	Resource Committee
Apr. 17	Maundy Thursday Worship @ PCC
Apr. 18	Good Friday
Apr. 20	Easter Sunday: Joint worship with Cantonese, 11AM
Apr. 27	Russell Jeung from Stop AAPI Hate Guest Preaching
May 18	Rev. Laura Cheifetz, Guest Preacher to Celebrate Gifts of Women
June 8	Dr. Satsuki Ina
June 13-15	Retreat