

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

Minutes of the meeting - January 14, 1992

THE ROCK ROOM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLEVUE

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 and the assembly of 24 persons welcomed by EISCC President and Pastor at Grace Lutheran, Rev. Llano Thelin. Rev. Thelin gave the opening prayer. Self-introductions and circulation of the attendance roster followed. Address lists for paid congregations/representatives and paid agencies/representatives were distributed.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with corrections.

PROGRAM: Ms. Lyn Gross, Manager, Bellevue Emergency Preparedness.

The City of Bellevue is currently rewriting its 1984 Emergency Manual with the assistance of a group of 30 staffers; the manual is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 1992. Bellevue's emergency plans include its volunteer organizations such as EISCC's congregations. Ms. Gross invited our congregations to consider forming our own emergency responses, focusing on:

1. The elderly's needs for special assistance, such as with shut-ins;
2. Care for special populations, such as the hearing impaired;
3. Arranging for offering shelters in times of crisis, with sleeping and kitchen areas for short term needs. Our own facilities will be most familiar for our congregants;
4. Educating our congregations through its various groups on emergency preparedness.

Ms. Gross passed out several handouts on organizing a volunteer program and offered to come to talk with individual congregations and persons about setting up preparedness programs. Once one is set up in a given congregation, Ms. Gross requests us to contact her office so that a representative can be included in the Disaster Assistance Council which will involve its members in disaster simulations. She also passed out brochures helping individuals to prepare for disasters. These are available in bulk for interested congregations.

REPORTS

Treasurer - Pat Meehan

Beginning balance \$2,001.92

Deposits

Temple de Hirsch Sinai	\$20.00	
M/M John Castano AIDS/HIV	25.00	
Sacred Heart Church	150.00	
Herzl-Ner Tamid Cons.Cong.	20.00	
Total	\$215.00	\$215.00

Payments

Bank charge	\$3.41	
Newell Christensen	49.19	
Church of JC,LDS	15.08	
First Presbyterian	71.78	
Bank charge	3.52	
Total	\$142.98	\$142.98

Balance on hand \$2,073.94

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EISCC general fund	\$810.17
Amount in AIDS/HIV fund of EISCC	\$1,063.77
Phase II	\$200.00

Housing Levy - Geoff Ethelston

King County has a Housing Levy on March 10. Ann Lewis gave some details, including: It is an 8 year levy to raise \$150 million for housing and services. She requested EISCC support and the support of individuals; and offered to speak to any congregational group on the issues of the levy.

MOTION: That EISCC take a vote on endorsement of the March 10 Housing Levy at its February meeting. MSP.

VISN - Vision Interfaith Satellite Network - Newell Christensen

Newell gave notice of a VISN satellite broadcast from NY on January 16, 5:00pm at the LDS stake center with the purpose of training individuals on establishing VISN in their area. He again encouraged EISCC members to urge promotion of VISN, especially by writing "I want VISN" on cable bills.

AIDS/HIV Task Force - Pat Meehan spoke for Ruth Dundon

The AIDS/HIV Task Force met January 13th. Meetings are now rescheduled for the first Tuesday of each month, 12:30 at Youth Eastside Services. The workshop is now scheduled for Feb. 27th, 7-9pm at First Congregational Church with the topic, "Human Sexuality and the Christian Faith", with the Rev. Tom Kidd as presenter and Bob Norton with followup. The task force plans to have evening meetings every three or four months. If any congregation has AIDS-related programs, please notify Fitz or Ruth or Pat with the topic, time and place. AIDS/HIV Resource Notebooks continue to be available to any congregation which has not already picked one up.

Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon

Phase II has been presented to Eastshore Unitarian, which may be a host church. St. Luke's Lutheran Church's Benevolence and Social Concerns Committee has Phase II participation as the goal for 1992. Other participating churches were listed. Phase II now needs funding for a case manager and for four site managers; if any have ideas for raising the \$136,000 needed, send that (or donations) to EISCC. An intermediate goal of \$50,000 would provide the site managers. Also needed are grant writers and someone to usher this all forward.

MOTION: That Phase II dollars in the EISCC account be returned to their donors if Phase II is not in operation by December of 1992. MSP.

EISCC Bellevue Emergency Services Fund

A revision of the BESF guidelines was distributed, revised mainly to include an historical sketch of the fund.

NEW BUSINESS

February Meeting:

MOTION: That if necessary the February meeting be extended to 2:00pm, with the housing levy matter being entertained prior to the presentation. MSP.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Religious Freedom Restoration Act:

Joy Pocasangre asked for responses to the Religious Freedom enclosure. She urges individuals and congregations to respond.

MOTION: To actively pursue contacting Rep. Rod Chandler with messages of support for the 1991 Religious Freedom Restoration Act. MSP.

Pocasangre Thank-you:

Appreciation was expressed to Joy Pocasangre for transporting donated 122 blankets.

Romero Events:

Joy Pocasangre spoke about the March 22 Washington Association of Churches 1992 Romero Procession and Service Twelfth Anniversary Observance. The organizers are looking for endorsers. If your congregation is willing to endorse this event, contact Joy.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42pm.

Next meeting:

Tuesday noon (through 2:00pm), February 11, 1992, at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1720 100th Ave NE, Bellevue.

Make plans to come with others from your congregation for this special program! The program is an employment forum titled,

**"CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORTS
FOR THOSE IN THE EMPLOYMENT PINCH."**

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Hackett
Co-Secretary

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Housing Levy:

Geoff Ethelston reported on the "King County Regional Housing Levy" to be voted on March 10, 1992. (1) NEED: The levy is critical because of 88% increase in home rentals and 102% increase in home prices in the last decade, whereas income increased only 49% in King County in that time. (2) WHAT WILL IT DO? It will generate \$150 million over the next eight years. Thirteen hundred permanent housing rentals for families with special needs, handicaps and seniors. Four hundred and fifty emergency housing for victims of domestic violence, homeless families with children, unemployed. (3) COST: It will cost county residents \$16 per \$100,000 assessed valuation. Administration costs about 5%.

Geoff asked EISCC members for 15-20 volunteer persons to become a phone bank to get out the voters. Also, he asked for a motion from EISCC to support this levy. The motion was so made, seconded and approved. A sign up sheet for names of those who could help was circulated.

PROGRAM: "Congregational Supports for Those in the Employment Pinch" - A panel convened by Patrick Brady of the Newport Presbyterian Church.

Patrick Brady, a former pastor who is now with Community Services of Issaquah, which provides employment for persons with disabilities, moderated the panel. He suggested our churches have a long tradition of helping people and now because of the recession, we should help with jobs. We should support members in our congregation who are "Between Jobs." He cautioned about the stigma associated with unemployment, classifying it with the stigma of divorce, handicapped, being single or addiction. We should be more understanding, open our doors, support them from the pulpit, let them use existing church facilities such as use of copy machines and telephones. Because of the growing unemployment, we need to double our efforts now.

Jessica Collete, a graduating student from Bellevue High gave her feelings about employment problems. She was nervous about the recession, but hoped there would be jobs after her graduation. Even the entry level jobs at fast food restaurants were being taken by older people and seniors instead of students, as in the past. Most students in her school were preparing themselves for the highest paying jobs in the market instead of analyzing their own talents and abilities for a career best suited to themselves.

John Huber, father of five, unemployed since October and from the Newport Presbyterian Church. John spoke of the great need for church support. As an employer, he worked as a health care administrator. It was "Good Business" to hire church people because they were dependable. He expressed his problem in finding work because one of his children needed doctor's care and treatment costs upward to one million dollars. His potential employers could not hire him because

of the health insurance liability. He had no family plan for this kind of emergency. John felt that the networking in the church was helping him the most and he would like churches to make a real effort in getting employers and would-be employees together for a good "networking session."

Mark Hoover, from the Church of Jesus Christ of LDS reported that over the last several decades, our Nation's greatest employment has been in the manufacturing industries. However, this is no longer true as the greatest employment in our nation today is found in the technology, information and service industries. Today, large groups are laid off due to the decline in our military needs and current recession. This employment should not have a "stigma" because of our economic downturn. He continued, each church should have a "Job Coach" to train members how to find jobs, write resume letters, interview with potential employers and network with employed persons. Hoover explained how this employment program is organized in the LDS church. (1) A weekly Thursday night employment committee meeting is held at 7 pm at the Bellevue Stake Center at 14536 Main St. This is open to anyone seeking help at no charge. (2) In the meeting, available jobs are discussed. A job list of 600-800 job opportunities are published and distributed to all LDS chapels in Bellevue Stake. These jobs are made available by members of LDS employers and employees who work at the different business and industrial plants in western Washington. They are sent in by computer modem to a central employment office in Renton where they are compiled. They are then drawn out by computer by the different stake specialists and listed on the special Employment Bulletin Boards in different chapels. Hoover called attention to one of his handouts which invited everyone seeking information and employment with Microsoft, which is the largest employer on the Eastside, to hear a discussion by Mike Murray, a vice president at Microsoft, covering: How do you apply for a position? What skills are needed? What careers are available at Microsoft? This meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 7 pm at the Bellevue Stake Center. EISCC members are invited to send anyone wanting this information. Hoover also invited all churches of EISCC to meet with him and plan a community Interfaith Job Fair to be held May 16, 1992. He gave his office phone, 462-4492 and home phone, 455-2703.

Steve Roberts, member of First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, reported a support group for "People in Transition" that meets once a week in his church to talk about "What happens to your faith in the process of a job search?" The pastoral support for the group and networking are good at First Pres. He said, "We encourage our group to think about what God would have them do, instead of taking the first job offered." Steve expressed a need for a group to support the spouses, relieve their stress at this trying time, and have Pot Lucks to support families in need.

Bob Harrell, also a member of the First Presbyterian support group, stressed the emotion and trauma and stigma of "People in Transition" and encouraged us all to take this problem seriously.

