

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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Pastor's Annual Report for 2012

Rev. Kimberly Elliot

“Now there is no longer Jew or Greek, male or female, slave or free
for we are all one in Christ Jesus” Galatians 3: 28

God was present with us in 2012 in many dynamic ways. One of the hallmarks of the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown that I continue to appreciate is that we honor diversity. We value and honor our cultural and theological differences. We had the opportunity to live out this value when we discussed the results of what is now referred to as ‘amendment 10-A’, the amendment to our Presbyterian Book of Order that allows those who are LGBT to be ordained as deacon or elder or minister. After about four months of discussion among trilingual commissions, which also included town hall meetings in each of our worshipping communities, we were able to successfully ordain one of our highly qualified members to the office of elder. This process also included a change in our church’s by-laws that now allows each worshipping community to ordain and install elders and deacons in our own services of worship, rather than during a trilingual congregational meeting. God was clearly present with us through this process.

Another highlight of the year was the completion of the young adult class I was teaching called ‘Christianity 101’. At the culmination of the program I also taught a Seekers Class and on Easter Sunday we had five members of our class become members, which included four baptisms. It was wonderful to see them come through this class together, and to see them continue to be active in the life of our church. Our new members’ class included Sherman Gee Brian Lim, Desmond Ng, Moony Tong, and Sing Quan.

2012 also included the marriages of four PCC young adult couples. Josh Chuck and Jik, Chris Cheuk and Karina Woo, Sing Quan and Susan , and Jeff Martin and Ashley . I had the honor of officiating Sing and Susan’s wedding and co-officiating Chris and Karina’s wedding with Rev. Greg Chan. All were festive and celebratory events.

The church also sponsored four CCU basketball and one volleyball teams last summer. We initiated a new sponsorship program where we successfully matched over 50 church member sponsors to every player on the teams. This was a big hit and it was a lot of fun to go to the games together and cheer on our players! The players also came to church twice a month during the season. This was a great way to begin to develop relationships between the players and the church.

Our worship committee sent five members (myself included) to a three-day worship design workshop at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center in Lake Tahoe in October taught by Dr. Marcia McFee. This was a wonderful and creative way to kick-start our worship planning for 2013. Many creative ideas were generated and we continued to be mindful of the many genres that can be used to proclaim the Word besides just verbal expression (such as creative use of music, drama, dance, art and other visual symbols

as well as embodied participation by the congregation.) This expression included a liturgical dance by Lenora Lee and myself during Advent depicting the Biblical story of Mary and Elisabeth.

I also began the Mc Cormick Certificate for Executive Leadership Program that meets in the Bay Area but is taught by McCormick seminary professors. The workload has included a lot of extra reading and it has been fulfilling so far.

These are just a few of the highlights of 2012 that signify the ways that God has been at work among us! May we continue to look forward to all God has in store for 2013.



Pastor Elliot welcoming our newest church members at Easter Sunday service.

Mission and Evangelism Committee, 2012

Jeanine Lim

Affordable housing is one of the most pressing problems in San Francisco. In the core of San Francisco's Chinatown, 40% of the residential units do not meet today's standards for decent and safe housing. The poverty rate in the Chinatown core is 3 times the citywide average, and the percentage of children in poverty is 5 times the citywide average. Every week, the members of this church commute to Chinatown to worship, shop, park, and eat in the community. How aware are we of the current conditions which surround us in this neighborhood?

At PCC, the Mission & Evangelism Committee organized several projects this year to educate and empower ourselves and others around the issues of homelessness, affordable housing, and poverty in our city. The following are a few highlights.

In February 2012, we cooked and fed a hearty meal to 70 homeless men through the Interfaith Winter Shelter program. The menu included meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, and home-baked cupcakes. We were led by chef Doreen Der-McLeod, and assisted by the Cameron House 9th Grade Girls' club. Chef Kai Ng from The Sequoias donated mashed potatoes and gravy. The men really appreciated the cupcakes baked by our church members!

