

# **2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

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### Pastor's Annual Report for 2013

*Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,  
his praises in the assembly of the faithful.*

*Let the people of God be glad in their Maker*

*Let the children of Zion rejoice*

*For the Lord takes pleasure in his people,*

*He adorns the humble with victory. Psalm 140: 1,2 & 4*



There are many reasons to give praise to God as I reflect on 2013.

I continue to give thanks for all of you, for the blessed community of PCC. I continue to be inspired by your faithfulness and your dedication to service and to social justice. You are truly a congregation who loves deeply and desires to make a difference in the world.

There are many events and activities that will be touched upon by various committee reports, so in an effort to not be redundant, I will lift up a few other highlights for reflection.

We had three consistory retreats for elders and deacons this year – in March, August and October. The March retreat was the first ever tri-church officers retreat as we met with elders and deacons from Christ United Presbyterian Church and Old First Presbyterian Church. It was energizing to be with members of other churches and share joys and challenges. We also shared Bible study together and began looking at 'The Bones of Joseph' and how the 'DNA' of our churches can be the seeds of values that we continue to carry into the future. In our two later retreats we learned about Adaptive Leadership and how all organizations need to learn to adapt to systematic changes in order to thrive. We celebrated the ways PCC has already learned about adaptive change and the process of transformation in its 160 years. This learning can continue to serve us well in the future.

In 2013 I completed the four part class series (that stretched over two years) called the Certificate in Executive Leadership Program from McCormick seminary. The class was made up of twelve clergy from across the country and was taught by McCormick faculty. The class topics were 1) Understanding yourself as leader 2) The congregation as a system 3) Adaptive Leadership and 4) Understanding conflict, culture and change in a congregation. While in some ways it felt like we just scratched the surface of the topics we discussed, each of the classes were a rich time of learning together.

At Easter last year we celebrated the baptism of Natalie Martin and welcomed her parents, Jeff and Ashley Martin into our church family as members. This was a joyous occasion and we continue to celebrate the ways that the Martin family

have become a beloved part of our church family. It is wonderful to see how baby Natalie has grown and is already running around as an enthusiastic toddler!

We continued to expand our CCU sports ministry in 2013 which was the second year PCC had hosted the program. We had over sixty sponsors for our players (thank you everyone!) and we had robust kick off and closing events that included the introduction of a

'Spirit Award' this year for the most Christ like player. This has been a fun, intergenerational program and it has been great to see the community coming together to support all the participants of this program.

I continue to lead the Young Adult Support Group once a month, which is now meeting in the home of Moony Tong in San Francisco. Last year we began a series entitled 'What does the Bible say about homosexuality?' and we continue this popular series into 2014.

I have also continued to be involved in youth programs by leading Bible study devotions at Friday Night Club at Cameron House on a regular basis as well as being part of the leadership at Cameron House week at Westminster Woods during the summer. I was also very proud of our high school youth this Christmas as they participated in the youth play that I wrote and directed which highlighted Joseph's part in the birth of Jesus. They did a great job!

I enjoy teaching and leading the Discipleship Group that meets each Sunday morning before worship. This is a lively group and the discussions are always rich and satisfying – I think we each learn a great deal from the comments and insights of each member of the group. The door is always open and anyone is welcome to join at any time! I also enjoyed leading the Grandma and Grandpa's group for three sessions over the summer. They are a lively and interesting group as well.

We also had a good turnout of youth, young adults and 'regular' adults at our first ever mission trip (work day) at Puente – a non-profit community organization that benefits farm workers in Pescadero. This was a fun time of working together to make that corner of the world a little brighter while also learning about this important ministry to farm workers in our area.

These are just a few of the highlights of a church that celebrated its 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year!

May there be more exciting adventures to come as we follow God's call, sing God's praises and continue to be the faithful people of God to the world.

In the love and service of Christ,

Pastor Kimberly

### The Commission

The English Commission is composed of 9 ruling elders, with three elected each year to serve 3 year terms. Moderated by Pastor Kimberly Elliot, this governing body of the English worshipping community meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Following dinner and devotions, the standing committees worship and nurture, mission and evangelism, personnel, nominating and resource,- each chaired by an elder, share reports on their activities. Reports from the Pastor, treasurer, and deacons are also

received. The balance of the evening is usually spent discussing, planning and deciding on various issues in the life of the church. We valued this time of fellowship, friendship, prayer, and discernment.