At the close of the panel discussion, President Llano Thelin asked if there was a motion to be made; **MOTION: to accept Mark Hoover's invitation to combine the efforts of EISCC members, form a task force, and plan an Interfaith Job Fair for May 16, 1992.** The motion was passed. A sign up sheet was sent around for signatures of those interested.

REPORTS

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February 92

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deposits	Northlake Unitarian	100.00
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	Church of Christ	
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Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended. Please note the correction that May 9 is the "Edge City Concept" event, sponsored by the Kirkland Interfaith Transitional Housing Program, with Tom Sine serving as resource leader.

PROGRAM: "What Congregations Need to Know About Dealing With Family Abuse - Part I" - Marie Van Bronkhorst of the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence, speaker.

The Center was begun in 1977 by the Rev. Marie Fortune, who recognized that attention was definitely needed in this area of ministry and who noted that spiritual healing needs to accompany other healing from abuse. The Center's aim is to fill the gaps between secular agencies (shelters, etc.) and congregations (which often lack awareness of the extent and seriousness of the impact and how to deal with it). The Center offers the community a clergy referral list, a newsletter, two support groups and a speakers' bureau in addition to its other services.

Violence, Ms Van Bronkhorst says, is not reported. 5% of rapes are reported; 10% of domestic violence is reported. Women are encouraged not to report by several social structures, including the religious community. The religious community is guilty of perpetuating the silence.

Who are the victims? 1 in 4 couples have experienced domestic violence. 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 7 boys are abused sexually or physically or psychologically before age 18. 1 in 20 elderly are abused by their families. Dating violence occurs in 1 of 5 dating relationships.

There are four kinds of violence - Physical (ranging from battery to murder); Psychological (ranging from demeaning verbal remarks to terrorizing); Sexual; and Destruction of Property (which might seem like a more desirable focus of energy, but has the message, "Next time this could be you, sweetheart."). Four words characterize violence: Crime. Recurring. Escalate. And lethal. Ms. Van Bronkhorst spoke of the battering cycle and the generational cycle. 95% of San Quentin's inmates were abused themselves.

Some backing for family abuse comes from concepts of the man being in complete charge; his wife and children belong to him. Many interpret the Bible to justify battering. Issues of power abuse are common. Power comes from having money, education, physical strength, size, status, gender, support system, etc. Having power is not bad, but we must learn how to use power responsibly. We are called to be loving and kind people.

Her call to congregations on this issue: Hear and be open to break the silence on family abuse. Make announcements about it; address it on bulletin boards; include it in public prayers; preach on it; don't deny its existence; and certainly address it with the assumption that those who have been and are being abused are present. Special religious questions that commonly arise on this issue include: Why is God doing this to me? Am I not a good person? Is God's love arbitrary? Congregations were encouraged to assist and fund the center, order its newsletter, and promote justicemaking by hearing and agreeing to help the victims of family abuse. Keeping the silence keeps the abusers in power.

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Job Fair: Mark Hoover

Mark introduced the Job Fair committee planning the fair for May 16th, 8am-4pm at 14536 Main Street, Bellevue, at the Latter Day Saints facility. Committee members include persons from First Congregational, St. Louise Catholic and the LDS. Seminars to be presented include The Economic Conditions in the Puget Sound Area; Nuts and Bolts of Job Search; What do Employees Look For?; Handling Stress. Jim Hebert will speak on Business Conditions; Jim Richardson will speak on Job Requirements for Jobs of the Future. Two psychologists will talk about stress. A counselor will speak on Resumes: Good, Bad, Indifferent. Apprenticeship opportunities will be addressed. A panel will speak on Home-based Employment. There is no cost and no pre-registration for this event.

Some 300 invitations have been sent out to area companies, vo-techs, and governmental agencies. We anticipate some 40 being represented. Last year 800 people attended the job fair; this year we expect more. Experts say that about 80% of job openings are "hidden"; the fair will do all it can to get as many of these hidden jobs listed. Some 200,000 people are looking for work in WA.

May 15 is the deadline for employers to submit job openings to the task force. The task force meets weekly.

MOTION: That congregations be encouraged to underwrite the \$600 cost of the job fair by submitting \$35 OR MORE, whatever is possible, to the EISCC treasurer, P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009.

Treasurer - Pat Meehan - March & April Report

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Deposits		
St. Margaret's Thrift	\$3,000.00	
St. Thomas Episcopal	\$20.00	
Church of Resurrection	\$100.00	
Sacred Heart Catholic	\$500.00	
Overlake Presbyterian	\$20.00	
Total	\$3,640.00	\$3,640.00
Payments		
Bank charge	3.22	
First Presbyterian	30.91	
Ruth Dundon	13.73	
Bob Norton	25.14	
Ruth Dundon	8.58	
Bank Charge	3.04	
First Presbyterian	8.54	
Newell Christensen	43.17	
Total	136.33	\$136.33
Balance on hand		\$5,590.42
Amount in AIDS/HIV fund of EISCC	\$957.92	
EISCC general fund	\$732.50	
Phase II	\$3,900.00	
Total	\$5,590.42	

Cancer Sunday - Paula Costa, American Cancer Society Volunteer Coordinator, gave out a packet about this year's focus: Helping congregational members go through cancer. Other brochures are available, such as "When Your Brother or Sister Has Cancer." For further information, call 746-9047.

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EISCC Emergency Services Fund Quarterly Report - Shelley Noble - see attached Report.

Current balance is approximately \$6,000. The new executive director of the Multi-Service Centers is Doreen Marchione.

AIDS/HIV Task Force - Fitz Fitzgerald

Monthly planning meetings are being held as they prepare and present a series of evening programs. On April 21 a presentation on "Human Sexuality and the Christian Faith", Rev. Tom Kidd, speaker, was held at First Congregational Church. Those who ordered copies of the Lutheran Human Sexuality Study please pick up your copies now in. The next task force meeting is Tuesday, May 5, 12:30 at YES. Next month's EISCC program will be presented by the AIDS/HIV Task Force with the nationally distributed, Rotary-sponsored video, "The Los Altos Story", being shown. A flyer announcing "Shanti: Support for Living" Emotional Support Workshop was passed out. This training workshop will be held May 16-17; contact Shanti at 322-0279 for further information.

VISN - Vision Interfaith Satellite Network - No report.

Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon

Nadine noted that she hopes to gain EISCC funds for grant-writing proposals. Oct. 1 is the target date for Phase II to start as a pilot project. Phase II is still asking EISCC member congregations to contribute funds, either as congregations or as individuals. Send them to EISCC treasurer marked "Phase II", Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009.

Housing Levy - Geoff Ethelston

Apparently the levy was not to be, but the need has not gone away. Congregations were encouraged to continue to promote local housing efforts.

Nominating committee

Announced was the fact that at the May meeting a nominating committee of three will be elected to nominate next year's EISCC officers. Be thinking of nominees.

NEW BUSINESS

National Hunger Awareness Day

Shelley Noble announced that Saturday, April 25 is National Hunger Awareness Day. Food bank supplies are dwindling; summer months are especially hard on families because schools are out so subsidized school lunches are not offered. About 250 families are fed per week. Does any congregation want to do a food drive?

HOPE Project - Joyce Thelin

HOPE Project is trying to recruit a few individuals, perhaps newly retired men?, to work with homeless single men. Contact Joyce at 883-6709 if you have some possible volunteers.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1:27pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday noon, May 12, 1992
at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1720 100th Ave NE, Bellevue

PROGRAM: "The Los Altos Story" by the EISCC AIDS/HIV Task Force.

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Hackett
Co-Secretary

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

Minutes of the meeting - May 12, 1992

THE ROCK ROOM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLEVUE

The meeting was opened at 12:05 and the assembly welcomed by EISCC President and Pastor at Grace Lutheran, Llano Thelin. Llano commented on racial justice issues and led us in an opening prayer. Self-introductions and circulation of attendance roster followed. There were 20 in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.

PROGRAM: "The Los Altos Story"

Bob "Fitz" Fitzgerald presented a program on AIDS/HIV which included showing the Rotary-produced and Peabody Award-winning video, The Los Altos Story. There were tears in the room following this excellent video, which can be scheduled for congregational viewing by contacting Youth Eastside Services.

In addition, Fitz gave highlights of the task force's work: We are the first group on the Eastside to organize efforts to respond to the AIDS/HIV crisis. In the mid '80s meetings were held to mobilize the energy of church members and agency staff. In 1988 a major conference on HIV/AIDS involved over 100 participants at an all-day meeting at First United Methodist Church, Bellevue. And in the past two years the task force has met monthly to review resources, share information and plan programs. It has made three special program reports to regular EISCC meetings. Three evening programs have been held at First Congregational Church, Bellevue, with these being announced to all Eastside churches. Forty HIV/AIDS Resource Notebooks have been purchased and distributed to congregations on the Eastside. Forty copies of the Evangelical Lutheran Church study materials on "Human Sexuality and the Christian Faith" have been purchased and distributed to congregation members. We have discussed the theological and pastoral issues raised by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The task force has approximately \$1,000 remaining for future programs and projects.

About 15 churches have been represented at our special events - church members from six churches have provided the basic leadership for the task force. Four agencies have been helpful in assisting in our work.

For 1992-93 new goals and objectives for the task force are necessary - and additional involvement, participation and leadership from churches is invited (urged)!

Those interested in meeting to discuss future activities of this task force please come to the EISCC meeting location at 11:30 (one half hour early) on June 9.

REPORTS

President:

Llano introduced the Bellevue Public Schools proposal for an EISCC representative on its Teen Health Program and Committee. A first meeting was held March 23; co-sponsors were the Bellevue Schools' PTA, YES, Eastside Mental Health, and others. This group wants to expand its numbers as it deals with health and sexuality issues for teens. Any with interest in this should contact Llano.

Job Fair: A flyer was passed out detailing the Job Fair's seminars. The fair was held Saturday, May 16.