In August 2012, we organized "Affordable Housing and Homelessness Sunday." We were led in worship by Rev. Norman Fong. We followed up with special discussion questions during our Sabbath Sunday lunch, featuring several community members who are experts in the field of housing and homelessness. We then offered walking tours of affordable housing in Chinatown, including Mei Lun Yuen, the Clayton Hotel, and the International Hotel.

In September 2012, we organized a School Supplies project. Members of our church purchased and donated pens, pencils, crayons, markers, binder paper, erasers, pencil sharpeners, folders, rulers, and glue sticks. The Mission and Evangelism Committee, aided by the Cameron House 9th Grade Boys' group, the PCC High School Fellowship, and other volunteers, packaged 200 individual school supplies kits for distribution to elementary students living in SRO housing. Special thanks goes to the API Social Workers organization for donating bags for our school supplies kits.

In December 2012, as in past holiday seasons, we collected toys for distribution to 100 children living in SRO housing. We also raised enough funds among PCC members and youth to purchase 5 llamas, 6 rabbits, and 2 flocks of chicks for Bolivia, through Heifer International. Our committee also highlighted the issue of Alternative Giving during the holiday season, and sponsored an Alternative Giving Fair, featuring fair exchange products and gently-used crèches from the collection of our beloved Leona Lee, and donated by her family.

The Mission & Evangelism Committee is composed of a small group of dedicated women and men. We actively seek new members, especially young adults. The more working hands we have, the more we can do! Please join the Mission & Evangelism Committee as we continue to educate ourselves and serve the people of our city, particularly the Chinatown neighborhood. We meet at PCC on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.



Susie Wong leading a SRO tour.

Packaging school supplies for SRO children.



Worship & Nurture Committee Annual Report 2012

Edward Kam

Portions of this year's Worship & Nurture Annual report is what was shared in the W&N Minute for Stewardship in 2012.

We witnessed the creative spirit and praise that the youth and young adults brought to this service. They are the continuum of the many saints who preceded us, many saints who have served and are serving elsewhere as well as many of you who serve this church day in and day out. To all youth and young adults, you are the next group of "saints" responding to God's call.

So Worship provides that forum and sanctuary where we as a community are nurtured, renewed, and challenged to be God's people. While Rev. Kimberly carries the largest responsibility of planning the services each Sunday, she is assisted by persons like Linda Lee, Laurene Chan, Norma Chan and Dave Miller to plan themes for the different liturgical seasons like Lent and Advent that are supported by her sermons, and visual and musical experiences that helps us better understand how Christ works in our lives. Coming to worship is not a one-way street, it is a participatory experience that's rich with praise, thanksgiving, joy, comfort and support where we can be transformed by God. As we come by ourselves, seeing each other is an affirmation that we come as members of the body of Christ in community; the body of Christ in action.

One of things we do each Sunday is to collect our offering. Yes, your financial contribution keeps this Church alive and kicking. But it is also a time to be reminded that we need to continually offer ourselves to be your stewards of the earth, of our community and of each other. All of you at one time or another has taken on the responsibility to

- *Be a reader*
- *Be an usher*
- *Assist in worship as a liturgist or read scripture*
- *Preach a sermon*
- *Prepare communion elements*
- *Serve communion*
- *Lead or teach church school,*
- *Write and assemble the Order of Worship,*
- *Purchase flowers that beautify the sanctuary,*
- *Play the organ, piano, trumpet, guitar, drums, or another musical instrument*
- *Ring chimes to a Christmas carol,*
- *Cook jook after the Christmas Eve service,*
- *Put together a labyrinth in the sanctuary,*
- *Help decorate our church for the Christmas season*
- *Participate in a Christmas play,*
- *Write an Advent devotion*
- *Coordinate, edit, print and compile those devotions*
- *Set up a branch or paper tapestry where we remembered persons who made a difference in our lives*

- *Host studies at your home*
- *Record parts of the service and burn it on DVDs for others to see*
- *Participate in Youth Sunday service*
- *Plan an enriching Memorial Day retreat on Healing or Fall retreat on what the Bible says about homosexuality*
- *Welcome visitors or follow up with those who haven't been around*
- *Help in the maintenance of our building and sanctuary so we can have a well-kept and clean environment to come to worship and fellowship*
- *Lead Christianity 101 and as a result Sing Quan, Sherman Gee, Desmond Ng, and Mooney Tong committed their lives to Christ.*
- *Update and maintain our church's website that's exciting, vibrant and inviting*

Many of you have and currently been instrumental in doing one or more of those tasks in the work of the Worship & Nurture Committee and we truly thank you.