For 2013 the ruling elders were Edward Kam, David Soohoo, David Miller, Winchell Quock, Doreen DerMcLeod, Wayne Eng, and Kim Stevens. We were short two elders, but this group did not lack for their sharing of combined wisdom and many talents. We are thankful for their commitment and service.

In the articles that follow, you will only get a snapshot of life with the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown 2013. Being an active participant will make you part of the journey of faith we walk each day. Also please visit our church website at [pccsf.org](http://pccsf.org) for documents such as the revised church bylaws, mission study and mission statement, photo gallery, and weekly RAG sheet.

Winchell Quock

#### Deacons Annual Report



The ministry of Deacon is one of service, compassion and witness after the example of Jesus Christ. Any church member who desires to be of service and who has a willing heart can answer the call to be a deacon. The 2013 deacons are Barb Fong, Shar Hall, Richard Jann, Kathy Tong, Naomi Chun, Jon Hee, Pat Chan, Diane Go and Desmond Ng.

The 2014 Board of Deacons will be Kathy Tong, Barb Fong, Naomi , Pat Chan, Diane Go, Desmond Ng, Pam Jang and Jerrick Woo.

**“Serving as a deacon has reminded me of my original pledges as a member of this church--to serve others with a loving heart, to share my talents without expecting material reward or public acknowledgement, to share Christ's love with those who do not know it. I seem to fall short often, but my fellow deacons move me forward by their own loving examples of what I can be. It is a privilege to serve!”**  
Diane

The Deacons regularly encourage members to be actively involved in the life of our church through organizing the sign-ups for ushers and scripture readers during worship service as well as the sign-ups for tea time refreshments after service. We update and prepare the monthly prayer list for congregational reflection and prayer.

**“Prayer is such a powerful tool. As Deacons we are constantly thinking of ways to help our congregation to nurture. Interesting enough this year, I found my fellow Deacons & members of the congregation praying for me and my family. I was extremely touched.”** Kathy

In 2013, we were also on various committees such as nominating, healing committee, worship & nurture, mission & evangelism and the CCU basketball/volleyball committee.

*This year, on behalf of all PCC English members, the deacons helped show our collective congregational witness and service by:*

- Organizing rides to and from church, as well as escorted and provided rides to and from medical appointments for members with health issues.
- Sending out cards of support to individuals in times of illness, grief or other life transitions,
- Organized the goodbye cake for departing, long-time members,
- Deacon Kathy Tong created and gave corsages to all the women of PCC in honor of Mother's Day,
- Assisted with the memorial services and luncheon for David (and Kathy) Lee's father;
- Organized the PCC summer sponsorships for the CCU basketball/volleyball youths and the sponsor/player cards, we organized the closing luncheon set-up, serving and clean-up.
- Communicated and followed-up with visitors and inactive members;
- We acted and made ourselves available as a resource to individuals in crisis.
- Provided ongoing support to a church member faced with Ellis Act issues
- For a church member, we organized 7 weeks of meals; secured a new twin bed, assisted with transportation from hospital to home, performed home cleaning and organizing, did visitations
- Cleaned and repaired Church robes
- The English deacons performed food plating, serving to tables, clean up and putting tables and garbage away for the 160<sup>th</sup> PCC Anniversary Celebration lunch and Goodbye to Rev. Pan. This was a trilingual event.
- Created a Harvest Home basket for a church family going through some difficulty
- Prepared the list of recipient names for the Christmas cookie bags and delivered the bags.
- The deacons created a special Christmas cookie support basket for a church family who suddenly suffered a loss.

***“As a Deacon, I enjoy helping out our fellow church members. I try to have a positive attitude. I try to be a good listener.” Pat***

***“Being a deacon has impacted my faith journey by showing me that God is always there even in the small things that are done. It has also taught me to be patient and has made me a better listener.***

***“ Naomi***

***Other regular deacon duties performed that help the life of our church are:***

- Preparing monthly communion elements and serving (along with the Elders);
- Maintaining name tags and current member and visitor lists;
- Organizing and maintaining kitchen pantry supplies;

***“Serving as a deacon has taught me that it is a humbling experience and privilege to be in the faith community of our church. Getting the job done whether it's down and dirty (garbage/mopping toilet floors) or serving holy communion,***

**the response we make is to answer the call. I know that I've had some gripes and resentments this year, but all in all, I'm glad that I had the opportunity to serve with a wonderful group of fellow deacons that kept my spirits up!" Shar**

We worked hard and we also had great fellowship as we work together in service. Please continue to support and be in prayer for this important calling of the office of deacon---if you should be asked---will you answer, "Here I am, Lord?"

