

In the Loop

Summary of the December 16, 2025 Meeting of the English Commission (EC) To the English Worshipping Community (EWC)

Abbreviations:

PCC – Presbyterian Church in Chinatown
EC – English Commission
EWC – English Worshipping Community
MC – Mandarin Commission
MWC – Mandarin Worshipping Community
CC – Cantonese Commission
CWC – Cantonese Worshipping Community
ME – Mission & Evangelism
WN – Worship & Nurture

RC – Resource Committee
NC – Nominating Committee
Joice St. Pantry – Thursday Food Pantry at Cameron House Parking Lot (run by EWC)
3rd Pantry – Thursday Pantry at PCC
Sat. Pantry – Saturday Pantry at PCC
WRAG – West Region Anti-Racism Group (Presbytery)

San Francisco Presbytery

Meeting attended by Scott Barlow

Presbytery met November 15, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church of Alameda.

- **Rev. Laura Cheifetz**, Transitional Executive Presbyter, reported on her work with the Cameron House Strategic Planning retreat and town hall meeting.
- **Rev. Sungwoo Sam Kim**, Transitional Associate Presbyter, shared about his transition to the Bay Area and noted that he recently preached at PCC.
- **Rev. Don** attended his final Presbytery meeting as Co-Moderator of COM and expressed gratitude to PCC for allowing him time to serve on COM over the past six years.
- **Rev. Greg Chan** will be joining the Committee on Ministry (COM).

COM Mediation Regarding MWC

Pastor Don reported to the EWC in November that the EC continues working with COM to resolve the ongoing conflict. Workshops are being planned for all commissions to study:

- The history of the PC(USA)
- Biblical interpretation and the formation of the Bible
- Relevant sections of the Book of Order

The goal is shared learning that supports reconciliation and resolution.

Committee and Other Reports

Treasurer's Report (EWC)

November Year-to-Date

Income	\$22,530.01	\$228,638.96
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Expenses	\$13,361.25	\$210,640.21
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Surplus	\$9,168.76	\$17,998.75
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- No unusual income or expenses reported.
- A 7-month Bank of America CD matured on December 16 and will be renewed at the best available rate.

Mission & Evangelism (M&E)

- M&E brought a motion to declare the EWC a **Sanctuary Worshipping Community and Accompaniment Worshipping Community**.
 - After discussion, EC voted to ask the Sanctuary Task Force to prepare a one-page description outlining what it means to be a Sanctuary Church.
 - This will be presented to Session with the hope of declaring PCC as a whole a Sanctuary Church.
- Motion approved allowing EWC members participating in protests to publicly identify themselves as part of the PCC EWC.

Mission Donations (Year-End Overview)

2025 Giving Summary

- Asian Women's Shelter: \$218 (plus adult and children's backpacks)
- MECA for Peace: \$1,000
- San Francisco Interfaith Council: \$500
- IM4HI: \$500
- LWWM: \$500

Additional 2025 Donations Proposed

- Pipit Fund: \$500
- Tsuru: \$500
- International Rescue Committee: \$500
- Safe House: \$500
- SF Night Ministry: \$500
- SF Community Health Center: \$400

Pantry Updates

- Joice Street Pantry and PCC 3rd Pantry closed for Christmas.
- Joice Street Pantry closed New Year's Day; service moved to **Wednesday, December 31**.
- PCC 3rd Pantry capacity increased to **175**.
- PCC 3rd Pantry closed Christmas and New Year's; rescheduled to **December 26** and **January 2**.

Worship & Nurture

Average November Worship Attendance

- Bilingual Service with CWC: 60 in person / 25 online (85 total)
- English-only services (Nov. 9–30): 47 in person / 26 online (73 total)
- December 7 Christmas Sing-Along: Laurene led Teatime participants in singing Christmas songs.
- Christmas Eve Service begins at **7:00 PM**, with caroling and jook.

Personnel

- The Family Leave Policy will need updating in 2026.

Deacons

- Cookie Project continues, with bagging scheduled for **December 17**.

Old Business

- **Food Pantry Volunteer Recognition:** EC will plan a volunteer appreciation event in the coming year.
- **PCC Endowment Fund Task Force:** Forming now, with the first meeting planned for early 2026 to explore feasibility and report back to the EC.

New Business

- Elder Committee assignments have been made; the EWC will be notified soon as remaining positions are filled.
- **Recognition of Outgoing Leaders:**
 - December 28 lunch to honor Elders, Deacons, Personnel, and Nominating Committee members transitioning out of their roles.

Calendar

- Dec. 2 – M&E, Worship & Nurture
- Dec. 14 – Resource
- Dec. 16 – English Commission
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service (with caroling)
- Dec. 25 – Christmas
- Dec. 28 – Recognition of outgoing leaders; Teatime
- Jan. 6 – M&E, Worship & Nurture
- Jan. 11, 2026 – Joint Worship; Ordination of Elders & Deacons; Communion
- Jan. 13 – English Commission
- Jan. 18 – Elder Training (in person, after Cantonese service)
- Feb. 28 – WRAG: *Matthew 25 Righteousness & Justice Workshop*, Ingleside Presby.