

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662

MINUTES OF MEETING - JANUARY 8, 1991
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PEARSON HALL, BELLEVUE

Sack lunch.

12:05 The meeting was called to order by EISCC President and Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, Llano Thelin

Opening prayer by Newell Christensen

Introductions

Minutes of the previous meeting approved with two clarifications.

1. The minutes omitted the information that the AIDS bulletin inserts which were given out at the December meeting were intended to be read by the members in order to vote at this Jan. meeting (about encouraging their use). See vote under reports.

2. The new shelter for single women by Catholic Community Services was incorrectly recorded to be in Bellevue. As pointed out by Stew Corbett, it is in Seattle at Cherry and Second - 233-5106 - can shelter 50 women from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and includes a warm supper.

PROGRAM "How One Church Cares for Those In Need" by Newell Christensen, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Newell distributed and referred to a paper by Keith B. McMullin, Director of Welfare Services, LDS, which describes the emphasis on each person's responsibility but also an extensive system involving family and church to help people who have done everything they can, yet are still in need. This includes encouraging all members to provide a year's supply of food, clothing etc. for their own emergencies, also to contribute to the assistance program of the Church with time, talent, and money (some of which comes from what is saved by fasting one day a month). The local bishops are authorized to administer to individuals the Churches' resources (with the assistance of members). These include food, clothing, counseling, adoption services, job training and the payment of bills, and involve "an extensive system of farms, food processing and distribution facilities, social service agencies, job placement centers and sheltered workshops."

Newell invited us to arrange group tours of their Bishop's Store House and Cannery in Kent, the LDS Counseling and Employment Centers in Renton, and the Deseret Industries Thrift Store in Burien, which has a rehabilitation workshop. The tour would end with lunch at the Cannery with food prepared from the Bishop's Storehouse - about 3 hours in all. Wednesdays are best and about 10 in a group. If interested, call Newell at 454-5584.

REPORTS

Treasurer, Pat Meehan— reported a balance of \$2,277.73. This includes \$1,262.77 in the AIDS/HIV fund. There were two additions to the membership dues – First United Methodist and Cottage Lake Episcopal. Motion to approve the report passed.

AIDS/HIV Task Force –The Rev Bob Fitzgerald

Bob referred to the bulletin inserts which Ruth Dundon distributed at the December meeting for our study, and brought the following Task Force motion "EISCC urges that all cooperative churches use the HIV-AIDS bulletin-newsletter inserts in their congregations." It was pointed out the the Washington Association of Churches distributed these inserts to the Washington churches. They were prepared by the Multifaith AIDS Project of Seattle (MAPS) and the Catholic AIDS Ministry. Motion was passed. If your congregation has not received this mailing, contact Ruth Dundon (747-1695) or Bob Fitzgerald (at YES 747-4937) Bob is also very much interested in how this material is being used and in what actions are being taken.

Churches currently represented at the Eastside HIV-AIDS Task Force are: Bellevue 1st United Methodist, Newport Presbyterian, Overlake Metropolitan Church, Sacred Heart, St. Louise, St. Madeleine Sophie, St. Margaret's Episcopal and University Congregational United Church of Christ.

Representation from all the Eastside churches is desired.

We were reminded of the AIDS VIGIL on Saturday, Feb.2, at noon and 7:00p.m. and on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 5:00p.m. at First Congregational Church, Bellevue.

Pat Meehan announced a drama and discussion about AIDS at Sacred Heart Church on January 23, 7:00p.m. with Father David Jaeger.

Housing/Homeless – Nadine Shannon

Regarding the HOPE II project, Nadine reported that participating churches would not have to get their own additional insurance. The plan would follow that of Palo Alto in which the managing agency (Red Cross?) would take this responsibility. (Item 5 in "Letter of Understanding")

Howard Johnson has further information (455-1271)

Multi Service Center, Bellevue –Carol Furrer for Mary Ann Yglesias. Carol spoke of a busy Christmas season with needs higher than ever, definitely indicating that this is a time for continued help from the churches. Llano suggested that a review of the EISCC Bellevue Emergency Services Fund for the membership would be helpful now. Nadine suggested that some of our members contact Mary Ann to prepare a report. The Rev. David Hackett and Carol Hegg were nominated to do this and bring their findings, if possible, to the March meeting

Carol also told the group after Newell's presentation that his church had, at one time, given almost \$12,000 to the combined funds of the Bellevue Multi-Service Center and Food Bank. (The EISCC fund is separate from these.)

The Center's address is 1111 110th Ave. Bellevue 98004 (455-0936)

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Eastside Resettlement Center - The Rev. Walfred Erickson.

Walfred spoke to us from his perspective of many years of dedicated work with both the EISCC and the Eastside Resettlement Center, reminding us of the close relationship we have had, and of the Center's continuing need of help from the churches.. He sees "no let-up in the number of people who come for help" Consultations. with the State Refugee Office and Church World Service have revealed that at least as many refugees and immigrants will be coming in 1991 as there were in 1990.

Since one of the greatest needs for employment and survival is English language capability, the Center is improving classroom space and staffing for this. In light of all these factors, among others, there is even greater need for funding.

To contribute or for information, the address of the Eastside Resettlement Center is 15935 N.E. 8th Street, Bellevue 98008. Phone 643-3558

Carol Hegg raised the question of how to respond to the people who are one the streets with signs asking for help.

Discussion followed. Carol wondered about our having cards indicating resources available to give the people. Llano suggested that Newport Presbyterian try it and share the outcome with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Bloom reminded us of the candlelight peace vigil and procession from St. James Cathedral to St Marks Cathedral on January 14 at 7 p.m.

Karin Frankenburger announced a Prayer for Peace at Kirkland Congregational on January 19, 7 p.m.

Geoff Ethelston reminded us of the Legislative Conference on January 19, All Saints Catholic Church, Puyallup (845-7521)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Additional message from President Llano Thelin

Because of the out-break of war since our January meeting, members are being invited to share at the February meeting the kinds of things that are being done by your church or agency at this point in the crisis. Written information will aid in assembling.

Next meeting - Tuesday noon, February 12, 1991

Program: Community Services by the Churches in Kirkland, The Rev. Ron Hutchinson

Dorothy Shindler
Co-Secretary

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MINUTES OF MEETING - FEBRUARY 12, 1991
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PEARSON HALL, BELLEVUE

Sack lunch.

12:05 The meeting was called to order by EISCC President and Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, Llano Thelin.

Opening prayer by The Reverend David Hackett, First Presbyterian Church in Bellevue.

Self introductions.

Circulation of attendance roster.

Circulation of roster for names of members to contact, to share what their congregations (and agencies) are doing to assist their people in response to the Mid-East hostilities.

Minutes of the previous meeting.

There was a question of why the quarterly report from the Bellevue Emergency Services Fund wasn't included. It will be coming with the March review of what this fund is, and how it works, with the current guidelines.

There are also some typos on file.

Approval of minutes MSC

PROGRAM "Community Services by the Churches in Kirkland" by the Reverend Ron Hutchinson, Kirkland Congregational

Enclosed is the hand-out, "A Quick Glimpse of Kirkland for EISCC" which shows the various ways in which the churches minister to the Kirkland community and cooperate with each other. Also noted, was that in this cooperation, there have developed "close, powerful relationships". One example of this kind of relationship was described in the story of how the covenanting churches responded when Holy Family Catholic Parish lost its church to fire. Among other acts of caring, the member churches offered their sanctuaries and other facilities for weddings and various needs.

KIN is about 10 years old (some of us in EISCC remember Karin Frankenburger working with its beginnings). The covenant has been in existence since 1987 (some of us were also present at this historic event). KITH has the distinguishing characteristic of emphasizing partnership, "modeling a way of being, as the churches address the anguish of our time". To do this, KITH sees all involved as partners, those in need and those helping. For instance, when they provide a community meal, the providers and the recipients eat and visit together, do dishes together etc. The partnerships also involve covenanting and mini-retreats where problems and solutions are shared.

President Llano Thelin expressed our gratitude for this very interesting and encouraging presentation and the hope that the EISCC churches will keep in communication with the Kirkland churches for the future.

REPORTS

Interfaith Study: "The Continuing Journey" – Linda Neverman

Linda was asked to tell us about the interfaith program which is taking place at Bellevue's First Congregational Church. It is part of an adult education series on the study of religions. The curriculum touches upon the history, theology and especially how the people live their faiths. Linda shared that in six months of phone conversations with people of various faiths, they found Bellevue residents who were afraid to practice their faith for fear of personal or professional retribution. Some even felt compelled by this to change their name. The Interfaith Study has been provided to address this kind of problem, "to educate all people interested in the diversity of humanity".

On the first Wednesday of every month through May, there is a lecture and discussion (2 1/2 hours) held in the chapel at 7:00 p.m. The following class visits the worship service or special event of that faith.

Treasurer's report

Pat Meehan reported a balance of \$1914.35. This includes \$924.17 in the AIDS/HIV fund. The motion for approval was passed.

AIDS/HIV Task Force – The Reverend Bob Fitzgerald

"Every day one person in King county dies of AIDS"

The AIDS Task Force of EISCC has allocated \$500.00 of the AIDS/HIV fund for the translation into Spanish and other languages of the bulletin inserts which we recently received. Fitz would still like to hear about the responses of the churches to these so far (747-4937 – YES office). The task force is also working on study guides for church groups. In addition, the Red Cross has a March series for caregivers of AIDS. There is new information to share with EISCC by the task force and an AIDS/HIV case worker who has just been assigned to the Eastside by the NW AIDS Foundation. Fitz indicated that the April or May meeting would be the most helpful time for their presentation in terms of other things that are happening.

EISCC Housing Task Force (Coalition for the Homeless) Nadine Shannon and Don Prather

Nadine told of a mini-retreat of the City of Bellevue Housing Task Force of which she is a member. It dealt with the need for regional cooperation among the Eastside cities in the form of a regional development authority or agency.. According to Stephanie Warren, City of Bellevue, the Task Force reached consensus on the following:

1. It is important to create an entity to focus on Eastside needs and concerns.
 2. The entity should be specifically mandated to develop new affordable housing opportunities including preservation.
 3. The entity should be insulated from changes in the priorities of individual cities by being separated from direct control of cities.
- Nadine will have more about this.

Don spoke of a letter from the Red Cross which expressed concerns about having HOPE II be the name for the "Twelve churches for twelve months" proposed program. The reasoning was that it might jeopardize HOPE I (Homeless Outreach Partnership for the Eastside). Llano brought a meeting together of people involved to explore solutions with the thinking that, whatever the name, the project is worth our continuing efforts to bring it into reality.

Bellevue Emergency Services Fund of EISCC – Mary Ann Yglesias

Mary Ann reviewed, for the sake of new and "old" members, the history and nature of the BESFund. As she pointed out, it is an emergency fund of EISCC which originated in 1982 during a regular meeting. Pastors shared stories of people coming to their doors for emergency help. Often they were personally not in a position to respond adequately, yet wanted to help the truly needy people. At this meeting, they envisioned a fund from which EISCC churches' money could be disbursed, in a centrally located, accessible place, a place where people could also get other kinds of help besides money, a place which could assess the true degree of need.

Their solution was the Bellevue Food Bank – MultiService Center. Mary Ann was present at this meeting, was asked if she might administer this fund, and she agreed to do it.

She noted that 100% of the dollars in the fund go to those in need, none to administration. Guidelines were developed then revised in 1987. With the help of Pat Meehan and Dave Hackett, we will get the latest version of the BESF guidelines at the March meeting.

Announcement by Ann Olds – New address and Open House (Feb.20) for Catholic Community Services

East King County
1008 – 140th Avenue N.E.
Bellevue, WA 98005 Same phone.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Next meeting – Tuesday noon, March 12, 1991

Program: Legislative Issues in Olympia, Tony Lee, Legislative Director of the Washington Association of Churches

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Shindler
Co-secretary



GREATER KIRKLAND ECUMENICAL PARISH

We, the communities of Holy Spirit Lutheran, St. John's Episcopal, Kirkland Congregational, Lake Washington United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Lake Washington Christian, and Holy Family Roman Catholic churches, as members of the Body of Christ, having entered into mutual covenant June 7, 1987, with the conviction that through respect, prayer, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we would discover new and more authentic ways of being this Body of Christ, learning from each other as we witness to the gospel in our world, hereby resolve to continue in this covenant relationship; dated this 4th day of June, 1990.

≈ St. John's Episcopal ≈

Rev. Donald MacLean
Rev. John MacLean
Charles E. Hubbard

≈ Holy Spirit Lutheran ≈

Rev. Michael J. Hall
Rev. Harry N. N. N.
Carmen Koe

≈ Kirkland Congregational ≈

Ruth S. Hubbard
Deane Pettigrew
Karen Hammond

≈ Holy Family Roman Catholic ≈

Rev. James Dalton
Rev. Thomas H. H.
Gordon S.

≈ Lake Washington Christian ≈

Rev. Kiele M.
Christine Hendricks
Mark S.