We are thankful for 2012 as Worship continues to be a vibrant and a worshipful experience. When we hired Pastor Kimberly, one of our goals was for her to provide a ministry of the heart where we have the opportunity to learn and experience new spiritual practices and for each of us to experience God on a deeper level. And each year she challenges us to break from the routines and traditions we have followed for years by experiencing worship in different ways, singing new as well as traditional hymnals and blending contemporary and traditional ways during worship so that we don't only hear the word of God but we truly also feel and experience God in our midst. Through worship, retreats, studies and fellowship, we are truly blessed to experience the gift of community; that we can express our common bond of our faith in Christ and our belief that we are called to be Christ's arms, eyes and heart in carrying out our Church's ministry. Your support, financially, physically, mentally, socially and spiritually makes worship and our fellowship a meaningful experience full of grace and compassion.

Our committee members in 2012 were Wayne Eng, Al Hall, Ed Kam, Linda Lee, David Miller, Kim Stevens, Kevin Toy, and Pastor Kimberly. Al and Kevin are taking a break and Pat Chan is replacing Kevin. So in 2013, we ask you to consider joining our committee to help us continue to make Worship and Nurture for its members meaningful, spiritual, renewing and uplifting.



Memorial Day Family Retreat at Westminster Woods.



Christmas Eve caroling at Ping Yuen Housing Project in Chinatown.

Resource Committee, 2012 Annual Report

English Worshiping Community
David Soohoo

Biblically grounded, we act faithfully in the spirit of Micah 6:8

“to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.”

The Resource committee responsibilities begin with the oversight of our Treasurer, Winchell Quock who diligently works to provide us with the monthly financial reports in keeping our church fiscally responsible and financially sound. The maintenance of the English Worshiping Community’s membership roll is important reminder of our mission and ministry. 2012 brought us new members to the roll increasing from 128 in 2011 to 132 in 2012. The active roll determines our church’s commitment, in Per Capita apportionment to the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. A portion of our budget supports the General Assembly United Mission Support, Donaldina Cameron House and other ministries of the global community. Our budget also supports the common fund of Presbyterian Church in Chinatown in caring for the building and its obligations.

Working hand in hand with the membership rolls is the Stewardship of membership and church. The Stewardship efforts support the initiatives; programs and ministry that help define the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown. Important resources like our website www.pccsf.org continues to be maintained by our webmaster, Dave Miller, the Ragsheet by Alton Chinn and our Audio/Visual needs and videotaping by Dave Chan and Terry Leong.

The Resource committee works closely with the church’s Building and Finance Committee in coordination and scheduling of building usage and events. We share with our Mandarin and Cantonese worshiping communities the management of our building. This past year we collaborated with our sister worshiping community in having volunteers staff the administrative office during the weekdays. The committee continues to provide additional support and resources to the standing committees: Worship & Nurture, Mission & Evangelism, Healing Committee, etc. throughout the year.

Those sharing the responsibilities of the Resource committee include: Lianne Leong, Terry Leong, Jean Low, Winchell Quock and myself

Board of Deacons 2012

Barb Fong, Chair

The ministry of a Deacon is one of compassion, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ. The 2012 deacons were: Barb Fong, Stuart Go, Shar Hall, Richard Jann, Kathy Tong, Kevin Toy, Naomi Chun, Jojo Woo and Jon Hee.

The 2013 Board of Deacons are Barb Fong, Shar Hall, Richard Jann, Kathy Tong, Naomi Chun, Jon Hee, Pat Chan, Diane Go and Desmond Ng.