Barb Fong, Chair

### 2013 English Commission Treasurer's Report



2013 pledge offerings received increased by \$ 9500 over the prior year and enabled us to end the year with a surplus; this surplus was primarily because the administrative assistant line item used only one quarter of its budget allotment .Expenses included saving \$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).

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 \$18,000 to General Assembly, and a \$7500 contribution

to Cameron House to support our ongoing partnership. Monetary contributions were made to support the following:

- Pipit Fund
- Network on Religion and Justice
- The United Church of Christ Philippine Hurricane Relief
- Safehouse
- Asian Womens Shelter
- La Puente
- Presbyterian Women
- Covenant Presbyterian Church
- Brazilian Presbyterian Church
- Haiti Partners in Health
- PCC-Mandarin Commission.

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. In addition, special offerings were collected during the year: One

Great Hour of Sharing (\$2070), Peace (\$1070), Christmas Joy (\$1050) , and the Heifer Fund (\$547) – 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 truly special

Winchell Quock

## MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMITTEE



The Mission & Evangelism (M&E) Committee consisting of Ed Chin, Doreen Der McLeod, Jeanine Lim Chan, Shar Hall, Jeanette Huie, Cynthia Joe, and Gilbert Lee meets on the first Tuesdays of each month. The work of the Mission and Evangelism committee is to witness to God's love and justice by responding to our neighbor in need. We support local needs and needs sponsored by the national denomination of PC(U.S.A.)

God's spirit continues to challenge the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown with opportunities whereby we can live out our faith in service to others. The Mission & Evangelism Committee plans and responds to the needs as they arise during the year, but members of PCC participate in many ways with M & E through giving of their time, talent and money. Here are the highlights of the Mission and Evangelism for the year 2013 where we witness to God's love:

- **Homeless Meal:** Participated in the religious interfaith winter shelter program by cooking for 80 homeless men at St. Boniface church in February
- Interpreted and collected our denomination's special offerings of **One Great Hour of Sharing** at Easter which supports PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) and the Self Development of Peoples, **Peace Offering** on World Wide Communion Sunday in October and the **Joy Offering** at Christmas which support racial-ethnic schools sponsored by our denomination and assists retired pastors and fraternal workers with special needs.
- **CCU Sponsorship** –As requested by Cameron House, we participated for the second year in sponsoring youth and young adults in a Chinese Church Basketball and Volleyball League. We see this as outreach and nurture for the many youth and young adult who participate. Individuals and groups sponsored individual youth and paid half of the entry cost of participating in the league and attended their games and provided snacks.
- **School Supplies for SRO Children**—Many families living in the SROs in Chinatown and the Tenderloin have difficulty in purchasing basic school supplies for their children so our parishioners purchased pencils, pens, markers, binder paper, spiral notebooks, erasers, etc. so that we were able to
- pass out 180+ bags with school supplies to elementary children living in the SRO's in our neighborhood.
- **Peace Offering**—Committee decided to give our 1/3 share of the Peace Offering (which remains with the local church) to Safe House in honor of Glenda Hope
- **Alternative Christmas Fair**—Besides providing an opportunity for members of our church to support Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and nuts, we sold a Christmas Legacy CD whose proceeds went to support Living Waters for the World and PW Birthday Offering.
- **Heifer Project**—The children wanted to purchase 2 goats this year, but through the generosity of our church members, we collected \$550 which would allow us to purchase 4 goats.

**Monetary Support**—We also supported local and international needs with our monetary donation to Asian Women Shelter, Presbyterian Women in celebration of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, La Puente, Partners in Health in Haiti, Brazilian Presbyterian Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church and our own Mandarin Congregation.

**As God has blessed us, so may we be a blessing to others.** Our Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month and welcomes any one who is interested in sharing the Good news of God's love and compassion.

Doreen Der-McLeod, chair



## WORSHIP AND NURTURE COMMITTEE



Members of the Worship and Nurture committee for 2013 were Pat Chan, Wayne Eng, Ed Kam, Linda Lee, Dave Miller, and Kim Stevens.

For worship, we coordinate readers, liturgists and communion servers. We provide guidelines for readers, liturgists, and communion servers. Our budget helps purchase hymnals, music for organists, and a subscription to the Worship Design Studio – a wonderful resource for worship ideas.

For nurture, we oversee Sunday school (although Nancy Chee really does that). We facilitate retreats, such as the Memorial Day family retreat. We choose Advent devotions and Lent disciplines. We also coordinate Sabbath Sunday discussions.