≈ Trinity Lutheran ≈

Rev. N. N.
Priscilla Hegh
Rev. Melvin Bremer

≈ Lake Washington United Methodist ≈

Rev. M. W. Brown
Joseph A. Horrell
Ruth Seuder

A QUICK GLIMPSE OF KIRKLAND FOR EISCC

GREATER KIRKLAND ECUMENICAL PARISH
(see Covenant on other side)

OTHER KIRKLAND CONGREGATIONS
3 Mega Churches
Seventh Day Adventists
Northshore Unitarian

Monthly Staff Lunch Gathering
Monthly Parish Council Meeting

INDIVIDUAL CHURCH MISSION

Emergency Feeding Program Rent Assistance Kirkland Clothing Bank

KIRKLAND INTERFAITH NETWORK (KIN)

Crop Walk Support of Kirkland MultiService Center (Food Bank)

KIRKLAND INTERFAITH TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (KITH)

in 18 mos. 6,100+ bed nights of transitional or resettlement housing
avg. 13 families a night in transitional housing
or resettlement housing
avg. 10 families at a time in referral assistance

MODELING PARTNERSHIP AS NATURE OF RELATIONSHIPS

Within Organizational structure
esp. KITH

To "Official" Kirkland
Human Services
Affordable Housing

To Kirkland's changing "Establishment"
calls, visits, persuasions

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, PEARSON HALL, BELLEVUE

Sack lunch.

12:07 The meeting was called to order, members welcomed and prayer offered by EISCC President and Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, Llano Thelin.

Self introductions and circulation of attendance roster.

Minutes of the February meeting approved.

We passed on to reports because our program speaker hadn't arrived. (Llano learned after the meeting from Tony Lee that Tony had us on his calendar for the next day.)

REPORTS

Good Friday Walk reported by Llano Thelin.

This year's plan is for participants to gather at their own Bellevue city churches about noon, then assemble at Grace Lutheran at 12:30 where all will proceed to the Stations of the Cross through the city, ending with a prayer service at 1:50 P.M. at First Congregational Church.

YWCA'S WORKING WARDROBE

Opening in April at Overlake Park Presbyterian Church, this is a clothing bank especially for low-income job seekers and their young children. For more information, call Carolyn Spector or Liz Mills at 461-3214 and see the enclosure with these minutes.

Treasurer's report.

Pat Meehan reported a balance of \$1,882.44. This includes \$924.17 in the AIDS/HIV fund. The motion for approval was passed.

Bellevue Emergency Service Fund - Multi Service Center

Mary Ann Yglesias (455-0936)

Mary Ann met with The Reverend David Hackett and Pat Meehan from EISCC to go over the guidelines of this EISCC fund. Their new guidelines were presented and approved by the membership and are enclosed with these minutes, along with the latest BESF report and updated flow chart of services which are offered to BESF recipients. Mary Ann noted that **checks to this fund should be made payable to the Bellevue Emergency Services Fund and be sent to:**

Bellevue Multi Service Center
Ashwood Center
1111 - 110th Ave N.E.
Bellevue, WA 98004

Housing/Homeless – Nadine Shannon

Nadine brought us up to date on the "12 Churches for 12 Months" project. Instead of calling it "HOPE II" the suggestion was to call it "PHASE II" to separate it from "HOPE I", yet imply a relationship. There will be a meeting to consider this on April 2, 7:30 at Grace Lutheran with Pastor Llano Thelin presiding. Letters are being sent to area clergy asking for two representatives from each church.

David Bloom suggested a postcard for response, or better yet, a phone call.

AIDS/HIV Task Force – Ruth Dundon and the Rev. Bob Fitzgerald

The Task Force is still meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month from 12:30 to 2:00 at YES, Crossroads (747-4937) and very much welcoming new members.

Fitz attended the AIDS ACTION DAY in Olympia, March 27.

THE NW AIDS FOUNDATION has opened an Eastside office at the Evergreen Care Network on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The staff person is Barbara Schaeffer (sp?) 329-6923 ex-246.

(Some may recognize her as having done Red Cross family support workshops.) THE NW AIDS FOUNDATION is looking for representatives from churches. Ruth Dundon will represent EISCC.

Peace Activity in Churches – Newell Christensen

Newell assembled, copied, collated and distributed the information sent in, regarding the responses of the EISCC churches to the Gulf War, and was duly thanked by the chair.

David Bloom commented that other wars are still a concern, and offered copies of the Church Council "Source" with a special insert on war and peace, with quotations from area clergy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Ann Yglesias shared a letter from "Love Inc", Woodinville, a for-profit organization which is interested in coordinating private and public agencies. A reply went to them from Judy DeSantis, Salvation Army, and Michaela Muse, Kirkland Multi Service Center on behalf Eastside Service Providers (Mary Ann provided a list of this group).

The letter explained that our area already has excellent coordination but invited them to further communication with EISCC and KIN.

Nadine Shannon announced that the Bellevue Human Services Commission is holding two public hearings, asking the community how it would like to see city money spent. The meeting yet to come is April 2, 7:30 – 9:30 Crossroads Community Center (746-6019)

The meeting was adjourned early (1:10?) with Easter wishes from the chair.

Next meeting – Tuesday noon, April 9, 1991

**Program: Legislative Issues in Olympia, Tony Lee, Legislative Director,
Washington Association of Churches**

NOTE: THIS MEETING WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL 2:00

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Shindler, Co-secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Bellevue Emergency Service Fund (BESF) Guidelines Revised 2/20/91

I. NEED

A. Primary assistance will be for rent, utilities, and emergency housing. Assistance is available for other unmet needs, such as medical help (prescriptions), transportation (gas, minor car repairs, bus tickets), shoes and clothing, etc.

B. Total assistance per individual or family is limited to \$300 per year; assistance beyond this limit must be individually authorized by EISCC's standing BESF Monitoring Committee.

II. TARGET POPULATION

A. The fund shall serve persons who have an obvious need, i.e., they have exhausted their personal resources.

B. The first priority will be for residents of the Bellevue area (including Mercer Island), but transients may also be served.

C. There will be no preference regarding age, sex, or family status. Families, single parent families, couples, single men and women, youth, and the elderly will all be eligible.

III. SERVICE AVAILABILITY AND REFERRAL

A. Access to the fund will be through the Bellevue Multi Service Center during Center hours based on a voucher system. No cash is kept on the premises.

B. Participation by congregations.

1. Congregations should make any direct donations which they wish to make before referring the clients to the Bellevue Multi Service Center. A telephone consultation with the staff of the Bellevue Multi Service Center can help with the decision-making needed to give assistance to specific clients.

2. Direct referrals should be made to the staff of the Bellevue Multi Service Center, which is authorized to draw upon the Emergency Services Fund. The staff can also network with other human service agencies to make available larger amounts of aid or to bring in specific expertise.

C. The Bellevue Multi Service Center can accept referrals to the fund from sources other than EISCC members. The fund can be used at the discretion of the Bellevue Multi Service Center to network with other human services agencies to meet need.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

A. The fund will be administered by the Bellevue Multi Service Center.

B. Screening will be done at the Bellevue Multi Service Center. The Center staff will make the decisions to allocate the fund according to EISCC guidelines.

C. Donations to the fund will be handled by the Bellevue Multi Service Center, which will also handle the bookkeeping and reporting and disperse funds upon the recommendation of staff.

D. The Bellevue Multi Service Center will assist the EISCC's BESF Monitoring Committee in issuing twice-yearly reports to participating congregations.

V. DONATIONS

A. Churches will be asked to make an annual pledge to the Emergency Services Fund.

B. Congregations should make checks payable to the Bellevue Emergency Services Fund. Checks should then be sent to:

Bellevue Multi Service Center
Ashwood Center
1111 - 110th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98004

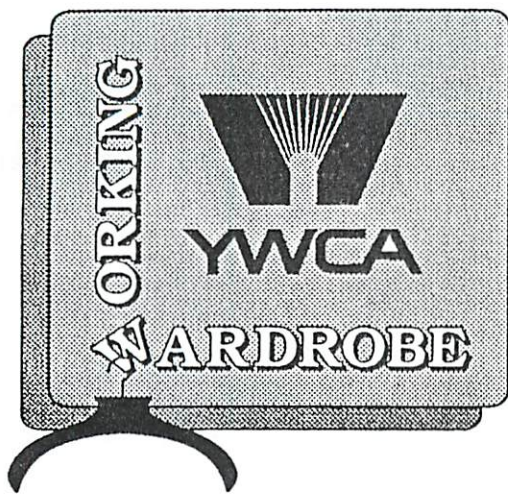
VI. MONITORING

A. The EISCC shall establish a standing committee ("The BESF Monitoring Committee") to monitor the operation of the fund.

B. This committee shall make twice-yearly reports to EISCC and to the participating congregations on contributions, dispersals, types of service provided, and other matters related to the fund's operation. One of the twice-yearly reports shall include an annual summary.

C. EISCC will mail copies of these reports to the participating congregations.

D. The committee will also assume responsibility for advising the Bellevue Multi Service Center on extraordinary requests which exceed the approved limit or the established rate of frequency.



YWCA'S WORKING WARDROBE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The YWCA is excited to announce the April opening of the YWCA's Working Wardrobe, a clothing bank in Bellevue for low-income job seekers. This YWCA project is a response to the growing need for services for low-income persons in East King County.

Many of these women and men are struggling to improve their lives through employment programs and services. They need work-appropriate clothing to successfully enter the job market and become self-sufficient. For homeless and low-income families, there is also a critical need for clothing for young children.

The wardrobe will offer free quality used work clothing for adults, and blankets and clothing for infants through preschool aged children. The YWCA's Working Wardrobe will serve individuals and families referred by Eastside social service agencies. These agencies will distribute vouchers to their clients. The voucher is an "invitation" to use the clothing bank and there is no cost to clients or agencies.

The wardrobe is located in Building E of Overlake Park Presbyterian Church at the corner of NE 156th & Northup Way. The project will be staffed by community volunteers and stocked through in-kind donations.

ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS

As a vital part of this project, volunteers will help clients select clothes, accept and sort donations, and arrange displays and items. Volunteers will accept vouchers and keep a record of clothing donations from the community. No cash will be handled as this is a free service. Volunteers will be an important link in maintaining good relations with Overlake Park Presbyterian Church and the community at large.

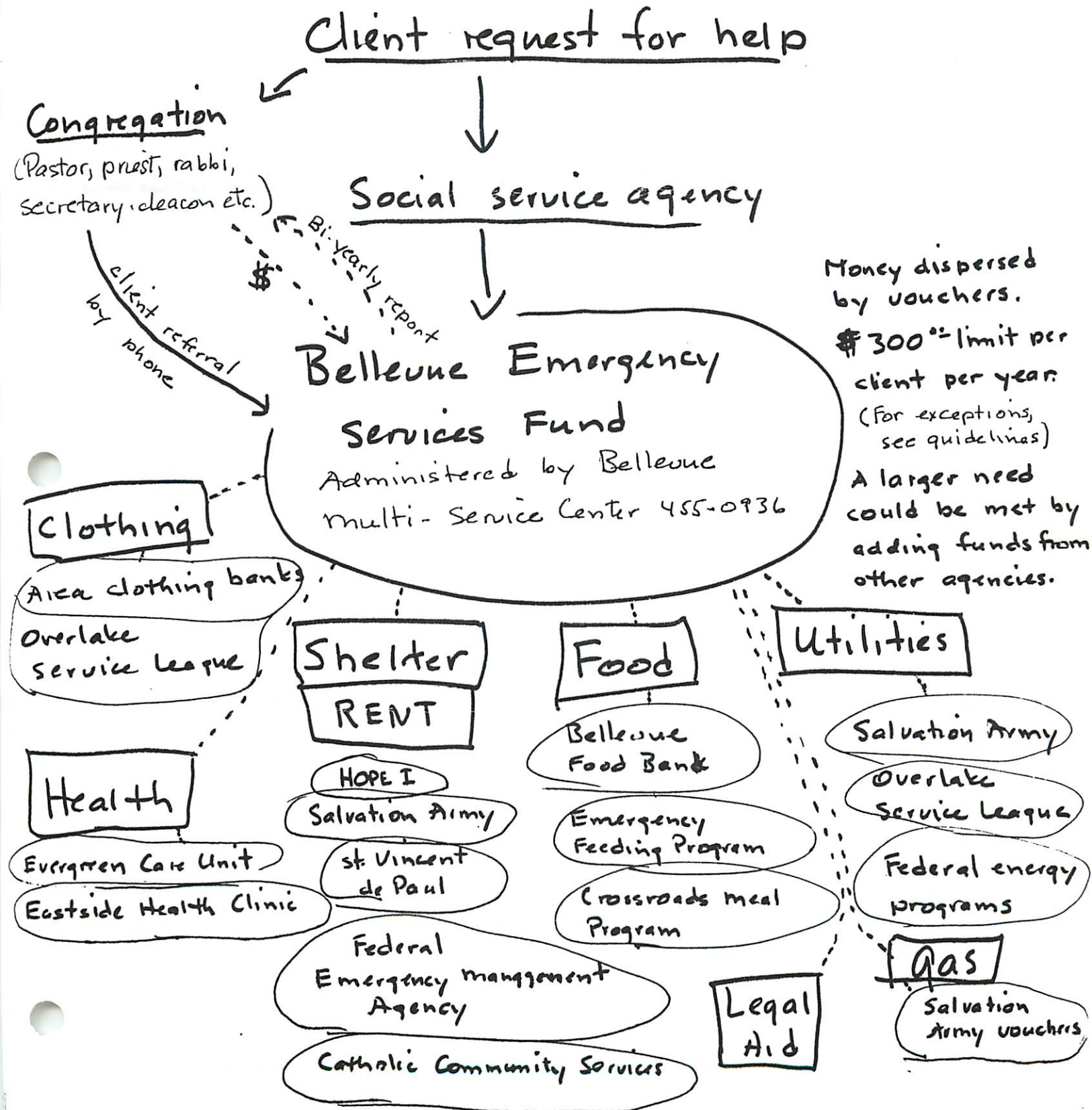
The YWCA is looking for volunteers to staff the project on a regular basis. Volunteers might choose to work on a weekly or monthly basis. At this point, the wardrobe will be open Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The YWCA plans to offer the service during day, evening, and weekend hours in order to optimize access by clients. If a group of volunteers is able to staff the project on a different day or different time, the YWCA is open to suggestions.