We organize and encourage members to be actively involved in the life of our church through organizing the sign-ups for ushers and scripture readers during service and the sign-ups for tea time refreshments after service

The Deacons regular duties are:

- Preparing communion elements and serving;
- Maintaining name tags and current member and visitor lists;
- Organizing and maintaining kitchen pantry supplies;
- Updating and preparing monthly prayer list for congregational reflection and prayer;
- By preparing the communal elements and assist with serving communion.

In 2012, we were on the nominating committee, the healing committee, the worship & nurture committee and the mission & evangelism committee.

The deacons represented our congregation's concerns and prayers for members and their families through phone calls, organizing rides to and from church, sending out cards to individuals in times of illness, grief or other life transitions.

This year, we helped in several memorial services and luncheons for Jean Chin's daughter, Sheri, for Karen Tong Choy and for Ruth Leong's brother, Don.

We escorted and provided rides to and from medical appointments for members with health issues and surgery.

We organized the PCC summer sponsorships for the CCU basketball youths. We developed specially designed postcards to foster communication with visitors and inactive members.

We acted as a resource to individuals in crisis.

We helped with the set-up, clean-up and baked cookies for the Healing Celebration. We prepared the list of recipient names for the children's Christmas cookie bag project and delivered the cookie bags.

Please be in prayer and support for this important calling of the office of deacon---if you should be asked---will you answer, “Here I am, Lord?”

Nominating Committee Report 2012

Kim Stevens

The English Worshipping Community Nominating Committee is a committee made up of two Elders, a Deacon, and four at large members. The 2012 Nominating Committee had the following members: Kim Stevens (Elder, chair), Doreen Der-McLeod (Elder Rep), Naomi Chun (Deacon Rep), Alton Chinn, Pamela Jang, and Mary Wong Leong (at large members). The pastor also serves as a member of the committee without a vote. The work of the Nominating Committee is to discern who God is calling to be officers of PCC from the English Worshipping Community for the next term and ask that those nominees prayerfully consider and accept that call. The positions include Elders, Deacons, a member of the Personnel Committee, and the following year’s Nominating Committee. The work is highly confidential and that confidentiality includes who is being considered, how they meet the criteria and whether or not they accept the position.

This year we were very grateful to elect two brand new Deacons, Diane Go and Desmond Ng, along with returning Deacon Pat Chan. Also, Mark Fong was elected to the Personnel Committee, while Norm Proctor and Kimball Wong were elected to the Nominating Committee for 2013. Pamela Jang and Alton Chinn also accepted and were elected to another year on the Nominating Committee. In addition, Elder Winchell Quock graciously accepted the call and was elected to serve another term as Elder for class of 2015.

We unfortunately were unable to elect two Elder candidates and their slots remain vacant. I am still learning how to be a good Elder and understand the level of commitment it requires. I was and am still extremely honored to be called and while the time commitment is more than I had expected, it is a very rewarding experience that I would urge anyone nominated to seriously consider.

I must extend a special thanks to the 2012 Nominating committee- Doreen, Naomi, Alton, Pam and Mary were an amazing committee to work with and served tirelessly throughout 2012.

As we begin 2013, the English Commission is still in need of two Elders and the 2013 Nominating Committee will be addressing those vacancies along with the class of 2016.

I remember as part of the Pastor Nominating Committee, we had a saying that went something like, “In God’s time, not our time”. So, I must continue to remind myself that Gods’ time is often different from what we think is appropriate and again, trust in the process. I am grateful for God’s guidance in this search and would ask that all members of PCC continue to pray for the Nominating Committee and future nominees.

English Commission Treasurer's Report 2012

Winchell Quock

"Tidings of comfort and joy" this advent season closed the 2012 fiscal year with unexpected riches. Facing a year to date operating deficit of \$3300 on November 30th, we closed the year with a strong December to finish the year with a \$2800 surplus! Pledge offerings received increased by \$15,000 in 2012, compared with a \$10,000 decrease the prior year. We are in good financial shape looking forward. 2012 expenses included setting aside \$8300 towards a youth ministry position, \$2000 towards the pastor's future sabbatical fund expenses, and \$5000 in the healing fund (to match Cameron House's commitment to assist in treating survivors of Dick Wichman's sexual abuse).