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Treasurer - Pat Meehan - May Report

Beginning balance \$5,590.42

Deposits

First Woodenville Unitarian	\$20.00	
Sacred Heart	150.00	
J.D. Cartano	25.00	
Bell. Christian Church	35.00	
Church of Resurrection	35.00	
First Presbyterian	35.00	
Temple de Hersch Sinai	135.00	
Total	\$435.00	\$435.00

Payments

First Presbyterian	26.18	
Sacred Heart	27.03	
Postmaster (Box)	35.00	
Total	88.21	\$88.21

Balance on hand \$5,937.21

Amount in AIDS/HIV fund of EISCC	\$1,105.89
EISCC general fund	\$931.32
Phase II	\$3,900.00
Total	\$5,937.21

VISN - Vision Interfaith Satellite Network

Newell Christensen reported that our local group has been anticipating having a panel of VIPS sit down with the cable networks leaders. Gary Clark, the executive of the VISN Western Region, had hoped to lead this. However, this has been delayed for 2-3 months while Senate Bill S-12 is pending, which may affect VISN. The bill is about regulations concerning favoring one religion over another.

Newell's request is that we urge our congregations' leaders, presidents, bishops, etc., to write a letter to cable companies saying that they favor VISN. If any such letters are written, please make a copy and send it to Newell.

Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon

Nadine reported that Nancy Montgomery of the Seattle Times had written a good article on Phase II. As a result of the article several calls have come in reflecting a "Not in My Back Yard" view - others have written saying yes, I favor this. (Llano noted it would be great to have many such pro-Phase II letters.

A tentative new name for Phase II is "Congregations for the Homeless", but the precise new name is yet to be decided. On April 30 a meeting was held for host churches and others interested. The next meeting is on May 19 at 2:00pm at Grace Lutheran for all host churches, agencies and others interested. The NIMBY feelings will be discussed.

Any church willing to send funds to Phase II may do so. Send them to EISCC treasurer marked "Phase II", Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009. Jerry Coons has hired a person to write grants; the Medina Foundation and others have offered matching funding.

A suggested bulletin announcement has been written which congregations might desire to use.

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NEW BUSINESS

Nominating committee

A nominating committee of three was elected to nominate next year's EISCC officers. Elected for this committee are: Joan King, Nadine Shannon and Dave Hackett. This group is to present nominees at the September meeting, with elections at the October meeting.

Executive Committee Motion

The EISCC Executive Committee brought the following motion: "Anticipated expenses outside the approved budget require prior approval by EISCC." An amendment was MSP which was subsequently approved as the main motion:

"ANTICIPATED EXPENSES OUTSIDE THE APPROVED BUDGET IN EXCESS OF \$25 REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF EISCC AND/OR THE EISCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE."

Racial Relations Discussion

It was MSP to devote 15 minutes at the next EISCC meeting for each church to share of their responses to the racial dilemma facing our community and nation.

The Executive Committee urges EISCC representatives to come to the June 9 meeting prepared to share printed copies of their congregation's activities and materials (35 copies, please).

Catholic/Jewish Prayer Service

May 24, 7:30pm at St. James Cathedral there will be a Catholic/Jewish prayer service which has culminated from dialogue discussing the similarities and differences between these two religions and a discussion of the Holocaust; presented by the Archdiocese and the American Jewish Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday noon, June 9, 1992 at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1720 100th Ave NE, Bellevue. The program:

"What Congregations Need to Know About Dealing with Family Violence - Part II".

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Hackett
Co-Secretary

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

Minutes of the meeting - June 9, 1992

**THE ROCK ROOM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLEVUE**

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 and the assembly welcomed by EISCC President and Pastor at Grace Lutheran, Llano Thelin, who opened with prayer. Llano gave an update on the health of Hope Chapin, Eastside Emergency Feeding Program coordinator, now recovering from strokes and surgery. Self introductions followed and the attendance roster was circulated. Attendance: 28.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with minor editorial corrections.

PROGRAM - "What Congregations Need to Know About Dealing with Family Violence" - Part II.

Dr. Sally Wing, moderator of today's panel, noted that Part I dealt with providing an overview of the state of family violence. Part II is meant to address what is going on locally.

Ms. Aggie Sweeney, Interim Director of the Eastside Domestic Violence Program, gave the following comments: The prevalence of domestic violence is very high, and follows a pattern and a progression of severity and frequency. In the US a woman is killed every four days by domestic violence. Domestic violence occurs in our congregations yet we are often unaware of it. For various reasons it is very hard to self-identify oneself as a victim in a congregational setting. Our task is to build awareness so that when we notice a vast imbalance of power, for instance, we can draw close to care for these people.

Resources that EDVP offers include brochures; a 24 hour crisis line (which this year will receive 6,000 calls) which cooperates with police; phone counseling; support groups (meeting at five times in various locations each week, now serving 400 women on the eastside); support groups for children on how to deal with anger and stress (childcare for those under three); a safe home program; a network of volunteer host families offering 1-5 night stays.

Also, EDVP will soon open (by Nov 1) the Eastside's first confidential shelter. EDVP offers community and legal advocacy and a speakers bureau to provide speakers for groups.

The budget for EDVP is 60% public funding, 30% private and 10% United Way. An In-kind contribution wish list will be developed shortly. Call for information, 746-1940.

Ms. Gail Becker, Eastside Sexual Assault Center for Children reported the following: Children's assaults are significant - one in four girls are sexually abused before age 18; one in six boys before age 18. Of the children who use the services of the ESACC, 60% of them are under age six. In 80-90% of the cases the abuser is known to the child; many cases are incest. Victims often turn first to their congregational support system, so it is quite important that congregations know how to respond helpfully.

The ESACC offers group treatment, with two 7-12 year old groups; a parent group; a parent survivor group (victims of abuse whose children are abused); legal advocacy; social service workers to guide people through the system; public health assistance; two satellite clinics; and consultations with groups seeking training.

Dr. Bill Lennon, Bellevue Community Services spoke about the following: His is a private agency, a marriage and family counseling practice. It works with victims and those with compulsive sexual problems; it also receives court-ordered referrals (40 people at this time). The practice does much work

in the Christian community. One of the particular issues that perpetuates secrecy regarding sexual problems is the congregational perspective of "we'll take care of our own."

King County has a system to work with those in prison and alternatives to prison. If a family is committed to reintegrate, BCS is willing to work with this, guiding a client through a process of one to one-and-a-half years in separate quarters and then building in safety measures, for example. BCS offers couples groups and victims groups. Most in the program pay their fees and the costs for their victims' counseling. These disciplines are actually crucial to the rehabilitation process.

Dr. Lennon said that we must break the abuse cycle at the offender level rather than dealing only with victims. Most, if not all (50% to 70% to 100%) of offenders were abused themselves. Dr. Lennon gave an open invitation to congregations and members to call BCS (anonymously, if need be) to describe and discuss any sexually-related concerns.

REPORTS

Treasurer - Pat Meehan

Beginning balance		\$5,937.21
Deposits		
Sacred Heart - Job Fair	100.00	
Sacred Heart - Housing	1,500.00	
First Congregational - Job Fair	50.00	
Total	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00
Payments		
First Presbyterian	21.81	
Bellevue Emer Services Fund	100.00	
Kinko's	4.67	
Seattle Times	107.00	
Total	\$233.48	\$233.48
Balance on hand		\$7353.73
Amount in AIDS/HIV fund of EISCC		\$998.89
EISCC general fund		\$954.84 (\$290 Job Fair)
Housing		\$5,400.00
Total		\$7353.73

The Treasurer also reported that October begins the new fiscal year, and dues notices will be sent out before the September meeting of EISCC. The Executive Committee voted to keep dues at the same level as last year - \$20 for congregations and \$10 for agencies. Those desiring to make additional contributions to special projects (Job Fair, HIV/AIDS Task Force, Congregations for the Homeless) may do so, sending contributions to EISCC, Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009.

Additionally, those making donations to EISCC's Bellevue Emergency Services Fund should send them directly to the Bellevue Multi-Service Center, marked BESF, at 2253 140th NE, Bellevue, WA 98005.

Job Fair - Mark Hoover

An evaluation report on the Job Fair was handed out. Briefly, approximately 600 attended in a steady flow from 8:00am to 2:30pm; about 20 employers were present and ten seminars were held and received well. On-going follow-up is being held every Thursday evening at 7:00pm at the Latter Day Saints

Center, 148th and Main Street, Room 14. All interested are invited to attend.

MOTION: That EISCC devote ten minutes at the July meeting to discuss further ideas about the Job Fair and to set up a structure for a Job Fair Task Force. MSP.

Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon

Next meeting for the Congregations for the Homeless is June 23, 2:00pm at Grace Lutheran Church. Grant requests for this program are underway. The six participating congregations were announced: Eastshore Unitarian, St. Luke's Lutheran, Grace Lutheran, First Congregational, Cross of Christ Lutheran, and St. Margaret's Episcopal.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

Report from congregations on how they are dealing with racial issues.

Woodinville Unitarian has set up a task force with three areas of response - writing letters, camping out to protect families, and providing meals. They have also continued tutoring at Monrow Reformatory.

Walfred Erickson and David Bloom spoke about the statements made at the Clergy Summit, especially to the helpfulness of those which had a confessional nature to them, such as, "I have benefitted from the perpetuation of this racially unjust system."

HIV/AIDS Task Force - Fitz Fitzgerald

Fitz reported that the task force has felt that it has been on target and has accomplished its task. The task force and four others who showed for a special meeting prior to this EISCC meeting brought a recommendation, with was moved:

MOTION: that the HIV/AIDS Task Force be commissioned to begin again for the 1992-93 year; and that Fitz Fitzgerald and Diana Rogers be appointed the new co-chairs of the task force. MSP.