Worship at PCC continues to be vibrant and engaging. Rev. Elliot, assisted by the Worship Design Team of Norma Chan, Linda Lee and Laurene Chan, plans services that involve youth and young adults, that bring in dance and the arts, that introduce new music and that integrate worship components to focus in on key themes.

Thanks to all those who bring their skills to help all of us worship more deeply:

- Liturgists who help lead worship. Special thanks to those who served many times throughout the year.
- Readers who help us focus on God's word for our lives
- Communion servers who greet us by name as they share the body and blood of Christ.
- David Chan and Terry Leong for ensuring that the microphones are working properly and that we have all the right technology to facilitate worship.
- Mildred Hall, David Miller, Laurene Chan, Josh Hee, Karina Cheuk and the others who lead our singing on the organ or piano. And thanks also to those who play guitar to lead our singing.
- All those who helped decorate our sanctuary for Advent and Christmas
- Youth who illustrated God's word through the Christmas Play.
- People who create art to deepen our worship including Jean Chin and Susie Wong for their beautiful flower arrangements, Pat Chan, Norma Chan and JoJo Woo for altar cloths and the beautiful star that guided us through Epiphany Season, and to young adults who created new banners for us this year.
- Once again, for the Ash Wednesday service Terry Leong created a spiral labyrinth in the sanctuary reminding us of our own journey of as we walk with Jesus during Lent.
- Norma Chan, Carole Chinn-Morales, Alton Chin, Naomi Chun and Dave Miller produced orders of worship and weekly Ragsheet newsletters.

The committee published guidelines for readers, liturgists and communion servers to ensure they have all the information they need to enhance our worship experience.

To make it easier for the congregation to sing praises to God, the committee purchased additional *Sing the Faith* songbooks, enough for one per worshipper.

Throughout the year, we have designated Sundays where youth and young adults lead us in worship, including presenting the sermon.

The faith of members of all ages has been nurtured in many ways:

- In Lent, we studied *Give Up Something Bad for Lent* by James W. Moore. In Advent, our theme was *Strengthen Your Heart*, we pondered daily devotions focusing on the Middle East and we kept track of our preparation for the coming of Jesus through special journals.
- In May, members of all ages of our church family attended a retreat at Westminster Woods. Sessions on music, poetry and art helped us to new insights. Barb Fong and Norma Chan were co-chairs for the retreat.
- The committee facilitated the participation by 6 youth in the PCUSA Youth Triennium during July.
- Our church also sponsored 60 participants in the CCU summer sports leagues. We helped pay the fees, we attended games and we shared our faith during prayer with the youth.
- Nurture through deacons report at each meeting.
- We offer Sunday School during worship for younger children and we lead Bible study with high school and college-age youth.
- We helped coordinate a meeting sponsored by NRJ – Network for Religion and Justice to engage in discussion about challenges faced by LGBTQ persons. Winchell and Jeanne Quock hosted the meeting and provided dinner.

In October, we celebrated with joy the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church and we bid farewell to Rev. David Pan who retired.

We appreciate YOUR commitment through pledges, willingness to help when we ask, willingness to serve on the committee, feedback about worship and nurture, and, of course, your prayers.

We would love to have you consider joining our committee to help us continue to make Worship and Nurture for the PCC family meaningful, spiritual, renewing and uplifting. Speak with Dave Miller if you are interested.

Dave Miller, *Chair*

## Resource Committee



**Biblically grounded, we act faithfully in the spirit of Micah 6:8  
“to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.”**

In the year of the Snake, our Resource committee responsibilities continues with the financial oversight by our English Commission Treasurer, Winchell Quock who diligently works to provide us with the monthly financial reports in keeping our community fiscally responsible and financially sound. The maintenance of

the English Worshiping Community’s membership roll is important reminder of our mission and ministry. 2013 brought us a couple new members to the roll increasing from 132 in 2012 to 134 in 2013 but we also had to place a member into the inactive list. 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](http://www.pccsf.org) continue 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 continue to collaborate with our sister worshiping community in having volunteers staff the administrative office during the weekdays. Our volunteers have been an invaluable resource in making the church accessible on the weekdays. Our church building is now a decade old since our major remodel of 2003. Repairs and A/V replacements needing attention have been addressed by Winchell and Dave Chan at great cost savings to the church. Other highlights for the year include the replacement of a leaky valve which controls the church’s sprinkler system,

the completion of the church's energy audit and the Central Subway Station project. The Resource Committee continues to provide additional support and resources to the standing committees: Worship & Nurture, Mission & Evangelism, Healing Committee, Board of Deacons, Personnel etc. throughout the year.