Your generous contributions enabled the commission to pay its allotted share of "common fund" church expenses to operate the building, pay our per capita assessment to support the administrations of Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, and fulfill Pastor Elliot's terms of call. In support of church missions programs, we sent a tithe of \$17,000 to General Assembly, and a \$7500 contribution to Cameron House to support our ongoing partnership. Monetary contributions were made to support the Pipit Fund and General Nakar Church (in the Phillipines), SF Night Ministry, SF Network Ministries/Safe House for Women, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (Hurricane Sandy), Partners in Health (Haiti Relief and Rebuilding), Keep Hope Alive Olive Tree Campaign, and SF Bay Area Darfur Coalition. The balance of expenses supported programs of the English ministries, maintaining contacts with college agers away at school with care packages, supporting our joint basketball league programs with Cameron House, and subsidizing the Westminster Woods Memorial Day family retreat and the fall retreat ("The Bible and Homosexuality") to make it more affordable for more to attend. In addition, special offerings were collected during the year: One Great Hour of Sharing (\$2371), Peace (\$1501), Christmas Joy (\$1707), and the Heifer Fund (\$910 – for 3 llamas, some chickens and bees and assorted other animals).

Your financial support and gracious sharing of time and talents (providing for teatime, leading worship, ushering, teaching church school, hosting covenant groups, working on committees, etc.) show how much we are invested in the work of the church and makes this PCC worshipping community a truly special group of people. Thanks be to God.

Women's Fellowship Report 2012

Mildred Hall, Moderator

The tradition of PCC women gathering together monthly continues; and we commit ourselves, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to follow the purpose of Presbyterian Women (PW):

To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study. We are called together and celebrate the leadership from Linda Lee and Hilda Aladeen who leads us in our 2012-2013 Horizons Bible study entitled, "Dispatches to God's Household, The General Epistles." The General Epistles include 1-2 Peter, 1-3 John, and Jude – the shortest books in the Bible. Take a look.

To support the mission of the church worldwide. As Presbyterian Women, we celebrate supporting mission not only financially but through local as well as worldwide projects. One such project was making Duduza dolls for orphans in Swaziland, Africa. PW in the SF Presbytery shipped over 350 knitted dolls, adding to the thousands sent from all around the world. We thank our women for their dedication of time in knitting over 30 dolls.

To work for justice and peace. Presbyterian Women are current on issues facing the nation and world. Individuals and representatives of PW attend the annual United Nations Commission on the Status of Women conference in New York City. The March, 2013, theme will be "The eradication of all forms of violence against women and girls." Our advocates to this conference will be Doreen Der-McLeod and Cynthia Joe.

To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom. Women's Fellowship welcomes all women who wish to participate with us as we commit ourselves to the purpose and answer God's call to service in the church.

Six members of Women's Fellowship enjoyed the 2012 PW Churchwide Gathering in Florida. "River of Hope" was the theme carried out during the week by speakers, at workshops, and at opportunities to gather and share with women from around the world. On our return, we conducted a worship service for our congregation sharing all that we learned from this triennial gathering.

Many women look forward to our annual, all-day retreat when we can enjoy and celebrate gathering together. We invited Jackie Kwan, an Elder and Commissioned Lay Leader of Christ United Presbyterian Church, to facilitate sessions on caregiving in September. Caregiving was a timely subject as many women in our church are carrying out this important task for family members and friends. There was comfort in feeling the supportiveness of the group to individuals who shared their own experiences.

We celebrate diversity in our church as we combined with the Mandarin and Cantonese women's fellowship groups for a luncheon in December. Each group participated in the short program and we enjoyed singing Christmas hymns. Our project for this season was to support the S.F. Tenderloin Ministries by donating Kleenex and toilet paper for their use. And we added a donation of the extra funds from the lunch food collection.

We celebrate our women who dedicate their time to service and who represent PW on the different levels of our church allowing us first-hand knowledge and understanding of what PW is doing. And we thank and appreciate our women who have hosted Women's Fellowship in their homes and also those who have helped cook dinners at our monthly gatherings.