The task force will work on delineating their six objectives, which are: Resources; Connecting with MAPS; Clergy contact; Update from NW AIDS Foundation regarding congregations and housing; Calendar; and AIDS on the Eastside. The next meeting is scheduled for July 7, 12:30pm at Youth Eastside Services. All are invited.

Llano led the group in commending the task force with applause.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nadine Shannon requested two people to update the EISCC Emergency Services Directory; Barbara Smith and Diana Rogers volunteered.

Llano noted that the Vice-President Nadine Shannon will chair the July meeting of EISCC as he will be out of the area. Please also note that there will be no August EISCC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm. Next meeting: Tuesday noon, July 14, 1992.

Program: "Racism"

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1720 100th Ave NE, Bellevue

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Hackett, Co-Secretary

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Minutes of the meeting - July 14, 1992
The Rock Room
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLEVUE

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 P.M. by Vice President Nadine Shannon in the absence of Pres. Llano Thelin who, being in Europe, was excused. Opening prayer was offered by Pat Meehan, after which the minutes of our previous meeting were approved with minor editorial corrections. Attendance 26.

REPORTS: Mark Hoover and committee reported on the planning for next year's Job Fair. Chris Balderzar and Bruce Harding from St. Louise reported a Job Fair planned for January and April in 1993 with a need for more churches from the Council and from our community to be involved. Mark Hoover invited all interested to their special employment class Thursday evenings at 7:00 P.M. at the L.D.S. Church at 148th and Main Streets on "How to develop a Job Placement Program in your Church." St. Louise has placed 75 people in jobs so far this year. Nadine Shannon suggested the next Job Fair should include help for the handicapped and jobs that could be worked out of the home for single parents.

PROGRAM: "RACISM AND HATE CRIMES"

Betty Smith from the Overlake Park Presbyterian Church directed the Panel Discussion and introduced her first speaker, Marvin Stern, the Director of the Anti Defamation League of B'Nai B'rith. He spoke of the importance of protection for the civil rights of all peoples. Anti-semitism is worse today than at any time since World War II, with a nationwide increase of 11% in 1991. Hate crimes are comparable to anti-semitic crimes and are better organized today. Of the 24 reported in our nation, eight were from Washington State. College campuses are the scene of the greatest increase - 72% from 1987 to 1990. Today, there is more tolerance for KKK, white supremacism, racial hate and bigotry. Forty-six states in our country have passed laws against these types of crimes on their books with most of them being written by the ADL organization. People that promote hate crimes today are few in number but increasing. The caustic affect of hate music with lyrics that are immoral, debasing and vulgar, that dehumanize other cultures, is often heard from VCR tapes and TV programs. Rap music that causes emotional action against police officers, Jews and blacks is sold or rented over the counter to all ages. Ethnic jokes tend to promote instability. ADL presents an annual symposium on the "Holocaust". This year's all-day presentation was given to hundreds of listeners on the Seattle University campus.

OSCAR EASON, Vice President of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment, was our next Panel Speaker. War and racism have common roots with hate, fear and bigotry. People identify with others who look and act like themselves. American culture has tried with media, such as TV and radio, to influence other nations to become as we are. The "Melting Pot" conception of America where nations lose their identity and become one culture is not exactly true since still to be found in our country are the KKK, the Aryan Nation white supremacists, campus racial attacks, and, lately, the LA riots. We have not learned for ourselves nor taught our children what we have to do to enable the races to live together peacefully. As a community we should work on attitudes and relationships between races and religions beginning training with youths in school. Some of our schools are doing a good job of this, but most students get their attitudes from the home and parents. Our Lake Washington school district has no problems and no "Skin Heads" at this time. Our churches should promote these relationships not only with our youth, but adults as well.

FATHER WILLIAM TREACY of the Archdiocese of Greater Seattle was our next panel speaker. Father Treacy is well known in our community for his 14 years of TV programs with Rabbi Raphael Levine promoting tolerance and understanding among Jews, Catholics and Protestants. He spoke of the first Commemoration Forum, May 24, 1992, that discussed "Catholic Tolerance and Jewish Recognition." He then introduced Maureen Morbacker, a 7th and 8th grade teacher from the Sacred Heart Parochial School in Bellevue. Maureen Morbacker reported the main point of her social studies classes is to teach her students to treat everyone with dignity and respect. Six to eight weeks each year are devoted to studying the "Holocaust" and the racial prejudice and human behaviors that brought it about. Their parents reported back to her their appreciation and asked her to teach this subject again. The High School invited a group of young "Skin Heads" to visit the school for the purpose of exchanging beliefs and ideals. Her students were surprised to find the "Skin Head" group could not explain very well why they believed as they do and appeared poorly

educated. Maureen felt her behavior classes were very helpful in learning good relationships with these people.

MAJOR PAUL OLSEN from the Bellevue Police Dept., specializing in hate crimes and harassments, was then our last Panel Speaker. It is not illegal to hate, but it becomes a crime when you injure or hurt someone. Race, religion, sexual life style, national origin, color, ancestry, and handicaps are all reasons for hate crimes. Fifty percent of all hate crimes are caused by sexual life styles. City of Bellevue has passed a Harassment Ordinance with an ordinance against stalking coming under it. Washington Law classifies cross-burning as a hate crime and has been recording these crimes since 1990. By 1991 we had recorded 211. Bellevue has recorded only 2 so far in 1992. Bellevue considers harassment crimes serious, follows them, and adds them to the penalty. Sentencing is greater if hate is a factor. If someone has perpetrated a hate crime, penalties could amount to \$10,000.00.

Betty Smith, because of the interest in the subjects discussed by the panel, asked permission to continue the discussion at a later date. This was approved by vote.

Reports and Old Business:

Nadine Shannon announced and invited all churches to attend Eastside Forum 11 workshops to be held October 20, 1992 at the Red Lion Inn. She asked that two motions be made from the floor: (1) That the Forum 11 committee borrow EISCC's mailing list to invite the churches to the Forum 11, (2) That EISCC sponsor a table at the Forum. Both motions were approved.

Treasurer's Report by Pat Meehan: July 1992

Beginning balance	\$7,353.73
Deposits: St. Louise	<u>35.00</u>
	\$7,388.73
Paymnts: Seattle Times	<u>- 8.00</u>
Balance on hand	\$7,380.73
EISCC General Fund	\$ 989.84 (325.00 J.F.)
AIDS/HIV	990.89
Housing	<u>5,400.00</u>
	\$7,380.73

Housing and Homeless committee reported that St. Thomas Episcopal Church has become the 7th congregation to come aboard the Congregations for the Homeless Project.

HIV/AIDS Committee: Diana Rogers announced the next meeting for her committee will be Sept. 15, 12:30 P.M. at the Y.E.S. Building.

Multi-Service Center: Shelley Noble reported they are beginning a special day for dispensing food to the elderly, disabled and handicapped. This will be each Tuesday from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. She asked for volunteers to staff this new day. Food barrels will be placed at the Downtown Bellevue Park at the Washington State Games events.

Pat Meehan called attention to the handout about the "Older American Act." This act is in jeopardy of not passing unless we write our members of Congress, asking that they pass this now. This act provides over 250 million meals for senior citizens across our nation.

Announcements: There will be no meeting in August for EISCC.

Next meeting will be Tuesday noon, Sept 8, 1992. Program will be "Resources for our Senior Citizens," to be held at the usual place, First Presbyterian Church, 1720 100th Ave NE Bellevue.

Adjournment: 1:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by J. Newell Christensen, Co-Secretary. Rev. David Hackett is excused, being out of town.

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

Minutes of the meeting - September 8, 1992

THE ROCK ROOM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLEVUE

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 and the assembly was welcomed by EISCC President and Pastor at Grace Lutheran, Rev. Llano Thelin. Llano gave the opening prayer. After self-introductions and circulation of the attendance roster (24 were in attendance), Llano expressed his appreciation to Newell Christensen for his years of service to EISCC as co-secretary, and wished him well as he moves to new fields of service.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with minor corrections.

PROGRAM "Resources for our Senior Citizens"

Shelley Noble, Director of the Bellevue Multi-Service Center, spoke on the growing set of older Americans and their need for support services. Americans are living longer; the older population is growing twice as fast as any other age-grouping in the US. Yet their income level is lower. The elderly, defined as those 65 or older, will require more attention and resources in the coming years.

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King County has 14,000 long-term-care beds in 315 facilities for this very vulnerable group of individuals. In 1971 the Ombudsmen Program was begun with the purpose of providing effective means for receipt and resolution of eldercare issues. It uses volunteers who are trained in a comprehensive 40-hour course, certified, and sent out to assist families and seniors. Some five percent of our elderly are in retirement homes.

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Mike Jackson, Regional Director of the Volunteer Chore Ministry, noted that there are more people aged 65 and older in the US than the entire population of Canada. At-home services and community-based help is *are* needed to help prevent premature institutionalization of the elderly.

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One solution is the Volunteer Chore Ministry, with financial underwriting by the State of Washington. (He noted, however, that those who are single and who make over \$5,000/month are not eligible). This ministry also depends on churches for financial stability.

Senior Services include:

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| Medical/Mental Health: | - Overlake Hospital has a model Senior Care Program.
- Eastside Mental Health also provides services. |
| Transportation Needs: | - VanGo Program of the Multi-Service Centers.
- Volunteer Transportation run by Senior Services of King County. |
| Other Needs: | - American Red Cross provides Aging Process assistance and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. |
| Help in Getting Help: | - Case Management is offered through the State by the Evergreen Care Network. |
| Adult Children's Assistance: | - Family Services offers "FACT", for problem solving. They also broker resources local to the aging parent.
- "Second Family" is a program of care to seniors.
- Increasingly parent care (like childcare) is being offered by companies for their employees caught in the "sandwich generation." |

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Shelley Noble noted that the main clearinghouse is "Senior Information and Assistance", offered by Senior Services of Seattle/King County. Call them at 448-3110. There is an increasing need for multi-lingual senior volunteer services, particularly with VanGo. It was noted that the American Red Cross has 24-hour, seven-days access to 76 languages for social service needs.