Please call Carolyn Spector or Liz Mills at 461-3214 for more information.

Belleuve Emergency Services Fund - EISCC

Networking with local agencies (examples)



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Sack lunch.

12:07 p.m. The meeting was called to order, members welcomed and prayer offered by EISCC Vice-President Nadine Shannon.

Circulation of attendance roster.

Minutes of the March meeting approved with the corrected spelling for Barbara Schlieper (the new NW AIDS FOUNDATION staff person for the Eastside.)

REPORTS

Treasurer's report - Pat Meehan

\$1,882.44 Beginning balance.
+30.00 Dues from Sal. Army, Cath. CC, & E. Res. Center
+50.00 Donation from St. Margaret's for AIDS/HIV
\$1,962.44. Total
-40.92 Payments for postage and paper
\$1,921.52 Closing balance.
(\$974.17 of the closing balance is AIDS/HIV Fund)
(\$947.35 EISCC funds)

BELLEVUE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND - Mary Ann Yglesias

Mary Ann distributed a report of the donations and dispersals of this EISCC fund from October 1990 thru March 1991 and has agreed to provide this information twice a year. She noted that requests exceed donations and that most dollars go for eviction prevention. (See enclosed report.) Clients are also helped in getting funds from other sources. Extra copies of information about this fund (former hand-outs) are available from the secretary.

AIDS/HIV Task Force - Ruth Dundon

The May EISCC meeting will address the disease of AIDS/HIV and how it impacts the person and the family. There will be suggestions to help people respond.

An evening with Bob Norton of Sacred Heart, April 24, designed to enable us to share stories about people with AIDS, was announced.

Barbara Schlieper, the Eastside's first staff person for the NW AIDS FOUNDATION was introduced. She shared that the foundation is "breaking new ground" here, following the kind of work they do in Seattle. She, herself, is an Eastside resident, familiar with the area, which she recognized as a great advantage in finding help for Eastside clients. Barbara also conveyed that volunteers are being sought. See enclosures.

VISN Cable Network – Newell Christensen

Newell and Ann Olds have been asked by the chair to research this new Interfaith Television Network which involves Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Orthodox faith groups. There will be a presentation of their findings and a video at the May meeting.

PROGRAM

"Legislative Issues and Concerns in Olympia" – Tony Lee, Legislative Director, Washington Association of Churches

Members present at this meeting were treated to the richness of Tony's understanding of the problems before the state legislature. He shared the difficulties encountered by the many needs and not enough resources to meet them. Time and other factors prevent more coverage here, but Tony invited members and their churches to access the legislative information available to them from the Washington Association of Churches by requesting the publication, "ALERT" (\$10.00 per year) from:

Tony Lee, ALERT Editor & Legislative Director
Washington Association of Churches
4759 15th Avenue N.E.
Seattle, WA 98105 (or call 525-1988)

He also invited members to notify him if they are interested in learning about involvement in the Legislative Network.

We were reminded that letters and phone calls do make a difference. The HOTLINE is 1-800-562-6000, Monday – Friday 8 am to 8 pm and Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm.

According to information in the "ALERT", we can leave messages for our legislators (three may be named to receive one message), obtain copies of bills, the status of a bill, roster of legislators, committee assignments, dates of committee hearings and other information.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

Proposed Phase II of the HOPE Project – Nadine Shannon

The April 2 meeting had 4 churches which could offer space and 3 churches which could be supportive. More churches are needed. Personal contacts will be made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Nadine announced that the City of Bellevue has just completed a study on child care and on the basis of it, are recommending that the City move to a voucher system for low-income families instead of subsidies for day care providers.

2. Dorothy announced for Betty Smith that Toulue Cha, a refugee from Laos on staff at the Eastside Resettlement Center will be attending the EISCC meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Next meeting – second Tuesday noon, May 14, 1991

Program: AIDS/HIV and VISN Cable Network

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Shindler, Co-secretary

Eastside Case Manager Barbara Schlieper
Northwest AIDS Foundation

M,W,F 9-3 881-7950
Voice Mail 329-6923, x.246

Referrals, advocacy, and information about county, state and federal programs providing financial support for people with HIV disease, as well as help with insurance, medical needs, psychosocial support and home care. Can help people with Class IV HIV disease and their caregivers set up a care plan, access volunteer help, and do the paperwork associated with entitlement programs. Can also provide referrals for medical, dental and counselling resources.

Seattle AIDS Support Group-Eastside. No-fee, facilitated groups with people who share your concerns. Get support for what you're feeling and going through. Groups meet in space donated by local churches, but are not church-affiliated.

"People living with HIV/AIDS" meets Wednesdays at 5:30, at Grace Lutheran in downtown Bellevue. For information and directions call John at 937-9311.

"Shoulders" support group for partners, family and caregivers of people living with HIV disease meets Thursdays at 5:30 at St. Margarets Episcopal Church near Factoria. Call Janet Hahn at 646-6465.

Shanti provides one-to-one volunteer emotional support - a person to travel on your journey with you, to listen, to support your way of living with HIV disease. Shanti can also provide volunteer one-to-one support for partners and family caregivers. Call Robert at 322-0279. Must have Class IV diagnosis.

Chicken Soup Brigade has volunteers teams who can help with chores, cooking, yard work, laundry and companionship. CSB also has volunteer drivers to help clients get to medical appointments or shop for special occasions. Call Linda at 328-8979. Must have Class IV diagnosis.

In Touch provides volunteer licensed massage therapists to give clients weekly massage at home or in the hospital. Eastside volunteers available. Call 328-2711. Must have Class IV diagnosis.

Testing: Questions about testing? Or anything related to HIV? Start with a call to **AIDS Prevention Project** at 296-4999. When you're ready call **Seattle King County Department of Health, Eastside Office** (near Crossroads) 296-4940 or **Planned Parenthood** at 747-1050. The Prevention Project also has an excellent library of videos, posters, brochures and resources. **HIV+**? Get current dates for **HIV University**, seminars to inform and empower you to take charge of your health. Call NWA 329-6923, Information and Referral, x. 241.

Substance abuse? Need help to clean up your act? Call Eastside Drug and Alcohol Center at 454-1505 for low cost services and referrals. Alcoholics Anonymous has several Eastside groups. Call 454-9192. Seattle AIDS Support Group has downtown groups to support people with HIV who are recovering from chemical dependency. **Stonewall Recovery** (downtown - 461-4546) has chemical dependency treatment programs sensitive to the special needs of the gay and lesbian community.

Spiritual Support Would you or a family member like to talk with a sympathetic and supportive member of the clergy? Call AIDS Chaplain team at Overlake Metropolitan Church (450-0258) or the Multi-Faith AIDS Project of Seattle (MAPS) at 324-1520 can direct you to a clergy of your faith who will make home or hospital visits.

Treatments confusing? Seattle Treatment Education Project sponsors monthly seminars, publishes a quarterly newsletter, and staffs a hot line to answer your questions about drugs, treatments, symptoms, etc. Call 329-4875.

Caregivers: AIDS Caregiver Support Network provides monthly seminars for caregivers and a hot line for information and support. Call 937-3368. **Helping You Care** is a four session monthly course for caregivers of people with HIV/AIDS conducted by the American Red Cross. For dates and registration, call Sandra, 323-2345. **Seattle King County Respite Care** provides paid respite workers for full time unpaid caregivers. On the Eastside, call Evergreen Care Network at 881-7950 to see if you qualify. **P-FLAG** (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is a great place for Eastside parents dealing with the "dual disclosure" of a child's homosexuality and HIV diagnosis. Call 454-7353.

Need to talk to somebody RIGHT NOW? Call the Crisis Clinic 24 hours a day for help with a crisis. 461-3222.

Volunteers are always needed. Can you provide a ride, help with housework, provide clerical help, answer the phone? Would you like to find an appropriate way to be of help to those living with HIV disease in our community? Call Barbara at 881-7950 or 329-6923, x. 246 to learn about volunteer opportunities.

Questionnaire

To: Eastside Churches

From: Eastside HIV-AIDS Task Force of the Eastside Interfaith
Social Concerns Council

1. Check the ways in which your church has made use of the resources made available:

☐ members attended conference on HIV-AIDS - 1988
☐ used Bulletin/Newsletter inserts
☐ Eastside HIV-AIDS resource list
☐ Other:

2. Check what would be helpful to your church:

☐ Knowledge of opportunities of how to serve Persons Living With AIDS
☐ Hand out materials on HIV-AIDS
☐ Speakers for church groups
☐ List of films, videos etc.
☐ Conference on HIV-AIDS
☐ An evening meeting of the Eastside HIV-AIDS Task Force
☐ Other:

3. How will your church be involved with the Eastside HIV-AIDS Task Force?

☐ A church representative will attend Task Force meetings
☐ Contribute funds
☐ Cooperatively plan an educational event for your congregation
☐ Clergy provide ministry to Persons Living With AIDS
☐ Other:

Name: _____

Church: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P. O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662

MINUTES OF THE MEETING - MAY 14, 1991
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, PEARSON HALL, BELLEVUE

Sack lunch.

The meeting was called to order about 12:05 p.m. and assembly welcomed by EISCC President and Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, Llano Thelin.

Opening prayer by The Reverend Bob Fitzgerald.

Self introductions.

Minutes of the April meeting approved.

PROGRAM - AIDS/HIV - Bob Fitzgerald and Ruth Dundon

Bob and Ruth will be Co-Chairs for the EISCC AIDS/HIV Task Force for the coming year and Barbara Schlieper will be Secretary.

Ruth spoke of the many people who had AIDS whom she asked to speak to this EISCC meeting. All were very apprehensive. Only one young man, who prefers to have his name not included, who has been diagnosed HIV positive, agreed to come.

Bob Fitzgerald, Director of Education for Youth Eastside Services, who also teaches a course for counselors at Bellevue Community College, "Chemical Dependency in the Age of AIDS," opened his presentation with "There is no fear in love," and further developed our theological calling.

He then proceeded to the basic information, starting with terms:

HIV = Human Immune-deficiency Virus

A person may be HIV positive and function normally for years. He/she will have a lifetime infection (medication helps partially). No one knows how many people are infected with this virus.

AIDS = Acquired (not genetic) Immune Deficiency (the virus attacks the immune system) Syndrome

If a person has been diagnosed by a doctor as having AIDS, this is registered with health organizations. It basically means that the virus "inside the immune system

keeps the immune system from protecting the body." It is the top killer of young people between ages 20 and 29, especially of those in positions of inadequate information. Babies born of mothers who have AIDS have a 30% to 50% likelihood of becoming infected.

Some questions and answers:

If a person has been tested and found HIV negative, this means he doesn't have the virus.

AIDS isn't tested in routine blood tests (expense is a factor) The patient must request it.

Bob and Ruth then introduced the one person they knew who would share with us his experience of being diagnosed as HIV positive. This young man described some of the problems that arise for a person in his situation - how he was initially told, with very little help, who he can confide in now, etc. He's able to *continue* his job and feels healthy. There are check-ups every 6 months and treatment that he hopes will help him maintain his health until a cure for AIDS is found. He's ineligible for medical insurance and not hopeful about talking to a pastor. The group expressed gratitude to him for his willingness to come and for his honest sharing.