School Of Discipleship Report 2012

Shar Hall, Deacon / Elder

Every Sunday morning at 9:30 am, this Covenant group gathers in the church library for coffee, tea and hot water in a challenging and learning environment. It's made up of a group of adults from varying backgrounds and ages.

We read and study the Bible, choose books and current issues that help us explore our faith and seek answers to the questions raised from the meaningful and lively discussions.

Pastor Kimberly brings a lot of insight to our studies via sharing her knowledge and many resources. We were amazed at the many books and writings that exist today that we did not know even existed!

We delved deeply into Harvey Cox's "THE FUTURE OF FAITH" for many months. He helped us to see the three distinct periods of church history: *the age of faith, the age of belief and the age of the Spirit* challenging us to think of how we live our faith today and in the future.

Sharing and listening to differing points of view while studying the Bible, a book or an issue, has helped us to ask questions without fear of "that's a dumb thing to ask", or feel intimidated! We have lively discussions, laugh a lot and enjoy each other's contributions to the class. Currently, we're studying the Gospel of John using Carol J. Miller's study guide.

We've learned so far, that John points out that the people or individuals just didn't get that Jesus was speaking of spiritual NOT physical things -- such as Nicodemus' question of being born again in the womb, or the Samaritan woman thinking she'd not have to go to the well anymore for water. The miracles of Jesus are the next few weeks' readings and study.

So young or older adults, you are welcome to come and discover for yourself, the challenge of coming early on Sunday mornings, warming up with a hot beverage and joining in a great experience of learning!

Wednesday Night Bible Study Group 2012

Terry Leong

The Wednesday Night Bible Study Group is still Presbyterian Church in Chinatown's oldest continuously running community covenant group. We meet regularly on Wednesday nights at the home of David Chan and Nancy Chee. We start off with a potluck dinner, followed by a regular study, always in the spirit of fellowship. We welcome all, young and old, male and female. So, if you wish to come to one or more of these fellowship gatherings you are most welcome!

We started the year 2012 by finishing the discussion on Marcus Borg's book "Speaking Christian", which we started in late 2011. Borg explains to us why Christian words have lost their meaning and power and how our current definitions have changed. He attempts to give us a way to restore our literacy in speaking Christian,

Our next book, "Lost in the Middle", by Paul David Tripp, was started in the summer of 2012.. As you can tell we tend to dwell a long time on each book. As the group is mostly middle-aged, we thought that this book might enlighten us on problems we find during this age span. We continue study of "Lost in the Middle" in 2013.

You might wonder why it takes us more than a whole year to read one book. Interspersed between occasional 'byes', our WNBSG supported the PCC sponsored basketball and volleyball teams by attending their games. Many of us attended an AARP convention in New Orleans, and we even went to a Smuin Christmas ballet.

Come join us and find out what 2013 has in store for us!



Dinner at Court of Two Sisters, New Orleans.

Grandmas & Grandpas Covenant Group 2012

Once each month, the G&G crowds excitedly into Ruth's cozy living room in the Richmond. Fourteen of us share our lives with each other through funny stories, opinions, puzzling anecdotes, and much more. We meet, we eat, we talk, we laugh. We support and love each other. Harry is our guide and catalyst. He's our Obi-Wan Kenobi. As you may recall, the venerable Cal Chinn created the G&G about a dozen years ago. Over time the group has gradually evolved into its present form. G&G members reside in all parts of the Bay Area and stream into the Richmond site every third Wednesday.

Here's an example of what might take place at one of our gathering: After coffee and some crazy wonderful treats the lesson begins. At some point Irene offers a quote from famed Swiss Reformed theologian Karl Barth. Yes, obscure and esoteric. Something about grace and judgment. Huh? Nathan counters neatly with a discourse on God's unconditional love. Someone then begins reciting John 3:16, the so-called Gospel in a nutshell. A debate erupts. Harry steps in, restores order, and tells us about the time he did lunch with His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The lesson continues. We talk, we laugh, we enjoy.

Sometimes we take a few moments to joke around and act like Ewoks. Often we hear reports from our world travelers of their adventures in far off exotic places. At times we struggle with the concept of the inexpressible, unknowable ultimate reality that is the mystery of God. Sometimes it's a lighter doctrinal point. Whatever the activity, we are all eager to learn.

