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In the Loop

A Summary of the April 2024 English Commission Meeting

Committee and Other Reports

1. Mission and Evangelism
 - a. Whittney Tom was commended for her recent presentation at worship on Matthew 25 and insightful analysis with the use of a planning rubric.
 - b. Study Hall Proposal – A PCC task force has formed to review a proposal to form a study hall at the church while the public library in Chinatown is closed for renovation. The task force will be meeting this month and includes Kevin Feeley, and Elders Eleanor Wong, Amy Feng, and Ed Chin.
 - c. Living Waters Mission Trip – The deadline to apply is May 1st for the mission trip planned for October 19-26, 2024, to Guatemala.
 - d. Lion's Club Vision Clinic – The final report indicated that 168 people received vision and medical screenings and were served by a volunteer crew of 95 including Whittney Tom, Cindy Joe, Carole Chinn-Morales, Ed Chin, Susie Wong, Clinton Huey, Jeanette Huie, Terry Chan, and others.
2. Resource
 - a. Communion – During this time of interim ministry for the Cantonese community, Pastor Don will provide support and bless the communion elements for both worship services. After the English communion service has concluded, the elements will remain on the table for the Cantonese service.
 - b. Building and Finance - Cameron House has requested to use the building for their summer program from June 17 - August 2, 2024, 9:00am – 4:00pm.
3. Worship & Nurture
 - a. Music – The church has extra copies of Glory to God hymnals to share with those who worship remotely instead of reading text from the screen.
 - b. Wednesday Night Fellowship – The fellowship has returned to meeting in person and will begin studying *God the What (Our Metaphors for God Reveal about our Beliefs in God)*.
 - c. Attendance (in person/online)
 - 1) 3/03: (39/28) total of 67
 - 2) 3/10: (29/33) total of 62
 - 3) 3/17: (38/30) total of 68
 - 4) 3/24: (43/30) total of 73 (Palm Sunday)
 - 5) 3/28: total of 25 (Maundy Thursday)
 - 6) 3/31: (70/24) total of 94 (Easter)
4. Personnel

The committee approved Pastor Don's travel request to attend a conference on April 23-24. The conference is deemed to be work related; therefore, he isn't required to take personal time off to attend the conference on behalf of the COM.

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5. Treasurer's Report

a. Budget Notes

1. Cantonese Taxes – The title of this budget line item will be changed to Food Pantry Taxes to account for payroll tax expenses.
2. One Great Hour of Sharing - \$2,465.00 in offerings will be distributed to presbytery to support the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People, and the Hunger Program.
3. The treasurer maintains an active Vanguard investment account on behalf of our community to facilitate the transfer of donations that may come in the form of stocks and bonds.

b. Income to Expense Report for March and Year-to-Date 2024

	March 2024	Year-to-Date 2024
Total Receipts (A)	\$18,963.94	\$65,622.36
Total Expenses (B)	\$18,820.60	\$61,437.82
Total = (A-B)	\$143.34	\$4,184.54

Old Business

PCC Session Briefings

- a. The commission spent time reviewing key elements of the PCC bylaws and the 1987 document on *Redefining Our Unity* that preceded the restructuring of the PCC with one congregation, one session, three worshiping communities, and three commissions.
- b. The bylaws do not spell out the policy and procedures for handling every scenario. In such cases, the Book of Order is authoritative and has the final word.
- c. **To Do**: The commission will continue studying key sections of the 2023-2025 Book of Order and the 1987 document on *Redefining Our Unity* in preparation for ongoing session discussions.

New Business

Action: Three members were approved as authorized signatories of EWC financial accounts - Winchell Quock, Dave Soohoo, Dave Chan. This action is a reaffirmation of a longstanding arrangement.

Calendar Dates

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| May 4 | Cameron Carnival |
| May 5 | Communion/Sabbath Sunday |
| May 7 | M&E and W&N Committees |
| May 12 | Resource Committee (canceled in observance of Mother's Day) |
| May 14 | English Commission (moved from May 21) |
| May 19 | Pentecost |
| May 19 | Board of Deacons |

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May 21	Presbytery of San Francisco
May 27	<i>Memorial Day Holiday Observance</i>
June 2	<i>Communion/Sabbath Sunday</i>
June 4	M&E and W&N Committees
June 9	Resource Committee
June 9	PCC Session
June 16	Board of Deacons
June 18	English Commission
June 19	<i>Juneteenth Holiday Observance</i>
June 30	English Consistory