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

David Soohoo

### Nominating Committee



As many of you know, the Nominating Committee is tasked with discerning who God is calling to be the future officers and leaders of this Church and asking those members to consider that call. What I was thinking about as reflecting on the minute for stewardship is the word "call". We used it a lot when we talk about "calling a pastor", it's a reminder that God is the one in charge and we are trying to discern what God is calling us to do. And when I thought further about the idea of call, I thought about modern technology. I bet most everyone in the congregation uses a cell phone. Now sometimes, I for instance get a call now and then from a number I don't know.

I'm very hesitant to pick up those calls, is it someone trying to sell me something? If I don't know who's calling, I probably don't want to talk to them. It's also something I find myself doing at work, please don't tell my company, but yes, I have caller ID and sometimes that client calling me I let go to voicemail. When I considered this metaphor, I thought about what it must be for God trying to call us all the time without the use of a phone. And how many times do we press decline? How many times do we decide not to answer and not to call back? What I would urge everyone to think about is the idea that "answering the call" doesn't always mean to say yes. In particular, the nominating committee asks that when you prayerfully consider a position, just talk to God. Have a dialogue to see whether you really are being called to be an officer for the Church or maybe God is calling you to do something else?

The Nominating Committee worked very hard this year and presented its slate in November missing only 2 spots for Deacon. Since then, all Deacon's positions has been filled. Many thanks go out to the committee members this year including Elder rep Doreen Der-McLeod, Deacon rep, Diane Go, and at large members Pam Jang, Alton Chinn, Norm Proctor and Kimball Wong. Pastor Kimberly also serves on this committee. We would ask your continued prayers for this committee and the church officers as we go out and try to follow God's call.

Kimberly Stevens - chair

### **English Personnel Committee**



Ed Chin, Chair, Wayne Eng, Mark Fong, Linda Lee, Hilda Aladeen, and Pastor Kimberly Elliot

Meeting dates are last Sunday in January, April, July and October (quarterly).

As part of the Family of God, we all serve together in ministry of love. We all have accountability to each other in our Christian community. We are a committee of the congregation, specifically elected by the English Worshipping community. Pastor Kimberly is ex-officio and meets with us. We use the PCUSA

Personnel Committee guidelines for our reference, and the PCC 2008 Mission Study Goals and Objectives. We noted that the vision, strategy and goals are set by the English Commission, our committee uses such information in our reflection and assessment with Pastor Kimberly, providing support and act as a sounding board for Kimberly.

Though other committees and the Commission provide direction and feedback, We have a unique role in administering and proposing the specifics of the terms of call (vacation, study leave, or other leaves; medical deductibles, salary/housing division); as well as being supportive of the needs of the pastor which include working collaboratively with the pastor in the reflection of her ministry.

The personnel committee has the following responsibilities:

- Recommend position descriptions for all staff.
- Review and recommend to commission compensation packages for all staff.

- Recommend personnel policies to the commission.
- Encourage professional growth and development for all staff.
- Provide for review discussions of ministry.
- Provide for input and feedback with the pastor, setting up opportunities for discussion.
- Act as a support group for the pastor and other members of the staff.
- Confer with the pastor on any important issues of concern.

In 2013, we accomplished the following:

- the 2014 Terms of Call package;
- interviewed and hired the Administrative Assistant
- informal meal and chat with Pastor Kimberly at Ed Chin's house
- met with pastor and administrative assistant in discussions

Ed Chin, chair

## Women's Fellowship



This year marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Presbyterian Women (PW) formed in 1988 when the Presbyterian Church--north and south--merged together. The 25-year history of PW can be seen at: [www.pcusa.org/pw](http://www.pcusa.org/pw) -- scroll down to "Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...."

As a way to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> year and to continue the mission of PW, a special fund-raising campaign was launched. Many women were asked to match funds given from their synods to this *25-for-25 campaign*. Three cheers (!!!) to Cindy Joe who said yes to matching funds up to \$10,000 for PW in the Synod of the Pacific.

During the year we studied the Bible, worked on maintaining our fitness through exercise, and heard from friends who traveled to Cuba. We also learned about the Appalachian area of our country and how our church helps those who live there. Connie Clark from Livermore was the PW Synod representative who traveled there in 2013.

Our topic for the annual retreat, at Ruth Wu's home, was health care options and choices as we face challenges and issues of aging; and this included end of life preparation of necessary and correct medical and legal documents to help our loved ones know our wishes.

