

In the Loop

Summary of the English Commission Meeting on June 18, 2019

We welcomed Rev. Don Hammond to his first English Commission meeting. For devotions, he spoke from the epistle of James, Chapter 1. He acknowledged the work of the Commission over the past nine months and we reviewed processes and procedures related to the Commission's operations.

Dave Miller will continue as our Coordinator through the month of June. The QR code needed to be changed and one of the elders tested it with a cell phone and confirmed it was working.

Pastor Don needs a computer and small printer for his office at PCC. It was MSP to approve up to \$1,200 for this equipment.

At the June Session meeting, Dave Soohoo showed a powerpoint about how to respond if we should ever encounter an armed shooter in our church. He will also present this at our June 30<sup>th</sup> Consistory meeting for the Deacons. The San Francisco Interfaith Council will host a presentation on September 9<sup>th</sup> that addresses security at religious institutions and houses of worship. Dave Soohoo is interested in attending.

The Central Subway Chinatown station is still under construction. Winchell Quock and Cindy Joe are staying on top of the progress. We realize once it's completed, PCC will be impacted in a number of ways. Pastor Don is open to attending community meetings/events and representing PCC.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Resource: (Dave Soohoo and Winchell Quock) Business as usual. Winchell reviewed our annual Stewardship efforts to inform Don and that we participate in three PCUSA special offerings (OGHS, Peace, and Joy). Jeanette forwarded information about the Stewardship Kaleidoscope (Sept. 30 in San Diego) in the hopes that a Resource Committee member could attend.

Another discussion with Don focused on opportunities for working with youth. The Wednesday night Covenant Group has read the book "What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian" and members of the covenant group will share aspects of this book during each worship service. This will primarily be directed to the youth, but should be of interest to all in attendance.

Mission & Evangelism: (Susie Wong) School supplies will be collected for SRO families and committee is still mulling over what to do with the \$1,000 for mission. Committee continues to investigate mission/service opportunities for the Fall. Cindy Joe attended the June meeting of the SF Interfaith Council to receive a certificate and refrigerator magnet in recognition of our service at their Winter Shelter. Dinks & Sinks prepared dinner for Old First Presbyterian Church's meal for the community and also stayed to dine with the attendees. D&S will soon be collecting toys for Pipit Fund to send to the Philippines in time for the Christmas holiday.

Worship & Nurture: (Linda Lee) The committee will be planning a Pride worship service on July 28<sup>th</sup> with a guest preacher who will be invited by Don. On July 14<sup>th</sup>, Ian Chan will be commissioned for the Youth Triennium.

Pastor Don informed the Commission that the minister should be attending all standing committees as an Ex-Officio member (except Nominating Committee). To allow this to happen, M&E will consider changing meeting time to 5:30 then end w/dinner and devotions with Worship & Nurture before they have their meeting at 7:15.

Deacons: Their meeting minutes were distributed and we discussed roles of the deacons. Don reminded the elders to communicate with him if someone is hospitalized or needs a visit. If Don does not know the person(s), an elder or deacon should accompany him on the visit.

Nominating: (Diane Go) Next meeting is June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Personnel: (Carl Jew) The signed contract with Don was sent to COM. Pastor Don's work days will be Sunday – Thursday and days off Friday and Saturday. We need to be flexible regarding his days off in cases of emergency. Carl noticed his office is not sound proof and outside noises are very noticeable and could cause distraction.

Treasurer: (Winchell Quock) As of the end of May, the revenue exceeds expenses by \$31,000. There is some thought on combining funds #964 and #961 and call it "Compassion Fund". Expenses related to visitations could come out of this fund.

PCC/CH Partnership Committee: (Jeanette Huie) Committee hasn't met in two years but it's still considered active. Chair is Scott Barlow and is also attended by Laurene, Yulanda and pastor. Pastor Don has a meeting and Cameron House tour scheduled with Laurene and Yulanda this month.

Other Business: Linda will send Jeanette's nomination this week for Presbytery's West Region grant selection committee.

Pastor Don closed us with prayer at 10:10 pm. Next meeting date: July 16, 2019.