REPORTS

VISN/ACTS - Vision Cable Network - Newell Christensen

Newell expressed his own appreciation for EISCC, its executive committee and his co-secretaries for a significant ministry together. He presented information on VISN, especially that it has now linked efforts with ACTS, American Christian Television System, to make a combined present viewing audience of some 20 million viewers. His request is that each congregation send one clergyperson and two representatives to a VISN/ACTS Workshop, October 24, Saturday, 8:30am-Noon at University Temple/United Methodist Church, 1415 NE 43rd, with the featured speaker being Rev. Bernard R. "Bob" Bonnot, Director, Community Relations, VISN. There is no cost. Call Newell at 454-5584 for more information.

AIDS/HIV Task Force - Diana Rogers

A meeting was to be held the Tuesday following this EISCC meeting, with Rev. Gwen Beighle speaking on "Responding to AIDS on the Eastside." Diana's request is that the Task Force would like a representative from each congregation to liaison to the task force.

Strengthening the Family Task Force - No report.

Racism Task Force - Ann Olds

Ann requested that the task force is still collecting names to participate in its task force, and that responders should include daytime meeting open time slots.

Job Fair Task Force - No report.

Housing/Homeless Task Force - Llano

Llano reported that the main item of concern now is the raising of financial support for the Congregations for the Homeless ministry. Catholic Community Services will contribute \$70,000; the goal is some \$130,000; and \$100,000 will get the ministry up and running. A report on pledges to date:

Newport Presbyterian	\$200.00
Northlake Unitarian	100.00
St. Margaret Thrift Shop	3,000.00
Church of Resurrection	100.00
Sacred Heart	2,500.00
First Congregational	236.00
St. Margaret Episcopal	3,000.00
TOTAL	9,136.00
Plus pledged/Sacred Heart	1,000.00

Please give word immediately if your congregation can assistance financially. The next meeting was to be held September 10 at Grace Lutheran, at which time discussion will be held as to whether it would be wiser to delay commencement of CFH for one year while additional support is raised.

Report on Activities of Churches Outside of Bellevue - Geoff Ethelston

Geoff reported on the following services being performed:

Kirkland: Kirkland Interfaith Transitional Housing (KITH) offers a supper program with 20 churches participating and has reworked its bylaw: so that 1/3 of its directors are from programs on the Eastside. KITH is addressing the needs for temporary affordable housing with a whole spectrum of services, including emergency assistance, referral, transitional housing and resettlement housing. It will also co-sign if needed. Also offered is a program called Strive, and an Advocacy Group.

Issaquah: Has a foodbank, clothing bank and a five-night-a-week meal program.

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North Bend/

Snoqualmie:

Has a foodbank, clothing bank, soup kitchen. Food grant dollars from the Episcopal Presiding Bishop's Fund assist flood victims.

Duvall/

Carnation:

Has a "Lunch Bunch" meal with a foodbank program coordinated with the Multi-Service Center; a foodbank and clothing bank. Also, a Ladies in Fellowship Together (on 3rd Mondays with guest speakers). Duvall has a Tuesday supper club. Carnation has a Wednesday evening meal provided by Wooden Cross Lutheran, Holy Innocents Roman Catholic, Stillwater Community, Grace Episcopal, Riverside Church, and organized by Catholic Community Services and the Multi-Service Center.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

Treasurer - Pat Meehan

Beginning balance

\$7,380.73

Deposits

Aldergate United Methodist	\$35.00	
Grace Lutheran	20.00	
First Congregational	186.00	
St. Margaret's Episcopal	3,000.00	
St. Margaret's Episcopal	55.00	
Sacred Heart AIDS/HIV	100.00	
Sacred Heart Housing	500.00	
Total	\$3,946.00	3,946.00

Payments

Bank Adjustment	.20	
Mark Hoover - Job Fair	325.00	
United Way of King Co.	70.00	
Total	\$395.20	\$395.20

Balance on hand

\$10,931.53

Amount in AIDS/HIV fund of EISCC	\$1,098.89
EISCC general fund	\$599.64
Job Fair	70.00
Housing	9,136.00

Emergency Directory - No report, but it is underway.

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NEW BUSINESS

Nominating committee - Joan King

NOMINATION COMMITTEE'S SLATE OF OFFICERS for 1992-93

The Nominating Committee presented the following nominees for office for the coming year. The vote for officers will take place at the October 13th EISCC meeting. At that time additional nominations may be received from the floor.

The Nomination Committee's recommendations are:

Chairperson:	Rev. David Hackett (Associate Pastor for Outreach, First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue)
Vice-Chairperson:	Ms. Joy Pocasangre (Social Action Committee, Temple De Hirsch Sinai)
Treasurer:	Ms. Pat Meehan (Social Action Committee, Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Past President of St. Vincent de Paul)
Co-Secretary:	Dorothy Scott (Benevolences and Social Concerns Committee, St. Luke's Lutheran Church) Bill Graden (Laymember Liaison for the Church to the Community, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)

Eastside Human Services Forum 11

It was MSP to provide \$70 for two representatives to attend the Forum. These will be Nadine Shannon and Mark Hoover. For registration, call 869-0980.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Somalia Relief Fund - Joy Pocasangre

Joy introduced Mr. Ali Scego of the Seattle Somalia Relief Fund. This group was founded on August 13, 1992 to increase awareness of the Somalian famine situation. Goals are to gain cash to buy high-protein food and to collect non-perishable food to send (non-pork). \$40,000 has been raised to date, with 20 tons of food collected since August. On Sept 30th a ship was to have left with these 20 tons of food. The relief fund is linked with AFRICARE and CARE. Direct questions to Mr. Ali Scego at 328-8132, or to the Somalia Relief Fund at P.O. Box 22148, Seattle, WA 98122, 324-6600.

Catholic Community Services - Julie Walsh

An announcement was made that CCS is in critical need of foster families. CCS would like to collaborate with families to provide homes. Contact CCS with possibilities.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday noon, October 13, 1992 at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1720 100th Ave NE, Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Hackett
Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P O BOX 662, Bellevue, Wa 98009-0662

Minutes of the meeting - October 13, 1992

THE ROCK ROOM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLEVUE

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 and the assembly was welcomed by EISCC President and Pastor at Grace Lutheran, Rev. Llano Thelin. Opening prayer was offered by Rev. Geoffrey Ethelston. Self introductions were made and the attendance roster (22 present) circulated.

The minutes of our previous meeting were approved with typo corrections and certain revisions; new revised copy of minutes will be sent out.

PROGRAM: Congregation and Agency Highlights for past year. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Bill Graden May Job Fair, some 600 persons attended. VISN-link up with ACTS, may help with obtaining Christian program on Cable TV.

First Presbyterian Bellevue - Rev. Dave Hackett and Jerry Rettig Habitat for humanity-4 plex; for family selections call Jerry Rettig; Hunger involvement, twice a month, downtown Seattle, 5th Tuesday. Crossroads; Media Ministries.

Newport Presbyterian Church - Betty Spohn and Carol Hegg Gary Schwab new Rev. also new Associate; Parish partnership with St. Clement's Episcopal; link across racial ethnic lines; Habitat; Social and work programs.

St. Lukes Lutheran - Dorothy Scott Many new young couple members with babies; new addition to widely used church. Participation in Feeding Program at Crossroads; Volunteer Chore Ministry; week-end Emergency Feeding Program; Congregations for Homeless. Youth involved in some social programs- Habitat for Humanity, nursing home, Lutheran Compass Center.

Grace Lutheran - Sally Wing and Llano Thelin Congregations for Homeless doing well; Aids support group active; Monthly luncheon for Senior Citizens; completed 1st year "Little Lambs" child care program (31 children-full capacity) - Use as model and provide info to Legislative Committee; Support Monthly Feeding program in Seattle; Interested in suggestions on how to better integrate new members into Church Community; 5 year olds and over 60 fastest growing ages in congregation.

Grace Episcopal, Duvall - Rev. Geoffrey Ethelston Celebrated 1st Anniversary of Church in Duvall recently; "Tuesday supper club" feed people from community a meal; aggressive food collection program for homeless; evening at Grace "means to connect into community; Recently Rev. Ethelston was featured in a newspaper article "Church is Hottest growing industry on Eastside".

Catholic Community Services - Ann Olds

"Crossroads Meals Program" 25 churches and other agencies participating- 100 plus meals served each night, 5 nights a week, continued growth of new ethnic peoples-presently many Espanic, and some from Eastern Europe and SE Asian countries. Contact Ann if you would like to be involved (643 1937) and go on the waiting list. Highly successful program in these trying economic times.

Eastside Multi Ethnic Center - Betty Smith

English language classes - currently 3 day classes funded with Government grant - need support financial and with instructors for evening classes.

Overlake Park Presbyterian - Betty Smith

Church has purchased property next to church for additional parking etc; Participation in Street Women in Seattle program; meals at Crossroads; Host 1993 "Heifer Fair" May 22nd - support to Heifer Fair International . Monies raised purchase cows, pigs, sheep etc and sent to 3rd world countries - once helped recipients obligated to share an off spring with someone else. 1992 some \$25,000 raised at Heifer Fair and goal achieved.

St. Margaret's Episcopal - Nadine Shannon

Participation in "Emergency Feeding Program" weekends; St Margaret's Thrift Shop; Congregations for Homeless, 4th Friday each month.

First Congregational - Joan King

Congregations for homeless-in past Bradford House, Parsonage building, used for transactional housing; Oct 1st opened for Childcare - November 12th Open House; most centrally located Church in Bellevue because of downtown location - have need for housing for homeless; Participation in Emergency Feeding program at Crossroads.

HIV/AIDS Task Force - Diana Rogers

American Red Cross has excellent "Helping you care" program; AIDS Volunteers needed; Note: HIV people in most all cases feel alienated from their church of Origin-be apprised of this problem; Greater need for sex education/prevention resources available.