In December, we hosted the PWP Winter Gathering at PCC; and Dayton Leong graciously cooked a wonderful lunch for over 50 women. The Christmas potluck at Jean Chin's home was enjoyed by festively-dressed women (and one gentleman!). A variety of shared foods was plentiful for all. The

evening included collection of toiletries and socks for the homeless ministry at Old First Presbyterian Church; and we ended the evening with singing Christmas carols.

Women's Fellowship has met together for over 50 years. Throughout our history, we have continued to be women centered in our faith, supporting mission, justice and peace projects, participating in

celebration giving to PW, and gaining new experiences as we serve together with women in different capacities in this country and around the globe. Our faithful and loyal women give of themselves in many ways. For this we are truly blessed, thankful, and proud.

We invite you to participate with us as we serve God and the church through Women's Fellowship and Presbyterian Women. Our activities can be seen on the PCC website, on church bulletin boards and in the weekly Ragsheet.

*Mildred Hall, Moderator*

#### **SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP ---9:15 a.m.---2013 Report**



***'OH—HOW I HATE TO GET UP IN THE MORNING!'*** —Irving Berlin

Getting to Sunday morning class gets more challenging as time marches on! However, we're greeted with warmth and welcome to a cup of hot coffee, tea or water from the early bird hostess of our class—Harriet. After we gather in the library and settle in, we continue our study of the Gospel of John.

John constantly reminds us that Jesus speaks of *spiritual* NOT physical things. The Jewish authorities and even his disciples don't get it.

We read that Jesus says **“I AM”** seven times throughout the 18 chapters we’ve covered so far—and then Peter’s denial **‘I AM NOT’** three times before the cock crows.

No matter how familiar we are with the story of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection, we seem to learn or hear something new or different from the resources that Pastor Kimberly brings to our class. From there we ask questions or share “a-hah” moments from the discussions that follow.

Come and join the class as we pick up the story with Jesus’ arrest and continue the journey. We’re nearing the end of John, but it’s not too late to learn with us. We usually alternate between studying the Bible, contemporary issues or a book of current interest.

There’s always a lot of sharing—deep thoughts, feelings of doubts and even lots of joy and laughter. We have heard that some think our class is “too intellectual.” Fear not!

We are really down-to-earth regular people eager to learn and welcome all!

CLASS ATTENDEES: Jim Caldwell, Jeannette Wei, Ed Chin, Harriet Hall, Gwen Jeong, Danny Lee, Gilbert Lee, Marc Minemoto, Dave & Marcella Soohoo, Kevin Toy, Jannie Wu, Al & Shar Hall.

Sharlene Hall

### Wednesday Night Bible Study Group



The Wednesday Night Bible Study Group is Presbyterian Church in Chinatown’s oldest continuously running covenant group. We regularly meet on Wednesday nights at the home of David Chan and Nancy Chee. We start the evening off with a potluck supper which usually includes freshly made bread, homemade soup and potato salad. Others in the group usually ring vegetables with chicken/duck dishes or the occasional beef or pork. Our food has changed over the years to meet the dietary needs of our mostly middle of life participants. We usually follow dinner with a study and more fellowship. We welcome all, so if you wish to come to one or more of these fellowship gatherings you are most welcomed!

We started the new year 2013 by finishing the discussion on the book “Lost in the Middle”, by Oaul David Tripp. Thus is a book we started in the summer of 2012. The book attempts to help those caught up in the day to day activities and somehow have lost their way from God.



During the summer, the WNBSG supported the Chinese Christian Union basketball and volleyball league by attending the games and being sponsors to individual players. This is a youth to adult basketball /volleyball program that the PCC supported in the past. This year, members of our group sponsored individual players, became coaches, participated in playing, became spiritual leaders and coordinated some of the activities related to the league. Since most of our sponsored players played on Wednesday night, this became our "Bible Study" for the summer.

The theme of the CCU sporting event this year was "Not a Fan" (becoming a completely committed follower of Jesus), a book by Kyle Idleman that the spiritual leaders discussed with the players during fellowship time. The WNBSG decided to read and study this book for the remainder of 2013.

Although the group did not go as a group to any AARP conventions in 2013, we look forward to trips in 2014, 2015 and beyond. Please join us to find out what is in store for us!