We were, then, asked to take distributed questionnaires to our churches to get input toward future planning for the EISCC HIV/AIDS Task Force. These would be especially welcome if they reach the Task Force before their next meeting, Monday, June 10, at:

Youth Eastside Services
16150 NE 8th Street,
Bellevue, WA 98008

REPORTS

Treasurer - Pat Meehan

\$1,921.52 Beginning balance
+ 10.00 Dues - Cath. C. Services Chore Ministry
+165.00 Sacred Heart AIDS/HIV
+ 15.00 Donation AIDS/HIV
\$190.00 Total deposits
-77.00 Printing costs - Newell Christensen
-35.00 U.S. Postal Service
-3.86 Bank charge
\$116.53 Total payments
\$1,994.99 Balance on hand
(\$1,154.17 of the closing balance are AIDS/HIV Funds)
(\$840.82 are EISCC funds)

VISION INTERFAITH SATELLITE NETWORK (VISN) - Newell Christensen
and Ann Olds

Ann and Newell showed a tape and told us of this new network which is now in 7.5 million homes, but not in the Seattle area. It is co-sponsored by 54 faith groups and there is enthusiasm about bringing it here. See enclosure for further information. Newell said the local networks have already been approached, but replied that they are full. Newell observed that "they need to know there's a viewing audience." The Church Council of Greater Seattle has voted to support it, and Newell proposed that EISCC vote similarly. It was decided that he write a proposal for a vote at our June meeting. It is as follows:

Suggested proposal for EISCC
EISCC: Moved, 2nd, Passed 6/11/91

It is proposed that EISCC advocate and support the bringing of VISN (VISION INTERFAITH SATELLITE NETWORK) to our community by doing the following:

- 1. Encourage all leaders of our churches, organizations, communities and agencies, to write letters on official letterheads to cable stations asking them to air VISN.*
- 2. Encourage the members of our churches to write such letters, and if you have Cable now, include this letter or a note with your monthly payment.*
- 3. Share the belief that VISN will promote more tolerance and understanding between the churches of our community and give it a needed moral influence.*
- 4. Share the information that VISN's programming includes the following guidelines which distinguishes it from other religious channels.*
 - a) No self-serving or on-air solicitation of funds.*
 - b) No proselytizing*
 - c) No attacking of other faith groups.*
- 5. Share the information that:*
 - a) 8 minute VCR tapes may be borrowed, if needed, from Newell Christensen (206) 454-5584*
 - b) Brochures and advertising are available from the VISN Network New York headquarters. (212) 602-9680 Write to:*
Nelson Price, President
The VISN Network
Suite 915
74 Trinity Place
New York, NY 10006

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend William Treacy, a well known person ecumenically in this area, is inviting people who may be interested in sharing a series on contemplative prayer. He and Joy Carey, Ph.D will present an introductory session on "Contemplative Prayer, Past and Present" - Saturday morning, June 1, 10:00 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in the rectory hall. 454-9536

The Reverend David Hackett announced the Heifer Project Faire, to benefit Honduras, to be at the First Presbyterian Church (1720 100th Avenue) on Saturday, June 1, from 10:00 to 3:00. Games, animals, goodies, clowns, crafts and silent auction are planned.

The Reverend Walfred Erickson announced an Open House for the improved facilities of the Eastside Resettlement Center - May 16 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Ann Olds announced the Second Annual Run at Marymoor Park on June 8 for ages 5-K and K-10 in a celebration of the work of Catholic Community Services. The work is interfaith oriented and the occasion is open to all. For more information, call 643-1937.

The Reverend David Bloom announced a "Walk in the Light" peace event on Friday, June 21 in reference to the June 22 military event. For more information, call .525-1213.

See enclosure for invitation to June 8th Job Fair which will include representatives from 5 major corporations, including Boeing.

Final Business Item - David Bloom told us that the Church Council of Greater has just inducted new board members. EISCC hasn't chosen someone for this board and David asked us to reconsider this. He spoke of the dual benefits of keeping in touch and of bringing input from here. The meetings are on the same days of the month as EISCC meetings - second Tuesdays. Theirs is at 3:30.

MSC to adjourn at 1:35.

Next meeting - Tuesday noon, June 11, 1991

PROGRAM - EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM - HOPE CHAPIN

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Shindler, Co-secretary

Network Headquarters
74 Trinity Place, Suite 915
New York, NY 10006
FAX (212) 602-9679



Rev. Bob Bonnot
Director
Community Relations
(212) 602-9670

AT A GLANCE

I. WHAT AND WHERE IS VISN?

VISN is a full-time (24 hrs., 7 days) national faith and values cable TV network (with some local programming). VISN can be seen on the local cable channel assigned by the cable system which carries it. At the end of 1990, more than 400 systems carried VISN.

II. WHO IS VISN?

VISN is owned and operated by the National Interfaith Cable Coalition (NICC), a consortium of 27 members representing 54 national faith groups, including Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant and Eastern Orthodox. The effort of the faith groups in NICC is strongly supported by important segments of the cable industry through a separate organization called VGI (Vision Group Incorporated).

III. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF VISN?

VISN's purpose is to offer the nationwide viewing audience responsible and accountable TV programming about matters of faith and values. VISN's schedule gathers the best programming about religion and spirituality available -- from independent producers, from global sources (such as the BBC {British} and CBC {Canadian}) and VISN produces its own network specials (such as the Riverside Church prayer service with Nelson Mandela). VISN enables participating members to speak to their constituencies through specifically identified denominational programming. VISN also offers local clergy, congregations and interfaith groups 14 hours each week to preempt network programming for locally chosen programs.

IV. WHEN DID VISN START?

The concept of VISN emerged in 1986. NICC was formed in 1987. VISN began transmissions in September 1988. By the end of 1990 VISN was available to nearly 7 million U.S. households and 2.5 million satellite dish owners. VISN is also made available gratis to rest homes, hospitals and other care-giving institutions able to receive it by satellite dish.

V. HOW DOES VISN DIFFER FROM OTHER RELIGIOUS CHANNELS?

VISN is a joint project of the participating faith groups and is accountable to them through its Board of Trustees. VISN's programming follows three guiding principles which distinguish it from most other religious channels:

- NO self-serving on-air solicitation of funds
- NO proselytizing
- NO attacking of other faith groups.

VISN's programming emphasizes humankind's profound religious concerns and the response of the major faith traditions to those concerns. Personalities are secondary. VISN is committed to the kind of quality which already causes people to look on it as "the PBS of religion."

VI. WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL OF VISN?

VISN is a fruit of the interfaith dialogues of this century and has the potential of serving as a major instrument of interfaith respect and collaboration in the 21st Century. VISN can enable our nation, local communities and interfaith families to grow in understanding of and tolerance for persons of other faiths and can help to engender cooperation on common concerns.

VISN's potential is enormous and is tied to the growth and influence of the mushrooming cable industry. About 58% of America's homes are connected to cable as of January 1991 and nearly 80% have access to cable. Cable TV now competes for audience with broadcast TV on an almost equal footing.

VII. HOW CAN A COMMUNITY HAVE VISN ON CABLE?

VISN can be brought into any community which has cable TV. It comes generally into communities where interested individuals and/or faith groups convince the local cable company (1) of its importance to the community and (2) of the support of local faith groups.

The medium of television is unmatched in its power to reach and inform vast numbers of people. It has power to motivate, to tell a story, to make a point and, of course, to entertain. A medium with such power is clearly an obvious choice for communicating faith and values.

That is why the following faith groups are working together to bring you VISN -- the Vision Interfaith Satellite Network. You are invited to join the effort by contacting VISN's Community Relations Director, Rev. Bob Bonnot.

PARTICIPATING FAITH GROUPS:

African Methodist Episcopal Church
American Baptist Churches
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
† Christian Holiness Association
Christian Reformed Church
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints
Church of the Brethren
Congregational Christian Churches
The Episcopal Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Free Methodist Church of North America
Friends United Meeting (Quakers)
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of N. & S. America

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Mennonite Church
Moravian Church - Northern Province
†† National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Reformed Church in America
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Roman Catholic Church
Salvation Army
Seventh Day Adventist
Unitarian Universalist Assoc. of Congregations
United Church of Christ
United Methodist Church
Jewish - New York Board of Rabbis

† The Christian Holiness Association represents the following denominations in NICC:

Brethren in Christ
Evangelical Church of N. America
Church of the Nazarene
Evangelical Methodist Church
Churches of Christian Union
Wesleyan Church
Evangelical Christian Church
World Gospel Mission
Oriental Missionary Society, International

†† The National Council of Churches represents the following denominations in NICC:

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of N. Am.
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Armenian Church of America
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Coptic Orthodox Church in N. Am.
Hungarian Reformed Church in America
International Council of Community Churches
Korean Presbyterian Church in America
Moravian Church in America - Southern Province
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America

National Baptist Convention of America
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
Orthodox Church in America
Polish National Catholic Church of America
Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.
Religious Society of Friends
Russian Orthodox Church in the USA, Patriarchal Parishes
Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church in the USA & Canada
The Swedenborgian Church
Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch

J O B F A I R

GATHER. . . .

- o Information
- o Opportunities
- o Options
- o Ideas

ATTEND PRESENTATIONS. . . .

- o How to Handle the Stress of Job Changes
- o Job Strategies in Current Changing Economic Climate and Business in the US and Northwest
- o Developing Marketable Skills for Today's Job Market
- o Apprenticeship Jobs & Training Opportunities
- o Strategies for Enhancing Your Current Career & Job
- o Why & Why Not Use Professional Recruiters
- o How to Develop Effective Job Interviewing Skills

More . . .

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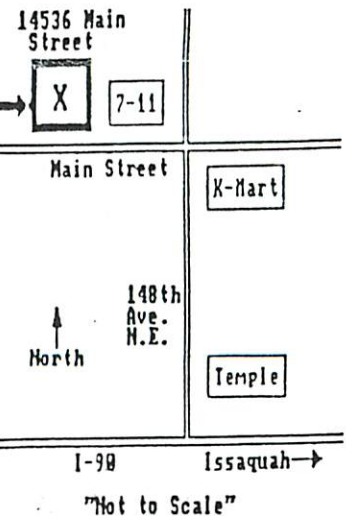
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TALK WITH. . . .

- o Local Employers
- o Voc Tech Schools
- o Placement Agencies

WHERE.....: BELLEVUE WASHINGTON STAKE CENTER
14536 MAIN STREET
BELLEVUE WASHINGTON

WHEN.....: SATURDAY JUNE 8TH 9AM - 3PM



This non-denominational Job Fair is presented by the Bellevue Washington Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

For more information contact: Mark Hoover 455-2703

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Mark Hoover
2219 95th Ave N.E.
Bellevue, WA. 98004
(206) 455-2703

May 19, 1991

Reverend Lano Thelin
Grace Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 3582
Bellevue, WA. 98009

Dear Reverend Thelin:

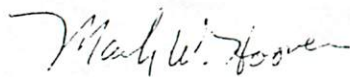
We are preparing a non-denominational Job Fair to be held on June 8th from 9am to 3pm at our Church building, which is located at 14536 Main Street, Bellevue. Our Church, which is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, has developed a substantial employment program, including weekly job lists and job placements. Job Fairs are part of this program.

We plan to conduct classes on employment topics shown on the attached sheet. Also, we are inviting Employers to participate with us in this Job Fair by manning booths, presenting job opportunities to those attending and taking job applications.

There is no charge, and the public is being invited.

I would appreciate it very much if you would promote this Job Fair as a public service announcement as often as you can. Helping people find jobs is one of the most rewarding service we can perform.

Sincerely yours,



Mark W. Hoover

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P. O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662

Minutes of the meeting - June 11, 1991
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, PEARSON HALL, BELLEVUE

Sack lunch.

The meeting was called to order about 12:05 and the assembly welcomed by EISCC President and Pastor at Grace Lutheran, Llano Thelin.

Opening prayer by Pat Meehan.

Self-introductions.

Minutes of the May 14 meeting approved.

PROGRAM - EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM - Hope Chapin

Hope gave a brief history of The Emergency Feeding Program since it began in 1977. As the name implies, its *purpose is to provide short-term non-perishable emergency food*. This is *in the form of nutritionally balanced packets* which offer -

- 2 day supply
- 1 week supply for babies
- boxes for small, medium and large families
- special boxes for low salt and diabetic needs.
- special boxes for Asian diets
- "Band Aid Packs" which don't need cooking (include can opener, cup, plate, and utensils).

Availability and structure

Churches are the main distribution centers. In Bellevue they are -

First Congregational Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Overlake Park Presbyterian Mon. - Fri. 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Weekend referral program Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sun. 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

If a call comes to the Emergency Feeding Program on a weekend, it is forwarded to a volunteer who arranges to bring a packet of food to the client at a mutually convenient place in Bellevue (i.e. Bellevue Transit Center)

Kirkland, Redmond and Bothell also have Emergency Feeding distribution. It is King County wide.

People in need are identified by agencies and some churches who give the clients a card with statistics which indicate the amount and kind of food that would be best included in their packet. Hope indicated that church staff who would like to have referral cards to give to people in need, call her at 454-7353.

There are EFP packets of food kept at the Red Cross in Bellevue for people who need the motel help of Hope I. Joyce Thelin indicated that this food has been a great blessing to the people who are undergoing this kind of crisis.