The Church Council of Greater Seattle - Rev David Bloom

Opportunities for all congregations to participate in "Stamp out Hate" - Racism is one of the great concerns to youth, families and Churches - Since March, 4 summits held - issues addressed - 20 congregations participating; Children's Sabbath observance, Country wide, Oct 16-18 but continued help to children there after of education, service, and concern; Nov 7th workshops on Children and Youth Outreach programs.

Aldersgate United Methodist - Kathy McLean

Participation Crossroads Feeding Program; provide Christmas baskets (last year 26 families); participation in "Blankets for Humanity", Women's shelter; Gather food for homeless; Frye Hotel (Seattle) for low income-two times a month provide fellowship through bingo/birthday parties; preschool and drop in baby sitting.

Temple De Hirsch Sinai - Joy Pocansangre

Participation in Jewish Coalition for Homeless; Parish Partnership-pared with st Edwards Catholic Church (Seattle) - Shelter for women, 5 nights a week; Our Habitat -developing own housing for homeless; active in combating Anti-semitism; Have a voice in Seattle. need to develop voice/presence on Eastside.

Sacred Heart - Pat Meehan

Support Housing Collation for Homeless; Crossroads feeding program and meals in Seattle; "VIPS" Senior people program-1st Monday each month provide meal and foster fellowship; Christmas basket program for needy families; Extensive involvement in "Outreach" programs; Friend to Friend Nursing Home Visiting; St Vincent DePaul participation.

American Red Cross and "Hope Project" - Joyce Thelin

"Homeless Outreach" Completing 3 years of service for homeless - Increase in people requesting housing - 22 Hotels provide emergency housing for 18 families per month, 465 individuals per year, 225 households, representing \$45,000 of hotel space; Provides partnership with all Feeding Programs; "Eastside Crafters" needs volunteers to knot, croquet, sew and make crafts (meet 11-3 Wed); "Eastside Domestic Shelter" opens Nov 1st; Extensive resource for all Social Outreach Committees.

BUSINESS

President Llano Thelin thanked all EISCC Officers for their many hours of work, time, effort and energy dedicated to EISCC and the community this past year. He presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the following Officers and Friends of EISCC:

Nadine Shannon
Newell Christensen
Rev. David Hackett
Pat Meehan
Lynn Lambert
Rev. Geoffrey Ethelston

Vice President
Co Secretary
Co Secretary
Treasurer
Calligraphy

Emeritus Past President

Rev. Llano Thelin

EISCC
President EISCC (Presented by Nadine Shannon)

Joan King of Nominating Committee presented the list/slate of new Officers for 1992-93 for EISCC. Sally Wing moved no additional names be considered and unanimous ballot be cast. Kathy McLean seconded. Voice vote taken. Ayes were unanimous.

Officers for 1992-1993:

Rev. David Hackett	President
Joy Pacasangre	Vice President
Dorothy Scott	Co Secretary
Bill Graden	Co Secretary
Pat Meehan	Treasurer

Note: Rev. Llano Thelin invited to serve on and be a member of the EISCC Executive Committee (emeritus President) for 1992 -93.

REPORTS

Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon

Homes in/around the area of Christ Lutheran, Grace Lutheran, and Cross of Christ Lutheran Churches are starting pro action with neighbors in advance so that there will be no misunderstanding or negative reaction to the homeless being housed in the churches. July 1, 1993 implementation date. If program not undertaken any and all money's pledge and donated will be refunded.

AIDS/HIV Task Force - Diana Roger

American Red Cross has excellent "Helping You Care" program; AIDS Volunteers needed; Note: HIV people in most all cases feel alienated from theri Church of Origin - be apprised of this problem; Greater need for sex education/prevention - resources available. If any Church needs further resource information or help contact Diana directly (227 6528).

Racism Task Force - Betty Smith

Task Force is still collecting names to participate in its task force and previous list sent around so that additional names could be added.

Multi-Service Center - Pat Meehan

For November Meeting Shelly Noble will provide 6 months up date of emergency Service Fund Donations. Also, need sponsors for Christmas Food Baskets to families.

Treasurer - Pat Meehan

Beginning Balance

\$10,931.53

Deposits

Cross of Christ Lutheran	\$320.00
Overlake Park Presbyterian	20.00
St. Madeline Sophie Catholic	20.00
Eastshore Unitarian	20.00
YES	10.00
Cross of Christ Lutheran	1000.00
St. Luke Lutheran	20.00
First Congregational UCC	20.00
Jane A. Taylor	100.00
J & L Peltengco	10.00
Aldergate United Methodist	20.00
Sacred Heart Catholic	20.00
Church of Jesus Christ LDS	20.00
CCS -Chore Ministry	20.00
Eastside Multi Ethnic Center	10.00

Totals

1,630.00

Payments

Newell Christensen	5.69
Deane Rogers	7.13

Totals

(12.82)

Balance on hand

\$12,548.71

EISCC general fund	848.95
AIDS/HIV fund of EISCC	1,183.76
Job Fair	170.00
Housing	<u>10,346.00</u>
Total	\$12,548.71

OTHER REPORTS

Somalia Relief Fund - Joy Pacasangre

Help needed to meet goal of \$40,000 to buy high protein food and to collect non-perishable food (non-pork). The relief fund is linked with AFRICARE and CARE. Direct questions to Mr Ali Scego at 328-8132 or Joy at 747-0877.

Blanket Drive - Pat Meehan

Seattle and surrounding area Goal to collect 6000 blankets/sleep bags. On East side can be left at any Catholic Church.

Up dated Emergency Service Directory for Eastside Congregations 1992-93 handed out.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1.45pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday noon, November 10, 1992 at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1720-100TH AVENUE, NE. BELLEVUE

New Business - For November Meeting

1. Shelly Noble Multi-Service Center will provide report for last 6 months for EISCC Bellevue Emergency Services Fund.
2. Meeting Congregations for the Homeless report will be presented and a vote taken on its timing.
3. Be prepared to discuss and vote on a change to the EISCC Bellevue Emergency Services Fund Guidelines as follows:
Page two, VI,B.: Insert the word "EISCC" preceding Bellevue Emergency Service Fund, so that it reads, "Congregations should make checks payable to the EISCC Bellevue Emergency Services Fund....."
4. We would like from each congregation the following:
 - a. How our church has participated in International Relief.
 - b. Would you like to speak 3-5 minutes to this subject at the December meeting?
 - c. Please bring ideas for future monthly meetings 1993.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Graden, Dorothy Scott.

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Minutes of the Meeting - November 10, 1992

THE ROCK ROOM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLEVUE

Next Meeting Tuesday noon, December 8, 1992 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 100th Ave NE Bellevue. "International Relief Through Congregations" - Carol Hegg "You are the Program" - plan to take 1 to 2 minutes and relate what your congregation or agency in doing in the area of International Relief.

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 P.M. and the assembly was welcomed by EISCC President and Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Rev. David Hackett. Rev. Hackett gave the opening prayer. Self introductions were made to include the number of congregational members and the attendance roster was circulated in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with minor editorial corrections.

PROGRAM: "Intercultural Ministry" - Presenters: Chris Thomas.
Neighborhood Church; Mary Connely, Eastside Literacy Council;
Rabby Stanley Meisel, Temple De Hirsch - Sinai.

Chris Thomas, a native of India, came here 31 years ago and has been at Neighborhood Church for 20 years. Previously served as a missionary in Singapore. Survey shows 18 different language groups on the Eastside including Spanish, Romanian, Japanese, Korean and others. All are in great need. This is a cultural and evangelical mandate of the gospel. Started a fellowship room beginning with a Spanish group. Largest is the Romanian group - 450. They now have a church in Bothell and they find home for people, contact agencies, sponsor English classes. The church has the greatest opportunity to help these people and bring them together. Multi lingual main worship includes language transmitters for the congregation. Two languages besides English for each of 3 services. High school students are the translators. We need to meet physical and spiritual needs - the whole human being. Once you open the door they come in. We are spiritual beings and we need a place to worship. They never had a caucasian friend. Look at your neighborhood. Invite people in.

Gary Conwell, Eastside Literacy Council is a private community based organization which promotes literacy by public awareness and direct service. Office in Bellevue and Snoqualmie. 300 students per year, 55% male and 45% female (English as a second language). Literacy is power and people need it.

Literacy is knowledge, literacy is pleasure and literacy is status. Literacy is passed down from generation to generation. Family literacy project-reach out to Head start, DSHS, Multi Service Center Center, give books, model behavior. Focus is to reach out to parents. Resources - small groups, library, classes - reach out to parents if they can't come to you. Difficult to reach entire Eastside. English as a second language - 30% of them - they provide classes - library - one on one tutoring and conversation. 400 volunteers in the program - free services. Need volunteers.

Rabbi Stanley Meisel - Temple De Hirsch/Sinai

Work with Jewish Family Services and Temple De Hirsch/Sinai programs for Russian Refugees. Find housing and jobs until they are self supporting. Teaches English as a second language and community living skills. Get them functioning at home and at work. Don't baby them so much; they expect all because of communism background.

Reports: Jabline, Mark Hoover, Hilde Beck.

Home business fair 1/30/93. Congregations asked to promote this and to seek volunteers. Bulletin inserts suggested.

Rev. David Hackett

Conrad Reisir new general secretary of World Council of Churches, proposed goals 3 of which Rev. Hackett thought relevant for our work at the EISCC.

1. Our Initiatives - need to come from local congregations. We can enhance them.
2. Our Mission - make a clear understanding and affirmation of our mission. We need to link up with others. We need to network EISCC to see itself as a sort of Interfaith Computer network that lets us work far better and more efficiently together.
3. Our Diversity - need to cultivate diversity in the group - enhance many religious fields; tap into new congregations and cultivate the old ones.