--- Terry Leong

#### Grandpa's and Grandma's

The young at heart grandpas and grandmas meet once a month at 3pm, usually the third Wednesday, under the benevolent guidance of Pastor Harry Chuck, Someone always volunteers to ring a goodie which we have with coffee or tea, and why this is so special is because we have so many fine bakers/cooks in our group. We used to meet at Ruth Leong's house but we now meet at the Sequoias where Irene Ng and Eleanor Yim are the fine hostesses. We average about 14 G&Gs each month.

We had another year enveloped richly with God's blessings of fellowship, and spiritual growth through Bible study. This year we departed from books, and set as our study the Gospel of Luke, the only author who was not a Jew, but a learned and compassionate physician to Paul. Sort of like Michelangelo or Sir Isaac Newton. Luke is the only gospel that records the Prodigal Son, the wee rich tax collector Zaccheus, whose life Jesus changed in less than three minutes, along with 16 other encounters not mentioned in the other gospels. Of interest also is the comparison between the following important verse from the Sermon of the Mount. In Matthew, we have: "Blessed are the poor in spirit", whereas in Luke, simply "Blessed are the poor". There is an enormous difference in this one verse. The latter which can be interpreted to slide down the slippery slope of secular socialism/communism mortal man's idea of utopia. See Matthew 6:19 and 25-34, especially verse 33 (do not worry for God provides, but seek ye first His kingdom).

I have been a member of G&G for the past decade. Every year we grow in numbers, a good sign, since it has been proven again and again that people are hungry for God's living Word filled with wonderful promises and challenges. I grew up in Cameron House when the clubs were God-centered activity centers. As young adults, many of us went our separate ways, and after many decades, 4 or 5, I find myself in rich fellowship with those I grew up with in San

Francisco,(I live in Mountain View). Scripture tells us He is eternal and with Him there is light, love and life forevermore, and to experience His may promises daily is indeed awesome.

Another highlight is the fellowship we have after our meetings. We dine out at a Chinese restaurant, and for some of us who do not live in San Francisco, we get to enjoy wonderful banquet-like dinners with our best friends. Our latest hangout is the Green Island on Geary Boulevard. Price is right and the food is good, and best of all, the company/fellowship is great.

The one big disappointment is that Nate and Su Lee (super pie baker) have moved to the wide open spaces of Union City and the distance prevents them for participating. We shall miss them a lot.

Nonetheless, Our Lord is so great! We ask rich blessings in the year 2014 to all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Ida M. Lee

#### Young Adults



The Young Adult Group meets once a month, during the week, for fellowship and study with Pastor Kimberly and once a month , usually on the third Sunday, with Scott Barlow. In 2013, we lead a worship service with Deacon Naomi Chun as the preacher. Regular members of the group include: Liane Chan,Chris and Karina Cheuk, Casey Chow, Naomi Chun, Neal Fong, Sherman Gee, Josh Hee, Trang Leung, Desi Ng, Sing Quan Allan Tan, Moony Tong, Edwin Yan, and Gordon Yu.

Members of the YA group are active in Cameron House activities including summer service, Friday night club, Westminster Woods, CHYA (Cameron House Young Adults) and mission trips. Several YA's went on the trip to the Puente Community Center in Pescadero to help with cleaning, painting, and other projects.

Scott Barlow

#### Healing Committee

The Committee continues to meet to promote healing and wholeness in the aftermath of abuse that occurred at PCC and Cameron House. 2013 saw a milestone in the healing journey when Ina Satsuki, Ben Tong, and Brenda Wong, the therapists who helped the victims, their families, and the community through the process were honored at the Cameron House Gala. It was the largest public event to address the abuse and the healing that has taken place since.

The Healing Committee continues to advocate for victims and their families and ensure that church members and leaders are aware of how abuse can be prevented.

Scott Barlow

#### PCC High School Youth Fellowship



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

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 and ACBA.

This summer we had the opportunity to have 6 (5 HS Seniors and 1 Junior) attend the Youth Triennium in Indiana. This was a wonderful experience as the group planned fundraisers and was fortunate to have met thousands of Christian youth from throughout the United States. The sharing of their experiences was moving and meaningful to our Congregation.

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 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.

Terry Chan



#### PCC - Sunday School –

As in years past, the children's participation in Sunday school continues to change. We were blessed this year to have some move into high school fellowship but leaving fewer in middle school and younger grades. We all understand the busyness of life where families cherished moments where they can spend time together. But where two are gathered, Christ is there and we have continued to make classes available when families come. This year, the middle school program was anchored by Kimball Wong and Nancy Chee and younger children by Pat Chan, Marie Chin and Diane Go.