Redmond is developing an experimental program to find the people who need help with food. It is called "Food Find" and consists mostly of brochures which are being distributed in schools, laundromats, any place where people in need might see them. Those who respond are put in touch with the resource that most fits their needs such as Emergency Feeding, Food Bank, Food Stamps etc. It was pointed out that the Emergency Feeding and Food Bank programs are complimentary and cooperative. EFP is in place for short term emergencies and the Food Bank is mostly for on-going help and includes perishable items.

Finances and history -

The organizational work on the Eastside was done on a volunteer basis by Trudy Schroeder, who is now directing the Redmond "Food Find" project. Most of the Emergency Feeding Program work is done by volunteers who pack, deliver and help purchase the food. Hope Chapin has the only paid position on the Eastside (which began four years ago).

Food for both the Emergency Feeding Program and for the food banks comes from donations from stores, churches and individuals, and from purchases through the Food Buying Service of the Washington Association of Churches. This buying service enables substantial savings in purchases from Associated Grocers.

The Emergency Feeding Program began in Seattle in 1977 with 2900 boxes and grew to 11,600 boxes in 1990. Each box contains 6 meals (a 2 day supply) for an average of 3.8 people.

In Bellevue there were 1,093 boxes in 1986 and 1,894 in 1990.

Funding comes mostly from churches, some city grants, FEMA funds, private individuals, schools and organizations.

Special Fund Raisers include - -

1. Spring baby shower.
2. "Trick or Tuna" at Halloween in which young people going from door to door, ask for cans of tuna for the Emergency Feeding Program.
3. "Three Million Dimes" project - cans in grocery stores and some schools.

REPORTS

EISCC meeting place.

Llano reminded the members that we have historically met in various churches and welcomed any offers of churches willing to host the EISCC meetings for a year or more. In the meantime he offered the continuing hospitality of Grace Lutheran.

Treasurer - Pat Meehan

Beginning balance	\$1,994.99
Deposits.....	000.00
Payments	
Bank charge.....	\$5.52
Postage	\$33.97
Total	\$39.49
	- \$39.49
Balance on hand	\$1,955.50
Amount in AIDS/HIV fund of EISCC.....	\$1,154.17
EISCC general fund.....	\$801.33

AIDS/HIV Task Force - The Reverend Bob Fitzgerald

Bob reported that the Task Force is growing (8 churches) and experiencing vital meetings. More churches continue to be welcome on second Mondays at YES, 12:30. Next meeting is July 8.

Questionnaires - Out of the thirty that were distributed, 10 have been returned so far. Bob was "pleased to have the fruitful results" and hopes for more.

Conference - Bob reported that the Eastside AIDS/HIV group was looking forward to being represented at a first-time meeting with the NW AIDS foundation in Issaquah to include 30 agencies, service groups, people involved with AIDS - resources working together. He was hopeful that out of this meeting a notebook of AIDS/HIV resources for the churches would develop.

Calendar - Churches are being invited to put their AIDS/HIV related events on a 9 month calendar "so others can know what is available." Notify Bob 747-4937.

Housing - Homeless - Nadine Shannon

Sheri North has had to withdraw her name as Co-chair of this task group so Nadine will be returning as Co-chair with Don Prather. Nadine shared a letter with us that she had read to the Bellevue City Council. In it she commended them for their attention to the need for affordable housing in our area, told them what the churches are doing, supported their establishing a trust fund for future housing needs, and

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spoke to the value of cooperative effort. In keeping with this, Llano reminded us that Art Sullivan, City of Bellevue staff, will be speaking to our July assembly on the subject of Housing on the Eastside.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

VZSN- Newell Christensen shared his conviction that bringing the VISN cable network to this area will only come about by the efforts of people such as us and the sooner the better. Lavonia Lowe proposed and moved that we set July to emphasize this (not to exclude later efforts). The motion was passed. It was suggested that Newell prepare bulletin inserts that could be copied by the churches.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating committee Llano reminded us that we were overdue in having a nominating committee to nominate a slate of officers for next year (to be voted at the September meeting). He called for names to be recommended from the members present and received the following: Hope Chapin, The Reverend Dave Hackett, Mary Ann Yglesias and Sally Wing.

Church Council of Greater Seattle- There was discussion around a representative from EISCC. Concerns were shared about diluting our focus on our community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Ann Yglesias announced a new location starting in mid-July for the food bank. It will be in the Evans Plaza near the former Skate King, 140th and NE 24th. They would welcome help from the churches with carpentry.

Heifer Fair - Delightful occasion. Good participation but not as many people attending as hoped.

Carla Vendelend - The Reverend David Hackett shared with us that she went into unexpected surgery at the time of the Heifer Fair. The secretary was asked to send a note from the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Next meeting - Tuesday noon, July 9, 1991

Program: Housing on the Eastside - Art Sullivan, City of Bellevue staff

NO AUGUST MEETING

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Shindler, Co-secretary

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P. O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662

Minutes of the meeting - July 9, 1991
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, PEARSON HALL, BELLEVUE

The Rock Room, →
~~SEPTEMBER 10 MEETING AT BELLEVUE FIRST~~
~~PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF B~~

Sack lunch.

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 and the assembly welcomed by EISCC President and Pastor at Grace Lutheran, Llano Thelin.

Opening prayer by Sally Wing.

Self-introductions and circulation of attendance roster.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved with two corrections. Spelling of Livonia Lowe's name corrected. Also names presented by the nominating committee at the September meeting are to be voted on at the October not September meeting.

REPORTS

President Llano Thelin

Emergency Services Directory - this directory was originated, assembled and made available to Eastside Churches by EISCC. Llano reminded us that now is the time to up-date it for the coming year. Carol Hegg and Geoff Ethelston responded to his request for two volunteers for this task.

OUR NEXT HOST CHURCH FOR THESE EISCC MEETINGS - PRESIDENT LLANO THELIN HAS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION BY THE REVERENDS RICHARD LEON AND DAVID HACKETT TO MEET - BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 10, AT BELLEVUE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 1720 - 100TH N. E.
(CONTINUING NOON - SECOND TUESDAYS)

Treasurer - Pat Meehan

Beginning balance\$1,994.99

Deposits:

U. S. Postal Service.....\$25.75

St. Louise AIDS/HIV.....\$25.00

Catano AIDS/HIV.....\$20.00

Total.....\$70.75

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\$70.75

Payments:

Postage and printing.....	\$57.26	
Bank charge.....	\$3.28	
Total	\$60.54	\$60.54
Balance on hand		\$1,965.71

Amount in AIDS/HIV fund of EISCC.....	\$1,199.17
EISCC general fund	\$766.54
	\$1,965.71

AIDS/HIV Task Force - Ruth Dundon

The next meeting of this task force will be Monday, Sept. 9, 12:30 - 2:00 at Youth Eastside Services. More members welcome.

Kirkland Holy Family Church is inviting the Kirkland Covenant Churches and all Eastside churches to join in observing SEPTEMBER 14-15 WEEKEND as AIDS AWARENESS DAYS. If this isn't possible, churches are encouraged to find another time to raise awareness on this issue. WORLD AIDS DAY will be on December 1 this year.

The task force plans to try 3 evening meetings this year, tentatively in Oct., Feb., and June. They would be for education, resource-sharing and networking between the congregations.

The task force is compiling a video list from denominations. If you have some tapes available, please call Ruth at 747-1695. Also desired is information about what your church is doing regarding AIDS.

PROGRAM - Art Sullivan - City of Bellevue Housing Specialist, Planning Department

President Llano Thelin introduced Art Sullivan with the recognition that the City of Bellevue has a good record of sensitivity to the housing needs of this area, and that Art has worked creatively with similar housing problems in California before coming to Bellevue. Art expressed the willingness and interest in making presentations to community groups and in working with people toward our solutions. He gave permission for his notes (prepared to correspond to his visual presentation) to be copied and enclosed (see next page). He also left us his phone number (455-6880) and cards with encouragement to contact him with questions, requests for presentations etc.

He described some of what is presently being done such as the requirement that developers of more than ten units include one out of ten units for lower income tenants (or contribute money toward affordable housing elsewhere). He described various benefits to these developers. There is a city fund to help the very poor. Discussion further clarified these policies.

REPORTS - continued after Program

Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon

Nadine reported on the developments of the HOPE PHASE II project. Joyce Thelin will be the Case Manager.

What will be needed from the churches was reviewed as described in the "Letter of Understanding" (Copies of this letter are available from Nadine at the EISCC meetings or by calling 746-6019) Item # 4 was mainly considered. (Item #5 - The umbrella agency decision is still in process.)

Item #4 - Breakfast provisions - estimate need for 25 volunteers. Looking for help from churches other than host. Money definitely a way other churches could help. Question of treasury in place for donations at this time - checks may be made payable to HOPE PHASE II and sent to EISCC, P. O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0062.

Money can be saved on food by obtaining it wholesale through the Food Buying Service via Hope Chapin of Emergency Feeding Program (or the Bellevue Food Bank?)

Time-line for starting looks like January 1992.

Nominating committee - Sally Wing

Sally reported that the committee was not yet ready at that time and welcomed names.

The slate is due to be presented at the September 10 meeting and voted upon in October.

VISN - Vision Cable Network - Newell Christensen

Newell suggested that we make copies of the brochure "VISN HOW TO GUIDE" which he distributed (and has available) for use in church bulletins, letters and other efforts to bring this information to people.

Llano also reminded us of the VISN video which is available from Newell.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

Board member for the Church Council of Greater Seattle

Llano invited members (voting representatives from churches) to tell him if they might be interested in representing EISCC on this Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Fraley, Director of the N. E. King County Multi-Service Center, announced that the Bellevue Multi-Service Center (including Bellevue Food Bank) was scheduled to move on July 27 to its new location in the Evans Plaza on 140th Ave. and N. E. 24th.

He also announced the resignations of two long-time directors, Dixie Price and Mary Ann Yglesias. Applications are being sought for the Bothell position. Larry's phone is 382-9704 (no toll). His address is:
18220 - 96th Avenue N. E.
Bothell, WA 98011

LDS Bishop's Storehouse and outreach facilities tour.
August 14 was the date announced for anyone interested in joining the tour of the Kent and Renton facilities for the LDS programs which help the needy. Carpool leaving Grace Lutheran at 9:00 a.m. Call Pat Meehan for details - 454 - 2392

HOPE Project - Joyce Thelin

Joyce announced that she has available a limited number of the 1990 statistical records of the HOPE project.

Future meetings - President Llano Thelin

No August meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday noon, September 10, 1991
at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1720 100th Ave. N. E., Bellevue

PROGRAM: YOUTH AT RISK - DAVID BLOOM

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Shindler

David R. Hackett
Secretary.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P. O. Box 662, Bellevue WA 98009-0662

MINUTES OF THE MEETING - SEPTEMBER 10, 1991
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLEVUE

Sack lunch.

President Llano Thelin called the meeting to order at 12:10, allowing the members time to settle into their new surroundings. Also he expressed appreciation for this meeting room to our new host church.

The Reverend David Hackett extended his welcome and that of the Community Outreach Committee of First Presbyterian Church. He then offered the meeting prayer.

Self-introductions and circulation of attendance roster.

Minutes of the previous meeting, July 9 1991, approved with one correction. Under the report on HOPE PHASE II, it should be deleted at this time that Joyce Thelin will be the case manager.

PROGRAM - "YOUTH AT RISK" - The Reverend David Bloom, Church Council of Greater Seattle

David talked with us about the serious condition of many children and young adults, giving statistics such as these:

Every day in America -

* 27 children die from poverty.

* 700 children are born at low- birth-rate.

* 1,500 drop out of high school.

* Over 100,000 are homeless.

* 135,000 bring a gun to school.

* The leading cause of death among young black males is homicide.

The breakdown of the family is seen in these ways -

* There are as many divorces as marriages.

* Abuse - one in four girls and one in seven boys are abused by age 18.

* There are more families in which both parents work.

* More than half of the poor children are from single parent families.

* In Seattle, there are 500 - 800 street kids.

The community breaks down when the family breaks down.

Today there is greater individualism, less concern for others, and connections are broken.

Agency budgets reflect lack of commitment by governments.

Some of the ways in which David recommends that churches can help and are helping youth (beyond supporting healthy family life) are:

*By developing a congregational response to school failure, foster care, teen pregnancy and abuse.

*Being in touch with the Church Council, especially David, for programs and resources.

Three after-school programs that David observed in other cities are:

1. Project Spirit - regular volunteer program by caring adults.
2. Temple Baptist - includes recreation, instruction and nutrition.
3. Computer Learning Center - regular, caring, adult volunteers.

Other observed programs include Child SHARE and parent and child MELD.

Local programs include the U-District teen shelter, Open Door, Youth Service Center, and Crossroads Community Center in Bellevue.

David emphasized that the common care for children offers an opportunity for churches, agencies and others to develop community and a sense of responsibility for each other.

