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## **In the Loop**

### **A Summary of the April 2023 English Commission Meeting**

#### **Committee and Other Reports**

1. San Francisco Presbytery – Preliminary discussions have been held about the Presbytery offering a new round of funding to support church food pantries.
2. Mission and Evangelism
  - a. Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity (IM4HI) – M&E will be showing a video on May 7, Sabbath Sunday, to promote congregational awareness about the ministry of immigrant accompaniment.
  - b. IM4HI Prayer Vigil – A vigil took place on April 4<sup>th</sup> in front of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on Sansome Street. Clinton Huey, Carole Chinn-Morales and Linda Lee participated. An estimated 50 people attended including faith leaders from different traditions. One speaker was formerly in detention. PCC members described the vigil as a moving experience to have so many people come together over the issue of immigrant detention.
  - c. Food Pantry – PCC received an additional allocation of \$1,700.00 from CCDC that will be applied towards the purchase and replacement of carts and floor coverings. Jeanette Huie attended a meeting between the API Council and SF/Marin Food Bank on being more responsive to the needs of the Asian community.
  - d. Short-term Mission Projects – The committee is exploring the idea of resuming mission projects as recommended in the Mission Study. One possibility is to partner with Living Waters on future projects planned for Cuba or Guatemala.
3. Resource
  - a. Kitchen Duty – Jackie Jew coordinated with the other worshipping communities to provide kitchen laundry service on a rotating basis that began with English (March), Cantonese (April) and Mandarin (May). Note: English Deacons are not responsible for washing dish towels; this is a shared responsibility of the community.
  - b. The city of San Francisco's Environmental Department annual energy efficiency report is a difficult requirement to fulfill, but thanks to Stuart Go's assistance, the task was completed at a significant cost savings to the church.
4. Worship & Nurture
  - a. Given how hard the committee has worked on Lent and Holy Week services and study, they decided to hold a shorter meeting in April.
  - b. Attendance in March (in person in parentheses)
    - o 3/5 – 67 (37) – 34 YouTube connections
    - o 3/12 – 62 (20) – 45 YouTube connections
    - o 3/19 – 58 (26) – 29 YouTube connections
    - o 3/26 – 66 (37) – 33 YouTube connections
5. Personnel

Pastor Don's current interim ministry contract will expire on May 31. Carl Jew has communicated with Rev. InHo Kim, Committee on Ministry

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(COM), to discuss how to proceed with renewing the interim ministry contract as PCC concurrently engages in the Designated Pastor nominating process.

6. PCC Task Force (Amy Feng, Jason Huang, Carl Jew)
  - a. The scope of the task includes developing policies and procedures, and leadership training on the prevention of sexual abuse and protection of children, youth, and vulnerable adults.
  - b. Though the task force hasn't met yet, members have begun reviewing guidance from the Book of Order, Presbytery of San Francisco, and the state of California's A.B. 506 legislation on youth service organizations.
7. PCC/CH Partnership – Pastor Don will be meeting with Cameron House youth staff for an orientation of the church building in preparation for their summer program on site.
8. Board of Deacons
  - a. The Deacons are still refining the process of how the weekly Prayer List comes together each week, with particular attention to keeping confidentiality and educating EWC members where to properly direct their prayer requests.
  - b. Easter e-cards were sent out by the Deacons.
9. Interim Pastor's Report
  - a. COM has assigned a liaison to the Cantonese Commission to begin working with them on a Mission Study plan.
  - b. PCC will be celebrating their 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023.
  - c. 2023 also happens to be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the major remodel of the PCC.
10. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Budget Notes
    - 1) Receipts are lagging for the first quarter of the year. However, giving patterns of behavior are changing. More persons are giving in lump sums and less frequently.
    - 2) Regarding the funding of future mission trips, there is seed money left from the 2020 mission trip that was canceled and from the Living Waters mission budget.
  - b. Income to Expense Report for March and Year-to-Date 2023

	March 2023	Year to Date
Total Receipts (A)	\$10,181.40	\$41,749.53
Total Expenses (B)	\$ 17,613.59	\$ 57,347.52
<b>Surplus/Deficit = (A-B)</b>	<b>-\$7,432.19</b>	<b>-\$15,597.99</b>

## Old Business

Communion on Maundy Thursday

**Action:** The Commission approved retroactively a decision to serve communion at the Maundy Thursday service. In the future, Maundy Thursday will be added to the annual calendar of communion dates.

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## **New Business**

### 2023-2024 Food Pantry Budget

- a. Jeanette Huie and Susie Wong presented two budget options for 2023-2024.
- b. The Commission weighed in on various aspects of the budget proposals such as employee tax withholding, supervision of staff, allocation of grant resources to each of the worshipping communities, EWC's role in pantry operations, and promoting church unity and a united ministry.
- c. **To Do:** Jeanette will develop a third budget option that reinforces the ideal that the food pantry is a united ministry of the PCC. She will seek guidance from CCDC about allowable personnel costs and PCC's unique approach to staffing the pantry. Susie and Jeanette plan on meeting with each commission to discuss and build support for a new budget approach for next year.

## **Calendar Dates**

April 24	Pastor Don – On vacation through April 30
April 30	Guest Preacher: Rev. David Brown
April 30	Consistory - Canceled
May 2	M&E and W&N Committees
May 7	<i>Communion &amp; Sabbath Sunday</i>
May 9	Presbytery of San Francisco
May 14	<i>Mother's Day</i>
May 16	English Commission
May 21	Resource Committee (revised meeting date)
May 27	Board of Deacons Retreat
May 28	<i>Pentecost</i>
May 29	Memorial Day Holiday Observance
May 31	<i>Interim Ministry Contract Expires</i>
June 1	<i>Interim Ministry Contract – Year 5 Begins</i>
June 4	<i>Communion &amp; Sabbath Sunday</i>
June 6	M&E and W&N Committees
June 11	Resource Committee
June 11	P.C.C. Session
June 18	<i>Father's Day</i>
June 20	English Commission
June 25	Board of Deacons