

# In the Loop

## ***Summary of the Sept. 2025 English Commission (EC) Meeting to the English Worshipping Community (EWC)***

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### **PCC Treasury Report – Dave Soohoo**

- Monthly: 3 financial statements sent to EC.
  - Cash-based accounting: tracks money in vs. out.
  - Per Capita: Based on membership stats from 2 years prior. Commissions pay a percentage of PCC's shared budget (building, utilities, janitorial, etc.).
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### **Committee & Other Reports**

#### **EWC Treasurer**

- Sept Income: \$20,127 | Expenses: \$19,295 → **Monthly Surplus: \$832**
- YTD Surplus: \$11,236

#### **Mission & Evangelism (M&E)**

- **New Accompaniment Fund:** Started with \$200 honorarium from Clinton & Susie's speaking engagement to Christ United Presbyterian Church.
- **Peace & Global Witness Offering:** 25% share of the offering recommended for *Middle Eastern Children's Alliance & Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Gaza Relief*. Donate via PCC envelopes or checks (memo: *Peace and Global Witness Offering*), online
- **PDA Mission Trip:** Sept 21–27 in Oroville to rebuild homes after Paradise Fire. Report of the team's hard work will be presented in the near future.
- **Thursday Food Pantry:** Gradual growth; Saturday waitlist decreasing.

**Joice St. Pantry:** 385 of 388 slots filled. 1-year anniversary since PCC took over the Pantry. Volunteer celebration planned for Thurs, Oct. 2.

## Resource

- **Good News for the Pews:** Coming soon. Check church announcements or Ragsheet.

## Worship & Nurture (W&N)

- Avg. attendance through August: **67**
- Feedback on guest preachers encouraged—contact W&N members.
- **2026 Retreat:** Scheduled for June 13–14.

## Personnel

- **Terms of Call for Pastor Don:** 2.5% COLA increase (based on CPI). To be presented at **Oct. 19 EWC Annual Meeting**.
- **Pastoral Care Survey:** Planned for early 2026 (separate from TOC).

## Deacons

- **Home Communion:** Ongoing, included visits to Al Sing and Chris (before his passing).
- **Potluck:** Oct. 4, 5:30–8 PM. See Ragsheet for details—join us!

## Matthew 25 Engagement

### Trimester 2: Building Congregational Vitality (May–Aug)

- May 18: Laura Cheifetz on women's leadership.
- Jun 8: Interfaith worship + *The Poet and The Silk Girl*.
- Jun 13–15: EWC Retreat at Redwood Glen – 40+ attended.
- Aug 24: Dean Ito Taylor on sanctuary churches and advocacy.

### Trimester 3: Eradicating Systemic Poverty (Sept–Dec)

- Sept 14: David Lei on Chinatown identity & faith.

- Sept 28: Compassionate Communication Workshop → **Rescheduled to Oct. 12 (12:30–3 PM)**
- Oct. 4: EWC Potluck celebrating fellowship & hospitality.

Elder Tom continues to serve on the West Region Antiracism Group leadership team. They have met monthly since Whittney was invited to join on behalf of PCC. They are planning an early 2026 event next and meet with Pastor Jorge Bautista on October 7th as he is the new Race Equity Coordinator.

## Nominating

- **Oct. 19 Annual Meeting:** Slate for Officers, Personnel & Nominating Committees will be presented. Prayers requested for those discerning their call.

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## Pastor's Report – Rev. Don

- Returned from vacation Sept. 3.
- Attended Cameron House Strategic Planning (Sept. 4) & Forum (Sept. 13).
- SF Interfaith Council Breakfast (Sept. 11) – Only clergy from Chinatown; plans to attend regularly.
- Attended Temple Emanu-El 100th Anniversary (building PCC's interfaith voice).
- **Continuing Ed:** Princeton Seminary seminar, *Thinking Politically with Martin Luther* (Sept 22–Oct 13).
- **Synod of the Pacific Commissioner:** 3-year term starting Oct. 1–3 at Zephyr Point. (Not PTO.)
- Stepping down from COM in Dec.; plans one-year break from Presbytery work (except Synod role). Encourages others to practice intentional rest from church committees.

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## Presbytery News

- New Race Equity Coordinator: Rev. Jorge Bautista
- New Transitional Associate Presbytery: Rev. Sam Kim

## PCC Discernment Taskforce

- **Compassionate Communication Workshop:** Rescheduled to **Oct. 12 (12:30–3 PM)**, led by Teresa Rose. EWC invited.
  - The Presbytery Discernment Task Force is still seeking individuals to assist the PCC commissions for the “Intentional Period of Study and Reflection.”
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## Session Update – Sept. 14 Meeting

- 8 members of the Mandarin Commission resigned. Session accepted resignations.
- 2 New Elders elected to the MC: Mandy Liang and Paul Xiao Fei Li
- **Conflict unresolved;** The Mandarin Commission (MC) did not provide additional context on whether the departure of their elders signaled how the remaining members of the Mandarin Worshiping Community view the theological differences around LGBTQ+ inclusion and accepting Don as a pastor. This left the English Commission (EC) wanting more clarity. The upcoming compassion communication training may help create space for deeper and more reciprocal dialogue.
- EC will give the MC space to process the changes. The plan is to continue with the discernment process.

This is all the information EC has at this time. We are committed to transparency and will update the EWC as soon as possible.

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## Old Business

- **Policy Updates Underway** (per Book of Order):
    - Sexual Misconduct
    - Harassment
    - Child/Youth Protection
    - Anti-Racism**Goal:** Bring PCC into compliance.
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## Calendar – Upcoming Events

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Event</b>                                                                   |
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| Sept 21–27  | PDA Work Project – Oroville                                                    |
| Oct 4       | EWC Potluck (5:30–8 PM)                                                        |
| Oct 5       | World Communion Bilingual Service (11 AM) + Lunch for All 3 Communities        |
| Oct 7       | M&E and W&N Committee Meetings                                                 |
| Oct 12      | <i>Compassionate Communication Workshop</i> (12:30–3 PM)                       |
| Oct 19      | <b>EWC Annual Meeting</b> (Terms of Call + Officer Slate)                      |
| Oct 21      | EC Meeting                                                                     |
| Nov 2       | <b>Annual Congregational &amp; Corporation Meeting</b>                         |
| Nov 9       | Session Meeting + <b>Harry Chuck’s 90th</b> (Lunch + Singalong during Teatime) |
| Nov 30      | Consistory Meeting                                                             |

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