An example of this cooperation was brought out in the discussion period, namely that Bob Fitzgerald is on David's "Youth at Risk" advisory committee. Already they are developing an on-going program for young teenagers at the Crossroads Community Center with a full-time staff person from YES and are looking for interested adult volunteers from the churches. All who might be interested are encouraged to call or write to:

Bob ("Fitz") Fitzgerald 747 - 4937
 Director of Education
 Youth Eastside Services
 16150 N. E. 8th Street.
 Bellevue, WA 98008

(Fitz realized after the Sept. meeting that he had brought last year's YES brochures by mistake. He has new ones available.)

Stew Corbett suggested a structure for cooperation among Eastside churches etc. around the needs of youth and families.

Llano commented that the FAMILY is one of the priority areas of concern identified by EISCC, that we haven't had a task committee for this focus yet. As a beginning he asked David to circulate a sign-up sheet for all present who would be interested.

Nadine Shannon had words of praise for the LDS family programs.

Patrick Brady said that BCC had been involved in a MELD concert - an example of school and agency cooperation.

Fitz praised the work of Dorothy English of Salvation Army for kids of color and looks hopefully for her involvement.

In response to Newell Christensen's question of David Bloom about the structure of the Church Council's program for youth, David's answer was that he is it - to be supportive to people involved in this task. This is his new focus (525-1213).

REPORTS

President Llano Thelin

Llano invited suggestions for program speakers and subjects appropriate to EISCC to be submitted to him. Also, he recommended that 40 is a good number of hand-out for the meetings (to be distributed at attendants places before the meetings).

Treasurer - Pat Meehan

Beginning balance.....\$1965.71

Deposits:

Sacred Heart AIDS/HIV	150.00	
Church of Resurrection Dues	20.00	
Total.....	170.00	+170.00

Payments:

Stamps	29.00	
Bank charge.....	2.64	
Total.....	31.64	-31.64

Balance on hand\$2,104.07

Amount in AIDS/HIV fund of EISCC.....1,349.17

EISCC general fund.....754.90

.....\$2,104.07

AIDS/HIV Task Force - Bob ("Fitz") Fitzgerald

The next meeting of this EISCC task force will be Monday, Oct.7, 12:30 pm at YES. New participants are welcome. Bob suggested that church members and others who are already working in related areas, would fit very well with this group. He spoke of being impressed by this Eastside task force and touched by the variety of ways in which he sees people reaching out. Enclosed is an EASTSIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS RE AIDS. Also, to help church, agency and other people in caring for people with AIDS/HIV, a notebook of resources is being developed and an informational meeting for the public is being planned for October 22. See enclosure..

Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon

Nadine reported on Habitat for Humanity progress on City of Bellevue donated lot and other city developments. PHASE II has a new support church, Northshore Unitarian, doing a fund-raising dance on Nov. 16 from 8 - 11 pm (\$6.50 per person) at their location - 302nd Street, Kirkland.

Ann Lewis, member, with Nadine, of the Bellevue Affordable Housing Task Force and representing the King County Citizens Housing Levy Advisory Committee spoke of the development of a proposed 8 year levy to solve, in a variety of ways,

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a major part of the affordable housing shortage. It would cost \$28.00 per household per year. Voting date under consideration. A meeting with Mayor Terry Lukens with panelists on this subject was announced for Sept. 26 at Bellevue High (apologies that these minutes are coming after the event).

Nominating committee - Sally Wing

The slate of officers was distributed on print-outs at the meeting. It includes all present officers except the recording secretary (whose family commitments require stepping aside. But it has been rewarding.) The Reverend David Hackett has been nominated for this position.

H.O.P.E. - Joyce Thelin

Enclosed is a document describing the H.O.P.E. Project from Joyce (minutes page 6).

She also announced an American Red Cross Weekly Needlework Group for people who enjoy this, to volunteer their time, socialize with others and develop their skills as they do sewing projects to help the homeless, elderly, children, infants and hospital patients.

For more information, call 883 - 6709, American Red Cross.

Red Ribbon Week - Clara Poole

This is part of an annual national campaign, originating with the National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth and locally sponsored by Overlake Hospital (working with local PTSA's etc.) It is scheduled for the week of Oct. 19/20 - 26/27. It includes a parents' pledge which was distributed and is available, but limited space prevents its enclosure here. Llano suggested a connection with the EISCC Family Task Force. For more information and/or materials, contact Clara Poole 453-8967 or Overlake Hospital 462-5240 -Judy Reavell, Community Education Coordinator.

VISN - Newell Christensen

Newell sees three needs:

1. A delegation from our group to represent us in meeting with the management of cable networks.
 2. More letters.
 3. Written resolutions from our pastors that they support VISN.
- Llano recommended that more time be devoted to this at the October meeting.

N. E. King County Multi-Service Center - Larry Fraley

Larry introduced the new manager of the Bellevue office, Shelley Noble.

He also announced the assistant position open and openings for a short-term receptionist. Call 747-4826 - the new location in the Evans Plaza on 140th NE near NE 24th Street.

Emergency Services Directory - Stew Corbett

In his computer, call with any last minute changes - 643-8984.

NEW BUSINESS

Eastside Human Services Forum - Patti Benson

Thursday, November 26, 1991, 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Red Lion Hotel, Bellevue

Cost \$40 members - \$45 Non-members

EISCC has traditionally been a participant in this event. More later.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nadine Shannon announced for Dorothy English the program ETHNIC STOCK; SHOW US THE WAY OVER - September 28 at Highlands Community Center produced and presented by Concerned Citizens Caring of the Eastside.

David Bloom reminded us of the 6 community-based dinners for the Church Council of Greater Seattle. Our nearest one has been scheduled at Bellevue Christian, Sunday, September 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Llano Thelin announced that the Grace Lutheran "Little Lambs Child Care Center" is in operation and has a few openings left.

Phil Williams recommended that we ask the Church Council to move their meetings to an evening time so more people could attend. It was moved, seconded and passed to send this request to the Church Council.

Newell Christensen brought to our attention the written information at our places about the organ that is available for donation to a church. His number - 454-5584.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Next meeting - Tuesday noon, October 8, 1991, Bellevue First Presbyterian Church
Program: Initiative 119 "Death With Dignity"

Presenters: Ralph Mero and Ned Dolejsi

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Shindler, Co-Secretary

HOMELESS OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP FOR THE EASTSIDE

Program Operational Outline

Clients will be referred to the H.O.P.E. Staff by:

- 1) Pastors/Churches
- 2) Agencies
- 3) Self Referral
- 4) Police

Clients will be screened and must be:

- 1) Recently Homeless
- 2) Residents of the Eastside/Working on Eastside
- 3) Single/married (over 18) with or without children
- 4) Must have current picture identification
- 5) Willing to work with community agencies
- 6) Willing to be assisted by volunteers
- 7) Willing to sign shelter agreement

How H.O.P.E. Works:

H.O.P.E. Staff will receive calls for screening of potential clients. If the clients(s) are qualified for the H.O.P.E. Project, the H.O.P.E. staff will arrange for housing for three nights at a hotel/motel. (This space is a donation of the Hotel Council of East King County and is subject to space available.) A trained H.O.P.E. volunteer will assist the client(s) to their accommodations, provide a three day supply of food (donated by the Emergency Feeding Program), and support decisions and plans for meeting the emergency needs of the client, including transportation. Volunteers will assist by reporting back to The H.O.P.E. Staff appropriate data and results of assistance to clients.

The H.O.P.E. Project has been conceived by a grassroots response to the needs of the homeless on the Eastside. We are a coordinated opportunity for the various agencies, service providers, service clubs, churches, government and the business community to continue to work in partnership to address the ongoing crisis of homelessness on the Eastside. This project is sponsored by the Eastside Coalition for the Homeless and the Seattle-King County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Every effort will be made to bring together creative and caring people to work and plan with community resources.

Homeless Outreach Partnership for the Eastside
(H.O.P.E. Project)
13010 Northup Way
Bellevue, WA 98005
206/867-9385 or 883-6709

Joyce Thelin
Administrator

Patrice Schafer
Administrative Assistant

5/16/91

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 24, 1991 - 10:00 a.m.
Grace Lutheran Church, Bellevue

Members present - Newell Christensen, Nadine Shannon, Dorothy Shindler and President Llano Thelin.

Members absent - Geoff Ethelston and Pat Meehan.

Welcome and prayer by President Llano Thelin.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Future Programs

October meeting - Llano's invitation was accepted by both Ralph Mero of the Hemlock Society and Ned Dolejsi of the Washington State Catholic Conference to speak on Initiative 119, "Death With Dignity"

November - Possibility of looking at Eastside catastrophic disaster preparedness with City of Bellevue's new staff person who is due on October 1.

December - Focus on family - appropriate to Christmas-time. Hear from our new family task force?

Interest was expressed in the LDS family priority and the Family Home Evening. Newell said this is basically on Mondays. Other meetings aren't scheduled in their church on this evening to leave this evening open for families to do something together. If the family does have something else develop on this evening, they are free to choose another night. Newell said the children are assigned different roles, such as refreshments. Especially, it's a time for the parents to share their faith with their children.

Nadine recalled the Overlake Hospital "Strengthening the Family" program.

Suggested future programs include: Bridge Ministries, Senior programs, VORP, and Phil William's offer to share his experience (with another presenter?) of the grief process in losing a child especially to Infant Sudden Death Syndrome.

PHASE II

A letter was mentioned from Don Prather, (Chair?) of the East King County Hotel Council, commending Phase II especially for its team approach, for including the private sector, government, agencies, churches, funding from foundations etc.

To this date, the churches that were committed were Grace Lutheran, Cross of Christ Lutheran, Bellevue First Congregational (United Church

of Christ) and breakfast support from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. St. Louise is working toward either breakfast help or money or both.

EISCC elections at October meeting.

Llano recommended that the election take place at the end of the meeting. to allow the meeting to move smoothly. So Dorothy will do the minutes this last time and the new secretary will have time to transition in before the next meeting.

VISN

Newell called Cindy Laue, Director of Communications for the ELCA. She had met with TV executives in Tacoma and is willing to join our group in meeting with the key people for VISN. Newell also mentioned that Lloyd Cooney, former president of KIRO, is a friend of his and a member of his church and that he might be of help. Another possibility is that EISCC could be part of a larger delegation. The importance of being well prepared with the most essential information for such a meeting was stressed. An example would be something credible about how much interest there would be for religious programming. Newell also pointed out that we don't need to ask for the full 24 hours; there could be shorter segments of time.

Agency cooperation

Nadine spoke of the difficulty some people experience when they go to an agency in a state of need. As she accompanied a woman in need of help, she found the problem of the person being sent from one agency to another without any apparent agency cooperation or follow up. There was discussion about what might help this situation. Llano said Larry Fraley is the current coordinator of the Eastside agency directors and had earlier offered to be what help he could. Llano will contact Larry about this.

ETHNIC STOCK: SHOW US THE WAY OVER

Nadine reminded us of this event on Sept 28 at Highlands Community Center. She said that Dorothy English has washed 40 cars to help meet the expenses of putting on this play. She will call Don Prather about the possibility of getting paper supplies for less. The Emergency Feeding Program will benefit from this event.

This will be my last executive committee minutes. I'll miss meeting with you and I wish you all the best.

Unless you hear otherwise, I assume that the next executive committee meeting will still be at Grace Lutheran on the third Tuesday - October 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Dorothy Shindler, Co-secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P. O. Box 662, Bellevue WA 98009 - 0662

MINUTES OF THE MEETING - OCTOBER 8, 1991
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLEVUE

Sack lunch

President Llano Thelin called the meeting to order at 12:10, welcomed the gathering and offered the opening prayer.

Self-introductions and circulation of attendance roster.

Minutes of the previous meeting, September 10, 1991, approved.

PROGRAM: INITIATIVE 119

Note - it just wasn't possible (for the departing secretary) to do justice to the speakers and/or get the minutes out before the November 5 elections. Those in attendance for this program heard exceptionally well informed presenters and expressed appreciation to these outstanding resource people.

Vote Yes - Ralph Mero, Hemlock Society

Vote No - Ned Dolejsi, Washington State Catholic Conference

REPORTS

President Llano Thelin

Observing that this meeting marked the end of the past year's term of office, Llano reviewed some of the highlights. He noted that there have been 11 general meetings and an equal number of executive committee meetings and he acknowledged the areas of focus and work of the members. Also, two grants have been sought and a response has been received for one of them for \$4,000 from U. S. WEST for the HOPE Project. Llano especially thanked all involved with this and with the PHASE II shelter project.

Bellevue Emergency Services - Shelley Noble

Shelley distributed the EISCC Emergency Service Fund Report for April thru September 1991. David Bloom recommended a more detailed report of the expenditures. Shelley said that she would do this. In response to a question, Larry Fraley shared that Kirkland, Fall City and the North End have similar funds.