It is always hard to plan for classes not knowing who will come but many thanks to their faithfulness in preparation and teaching.

The year has also continued to be filled with activities bringing the children together in community. The children have continued support of alternative giving through the Heifer Project with purchase of goats for Nepal, packaging cookies at Christmas time, and making cards and writing to those in our community with sickness and loss. In quiet and small ways, the children continue to learn and also teach us that we are all children of God.

In a recent Sunday school lesson, one child brought up how easy it was for adults to pray to God. When adults pray, "it just rolls out". But in our class discussion, we shared how sometime we can say things but may not get across what we really mean in our hearts. God listen and knows the truth of what we want to say. We don't need to use big words but only be open to talking with God.

We hope that the New Year will bring continued joy, laughter and wisdom from our children.

Nancy Chee, Superintendent of English Congregation Sunday School

### **SINKS AND DINKS**

The SINKS and DINKS are the Single Income No Kids and Double Income No Kids fellowship group. We get together about once a quarter to catch up with each other, share and learn, and to help with projects. Many of us are involved with work and church activities, so it is fun just to come together to fellowship and share in potluck meals. Our most recent activity was to help pack toys and books for the Philippines at Gilbert and Eunice's house.

Ed Chin

**YEAR-END REPORT FROM YOUR CLERK OF SESSION**



This is the statistical information about our English Worshipping community from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013:

<b>Membership status</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Males</b>
Active members as of 12/31/2012	132		
New members received, restored	2		
Members deleted or moved to inactive roll	1		
Members transferred to other churches	0		
Members deceased	0		
Active members as of 12/31/2012	133	69	64
Average worship attendance	106		
Average church school attendance	10 - 15		

Newly confirmed members: Jeffrey and Ashley Martin; Natalie Ann Martin: Infant baptism

Our Pastor: Reverend Kimberly Elliot  
 Parish Associate: Rev. Norman Fong

Our active Ruling Elders in 2013 were:

- Doreen Der-McLeod, Wayne Eng, Ed Kam, David Miller, Winchell Quock, Kim Stevens and David Soohoo

Our active Deacons in 2013 were:

- Pat Chan, Naomi Chun, Barbara Fong, Diane Go, Shar Hall, Jon Hee, Richard Jann, Desmond Ng and Kathy Tong
- Committee Chairs
- Mission and Evangelism: Elder Doreen Der McLeod
  - Resource : Elder David Soohoo
  - Worship & Nurture: Elder David Miller
  - 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: Elders Kim Stevens & Ed Kam
- Organist: Mildred Hall & David Miller
- High School and College Age leaders: Terry Chan and Scott Barlow
- Worship Planning Team: Laurene Chan, Norma Chan, Linda Lee & David Miller

Elder Ed Kam



### Building and Finance Committee

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, and Wayne Eng, with contributions from Peter and Annie Wong, and David Chan. Here are some highlights of 2013:

#### Church Budget/Repairs.

Funded by a \$260 per active member contribution from each of the three language ministries, the 2013 church operational budget of \$66,000 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. The Committee works with the church treasurer, David Soohoo, to establish and monitor the annual operating budget. That budget is planned to be budget neutral. Some of the accomplishments for 2013:

- repaired the front door buzzer entry system
  - entry foyer lighting was replaced by a brighter LED fixture
  - push/pull open door fixtures were installed for the restrooms
  - video projector in the fellowship hall was replaced
  - purchased additional portable microphones for use in the sanctuary
  - repaired a leaky sprinkler system valve
- leased a new copier for the office and
- updated our ATT telephone service – both with a monthly savings from the old rates
  - Worked with PGE to complete an energy bench marking audit, and performed an energy audit as required by City ordinance

2013 also saw the demolition of the Hogan and Vest building just to the north of the church. The Metropolitan and Transportation Commission (MTC) will use this site for the staging and building of the Chinatown underground station for the L line street cars. The Committee has been working with MTC to monitor our building for seismic shifting/damage and vermin control as the project unfolds over the next several years.

#### Church Usage .

The committee updated our church building usage guidelines and fee schedules for wedding and memorial services.

A loyal group of volunteers (including Peter and Annie Wong, Cindy Joe, Linda Lee, Richard Jann , and Jean Chin) manned the office on weekdays mornings, freeing the pastors to do their work uninterrupted. Three 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

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, 2013 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, and a Presbyterian Women gathering. 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. Alex Hum taught high school SAT prep classes in the church library. A memorial celebration for Reverend Bert Tom was held in the church sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Winchell Quock, co-chair