



Good News for the Pews

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Our New Interim Pastor!

Submitted by Linda Lee, April 11, 2019

Praise God that the Rev. Don Hammond will be joining PCC and our English Worshipping Community (EWC) ministry as Interim Pastor in June. His first Sunday with us will be June 16th. Official action by the Presbytery of San Francisco will be at the May 14th meeting on the consent agenda.

Don comes to us as fully trained and experienced in interim ministry with congregations that have experienced events leading to demoralization, confusion or trauma. He is equipped to walk with us on our work towards identifying a clear vision for our future, healing hurts that have occurred over the last two years, and moving into our Mission Study as we seek to call a permanent pastor.

Don's interim pastorates have been on the East Coast over the last 5 years. He earned his Master of Divinity degree at SFTS and has served on committees in the Presbytery of San Francisco. He has Committee on Ministry experience in the presbyteries of Long Island and Boston.

We are eager to welcome Don to PCC!

Your Sisters and Brothers in Christ- the English Commission
Nancy Chee, Diane Go, Jeanette Huie, Carl Jew,
Linda Lee, Winchell Quock, Dave Soohoo, and Susie Wong

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Welcome to our New Interim Pastor- Rev. Donald Hammond!

Submitted by Linda Lee

The English Commission elders worked with the presbytery Committee on Ministry to identify Rev. Don Hammond as pastor to step into this transitional time in our EWC ministry. We were moved by his leading us in a devotion on Nehemiah and how God calls the people to hard work in moving into the future. He comes to us with five years of interim ministry experience. Here are some excerpts from Don's bio which shed light on who he is and why he feels called to ministry with us.

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Upcoming Events

Tues May 14 SF Presbytery meets at Lafayette-Orinda PC

Mon May 20 Women's Fellowship

Tues May 21 English Commission

Sat-Mon May 25-27 Koinonia Retreat at Westminster Woods (all are welcome!)

Tues June 4 Mission & Evangelism and Worship & Nurture Committees meet

Sun June 9 PCC Session & Pentecost (wear red)

Sun June 16 Rev. Don Hammond in the pulpit!

Mon June 17 Women's Fellowship

Tues June 18 English Commission



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Summary of Recommendations of the Adaptive Change Team (2/10/19)

The Big Question: What are we called to do and be?

What we came up with: *We are called to foster intergenerational connection and growth within our church, through faithfully serving the wider world.* The future of our church calls for us to have a more focused identity, so people who come through our doors know quickly what we're about. We explored **many** avenues and ideas, and believe the suggested changes will strengthen us and set us up for decades of growth and development, embracing our core values and making best use of our current assets. This increased focus on intergenerational relationships and activities will truly be an adaptive change, refocusing our energy and resources. If we sincerely believe in possible changes being implemented over the next several years, we should listen to concerns, but do our best to spend our energy with our goals at the forefront.

Our detailed report was submitted to the English Commission and will be passed on to the Mission Study group for consideration. There were five areas that we recommended focus at this time of discernment:

MISSION FOCUS

Having a Mission Focus in various ways in our church will help engage people of all ages to help our local and global communities. This includes in worship, in mission trips, in outreach, in fellowship and personal and spiritual growth.

MUSIC FOCUS

Music is one of the universal ways to connect thought and spirit. It reaches to the depths of the heart where thought and emotion can connect and experience together in that spirit realm. Building a deeper relationship with God through songs/hymns, scripture, music will enhance areas of worship, fellowship (building the body of Christ), missions, and arts.

YOUTH & MENTORSHIP FOCUS

Youth leadership development through teaching and mentorships will help increase connection between youth and older adults—opportunity to learn new skills and perspectives and share our talents and skills to give a sense of purpose and engagement with each other.

UTILIZING OUR BUILDING FOCUS

Finding creative ways to utilize our building—one is rental considerations. We can further our mission and faith statement through providing organizations space. This will provide a source of funds to help with building costs, programming costs and increase staffing. This also creates an opportunity for the three worshipping communities to work more cohesively.

CENTRAL SUBWAY

This is an Adaptive Change that **is** happening to us and we must make this a priority. With the completion scheduled to be 2020, we need to plan, prepare and train our three worshipping communities what we as a church would like to do—ministry, care, security as we further our mission to spread the good news of Jesus Christ as well as support the benefits in our Chinatown community.

Adaptive Change Team:

Ed Chin, Joshua Chuck, Mark Fong, Norma Fong Chan, Diane Go, Eddie Kam, Sing Quan, & Rachel Wong

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Yummy food!



It's the turtle!



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Friends and fellowship!

Which brings us to announce our next potluck event...

Our next EWC Potluck, "Summer Movie and Popcorn Night" is schedule for mid to late June. The exact date to be determined. We are planning to show the movie Crazy Rich Asians (PG-13), while we enjoy our dinner and munch on popcorn. We have one activity planned thus far: Mei Yee will be teaching us how to fold dumplings, just like in the movie! And if there is enough interest, we will host a table or two of Mah Jong. If you have an interest in helping with dumpling prep, Mah Jong, audio visual or arriving early to help set up then please contact Belinda, Pam or Jackie.

Hope to see you there! It will be another Wang Chung evening you won't want to miss!

Thanks to Stuart Go for the photos capturing a fun filled evening!