

In the Loop
A Summary of the June 2022 English Commission

Revised Budget Report on 07/19/2022

Members of the Mission Study Team (Laurene Chan, Nancy Chee, Mark Fong, Cindy Joe, Eddie Kam, Jeanine Lim) attended the commission meeting for our first discussion of the congregational mission study report.

Committee and Other Reports

1. San Francisco Presbytery – Rev. InHo Kim, Partner for Congregational Vitality and Clergy Support, will be on sabbatical through September. His absence will have an impact on the Committee on Ministry leadership and the presbytery office that has undergone staff turnover.
2. Mission and Evangelism
 - a. Cindy Joe reported that she, Carole Chinn Morales, and Clinton Huey attended the vigil outside of San Quentin Prison, and later drove to Yuba City where another vigil with speakers took place outside the county jail, which serves as an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention center. Cindy and Clinton reported that the day’s action was “inspiring” and “moving”.
 - b. Collaborations with the Worship and Nurture Committee – The two committees have identified several opportunities to work collaboratively such as Hunger and Homelessness Sunday (new name is “Eradicating Systemic Poverty Sunday”), Dismantling Structural Racism Sunday along with the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, and “Gifts of New Immigrants Sunday”.
 - c. Single Room Occupancy (SRO) School Supplies Project – Jeanette Huie spoke with Angela at Chinatown Community Development Center, who stated that of 173 SRO families, there are 114 elementary students and 87 middle school students, for a total of 201.
3. Resource
 - a. Presbyterian Foundation – The committee is working to arrange a consultation with the regional representative of the Presbyterian Foundation to understand the range of financial services they have to offer.
 - b. Enhanced Security – The estimated cost of hiring an unarmed security guard for the church is \$30.00 per hour. More discussion will follow.
4. Worship & Nurture
 - a. Community Feedback
 - 1) We talked about ways to encourage more people to come to in-person worship. Several people we interviewed said they liked worshiping online because they didn’t have to go to the trouble of dressing up, driving in, etc. We believe, however, that being in physical community together is important for our faith.
 - 2) The fellowship at teatime is important to many of the people we talked with. Just gathering in Speer Hall after worship didn’t really feel like fellowship and it excluded the people on Zoom teatime. In response, food pantry volunteers have graciously helped to set up a table and some chairs. Jeanette Huie volunteered to bring packaged snacks and set up a tea pot. In-person fellowship is held concurrently with Zoom teatime, but

because of the poor acoustics in Speer Hall, it has been difficult to communicate except through the speech transcription.

b. Plans for the Summer Season

- 1) We intend to have another outdoor worship service like last year. Schedule would be for late August.
- 2) We intend to have a study retreat on September 3 either in person or via Zoom or perhaps both. The committee is exploring topics that would be relevant to building our faith.

5. Treasurer’s Report

	May 2022	Year to Date
Total Receipts (A)	\$12,886.99	\$105,066.84
Total Expenses (B)	\$17,655.69	\$87,356.81
Surplus/Deficit = (A-B)	(\$4,768.70)	\$17,710.03

Old Business

Post-Session Meeting Follow-up

Teatime

- 1) Observations were shared about the current use of Speer Hall for teatime compared to the Fellowship Hall. Detrimental factors include poor acoustics, inadequate technology for “both/and” Zoom fellowship, furniture lay-out, and room size.
- 2) **Action:** By unanimous consent, the commission agreed that teatime will remain in Speer Hall through July 10. The question of returning to the Fellowship Hall will be revisited in July.
- 3) **To Do:** Jeanette Huie volunteered to organize refreshments on a temporary basis.

New Business

1. Mission Study Report

- a. Pastor Don moderated the discussion with the MST and provided elders with an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the report.
- b. **To Do:** There was insufficient time to complete a thorough review of the mission study report; consequently, the elders were instructed to send their comments and substantive change recommendations to the MST by June 30th.

2. 1001 New Worshipping Communities of the PC(USA)

- a. The director of training for this initiative of the Presbyterian Mission Agency invited PCC to serve as host of a conference for pastors and other leaders.
- b. **Action:** MSP to not accept the invitation to host the gathering of the 1001 New Worshipping Communities conference at the church.

Calendar Dates

July 10	Guest Preacher – Rev. Norman Fong
July 10	Resource Committee
July 17	Mission Study Team Meeting with the English Commission
July 19	English Commission
July 20	Pastor Don’s Birthday
July 24	Pulpit Exchange with Chinese Congregational Church

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July 24	Guest Preacher – Rev. Steve Hong, Chinese Congregational Church
July 24	Board of Deacons
July 31	English Consistory – To be confirmed
August 2	M&E and W&N Committees
August 9	Presbytery of San Francisco
August 14	Resource Committee
August 16	English Commission
August 28	Board of Deacons