REPORTS - continued

Treasurer - Pat Meehan

Beginning balance.....\$2,104.07

Receipts- dues:

Sacred Heart Catholic.....	\$20.00
First Congregational.....	20.00
Eastside Mental Health.....	10.00
Grace Episcopal, Duvall.....	20.00
St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic.....	20.00
St. Margaret Episcopal.....	20.00
Eastshore Unitarian.....	20.00
Chrisbell Hospitality.....	20.00
Grace Lutheran.....	20.00
First Presbyterian.....	20.00
CCS Volunteer Chore Ministry.....	10.00
American Red Cross - HOPE.....	10.00
St. Luke's Lutheran.....	20.00
Newport Presbyterian.....	20.00
Youth Eastside Services.....	10.00
First United Methodist.....	20.00
St. Louise Catholic.....	20.00
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS.....	20.00
Catholic Community Services.....	10.00
Multi-Service Center.....	10.00
Cross of Christ Lutheran.....	20.00
Emergency Feeding Program.....	10.00

Receipts - other:

First Presbyterian - AIDS.....	200.00
Jane Castano - AIDS.....	20.00
U S West Grant for HOPE.....	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total.....	4,580.004,580.00

Disbursments:

Am Red Cross - HOPE Project....	4,000.00
Barbara Schlieper AIDS.....	58.00
Kinko's copies.....	35.06
Bank Charge.....	<u>2.81</u>
Total.....	4,095.874,095.87

Balance on Hand\$2,588.20

EISCC.....	1,107.09
AIDS/HIV.....	1,481.11

REPORTS - continued

Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon

Prior to her report, Nadine passed around a card for the members to sign to express gratitude to Lyn Lambert for the place cards she has done in calligraphy for the EISCC meetings.

Nadine and Llano are still both available to speak to churches about the proposed Phase II of the Hope Project - such as between services on Sunday mornings or to a church's outreach committee.

VISN - Vision Interfaith Satellite Network --Newell Christensen

Efforts are continuing to be made to bring this programming to the Seattle area. Letters to cable companies are still a major factor - even a note with our monthly payments. All of this input is being recorded. Also a delegation is being formed to request VISN of the local cable system executives. For more information, call Newell at 454-5584.

AIDS/HIV Task Force - Ruth Dundon

Because of Veterans' Day on November 11, the next meeting of the AID/HIV Task Force will be Monday, November 18 at 12:30 p.m. at Youth Eastside Services. This meeting will include a Peabody Award winning video and all who may be interested are invited. Ruth noted that participation in this task force doesn't require that a church have an AIDS/HIV committee. Participants could come from any appropriate outreach group within a church.

Family Task Force -

Bob Fitzgerald (747-4937) and David Bloom (525-1213) have been working together, specifically toward a planning meeting on October 23 for adults who want to work with youth at risk - to implement support groups in our area.. Fitz also distributed brochures of YES fall and winter programs.

Phase II shelter project fund-raising event - Nadine Shannon

A dance, "Golden Oldies", to raise money for the proposed Phase II project is being planned for November 16 from 8 - 11 pm at the Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church. See enclosure.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

Eastside Human Services Forum - EISCC participation

Brochures were distributed by Patti Benson. It was moved, seconded and passed that EISCC request a table space at the Forum, allotting money for this and for one of our members to attend. This 10th annual Forum will be on November 26, 1991 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel, downstairs at 300 - 112th Ave. SE, Bellevue. Reservations and full payment (\$40.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members) must be received by November 12. Make checks payable to Eastside Human Services Council. For more information, their number is 869-6477.

NEW BUSINESS - ELECTIONS

Sally Wing was asked to present the slate of officers from the nominating committee:

President - Llano Thelin
Vice-president - Nadine Shannon
Past president - Geoff Ethelston
Co-Secretary - Newell Christensen
Co-Secretary - David Hackett
Treasurer - Pat Meehan

All were unanimously approved.

Llano then thanked the grateful outgoing co-secretary, Dorothy Shindler, with a certificate of appreciation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Meehan announced and invited all to a presentation by Physicians Against Initiative 119 at Sacred Heart Church on Oct. 10.

Dorothy Shindler announced that this area's annual Lutheran/Catholic Reformation Day reconciliation event of joint study and worship has been scheduled to be at the Catholic St. James Cathedral with a Lutheran speaker, The Reverend Gordon Lathrop on Sunday, October 27, 1991. This event is annually open to all who are interested.

Newell Christensen announced a Choir Festival and Hymn Sing at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Sunday at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, November 3, 1991. It is a cooperative program by nine Westside Bellevue churches and their choirs to which he invited all.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Next meeting - Tuesday noon, November 12, 1991, Bellevue First Presbyterian Church

Program: VORP - Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Shindler, Outgoing Co-secretary

BELLEVUE MULTI-SERVICE CENTER
Emergency Service Fund Biannual Report
April thru September 1991

1. ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST	---
2. BELLEVUE VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	350.00
3. BELLEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN	125.00
4. CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS	4756.21
5. CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION	300.00
6. CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN	215.00
7. COTTAGE LAKE EPISCOPAL	---
8. EASTGATE CONGREGATIONAL	---
9. EASTSHORE UNITARIAN CHURCH	---
10. FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	150.00
11. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	375.00
12. FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	---
13. GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH	---
14. NEWPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	520.00
15. OVERLAKE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH	---
16. OVERLAKE PARK PRESBYTERIAN	---
17. REDMOND UNITED METHODIST	---
18. SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH	1350.00
19. ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL	---
20. ST. LOUISE CATHOLIC	500.00
21. ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH	---
22. ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE CATHOLIC	500.00
23. ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH	---
24. ST. MARGARET'S THRIFT STORE	500.00
25. PRIVATE DONORS	100.00
TOTAL	• 9741.21

EXPENDITURES: • 9.273.32

96 FAMILIES WERE ASSISTED WITH BESH FUNDS DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS.

BELLEVUE EMERGENCY SERVICE FUNDS WERE ALLOCATED FOR EVICTION PREVENTION: ELECTRIC, GAS, AND WATER UTILITIES: GASOLINE: PRESCRIPTIONS: AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 15, 1991 - 10:00am
Grace Lutheran Church, Bellevue

Members present: Newell Christensen, Nadine Shannon, David Hackett, Pat Meehan, Geoff Ethelston, and President Llano Thelin

Welcome was extended to new co-secretary Dave Hackett and to the group, with Prayer by Llano.

Discussion items:

1. Emergency Services Directory. It is all printed up and ready for distribution. Newell will mail out the ESD to the large mailing list by the end of October, except more time than this might be necessary is we hold mailing until after the EISCC brochure is updated so it can be included in the mailing.
2. November program: VORP with Mr. John Heeley, speaker. All lined up.
3. Llano requested that the secretaries see that thank-you letters are written to each speaker following their presentations. Newell will write letters to the most recent speakers.
4. November Reports: Nadine will report on her visit with the First Cong. Church regarding Phase II. The AIDS task force will have had their meeting, and will probably report on that.
5. December Program: Llano noted that the EISCC Family Concerns Task Force has felt that the Youth At Risk focus of the Church Council of Greater Seattle was too narrow a focus for their concerns. The topic of "My Family Experience", with the suggested speaker being Wolfred Erickson, was proposed. Llano will contact Mr. Erickson. A discussion of the February Housing Levy was proposed as Plan B if Erickson cannot speak.
6. January 1992 Program: Lined up is Emergency Preparedness, Lynn Gross, Manager. Jan. 14. A reminder: Speakers are asked to speak for 20 minutes, with Q&A following for 10 minutes.
7. Listing of suggestions for future EISCC topics:
 - A. Previous suggestions were Update on Community service, Bridge Ministries, Sr. programs; Sudden Infant Death Syndrome/Grief; strengthening our families.
 - B. New suggestions: sexual harassment - two ideas on this: a) Catholic Diocese put on a program on this, contact Bob Norton; b) Presbyterian Church USA has a sex harassment policy that's good, contact Dave Hackett. Also: Jane Hague speaking on Housing; Speak-Out, First Presbyterian's Values in the Media program.
8. Dave Hackett asked the Executive Committee to gather any archival materials on EISCC and its antecedent organizations so that he can compile an EISCC archive.
9. Membership: We have 17 churches and 9 organizations paid up as members. There is a need to monitor and remind those as yet unpaid. Newell will follow up.
10. Newell asked for clarification on Phase II's request that "breakfast" be provided. What is breakfast? Answer: The minimum is a continental breakfast. Perhaps on weekends it can be a larger meal. Nadine suggested bulk oatmeal with juices/apple sauce, rolls/toast, coffee/tea/maybe hot chocolate, maybe peanut butter/jellies/jam. Use paper products. In short, about \$1/person, which, with 30 people for 30 days equals \$900, plus another \$100 for paper products.

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11. Request from Tony Lee to have EISCC co-sponsor the 1992 Legislative Conference, sponsored by the WA Association of Churches and other religious bodies. Sponsorship is \$50.00. (Participants were asked to pay, in 1991, an additional \$15.) By mutual consent the executive committee approves participating as co-sponsor, expending \$50., and requesting that our name be properly recorded as EISCC.
12. A request was received to promote the self-help job search program for Mercy _____. (sorry - I didn't get the whole name!).
13. The date for the next Executive Committee meeting is Thursday, November 21, 10:00am, at Grace Lutheran Church

Respectfully submitted,


David R. Hackett, EISCC Co-Secretary.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
PO BOX 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662

Minutes of the meeting - November 12, 1991
REVISED AND CORRECTED
THE ROCK ROOM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLEVUE

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 and the assembly welcomed by EISCC Vice-President Nadine Shannon in the President's absence. Nadine gave the opening prayer.

The group gave self-introductions and the attendance roster was circulated.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

PROGRAM: Mr. John Haley, President of the Board of Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) and Professor of Law at the UW, program presenter.

VORP had its beginnings in Indiana. It operates from a stand of looking at reconciliation from two perspectives.

From the victim's point of view - grants victims the ability to participate, deal with their injuries, confront their offenders, ask them questions, and gain control of the process of restitution, insofar as it is within the means of the offender.

From the offender's point of view - allows for a process of acknowledging guilt, expressing remorse, accepting responsibility, and reconciling with their victims through a mutual contract.

VORP only deals with juveniles who acknowledge guilt within the court process. Those meeting this criterion are eligible for referral to VORP. VORP deals almost exclusively with 2nd, 3rd, and 4th time offenders. It will contact the victim and seek a willingness from them to move through the VORP process. In the end a contract is drawn up; this is monitored to see it is fulfilled, and then data are relayed to the court. VORP operates totally within the criminal justice system.

Around the world there are some 100 similar programs. VORP handles some 30-40 cases per year; the 1991 goal was to increase its caseload by 50% and this has been done. One of its policies is never to turn a case away. The time frame for contact to mediation is typically two weeks. The most common crime mediated is auto theft and similar crimes. VORP hopes to expand beyond juvenile cases in the future, while maintaining caseload worker quality and financial capacity. Success for VORP, as measured by victim satisfaction rate, is high (80-90%); as measured by reduction in recidivism, VORP's offenders have a rate of 80-90% contract fulfillment, vs. below 50% for the usual court rate.

Mediation training for VORP mediators is offered in January and September and is geared for those with full time jobs: Six weeks of evening training, an internship, evaluation precede rating as a mediator. Those wishing to be on the quarterly mailing list for VORP, please call VORP at 621-8871.

REPORTS

President's Report

Vice President Nadine Shannon reported correspondence from Joyce Thelin of HOPE, conveying thanks for the benefits gained from the US West funds request. The new EISCC brochure was introduced.

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Treasurer - Pat Meehan

Beginning balance \$2,588.20

Deposits

Sacred Heart AIDS/HIV	\$150.00
Overlake Metropolitan CC dues	20.00
Eastgate Congregational dues	20.00
Eastside Resettlement dues	10.00

Total	\$200.00	\$ 200.00
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Payments

Ruth Dundon, AIDS/HIV Printing	\$ 26.76
Newell Christenson	29.00
Eastside Human Forum	50.00
WA Assoc of Churches	50.00
NW AIDS Foundation	400.00
Multi-Faith AIDS Project	200.00
NAME Project - Seattle	100.00
J.S. Corbett - printing	51.91
Bank Charge	4.19

Total	\$911.89	\$ 911.89
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Balance on hand	\$1,876.31
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Amount in AIDS/HIV fund of EISCC	\$ 904.35
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EISCC general fund	\$ 971.96
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Total	\$1,876.31
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Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon

Nadine made comments on the pressing need for housing on the Eastside and repeated her invitation to be of service to anyone in speaking to churches about the proposed Phase II HOPE project.

VISN - Vision Cable Network - Newell Christensen

Newell again requested EISCC member congregations to support VISN with a letter-writing campaign. He reported that Cindy Laue is Chair of the Seattle Area VISN Committee.

Newell also presented information and an invitation to participate in the Quilting Bee on Saturday, Nov 23 at Bellevue First Congregational, with quilts to be made for the Homeless Children's Network. Materials donations are welcome.

