

In the Loop
A Summary of the November 8, 2022, English Commission Meeting

Committee and Other Reports

1. San Francisco Presbytery
 - Linda Lee accepted an invitation to serve on the racial justice audit team that will conduct an internal racism audit to identify how systemic racism is embedded in the Presbytery's structures and culture.
2. Mission and Evangelism
 - a. SRO Families Christmas Gifts - CCDC asked the PCC for a commitment of 100 gifts for SRO families this year that will be shared by the EWC, Covenant Presbyterian Church and Sabrina Shin's network of friends.
 - b. Interfaith Council Winter Shelter Meal – The EWC is scheduled to cook and serve dinner for 60 shelter clients at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Friday, February 17, 2023.
 - c. Angel Island Pilgrimage – Rev. Deborah Lee conducted a ceremony in four parts at the former detention center to honor the struggles of Native Americans, Asian immigrants and present-day detainees and deportees, and all who fight for immigrant justice. The pilgrimage was attended by over 100 including Angel and Carole Chinn-Morales, Diane Go and Jackie and Carl Jew.
 - d. Food Pantry - We currently have 284 enrolled and serve about 255 each Saturday.
3. Resource
 - a. The Per Capita cost will increase by \$1.00 next year to \$39.00 per member. *Per Capita connects Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and mid councils with the work of the wider church. As the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly (OGA), it is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of moving the church forward in the 21st century.*
 - b. Mary Wong Leong will be coordinating the schedule of Teatime hosts in the new year. Thanks to Jeanette Huie for performing these duties since the church re-opened for in-person worship and fellowship a year ago.
4. Worship & Nurture
 - a. Advent – Plans are being finalized. The spiritual practice of anointing with oil will be introduced at worship and as a daily discipline.
 - b. Cookie Project – Nancy Chee and a team of volunteers will be preparing Christmas care packages of sweets to remember those who have experienced serious illness or loss of a loved one this year.
 - c. Christmas Eve – Lindsay Quock has graciously offered to prepare the rice congee for our time of fellowship.
 - d. Worship Online/In-Person Attendance for October
10/2 – 72, 10/9 – 60, 10/16 – 60, 10/23 – 60, 10/30 – 70
5. Nominating
 - The committee is scheduled to meet on 11/28/22 with Rev. InHo Kim of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for an orientation on forming the Pastor Nominating Committee.
6. Board of Deacons

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- a. The Deacons continue to be in regular touch with seniors in our EWC who are homebound, living in institutions, or experiencing life changes and transitions, such as illness.
 - b. Eleven college students received care packages from the Deacons, and several responded with thank-you notes and messages.
7. Treasurer's Report
- a. Budget Notes
 - i. Peace Offering - \$1,055.00 was collected and added to the \$200.00 from last year. EWC is allowed to keep 25% of the proceeds for local ministry.
 - ii. Per Capita Expense - \$1,084.00 out of the \$4,000.00+ annual EWC expense has been received for 2022.
 - b. Income to Expense Report for October 2022

	October 2022	Year to Date
Total Receipts (A)	\$16,827.43	\$185,177.88
Total Expenses (B)	\$16,140.91	\$169,423.00
Surplus/Deficit = (A-B)	\$686.52	\$15,754.88

Old Business

Christmas Day Worship

Action – The recommendation to cancel worship on December 25th was withdrawn. Members of the tech team and Pastor Don are committed to staffing the worship service.

New Business

- 1. Food Pantry
 - a. Susie Wong gave an overview of current staffing of the pantry and the duties of the pantry supervisor and coordinator.
 - b. Discussions were wide ranging and covered topics such as the impact of Rev. Kaan's retirement on pantry operations, budget and planning, program history, decision making dynamics, and potential for increasing collaboration among the three worshipping communities.
 - c. **To Do**: In the new year, Pastor Don will reach out to Pastor Israel and Eleanor Wong about forming a three-person, inter-worshipping community planning committee for the Food Pantry.
- 2. Lilly Endowment
 - a. The Commission discussed whether to submit a letter of interest to apply for a competitive grant about Christian Parenting and Caregiving.
 - b. Pastor Don shared the Request for Proposal with the Co-Pastors.
 - c. **Action**: The Commission decided against pursuing the grant at this time.
- 3. Session Meeting in November
 - a. Clerk of Session for 2023
 - i. Nominees are sought for the position that will be vacant in January 2023 after Linda Lee fulfills her one-year term.
 - ii. Duties include recording minutes, agenda planning, preparing documents, coordinating written and oral translation, and managing meeting timelines.

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- b. Health and Safety Protocols – No changes in protocol were recommended by the Commission.
4. Central Subway Station
 - a. The ribbon cutting ceremony and inaugural ride will be held on 11/19 followed by a banquet.
 - b. CCDC was chosen as the agency to provide oversight for scheduling use of the public space on the second-floor terrace.
5. Sabbath Sunday
 - a. The MWC & CWC have reactivated fellowship meals after worship, and it appears that in-person attendance has increased since.
 - b. **Action:** There was unanimous consent to resume Sabbath Sunday lunches in February 2023 on the first Sunday of the month.
 - c. Annie Wong and Jackie Jew will coordinate Sabbath Sunday lunches in 2023.
6. G-2.0402 Preparation for Ministry as a Ruling Elder or Deacon
 - a. Pastor Don highlighted this segment of the Book of Order and the Commission's duty to develop and implement practices for newly elected elders and deacons.
 - b. *When persons have been elected to the ordered ministry of ruling elder or deacon, the session shall provide a period of study and preparation, after which the session shall examine them as to their personal faith; knowledge of the doctrine, government, and discipline contained in the Constitution of the church; and the duties of the ministry. The session shall also confer with them as to their willingness to undertake the ministry appropriate to the order. If the examination is approved, the session shall appoint a day for the service of ordination and installation.*

Calendar Dates

December 4	Second Sunday of Advent
December 6	M&E and W&N Committees
December 11	Third Sunday of Advent
December 11	Resource Committee
December 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18	Board of Deacons (change of date)
December 20	English Commission
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship Service at 7:00 pm
December 25	Christmas Day Worship Service
December 26	Pastor Don - On vacation through January 2, 2023
January 1	New Year's Day
January 3	M&E and W&N Committees
January 8	Ordination & Installation Service
January 8	Resource Committee
January 15	Dismantling Structural Racism Sunday
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance
January 17	English Commission
January 22	Board of Deacons
January 29	Consistory of Deacons and Elders