Our wealth of experience reaches back into our own Jurassic period. Believe me, G&G members know a lot of stuff. Our memory banks are loaded. Of course, we can tell you about the olden days, but our attention is on the present, the here and now. We may each be on our own spiritual path, nonetheless, we journey together. We nudge each other forward.

Along the way we behold the awe inspiring beauty and wonders of the earth and ask why the world is at the same time so filled with sorrow and woe. Why? Who knows, but we're working on it. We seek to understand and to take incremental steps to make the world a better place. So, we get together to study the text and texture of scripture, deal with context and metaphor, dissect the works of contemporary authors, muse over poetry, and contemplate the power and inspiration of familiar hymns. Our vision is as wide as our focus is narrow. We seek to know and to care.

We have a good time learning and growing. We love our over-the-top sweet desserts. Yum, yum. We are cool and easy. We are the G&G.

Harry Chuck Ruth Leong Helen Ong Ray Ong Jean Chin Jan Wu Ida Lee May Ho Eleanor Yim
Ruth Wu Nathan Tom Su Lee Tom Irene Ng May Lynne Lim Roger Lim



The Grandmas & Grandpas (G&G) Covenant Group.

Healing Committee 2012

Scott Barlow

The Healing Committee is a joint committee of Cameron House and the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown. The committee meets every other month to continue the healing work that has been going on since the allegations of sexual abuse came out against, first Dick Wichman, and later Sherman Lum.

The main focus for the HC in 2012 was the installation of art work at Cameron House to honor the survivors and the healing journey. The Healing Arts Project Task Force (HAPTF) worked with creativity and diligence to accomplish the task. October 14, 2012 was the date for the dedication of the installation of art work and poetry which will be "...visible signs and symbols of the commitment...to continue on the healing road for the sake of victims, survivors, and their families, as well as the community and future generations."

HAPTF was chaired by Elder Heidi Wong, and included Carole Chinn-Morales, Laurene Chan, Jeanne Choy Tate, Noel Chun, Deacon Shar Hall, Pastor Kimberly Elliot, and the Rev. Bradford Woo.

PCC High School Youth Fellowship Report 2012

Terry Chan

We have a group of 5-10 high school youth meeting weekly. At this time a majority of them are Juniors and Sophomores

The group meets weekly for bible study, studying the nature of God learned through the nature of Jesus by studying the Sermon of the Mount, and the Gospel of Mark. We also participated in the Church Christmas play. We had various fellowships at the home of members of the group. We also have a high school basketball team participating in the CCU summer league.

I have felt God's presence in the many discussion questions they ask such as "what does the bible say about homosexuality", "what is Christian dating", "why does bad things happen to good people"? The questions asked and willingness to be challenged is inspiring and bids well for the future of our Church.

As we look forward to the New Year, we anticipate many of the group going to Triennium in Indiana the summer of 2013. We hope to have a High School Church retreat sometime this year.

As our Church youth mature we look forward them growing in their faith and continuing discussions on what it means to be a "church member". We hope to have an inquirers class soon.

Young Adult Fellowship 2012

The Young Adult Study Fellowship meets once a month. Our focus for 2012 was on worship. We studied the order of worship, how the scriptures are used in worship, and other aspects of the worship experience. In September we planned and lead the worship service and Sing Quan was the preacher. Many of the young adults are also involved as board members, staff, and leaders at Cameron House which continues the mutual support and sharing between CH and PCC. Young Adults also participated in CCU basketball and volleyball in the summer.

