

In the Loop
Sept 24, 2019 English Commission Meeting Highlights

Pastor's Report:

In September, Pastor Don continued to meet with members of the congregation to discuss -issues important to our church and to make pastoral calls. On 9/9 he attended a workshop on Safety in Houses of Worship with 5 other PCC English Worshiping Community members focusing on emergency plans. Pastor Don will be leading the Bible study on Sunday morning beginning 9/29. He is attending the Sunday lunches for the Youth and is seeking to understand the kinds of activities that will engage and encourage their participation. The training on 9/16-9/22 that Pastor Don intended to attend was cancelled, and he took a few vacation days instead, in between a Chinatown CDC event and meeting with a PCC member. He is also thinking about starting a new member/confirmation class. Pastor Don will serve on the presbytery's West Bay Committee on Ministry (COM).

Treasure's Report – The Commission reviewed the August 30 report prepared by Winchell. He reported contributions have remained consistent with prior year. The Commission discussed the funds saved for Youth Ministry Staff and agreed to keep them aside to keep options open for the future.

Committee Reports:

Board of Deacons: Met on Sept. 8. Jackie reported to the Resource Committee that they are working on prayer cards, calling, and planning the October potluck event.

Personnel: Carl met with Dave Miller to conduct an exit interview about his work as Coordinator. To support the development of the 2020 budget the committee reviewed data from the San Francisco Rent Board and Consumer Price Index to inform its recommendations for the interim pastor's salary and housing allowance for next year. The committee plans to touch base with Pastor Don in Oct/Nov.

Nominating: Diane reported they are having good discussions with members on skills and interests and are still recruiting nominees for English Elders and Board of Deacons. The Commission discussed terms of service for officers and for other committee members and chairs, acknowledging the importance of taking a break from service, and also trying new areas or stretching one's skills.

Resource: Dave SooHoo reported that the new photo and release policies are posted online, as will be the PCC By-laws. Dave reported building use reservations will be managed by Jonathan Chan, and reservations should be given to: Winchell and/or Don for EWC, Amy and/or Israel for MWC, and Ronnie Kaan for CWC. The committee is working on a building emergency and evacuation plan. Dave is coordinating PCC's hosting of the Presbytery Meeting Nov.12, about 20 volunteers are signed up

Worship & Nurture: Nancy reported the committee is gathering worship feedback to guide future planning. She reported the Wednesday night Covenant Group met with Samantha Hum and Rene Fong. The Commission expressed gratitude for Josh Hee preaching on Sept.15. The Reformation banners may be used on Reformation Sunday and then be safely stored away. Nancy reviewed upcoming events:

- Fall Study Retreat is Saturday, Oct19 – Unity, Reconciliation and Justice (or Why Should We Care About the Belhar Confession), at the Sequoias, 9:30am -3:30pm
 - Tri-lingual Communion is Oct. 6 at 10:30am
 - Dinks & Sinks pack toys for Pipit Fund to send to the Philippines on 9/28
 - Women's Fellowship hear about Pastor Don's Mission Trip to Cuba on 9/23 and next meeting is 10/21
 - Worship Planning team meets 9/25
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- Mission & Evangelism: Susie sent out minutes and highlighted the visit with Peacemaker Rev. Trotman on Friday 9/27 at 3:00. She reported that the \$1000 mission funds from presbytery will be used to purchase items for travel bags which the International Rescue Committee will give to families in the USA, who are seeking asylum but who must travel long distances in the meantime to stay with family or friends.
 - PCC/CH Partnership: The committee will meet again on Thursday 9/26, to pick up activities again after a hiatus. Pastor Don will continue regular meetings with Mike Lee, Cameron House's new Executive Director.

English Worshipping Community will meet on Oct.27 and review and elect the nominations slate, presented by Diane. Pastor Don's contract agreement may be presented for-information-only (no vote).

New Business

The Commission planned for the PCC Congregational Meeting, Nov. 3.

The Commission discussed the Session's decision to consider renting the basement for a nonprofit's temporary office use and the need to be clear that this approval was just of the concept and no terms had yet been proposed. The Session will meet to consider the terms, if and when they are made, and make a decision to rent or not at that time.

Pastor Don has asked Norman Fong to serve as Parish Associate.

Next Commission Meeting is Tuesday, 10/15/19.

Submitted by Elder Susie Wong