

In the Loop

A Summary of the February 2025 Meeting of the English Commission

Committee and Other Reports

1. Mission and Evangelism
 - a. EWC began the Accompaniment Program, working with the Interfaith Movement For Human Integrity, a long standing mission partner, assisting individuals seeking refugee status and asylum in the United States, began walking with 2 persons from Peru, Emelia and Tito. They were recently married with a beautiful wedding attended by our Accompaniment Team and members of the EWC.
 - b. Sat. Food pantry is near capacity. The SF-Marin Food Bank would like to feature our new pantry on their website; An anonymous donor donated \$5 in red envelopes to Sat. food pantry volunteers.
 - c. Asian Women's Shelter, one of the organizations our church supports each year spoke during tea time on Feb. 16
 - d. Members of PCC helped serve the SFIC Winter Shelter Meal on Feb. 21
2. Joyce Street Pantry
 - a. Canopy system to protect participants, volunteers and food from rain is working well, 331 active registered, Volunteers average 16-17 per week, many from PCC.
3. Resource
 - a. Will resume an old tradition of Soup Lunches during Lent. Several different cooks have been recruited to make their favorite recipes.
 - b. Preparing set up for Ash Weds. and Maundy Thurs. Services.
 - c. Creating a list of people that have not attended church in awhile to do a check in.
4. Worship and Nurture
 - a. Worship attendance ranges from 26-48 in person with 25-30 on line.
 - b. Preparations are being made for Lent using the Sanctified Arts series "Everything In Between" Services for Ash Weds., Maundy Thurs. And Easter will be held at PCC.
 - c. We are putting in a reservation and deposit for our retreat June 13-15 at the Siden Center, part of the Redwood Glen Conference Center in Loma Mar. Please consider attending!
5. Personnel
 - a. Special meeting to go over Pastor Don's updated terms of call were presented on Jan. 26
 - b. Results from the satisfaction survey of Pastor Don were presented

6. Deacons
 - a. The Deacon's and some church members delivered Christmas Cookies to those that we thought needed some holiday cheer.
 - b. The Board of Deacons held a training retreat on Sunday February 23. Rev. Victor Floyd of Calvary Presbyterian Church was the facilitator.
 - c. Deacons fund donated \$ to purchase oyster sauce for Thurs. Pantry participants for Chinese New Year.
7. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Expenses were at \$27,015.53 or 8.6% of budget
 - b. Receipts were at \$18493.50 or 7.8% of budget
 - c. Year to date -- Net -deficit of \$8522.03 In part due to an early common fund payment of \$4324.23 (for February) And the 100% Per Capita payment to Presbytery of \$ 4520 These two total \$ 8844
8. Matthew 25 Engagement Team
 - a. If you have attended church services, you should have heard we are a Mathew 25 Church. The goals are to focus on 3 areas, Building congregational vitality, dismantling systemic poverty, eradicating structural racism. Our year is broken into 3 trimesters with each having an emphasis on presenting different ways of addressing each area and how we as a church can become engaged. On Feb. 9th, Rev. Pedro-Pablo Morataya, Presbyterian Pastor in Oakland shared the pulpit and tea time with the many challenges facing his Latin X community and congregation; being a sanctuary church, and the fear of arrest for many members of his church.
9. Pastors Report
 - a. Jan meeting, Pastor Don shared his duties as our pastor
 - b. Completed membership class in Jan.
 - c. Led joint Elder training for English and Cantonese Worshipping Communities
 - d. Led Deacon training facilitated by Rev. Floyd
 - e. Preaches and serves communion to the Cantonese WC monthly
10. New Business: Action items being addressed
 - a. Form task force to revisit covid procedures
 - b. What does it take to become a sanctuary church