

In the Loop

A Summary of the January 2022 English Commission Meeting

Committee and Other Reports

1. Mission and Evangelism
 - a. Winter Shelter Meal – The project was held at a new location at Saint Mary’s Cathedral where 60 persons received dinner and temporary shelter. The volunteer team included cooks (Carole Chinn-Morales, Doreen Der-McLeod, Clinton Huey, Cindy Joe, Jeanine Lim, Susie Wong), bakers (Georgette Huie, Jeanette Huie, Mary Wong Leong) and food servers/clean-up crew (Scott Barlow & Susie Wong, Clinton Huey, Jeanette Huie, Jackie & Carl Jew, Ivy Yee & David Sakamoto).
 - b. Food Pantry – The Board of Deacons pledged a portion of their 2021 operating budget to the Food Pantry to provide a supplemental grocery item (oyster sauce) for Chinese New Year.
2. Resource
 - a. ATT Fiber – The installation project has begun and the transition to ATT Fiber will be completed by February 1. It was noted with deep appreciation that Dave Chan donated equipment valued at \$2,355.00 to help PCC upgrade its telecommunications infrastructure.
 - b. SFMTA – Winchell Quock continues to work with SFMTA and contractors to address liability and reparations for property damage resulting from the Chinatown transit station project.
3. Worship & Nurture
 - a. Use of Inclusive Language – For the recitation of the Lord’s Prayer, we are encouraged to address God in whatever way that is most meaningful to you. *Abwoon* is an Aramaic word, the language of Jesus, and has a rich meaning that includes the idea of both mother and father.
 - b. Nurture Activities – Women’s Fellowship held a very productive gathering in December in Linda Lee’s backyard. They wrote 20 personalized holiday cards addressed to Chinatown seniors, assisting CCDC youth in their project. Women’s Fellowship also fulfilled their pledge to support the San Francisco Night Ministry and donated \$200 in gift cards and 68 pairs of men’s and women’s socks to the organization.
4. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Financials
 - 1) For the month of December 2021, income totaled \$30,133.64 compared to expenses of \$22,918.54.
 - 2) 2020 to 2021 Year over Year Budget Comparison:

	Income	Expense	+/-
2020	\$215,633.30	\$192,417.60	+\$23,215.70
2021	\$247,262.02	\$198,610.09	+\$48,651.93

- b. Budget Footnotes
 - 1) Tax Reporting – To simplify PCC reporting practices, the EWC Treasurer takes care of annual tax reporting and payments on behalf of the Cantonese and Mandarin Commissions after which funds are reimbursed to the EWC.

- 2) EWC Budget Line 942 – \$2K in PCC funds designated for an inactive Chinese Christian conference were transferred to the EWC account for safekeeping to avoid being assessed new bank fees to maintain this PCC savings account.

Old Business

Both/And Worship

- a. In response to the surge of the Omicron variant, some in-person worshipers have opted to return to worship online temporarily. Our community is fortunate to offer the option of Both/And Worship and thankful for the people who make this possible including the tech team, safety monitors, ushers, musicians, choir, readers, liturgists, preachers, and worship design team.
- b. The issue of whether and when and how to ease safety restrictions on in-person worship services and church building usage will be taken up by the PCC Session in March and guided by directives of the SF Department of Public Health.

New Business

1. Food Pantry Report to the Session
The Commission reviewed a first draft of the Food Pantry’s report to the Session prepared by Jeanette Huie and Susie Wong. At the Session meeting held in December, a request was made to revisit the original agreement when the Pantry was formed. The Session’s review of the Food Pantry is planned for March 2022.
2. 2022 Presbytery Commissioners
 - a. Diane Go has agreed to continue to serve as a commissioner to the presbytery for a second year.
 - b. The Commission thanks Ruth Wu for her service as a Presbytery Commissioner and appreciates the detailed meeting notes she provided to inform our community.
3. Child Protection Policy
 - a. **To Do:** Compare and contrast the 2009 PCC Sexual Misconduct Policy with the Presbytery of San Francisco’s personal safety and sexual misconduct prevention guidelines and update as needed.
 - b. **To Do:** Pastor Don will discuss this matter with the Co-Pastors and provide guidance on how the PCC might proceed with updating and developing a Child Protection policy and practices.

Calendar Dates

January 30	“Facing Upheaval and Uncertainty: Biblical Stories and Our Stories” with Rev. Leslie Veen (Part 2)
February 1	Lunar New Year
February 1	M&E and W&N Committees (may be rescheduled for the Lunar New Year)
February 6	“Facing Upheaval and Uncertainty: Biblical Stories and Our Stories” with Rev. Leslie Veen (Part 3)
February 8	Presbytery of San Francisco Meeting
February 13	Resource Committee
February 15	English Commission – Guest Moderator: Rev. Leslie Veen
February 15	Pastor Don – On vacation through February 24

“Empowered by God’s Love Through Christ, We Welcome, Celebrate, and Serve our Community”

February 20	Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Bradford Woo
February 21	President’s Day Observance
February 26	Mission Study Town Hall Meeting
February 27	Board of Deacons
March 2	Ash Wednesday
March 6	First Sunday of Lent
March 13	Second Sunday of Lent
March 13	Resource Committee
March 13	PCC Session
March 15	English Commission
March 20	Third Sunday of Lent
March 27	Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 27	Board of Deacons