



Vision 2030: Community Collaboration

Hosted by Cameron House

with Guests Reverend Laura Chefeitz, Reverend Don Hammond, Reverend Harry Chuck, and Ed Chin



Welcome Remarks

Liane Wong

President, Cameron House Board of Directors

Today's Intention



This town hall is not about drawing lines. It's about connection, clarity, and healing.

We want to honor what was, explain what is, and explore what's possible in the future—as partners in, and in service to, a shared community.

Agenda

Topics Covered



1

Ground Rules, Today's Intentions, Introductions

2

Historical Context, Purposeful Transition, and Recent Timeline of Cameron House

3

United by Purpose and Shared Legacy of Service

4

Cameron House Today and Summary.

5

Collecting Questions

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Breakout Session

7

Discussion Summary and Next Steps

Ground Rules



1

Step Up, Step Back

Speak up and share your voice—and also step back to make space for others to do the same. One person speaks at a time. Please avoid side conversations so all can participate fully.

2

Assume Positive Intent, Acknowledge Impact

Trust that others mean well, but also take responsibility for how words and actions land. When harm happens, call in with compassion, not shame.

3

Discomfort Is Part of Growth

Growth often comes with discomfort. Be open to sitting with it and learning through it.

4

Honor Time

Respect everyone's time by starting and ending on time and keeping within agreed time limits.

5

Focus Forward, Honor the Past

Acknowledge the history that brought us here—but stay focused on building a collaborative and hopeful future together.



Introductions



**Reverend
Laura Mariko Cheifetz**

Transitional Executive Presbyter,
Presbytery of San Francisco



Ed Chin

Elder, Presbyterian Church in
Chinatown &
Alumni, Cameron House



**Reverend
Don Hammond**

Pastor of the English
Commission, Presbyterian
Church in Chinatown



**Reverend
Harry Chuck**

Former Executive Director,
Cameron House &
Pastor of Presbyterian Church in
Chinatown
(1977-2000)



Scott Lan

Chief Executive Officer,
Cameron House



Questions?

Please write your questions on the index card provided and Kim Lan will collect them at the end of our speaker portion.

We will follow up with answers to your questions after today's convening.



Reverend Laura Mariko Cheifetz & Reverend Harry J. Chuck

Presbytery of San Francisco & Presbyterian Church in Chinatown

Our Shared Origins & Founding Values

- Over 150 years ago, the Presbyterian Women's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions founded Occidental - Mission Home, which was renamed Cameron House in 1947
- Established in response to urgent needs among Chinese immigrants, especially girls and women who were vulnerable and voiceless
- Groundbreaking work led by community leaders Margaret Culbertson, Donaldina Cameron, Lorna Logan, and more
- Core values include justice, education, and protection
- Deep legacy of serving San Francisco's Chinatown community



A Mutual & Purposeful Transition

- Twenty-five years ago, the Presbytery of San Francisco made the choice for Cameron House and PCC to become independent entities.
- The decision was made with mutual respect and understanding, grounded in the belief that each had a distinct and meaningful calling to pursue.
- Both organizations pledged to stay close allies, working together to serve their shared community. Even today, many individuals from PCC continue to serve on the board of Cameron House.
- At the time, Rev. Harry Chuck—who served as both Pastor of PCC and Executive Director of Cameron House and lived on-site—chose to focus fully on leading Cameron House as ED. He would retire later that year.
- Cameron House and PCC have operated as distinct 501 (c) 3 organizations ever since.





Reverend Don Hammond & Scott Lan

Presbyterian Church in Chinatown & Cameron House



United by Purpose

Shared Purpose

Cameron House and PCC are bound not by structure, but by shared purpose.

Common Mission

We are not joined by a single faith practice—but by a common mission.

Social Justice

Both remain deeply committed to social justice, community empowerment, and Chinatown's vibrancy.

Honoring our Shared Legacy of Service



...and More

We honor the values of these courageous leaders, and their stories live on through CH's programs and PCC's sermons.



Elder Ed Chin

Presbyterian Church in Chinatown &
Cameron House Board Member

Cameron House is grounded in service, education, and social justice for the most vulnerable, guided by Christian core values and general AAPI inclusion.

PCC is grounded in Christian Presbyterian faith, study, prayer, ministry, worship, and support of a spiritually healthy and thriving community.



We both honor a shared history and a deep commitment to San Francisco's Chinatown.

Presbytery of SF Property Owner - Tenant relationship



PCC



Christian faith-based study, prayer, worship, and fellowship

proclamation of God

focus on spiritual health in a Presbyterian community

called on by God to serve

rooted in Christian core values

YOU!

guided by social justice



Cameron House

all ages programs in culture, heritage, education, and community

culturally-, linguistically-appropriate social services

focus on holistic socio-emotional health and enrichment

offers opportunities to serve

Our Shared Vision

Cameron House...

Here and Now

Cameron House exists in service to our the San Francisco Chinatown community. We welcome all identities, backgrounds, and belief systems to engage in our programs with equity and respect.

While Cameron House is grounded in the Christian values of compassion, generosity, dignity, and justice, our daily practice is deeply inclusive and mindful—inspired by Donaldina Cameron’s legacy of meeting most urgent community needs.

These values both root our history and frame our future. At Cameron House, we proudly uphold these enduring principles.



Closing Remarks from Each Speaker



Breakout Session: We want to hear from you!

1

We conducted focus groups with Chinatown nonprofit leaders, community advocates, and business owners to identify key priorities for Cameron House over the next 3-5 years.

Cameron House should:

- 1) Strengthen its role as a trusted youth and family hub by building culturally responsive programs
- 2) Deepen visibility with the broader SF AAPI community (especially Cantonese-speaking and immigrant populations)
- 3) Convene diverse partners for collective impact

What are some ideas we should think about to achieve these priorities?

2

What is your vision for future collaboration among the Presbytery of SF, PCC, and Cameron House?

3

What new insights have you gained from this meeting?

Discussion Summary & Next Steps



Thank you!

We will be providing follow-up materials that include:

- This presentation deck along with talking points
- A recording of this session
- Frequently Asked Questions and answers that may not have been addressed today
- An upcoming opportunity for alumni interested in engaging with Cameron House's work!