AIDS/HIV Task Force - Ruth Dundon

Ruth commented on Magic Johnson's new role as a spokesperson for AIDS awareness. About 20 people came on October 22 for an evening presentation by the Rev. Gwen Beighle of MAPS on pastoral care. Ruth mentioned some elements of Gwen's talk: We need to have a ministry of presence; name our own fears, change the attitudes, listen compassionately. World AIDS Day is approaching, contact Ruth for details. The task force's next meeting is Monday, Nov 18th, 12:30 at YES, with a video being shown (this video is also available for individuals to borrow). The task force may consider doing AIDS pastoral training in the future for churches. She reminded EISCC that the task force has a panel available for presentations.

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Each congregation was given an excellently prepared AIDS Resource Notebook to give to leaders dealing with AIDS. If your congregation did not receive one, contact Ruth. Also passed around was an update of Eastside AIDS/HIV Resources. Next task force meeting is Feb.4.

Family Task Force - Bob "Fitz" Fitzgerald

Fitz reported that a California consultant has been assisting them. Next meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1:00pm at YES, with an open invitation to learn about outreach to youth at risk.

Bellevue Multi-Service Center - Shelley Noble

An area in the BMSC has been set up as an inside waiting area during the inclement weather. Shelley requests that any donatable metal chairs we might have be given to BMSC for this purpose. She said that a large refrigeration unit has been 50% donated; the remaining \$2500 is awaiting donations, with are welcomed.

Volunteer Chore Ministry - Michael Jackson

VCM has 17 local churches and 68-70 churches in the county now involved. With the state budget in disarray, the government has asked for a 25% reduction in budget for VCM. The VCM budget provides for the management group, insurance, liability, auto insurance for volunteers, etc. A crisis situation may arrive if VCM is written out of the budget; the large numbers of people referred to VCM would be left without assistance. Several churches have given their support to VCM by advocating its inclusion in the state budget.

It was MOVED, SECONDED, and APPROVED:

That the Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council affirms the value and importance of the Volunteer Chore Ministry, co-sponsored by the Church Council of Greater Seattle and Catholic Community Services King County, as a critical community-based service to low-income elderly and disabled;

That the Volunteer Chore Ministry is the safety-net for over 9,000 elderly and disabled statewide, with over 250 served through 17 congregations in East King county alone, enabling them to remain in their own homes without risk of premature institutionalization; and

That any reduction in state funding of this program will both place the elderly and disabled at great risk, as well as jeopardize the community-volunteer response inherent in this program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council's Executive Committee be authorized to advocate on behalf of the Council, as required, for continued state funding of the program; and

That the members of the Council join in advocating for continued state funding of the program, both individually and through their churches and agencies, as they are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speak Out Booklet - David R. Hackett

David passed out copies of the "Speak Out" booklet produced by his church's Values in Media Committee. The booklet is meant to provide addresses and numbers of media leaders so that individuals can comment on the offensive or commendable content in the media. It is not copyrighted; feel free to duplicate as many copies as you might wish to distribute, or, copies with a beautiful rose-colored cover may be ordered at \$.50 each from the church (454-3082).

Phase II Shelter Project - Nadine Shannon

Nadine again reminded us of the "Golden Oldies" dance on November 16, 8-11pm, Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church to raise funds for the proposed Phase II project.

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Those needing New Member packets, see Dorothy Shindler - or, beginning next month, see Dave Hackett.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:29pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday noon, December 10, 1991 at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1720 100th Ave NE, Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Hackett
Co-Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 21, 1991 - 10:00am
Grace Lutheran Church, Bellevue

Members present: Newell Christensen, Nadine Shannon, David Hackett, Pat Meehan, and President Llano Thelin

Welcome and Prayer by President Llano Thelin.

Discussion items:

1. Correspondence:
 - A. Schedule for Forum '91 was passed around. Nadine and Dave will attend, with Nadine staffing the Hope II/EISCC table.
 - B. Eastside Adult Day Care packet of info was distributed. They have volunteered to present a program and materials to EISCC sometime.
2. December Program: Title - "A Family Saga" with Wolfred Erickson presenting.
3. December Business:
 - A. Phase II: Question: Where do we store the 90 blankets from St. Vincent dePaul until Phase II begins? Nadine will explore a possibility in her church's thrift store.
 - B. Bulk Mailing: Do we want to send the EISCC mailing to outlying areas, Bothell, Carnation Valley, North Bend? Consensus: yes, at this point, with later revision of who is on the mailing list.
 - C. Emergency Services Directory to be handed out at EISCC as well as mailed out.
 - D. First Congregational church has agreed to be a Phase II host church.
4. January Program: Lynn Gross is confirmed.
5. February Program: Suggestions:
 - A. Strengthening the Family
 - B. AIDS video
 - C. Volunteer Chore Ministry
 - D. The Job Hunt Project, a program of Mercy Corps, Richard Bray, leader.
 - E. Christa's Interchristo Job Placement Program
 - F. Employment FORUM with some of the above plus:
 - Mark Hoover of LDS Employment Specialist
 - Rick Webber of EHS Director
 - Barbara Ranger of WA State Employment Office
 - Richard Bray of Mercy CorpsProgram ideas for the FORUM:
 - How to gain employment
 - Dealing with underemployment
 - Home based employment
 - Who these employment groups are and what they do
6. The December meeting of EISCC Executive Committee will address these two topics:
 - A. The FORUM idea, and how we might move forward with it
 - B. Look at the need for a Membership Development Drive.
7. The date for the next Executive Committee meeting is December 17, 10:00am, at Grace Lutheran Church

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Hackett, EISCC Co-Secretary.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 17, 1991 - 10:00am
Grace Lutheran Church, Bellevue

Members present: Newell Christensen, Nadine Shannon, David Hackett, Pat Meehan, and President Llano Thelin

Welcome and Prayer by President Llano Thelin at 10:05am.

Discussion items:

1. January program is ok and on.
2. February program: Ideas centered on the impact of decreased state social services, using perhaps Tony Lee, Ned Dolesji, Steve Lansing. The consensus that emerged was to hold a forum on congregational care for those in job transition: "Congregational Job Enablement Programs: How your congregation can Enable the Unemployed."

Dave is to line up a planning committee of EISCC members who will design this meeting. Suggestions for facilitators were Mark Hoover, LDS Employment specialist; Barbara Ranger, WA State Director of Job Employment; Pat Brady; and Job Hunt program of Mercy Corps, Int'l representatives. Also mentioned were the personnel directors of various major firms in the area.
3. March program: Ideas were to highlight new Eastside Service Groups; Nadine is to get a list of the new groups who participated in Forum '91.
4. April program: One suggestion was to take up the issue of Sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
5. Newell reported that he had written thank yous to VORP and Walfred. He passed out copies of the bulk mailing list. Regarding the New Member packet, Newell asked whether we send out a full or a partial packet to new people - this was not fully addressed. Llano is to write a new President's letter for the packet; Dave is to update the BESF guidelines and include in it the summary of the history of BESF. The group agreed we needed to emphasize that the BESF is an EISCC ministry. Regarding the Representatives address list that Dave produced, before we hand it out to EISCC at the January meeting, Pat is to give Dave a list of active, paid members; the others on the list will be struck. Dave was asked to also delete old names from the bulk mailing list.
6. Question on whether to mail the brochure on the moderate/low cost housing effort of the city to our members. Answer: yes, to 160 churches. The city will mail to all Bellevue residents.
7. Listing of suggestions for future EISCC topics:
8. Dave asked Newell to purchase envelopes for the EISCC minutes mail-out.
9. Phase II will hold a January 9 meeting at 9:00am to see about collaborating with the city regarding housing.
10. The date for the next Executive Committee meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1992, 10:00am, at Grace Lutheran Church
11. The committee adjourned at 11:05am.

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Hackett, EISCC Co-Secretary.



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PO BOX 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
Minutes of the meeting - December 10, 1991

THE ROCK ROOM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLEVUE

The meeting was called to order at 12:05^{P.M.} and the assembly welcomed by EISCC President and Pastor at Grace Lutheran, Llano Thelin. Llano gave the opening prayer. He acknowledged the special desserts provided by Pat Meehan and Newell Christensen with gratitude. The group gave self-introductions and the attendance roster was circulated. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with typographical mistakes noted.

PROGRAM: Rev. Walfred Erickson gave a stirring, personal and insightful presentation entitled "A Family Saga" about his family and marriage of fifty years to Virginia. Especially appreciated were his words of wisdom, counsel, humility and humor about the essence of what has helped his marriage to stand the course.

REPORTS

President Llano Thelin: EISCC President Thelin asked that EISCC member congregations convey holiday greetings from EISCC to their congregations with appreciation. He also reminded EISCC that if one has an extended-length announcement to make, it would be desirable to stand so it can be clearly heard.

Treasurer - Pat Meehan

Beginning balance		\$1876.31
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Deposits

Aldersgate United Methodist	\$20.00	
Newport Presbyterian	200.00	
Total	\$220.00	\$220.00

Payments

Nadine Shannon-Printing	\$75.95	
Kinkos - AIDS/HIV	12.98	
Bank charge & adj.	5.46	
Total	\$94.39	\$94.39

Balance on hand	\$2001.92
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Account holdings breakdown:

EISCC general fund	\$913.55
AIDS/HIV fund	\$888.37
Phase II	\$200.00

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Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon

The housing coalition met this week. Jane Hague of Bellevue City Council met with the group seeking help and asking for ways the city council might assist. She has a desire to develop a task force packet to interpret affordable housing needs in the area. Also noted was the February Housing Levy. Phase II report: St. Vincent de Paul donated 100 blankets. Joy Pocasangre volunteered to help transport those to Bellevue. As yet there is no announcement regarding United Way funding; more news will come after January 7. Dave Hackett and Sally Wing reported on attending Forum '91, the Eastside Human Service Council's tenth annual conference.

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VISN - Vision Cable Network - Newell Christensen

Newell reported that VISN Puget Sound Chair Cindy Laue will meet in January with Cable Station Management along with various religious community leaders. Details to be forthcoming. He reviewed the VISN community support campaign and encouraged its support in our congregations.

AIDS/HIV Task Force - Ruth Dundon

Ruth reported that the task force met yesterday. Feb. 25th in the evening is its next meeting, exploring the topic "Sexuality", looking at the ELCA document as a resource. She explained that the purpose is not to look for a consensus, but to explore the issue together. More clergy are especially wanted to attend. The AIDS resource notebook is still available for congregations who have not picked one up yet.

Employer Forum: Dave Hackett gave word that the EISCC Cabinet is exploring the idea of sponsoring an Eastside Employer Forum. If you have ideas on possible participants/organizations, get word to Dave (First Presbyterian Church, 454-3082).

Membership Committee: Llano described the proposal to form a membership committee made up of representatives from each agency and denomination to extend invitations to others to join EISCC.

Other Reports: None.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

Volunteer Chore Ministry: One month ago VCM was looking at a 25% reduction; this has come down to a 19.2% reduction with negotiations still underway. Particular items of concern are that the state is looking at a \$900,000 shortfall, even with the Governor's proposed budget making a 2.5% cut across the board, freezing a portion of the teachers' salaries, and invading the rainy day fund. Also, there is some movement to totally eliminate state funded human social service agencies. And these moves come at a unique time because this is an election year. At this point, VCM is still in the budget. The Legislature meets in January and at that time VCM will renew its negotiations.

Multi-Service Centers: Shelley Noble reported on the Holiday Basket Program. Some 400 families have signed up and 240 have sponsors - 160 families are without sponsors. The MSCs will receive and distribute baskets this week to sponsored families and the MSCs will make up baskets for non-sponsored families.

Legislative concerns: Llano reported that he met with 20 other leaders and Tony Lee regarding state cuts. The plan is that the end of February is the prime time for a group to go to Olympia, hold a press conference and meet with legislators to advocate the concern about human services cuts. Llano also gave out information about the Legislative Conference, held Jan 25, 1992 at Des Moines United Methodist Church, 9th Ave S. and S. 223rd St., tel: 878-8301.

NEW BUSINESS

Religious Freedom Restoration Act: Joy Pocasangre of Temple De Hirsch Sinai spoke about the ramifications of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act: House Resolution #2797, introduced by Biden and Hatch, which is in reaction to an Oregon case. Action Alert is asking for our WA Representatives to co-sign this resolution, which currently has 144 co-signers nationally. Included in these minutes is a flyer on this topic.

SPEAK-OUT: Dave Hackett passed out a second edition of the SPEAK-OUT booklet on media addresses for grass-roots response regarding media content.

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Condom Issue: Stew Corbett raised the issue of exploring EISCC comment and involvement in the current deliberations regarding condom distribution in schools. There was some discussion and it was noted that pps 12-14 in the AIDS Resource Notebook has some material on this. There was a suggestion that some guidance might be forthcoming from the AIDS/HIV Task Force; however, Ruth Dundon said that there is no consensus on the task force regarding this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Rev. David R. Hackett

EISCC Co-Secretary

~~HOPE Project - Joyce Thelin~~

Next meeting: January 14, 1992, First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, Noon. Please come for an interesting topic and speaker: Lynn Gross, the Bellevue Fire Department's Manager of Emergency Preparedness. She will speak on her speciality, Emergency Preparedness.