

Empowered by God's Love Through Christ, We Welcome, Celebrate, and Serve our Community

In the Loop Summary of the August 17 English Commission Meeting

The Commission meeting was moderated by Rev. Dr. Leslie Veen in Pastor Don's absence.

SF Presbytery Meeting Report

1. Ruth Wu reported that the meeting began with an acknowledgment that the land we stand on belongs to indigenous people. The land was taken by war and often in the name of Christianity.
2. On July 1, 2021, the Sacramento and Stockton presbyteries merged to become the Presbytery of North Central California.
3. The 2022 PCUSA General Assembly will be held in Louisville beginning June 20. Commissioners will be elected at the next presbytery meeting in November.
4. The Committee on Ministry (COM) welcomed Rev. Jim Huang to a Taiwanese church in the East Bay and Szuhsing Mao to Calvary Church in Berkeley.
5. Bethel Church Administrative Commission
 - a. The church in San Leandro was down to a few people and faced closure, but with assistance from Hayward Presbyterian Church and their new ministers, church attendance has gone up during the pandemic.
 - b. The church produced a video that included interviews with young people who said, "It is multi-racial (so are the pastors), a place of refuge, a place of tranquility, scars from previous church experience, fresh air here, fed spiritually, feels seen and cared for, safe from religious trauma, a space to grieve, to contemplate, Sunday socials, hybrid worship."
 - c. Attendance started with approximately 10 people and now have about 60. They have held picnics and are very enthusiastic. Giving has gone up by 500%. They are working on programs for children and teens.

Committee and Other Reports

1. Mission and Evangelism
 - a. Back-to-School Gift Cards
 - 1) The project was completed earlier this month with administrative support from CCDC and \$3,642.00 in donations.
 - 2) 153 children were served at a cost of \$3,060.00.
 - 3) The remaining balance of \$582.00 will be managed by M&E and applied towards committee approved expenditures yet to be determined.
 - b. Discipleship Food Grants
 - 1) The Presbytery of San Francisco announced a new cycle of Food Ministry Grants with cash awards of up to \$1,200.00 to support food ministries.
 - 2) **To Do**: Jeanette Huie will prepare the grant application on behalf of the PCC Food Pantry by the September 2nd deadline and obtain approvals from the English Commission and PCC Session.
2. Resource
 - a. Church Mutual Insurance Risk Assessment
 - 1) The recent insurance risk control consultation of the church building identified areas in need of improvement such as removing items from hallways to create clear pathways.

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- 2) **To Do:** Dave Chan & Winchell Quock will lead the effort to correct the deficiencies identified in the report.
 - b. Health and Safety
 - 1) Required signage has been posted throughout the building.
 - 2) 5 air purifiers have been purchased and are ready for use.
 - 3) A supply cabinet is filled with personal protective equipment (PPE).
 - c. Waste Management

As part of its settlement with the city over years' worth of improper rate hikes, Recology will pay back customers in overpaid trash collection fees. PCC received a refund of \$836.46. Special thanks to Sabrina Gee Shin who was the first to alert the community of this financial settlement and refund application process!
 - d. Worship Resources – The committee is seeking the following:
 - 1) A/V Technician to train and assist with live stream and hybrid worship services
 - 2) Assist our worship coordinator, Dave Miller, with slides and PowerPoint for worship services.
 - 3) Contact Elder David Soohoo at dsoohoos@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to volunteer.
3. Worship & Nurture
- To Do:** In preparation for the August 29th worship at the park, attendees will be instructed to participate in contact tracing and submit a liability waiver as conditions for attendance.
4. Treasurer's Report
- For the month of July, there was an operating deficit of \$533.55; however, the year-to-date budget has a positive variance of \$1,457.41.

Old Business

August 29th Worship & Picnic

The Commission reaffirmed its prior decision to hold this worship service outdoors and will continue to monitor S.F. Health Department recommendations in case risk levels or suggested protocols change.

New Business

Matthew 25 Community

To Do: A cover letter and the Matthew 25 task force recommendations will be distributed to committee chairs who will, in turn, incorporate Matthew 25 into their respective committee agendas for study and response and prepare to report back to the Commission upon completion.

Calendar Dates

- September 6 Labor Day Holiday Observance
- September 7 M&E and W&N Committees
- September 12 PCC Session
- September 12 Resource Committee
- September 21 English Commission
- September 26 Board of Deacons

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- October 5 M&E and W&N Committees
- October 10 Resource Committee
- October 10 Mission Study (MST)
- October 19 English Commission
- October 24 Board of Deacons
- October 31 English Consistory
- October 31 EWC Annual Meeting

- November 7 PCC Annual Congregational Meeting