You can log into EISCC's network this year by doing three things: sharing your local congregations initiatives, reaffirming the mission of EISCC and cultivating our diversity.

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Treasure Report - Pat Meehan

Beginning balance		\$12,548.71
Breakfast Rottery	\$ 1,000.00	
Medina Foundation	7,500.00	
Church of Resurrection	70.00	
Grace Episcopal	20.00	
Overlake Christians	20.00	
First Presbyterian	20.00	
OMCC	20.00	
First Methodist	20.00	
Women of St. Luke	350.00	9,020.00
<u>Payments:</u>		
Machine Shannon (E)	99.19	
Diane Rogers (A)	3.24	
First Presbyterian	26.23	
YES	5.80	(134.46)
Balance on hand		\$21,434.25
EISCC	- 843.53	
AIDS/HIV	- 1,174.72	
Job Fair	- 170.00	
Housing	- 19,246.00	
	<u>\$21,434.25</u>	

Bellevue Emergency Fund - Shelly Noble

Shelly passed out written BESF Bi-Annual Report with the list of donations. Total spent \$8,274.99 with 126 total household. Total donations \$15,483.73

Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon

Carey Bozeman was notified regarding the existence of Regional coalition for Housing. Letter will be mailed to Eastside Congregation to join 8 currently involved in the program. Can start when monies available to hire site managers. Public hearing and proposed amounts from city of Bellevue at end of November. Total monies at this date: \$39,985.00.

HIV/AIDS Task Force - Diana Rogers

Next meeting - December 2nd, 12:30 P.M. - YES
Mission is to fulfill God's love and justice toward those affected by HIV/AIDS by enabling persons with HIV/AIDS and their families to talk about their situations; providing education and information to individuals, families and eastside congregations; and involving religious groups in serving individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS. Booklet "Living with AIDS" was passed out. Space is needed for a meeting place for people with HIV/AIDS. First Congregational has offered.

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Racism - Betty Smith

Have had a meeting. Goal is education - will contact schools and request Bill Moyer's tape and monitor legislation. Next meeting December 2nd, 12:00 Noon at Overlake Park Presbyterian Church. City of Bellevue to send someone to next meeting.

Announcements.

Holiday Basket Program - Multi-Service Center.
Now have 50 sponsors but need adoptees for 400 families.

Next Meeting: Tuesday noon, December 8, 1992 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Avenue NE, Bellevue. "International Relief Through Congregations."

Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Scott
Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH
SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

October 21, 1992

TO EASTSIDE CONGREGATIONS:

Your personal and financial assistance, in order to launch the program Congregations for Homeless, is urgently needed.

Eight Eastside congregations have agreed to host this new program for one month each to provide eight months total. They are the *First Congregational Church of Bellevue, *Eastshore Unitarian, four Lutheran churches---*Cross of Christ, *Grace, *St. Matthew's, and *St. Luke's, two Episcopal churches---*St. Thomas and *St. Margaret's.

However, the partnership of many other congregations is needed to join the financial response from the city governments, corporations and foundations. Refer to attached budget.

What can you do?

- 1) Send a donation to Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC) to the attention of treasurer, Pat Meehan P.O. Box 662 Bellevue, Wa. 98009-0662 for Congregations for Homeless by Dec. 31, 1992.
- 2) Include Congregations for Homeless in your 1993 budget.
- 3) Sharing of name (s) of persons to assist a host congregation and or the Congregation for Homeless Committee.

Your response on the attached sheet provided to the above address by January 1, 1993 will be most appreciated.

If you desire more information or wish a presentation on Congregations for Homeless, please contact Nadine Shannon at 746-6019.

Cordially,


The Rev. David Hackett, Chairman

p.s. YOUR DOLLARS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED FOR US TO INITIATE THE PROGRAM.
PLEASE HELP PROVIDE WARM SPACE NOW WITH YOUR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

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

Minutes of the Meeting - December 8, 1992

**THE ROCK ROOM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLEVUE**

Next Meeting Tuesday noon, January 12, 1992 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 -100th Ave, NE Bellevue. "Racism Task Force Report II - Betty Smith. Bring to meeting the enclosed 3x5 card with written program ideas for future monthly meetings. For the February meeting would you like to report on what your Church is doing in the area of AIDS?

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 P.M. and the Assembly was welcomed by EISCC Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Joy Pacasangre. EISCC President and Pastor at First Presbyterian Church Rev. David Hackett was out of town and excused. Ms. Joy Pacasangre gave the opening prayer. The attendance roster was circulated to those in attendance. 15 members were in attendance.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were approved with minor editorial corrections. Include with next minutes EISCC Annual Financial Report and Emergency Service Fund Donations for 6 months April to September 1992.

At 12:30 P.M. Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Joy Pacasangre has a previous commitment and Treasurer, Pat Meehan conducted the balance of the meeting.

PROGRAM "International Relief Through Congregations:
Congregations sharing with each other as the missions of EISCC.

Temple De Hirsch Sinai - Ms. Joy Pacasangre

Children at McGilvra Elementary School in Seattle collecting pennies for Somalia relief. Container passed around and anyone wishing to contribute pennies welcome to do so.

\$1800 for Somalia Relief; helped with programs in Ethiopia to take some 1,500 Ethiopian Jews to Israel; helped Israel in absorbing 150,000 immigrants from the Soviet Union.

First Presbyterian Church - Prepared by Rev. David Hackett and presented by Ms. Joy Pacasangre

Past year sent \$500 to Somalia Relief through the Church World Service; sent doctors for 3 months as volunteers in hospitals in Zambia and Kenya with \$2,000; \$200 for Relief in Yugoslavia/Bosnia; \$6,000 to 3 pastoral training centers in Africa (Leadership development rather than Humanitarian relief); \$2,300 to support a missionary directing medical relief in Iraq; \$3,000 International hunger relief; \$500 food for Moscow Relief Project.

Bellevue First Congregational Church U.C.C. - Diana Rogers

Monies for international relief is through "Our Church's Wider Mission" (OCWM). A little over 7.5% of the total Church budget goes to OCWM, which provide the core programs and ministries of the UCC national bodies. These ministries are both in US and international, and include things such as emergency aid to disaster victims, health and welfare services, agricultural and economic development, church development, evangelism, and education. Recently the church sent clothing to people in the Bahamas who suffered the devastation of hurricanes. Other efforts supported include One Great Hour of Sharing, Church World Service's Blanket Sunday and the Heifer Project.

Grace Lutheran, Cross of Christ Lutheran, and St Luke's Lutheran Church - Herb Woodley, Sally Wing, Rev. Llano Thelin and Dorothy Scott

Herb Woodley passed out copies of "Little Miracles" that gave a general overview of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) started after WW II. Monies contributed go to LWR; mission is to alleviate human

suffering resulting from natural disaster, war, social conflict or poverty. Also, exists to support the poor and oppressed of less-developed countries in their effort to meet basic human needs and to participate with dignity and equity in the life of their communities and help people become sustaining. The bulk of the money goes for direct relief with less than 5% overhead. They utilize other world agencies with proven record (American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Catholic Relief Services, Church World Services) to insure aid reaches people who need it in Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Niger, Sudan, Tanzania, Zambia, India, Iran, Iraq, Russia, Peru, Somalia, Jordan and others.

Some funds are used for education and advocacy to teach people to become self sustaining. LWR projects include development of wells to provide water for farming and helping farmers grow more food and improve their diet. Also, International Institute for Rural Reconstruction, in the Philippines, teaches community development and agricultural techniques to people from Philippines, India, Peru, Indonesia, Ghana and other countries. Also, teaches people how to work with various government/political structure or change it so relief supplies can be orderly distributed to those who need it.

Local projects include "Quilts for a day" (Quilt Sunday) and gathering of soap; Companion Synod Partnership with the Ethiopian Synod, financial scholarship gifts; Heifer Project.

Newport Presbyterian Church - Carol Hegg

Monies collected are utilized for World Relief and Self development of people; also world refugee work. The women in the Church are organized into circles and one of the five projects is a group home north of Calcutta from which two children in their congregation have come. have a Thanksgiving Offering and food goes to Emergency Feeding Program and money to the Washington Wheat Campaign (select a country, presently it is Honduras). Sponsoring a project to provide Bibles sent a year ago, but not heard back if received. Maybe the black market got the Bibles and distributed them? Who knows? Youth Local Mission; High School Youth of Church helped adults teach a vacation church school in Mexico and while there built 2-3 two room houses for several Mexican families.

Overlake Presbyterian Church - Geraldine Longton

Participate in "The One Great Hour of Sharing," support the Heifer Fair and in 1993 will be hosting and having the Heifer Fair in their Church; provide financial support of individuals and groups of the Presbyterian World Missions. Contribute to the National Presbyterian Church who works with churches from other countries by invitation providing social services, education, and medical services missions.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Pat Meehan

Collect funds once a year and send to the Mission Office in Seattle. In this area in October 1992 collected \$52,000 for Somalia relief; National Disaster fund administered by Catholic Relief Services is always ready to provide aid in the event of a hurricane or other natural disasters, emergencies, and starving people. Locally providing \$2,000 a year to keep a medical mission on going for an Irish Nun in Nigeria working with TB and AIDS individuals.

St Louise Social Concerns Commission and Catholic Relief Services - Ann Olds

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the main outreach arm of the catholic Church in the US. All monies are funneled through this agency. In third world countries they are active and on board in providing development work and ready to step in when there is a disaster and provide relief and medical aid. CRS has an excellent rapport with foreign governments and they are often asked to step in and help because they are highly effective and efficient in getting things done.

St Margaret's Episcopal Church - Nadine Shannon

Monies raised are sent to "The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief". From May 2 to October 23, 1992 Emergency grants have been sent to the following:

Africa:- Rwanda \$10,000, Zaire \$5,000.

Asia:- Singapore/Thailand \$7,000; Pakistan \$5,000; The Phillipines \$20,000;

Caribbean:- The Bahamas \$10,000.