2012 Year-End Report From Your Clerk Of Session

Edward Kam, Elder

This is the statistical information about our English Worshipping Community between January 1st to December 31st, 2012:

Membership status	Number	Females	Males
Active members as of 12/31/2012	129		
New members received, restored	4		
Members deleted from rolls	0		
Members transferred to other churches	1		
Members deceased	0		
Active members as of 12/31/2012	132	69	63
Average worship attendance	108		
Average church school attendance	10 - 15		

Newly baptized members: Sherman Gee, Brian Lim, Desmond Ng (transfer), and Sing Quan

Our Pastor: Rev. Kimberly Elliot

Parish Associate: Rev. Norman Fong

Our active Ruling Elders in 2012 were:

- Doreen Der-McLeod, Wayne Eng, Al Hall, Eddie Kam, Jeanine Lim, David Miller, Winchell Quock, Kim Stevens, and David Soohoo,

Our active Deacons in 2012 were:

- Naomi Chun, Barbara Fong, Stuart Go, Shar Hall, Jon Hee, Richard Jann, Kathy Tong, Kevin Toy and Jo-Jo Woo

Committee Chairs

- Mission and Evangelism: Elder Jeanine Lim
- Resource : Elder David Soohoo
- Worship & Nurture: Elder Eddie Kam
- Nominating Committee: Elder Kim Stevens
- Personnel Committee: Elder Wayne Eng

Volunteer Leads

- English Commission Treasurer: Elder Winchell Quock
- Christian Education/Church School Teachers: Nancy Chee, lead; Pat Chan, Marie Chin, Barb Fong, Diane Go and Kimball Wong
- English Commission Recorder: Elder Kim Stevens
- Organist: David Miller, Mildred Hall
- High School and College Age leaders: Terry Chan and Scott Barlow

Building and Finance Committee, 2012 Annual Report

Winchell Quock

Co chaired by David Soohoo (English elder, church treasurer) and Winchell Quock (English elder, English ministry treasurer), the Sessions' standing committee is charged with ensuring that we are good stewards of our church building and our financial resources. Committee members from the English commission are Cindy Joe, Al Hall, Sharlene Hall, Wayne Eng, and Terry Leong, with contributions from Peter and Annie Wong, and George Yee. Here are some highlights of 2012:

Church Budget/Repairs. Funded by a \$250 per active member contribution from each of the three language ministries, the 2012 church operational budget of \$64,000 pays for liability insurance, electric/gas bills, garbage collection, janitorial service, elevator and heating equipment contracts – in short, the day to day needs of maintaining the church building. Twenty eight new child-sized chairs were purchased to replace worn furniture. Purell hand sanitizer dispensers were installed on each floor to reduce germ transmission for parishioners. For purposes of safety, liability, and to mitigate concerns about improper conduct, window “lites” have been installed on the office doors of each pastor. To decrease curling and extend the life of our historical document banners in the fellowship hall, plastic horizontal framing was added to of the fourteen each panels.

Church Usage. It has been nine years since our building remodeling completion in 2003. Thankful for the blessings of having this resource, our goal is increasing the use of our earthquake-retrofitted and elevator/handicapped accessible building for the benefit of our community. A loyal group of volunteers manned the office on weekdays, freeing the pastors to do their work uninterrupted. Back to back to back worship services, teatime/lunch, bible study groups, choir and fellowship activities for three language ministries make Sundays a happy juggling of room usage. On Sunday evenings, the Mandarin congregation continues to host a dinner and fellowship/worship for dozens of Chinese speaking restaurant workers, and there is a monthly Saturday karaoke fellowship for those inclined to share their vocal talents.

With regular committee, bible study, commission meetings, Cantonese and Mandarin youth groups and womens' fellowship activities held during weekdays, the church building is still underutilized. However, 2012 found opportunities to share the church building with the wider community: we hosted meetings of the Chinese Christian Union and their Good Friday Church Service. Cameron House high school seniors used the basement for a white elephant sale to benefit their ghost ranch mission trip in the summer. Great Expectations Covenant Church used the church for a weekend retreat. For much of the year, Advanced Pro Nursing School used our library for nurse training classes. Again, as part of our Cameron House collaboration, the church basement was used for the Cameron House BAP summer program, while the CYC (Chinatown Youth Center of SF) held summer workshops and support groups for immigrant high schoolers in the fellowship hall. In December the annual Christmas Party for over a hundred families of the APA Family Support Services took place in our fellowship hall. During the year, our facility was used for memorial celebrations services for Al Low, Bennett Tom, and Don Chinn. Tim and Lori Ong renewed their wedding vows with a ceremony and dinner.