Eastern Europe:- Ukraine \$5,000.

South American:- \$12,500; Mexico \$25,000; Somalia \$25,000 (Aid gets to the people because the grain is used immediately in feeding centers and is not distributed. Theft and danger result from the distribution. They fly in 51.5 tons of food each day).

Bosnia:- \$25,000 (Utilizing the same distribution system as in Somalia).

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Bill Graden

In 1985 the Church embarked on a program to aid people in foreign countries through the Humanitarian Services Division of the Church's Welfare Services Department. Members were asked to donate money to a special Fast Fund in January and November; \$11 million was raised in North America Congregations. Over the past 7 years the church has participated in some 300 projects in 70 countries utilizing this money. Food, clothing, tents, and medical supplies have been distributed through the International Red Cross, Catholic Relief Services, and CARE. In addition money has been used in projects that would promote long term self reliance through water development and small agriculture. There are successful projects in Ethiopia, Chad, Niger, Cameroon, Nigeria, Ghana, Honduras, El Salvador, and Philippines.

In June of 1992 members in North America were asked to contribute to a special fast fund for the people in Somalia and other drought stricken African countries. We are currently providing meals for 13,000 children for 3 months. This is a supplementary feeding program for Mal-nourished children up to 5 years of age, nursing mothers and pregnant women. Aid is distributed through ENDEARED in Kenya where hundreds of thousands of Somali refugees are concentrated. SAVE THE CHILDREN USA in Mozambique and Zimbabwe and the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN (USA) in Zimbabwe.

America Red Cross - Joyce Thelin with Seattle King County Chapter in Bellevue

Everyone is quite familiar with the work of the International Red Cross. You hear and see it on TV, Radio and in the Newspapers everyday. But something you might not know, sometimes you say "Why isn't the Red Cross there?" Generally it is because of the political climate in a particular country. Each country has their own red cross or red crescent (red crescent is used in countries that do not wish to have a cross because of religious reasons). When they are not present in a country it is because the government does not wish to have it represented there.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Meehan

Beginning Balance		\$21,434.25
Deposits:		
Pine Lake Presbyterian	20.00	
First Presbyterian Church	1250.00	
Sacred Heart	600.00	
Castano	25.00	
Temple B'Nai Torah	50.00	
Temple De Hirsch Sinai	20.00	
Church of the Resurrection	50.00	2,015.00
Payments:		
Diane Roger	5.18	
Nadine Shannon	50.05	
First Presbyterian	31.96	-97.19
Balance on Hand:		\$23,352.06
EISCC	816.52	
AIDS/HIV	1,419.54	
Job Fair	270.00	
Housing	20,846.00	<u>\$23,352.06</u>

Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon

With the receipt of \$15,989 and \$6,300 we should now have approximately \$42,000 in the fund. We basically need an additional \$58,000 to get the project off and running. Kelly Phillips, Newport Presbyterian, agreed to chair the committee for funding of project and her group will follow up the mailing just completed with personal contacts. Her phone number is 455-9542 if you have any questions.

HIV/AIDS Task Force - Diana Roger

Next meeting Wednesday, January 6 1993, 12:30 P.M. Youth Eastside Services, 16150 NE 8th St., Bellevue.

AIDS speakers available. If you would like a trained speaker to come to your church and talk about HIV/AIDS call Diana 277-6528.

Open Door Ministries is a new Lutheran Ministry of consultation and pastoral care for AIDS and for gay and lesbian concerns. More information call Rev. Ron Shonk - 628-0946.

A statistic to remember: If current trend continues it is estimated by the year 2000 there will be 40 million HIV positive people in the world.

Racism Task Force - Joyce Thelin

Presentation at next monthly meeting. Task Force has connected with city of Bellevue and the Bellevue School District who are both exploring this issue. Perhaps parishes can make a contribution to support what is going on in the community.

Jobline - Bill Graden

Home Business Fair - January 30, 1993. The Church of Jesus Christ of LDS, 14536 Main Street, Bellevue, From 9:00 A.M to 12:00 Noon. Come learn from people who actually operate a home business .. an alternate to traditional employment.

Other Business:

Presented Guidelines Amendment to the EISCC Emergency Services Fund (BESF). A motion to amend the "Guidelines" (Revised 1-14-92) on page two, VI, B to read as follows: "Congregations should make checks payable to the EISCC Bellevue Emergency Services Fund." No discussion ... motion was carried by aye voice vote.

Congregations for the Homeless needs an acronym; suggested by Nadine Shannon. Please share your thoughts and ideas.

Task force representation - all Task Forces need more people to come to meetings and need more congregations represented. Please encourage your members to participate.

Additional copies of the Emergency Services Directory for Eastside Congregations 1992-93 are available - contact Dorothy Scott, 453-1425.

Thanks to Pat Meehan for all the Christmas goodies

Next meeting: Tuesday noon, January 12, 1993 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Ave NE, Bellevue. "Racism Task Force Report II" - Remember to bring you 3x5 Card with future monthly program ideas written down.

Meeting adjourned 2:04 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Bill Graden
Co-Secretary

EISCC OCTOBER 1, 1991 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1992

Balance as of 10-01-91			\$2,588.20
EISCC:	Deposit EISCC	dues	+470.00
	Payments		<u>-728.14</u> -258.14
AIDS/HIV: Deposits:	Sacred Heart	550.00	
	Private	50.00	
	Cross of Christ	<u>100.00</u>	+700.00
Payments:		-997.35	-297.35
Job Fair: Deposits:	Bellevue Christian	35.00	
	Church of Resurrection	35.00	
	First Presbyterian	35.00	
	Temple de Hirsch	35.00	
	Sacred Heart	100.00	
	First Congregational	50.00	
	St. Louise	35.00	
	Aldergate United Metho.	35.00	
	St. Margaret	35.00	
	Cross of Christ	<u>100.00</u>	+495.00
Payments:		-325.00	+170.00
Housing: Deposits:	Newport Presbyterian	200.00	
	Northlake Unitarian	100.00	
	St. Margaret Th. Store	3,000.00	
	Church of Resurrection	100.00	
	Sacred Heart	2,500.00	
	First Congregational	236.00	
	St. Margarets	3,000.00	
	Cross of Christ	1,100.00	
	Jane T. Taylor	100.00	
	Lori Pettinger	<u>10.00</u>	+10,346.00
Payments:			+10,346.00
Balance as of 9.30.92		\$12,548.71	\$12,548.71

HOME BUSINESS FAIR

o SPONSORED BY THE EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

o WHEN?

JANUARY 30, 1993

FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

o WHERE?

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LDS

14536 Main, Bellevue, WA.

o WHAT?

PEOPLE ACTUALLY OPERATING HOME BUSINESSES

PANEL DISCUSSION GROUPS ABOUT HOME BUSINESSES

- LEGAL ASPECTS

- FINANCIAL ASPECTS

- BUSINESS ASPECTS

o WHY?

TO OFFER ALTERNATIVES TO TRADITIONAL EMPLOYMENT
OR SUPPLEMENT FAMILY INCOMES.

o HOW MUCH?

FREE

o PARKING?

FREE

o WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- LET YOUR CONGREGATIONS KNOW EARLY ABOUT THIS FAIR
- ASK IF THERE ARE ANY HOME BUSINESSES WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE AND DEMONSTRATE THEIR OPERATIONS
- IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL HELP US PROMOTE THIS FAIR

o WHO TO COMMUNICATE WITH ABOUT THE FAIR?

- Mark Hoover - 462-4492
- Bruce Harding - 747-0509
- Christine Boldizsar - 562-5293
- Hildi Boeck - 641-1731
- Doug Hejnal - 882-3624

BELLEVUE MULTI-SERVICE CENTER
EMERGENCY SERVICE FUND DONATIONS
April - September 1992

1.	ALDERGATE METHODIST	\$500.00
2.	BELLEVUE CHRISTIAN	125.00
3.	CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LDS	4,933.50
4.	CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION	-0-
5.	CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN	487.50
6.	EASTGATE CONGREGATIONAL	50.00
7.	EASTSHORE UNITARIAN	-0-
8.	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC	737.80
9.	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	750.00
10.	FIRST UNTIED METHODIST	150.00
11.	GRACE EPISCOPAL	-0-
12.	GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH	-0-
13.	NEWPORT PRESBYTERIAN	-0-
14.	NORTHSHORE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	-0-
15.	OVERLAKE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY	-0-
16.	OVERLAKE PARK PRESBYTERIAN	-0-
17.	SACRED HEART	1,700.00
18.	SACRED HEART - ST. VINCENT de PAUL	263.00
19.	ST. LOUISE CATHOLIC	500.00
20.	ST. LUKES LUTHERAN	-0-
21.	ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE	600.00
22.	ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL	-0-
23.	ST. MARGARET'S THRIFT STORE	500.00
24.	ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL	-0-
25.	TEMPLE de HIRSCH SINAI	100.00
26.	WOODINVILLE UNITARIAN	<u>-0-</u>
	Subtotal	\$11,396.80
	OTHER CHURCHES	1,799.31
	PRIVATE DONORS	<u>2,287.62</u>
	TOTAL DONATIONS	<u>\$15,483.73</u>

BESF April - September 1992

	APRIL	#Hh	MAY	#Hh	JUNE	#Hh	JULY	#Hh	AUG	#Hh	SEPT	#Hh	TOTAL
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a Nat Gas	196.32	1	75.00	1	80.00	1	0		47.00	1	0		398.32
ater	86.87	1	0		175.00	3	139.50	2	0		0		401.37
isoline	10.00	1	60.00	6	60.00	6	100.00	10	83.45	8	80.00	8	393.45
otel	0		0		0		0		0		0		0
ther	135.96	1	414.15	2	300.00	1	199.60	2	0		374.00	2	1423.71
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otal Spent	832.05		1113.53		1903.78		2200.18		1644.45		581.00		\$8274.99