

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

Minutes of the Meeting January 13, 1993

THE ROCK ROOM - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLEVUE

Next meeting Tuesday noon, February 9, 1993 at First Presbyterian Church 1720-100th Ave. NE, Bellevue. "HIV/AIDS Task Force" Diana Roger.

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 by those present and the attendance roster was circulated; 25 people present.

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

PROGRAM - Betty Smith, Chairperson of Racism and Hate Crimes Task Force introduced the subject. She introduced Rev. Bob Camfield, a retired Navy Chaplain and Presbyterian Pastor, who was the guest speaker.

Racism and hate is a prejudice. It affects us all as Christians; spiritually, physically, mentally, and in our everyday interaction with other people. Prejudice is an attitude and is learned rather than being genetic or inherited. Prejudice is totally different from dislike and goes much deeper. Prejudice is negative feelings that become negative actions. Prejudice is learned and passed on within the family often for generations.

As a child growing up we often learn to agree with our parents and their prejudices or they will reject us. Physiologically this is how we grow into these different negative thought and attitude patterns. We deal with prejudice from things that we bring out of our childhood. Again, prejudice is learned.

"You got to be taught to have and fear
You got to be taught from year to year;
It's got to be drummed in your dear little ear
You got to be carefully taught.

You got to be taught before it's too late
Before you are six or seven or eight;
To hate all the people your relatives hate
You got to be carefully taught."

Often we stereotype people by going from a specific event to a generalization that can be positive or negative but is usually negative. Examples of how we stereotype: all blacks, homosexuals, gays, young people, older people etc. were explored; there is a direct relationship to our stereotyping of people and the number of people we interact with. Prejudiced people frequently accept stereo typical statements as facts.

Prejudiced persons fall into 5 categories or areas:

1. **Naive Offenders**

Exhibit biased behavior and often when offend others they are not aware that their own behavior is offensive. They frequently accept stereo typical statements as facts.

2. **Perpetrators**

Persons who are aware of their biases and prejudices and acknowledge them and know that their behavior does offend others. Nevertheless, they continue to use derogatory jokes, comments and actions and act as though moral laws and guidelines do not apply to them.

3. **Avoiders**
Aware of their biases in self and others. Working on biases but reluctant to address inappropriate behavior by others. They play it safe by saying nothing.
4. **Change agents**
Aware of biases and willing to take some form of action when they encounter inappropriate words or behavior. They try to make a difference when there is clear evidence of discrimination.
5. **Fighters**
Constantly aware of any behavior that seems to be prejudiced and confront the offender strongly. Open themselves up to rejection when it comes to taking any stand against prejudice.

We all constantly come in contact with these various types of people in the community, school and church. Therefore, let us examine ourselves and our feelings, then resolve to work on the things that we can do to make a difference to over come or become less prejudiced.

Reports

Chairman - David Hackett

Passed out 3 x 5 cards; asked to indicate what topics you would like to see EISCC arrange a presentation on in the coming months. If you are willing to present, please list topic and your name and give card to David Hackett.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Meehan

Beginning Balance \$23,352.06

Deposits:

St. Thomas Episcopal	\$2,000.00	
Cynthia Porter	100.00	
Multi Service center	10.00	
St. Louise	600.00	
Church of Resurrection	<u>50.00</u>	2,810.00

Payments:

First Presbyterian Church	32.00	
First Presbyterian Church	34.40	
William Garden	<u>135.03</u>	(201.96)

Balance on Hand 25,930.10

EISCC	644.56
Job Fair	270.00
HIV/AIDS	1,419.54
Housing	23,596.00

See enclosed list of companies that will match funds when an individual contributes to a charitable organization covered by IRS #501C3 exemption.

Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon

Congregations for the homeless: additional funds committed \$4,750, and \$15,989 with a total of \$44,335. Nadine requested permission to give names of EISCC members to a prospective donor of matching monies. After discussion motion was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote to provide names only.

HIV/AIDS Task force - Diana Roger

Speaker for February EISCC meeting will be Tim Grendon, Co-founder of "Aids caregivers Support Network". Please bring your questions.

Mark your calendar, March 2nd, 1993, 7:30 P.M. for the panel of 4 speakers who will discuss "Understanding AIDS on the Eastside" sponsored by the HIV/AIDS Task Force. First Congregation Church, 752 - 108th Ave. NE, Bellevue, 98004.

Racism Task Force - Abigail Victoria Brown

She is with the City of Bellevue Cultural Diversity Task Force. A 16 member group appointed by the Bellevue Mayor to come up with recommendation to present to the City Council at the end of March about what the city of Bellevue, should do in the areas of cultural diversity, racism, prejudice and discrimination. To provide input or further information call her at 637-7886.

Joy Pacasangre showed the "stamp out hate" buttons for \$1 each. She has more if you need them.

Employment Task Force - Mark Hoover

Reviewed the Home Business Fair scheduled for Saturday, 30 January 1993. 25 Individuals who actually have home businesses will share their experiences. Also, there will be 3 panel discussions in the area of business, financial and legal aspects.

VISN - Bill Graden

Meeting being held in Seattle Thursday, January 13th with the General Manager of TCI Cable Television to express our interest in "carriage" of the VISN/ACTS programming by TCI; further details later.

Other -

Jean French, program director East King County Chapter Habitat for Humanity, provided background and information for a fund raising event February 27, 1993. Goal is \$15,000; square dance, silent and oral actions, bake sale and foods. Call Bob or Pam Gunderson 822-7377 or Jean French 643-3887 to become involved.

3 x 5 cards with written program ideas for future monthly meetings were collected.

Additional copies of the Emergency Services Directory for Eastside Congregations 1992-93 are available. Contact Dorothy Scott at 453-1425. Also, correct telephone number for KITH (Kirkland Transitional Housing) to read 822-8428.

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Meeting adjourned 1:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Bill Graden, Co-Secretary

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EISCC Bellevue Emergency Services Fund (BESF) Guidelines Revised 12/08/92

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II. 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.

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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 be eligible.

IV. 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.

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V. 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.

VI. DONATIONS

- A. Churches will be asked to make an annual pledge to the Emergency Services Fund.
- B. Congregations should make checks payable to the EISCC Bellevue Emergency Services Fund. Checks should then be sent to:

Bellevue Multi Service Center
1153 - 140th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98005

VII. 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, disbursements, 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.

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KTC TELEVISION - MATCHING COMPANY LIST

AM	AM COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	EXX	EXXON CORPORATION
AAL	AID ASSOCIATION OF LUTHERANS	FED	FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC
ACK	ACKERLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	FID	FIRST INTERSTATE BANK OF WASHINGTON
ADP	AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING, INC	FIE	THE FIELD CORPORATION FUND
AEF	AMERICAN EXPRESS FOUNDATION	FIR	FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE
AET	AETNA LIFE & CASUALTY FOUNDATION	FOS	A FOSTER HIGGINS & CO INC
AGE	AGENA CORPORATION	FRI	FRIGOSCANDIA CONTRACTIN INC
ALC	ALCO STANDARD FOUNDATION	FSJ	FRES S JAMES & COMPANY, INC
ALI	ALLIED COPRPORATION FOUNDATION	GED	GEORGIA-PACIFIC CORPORATION
ALL	ALLIANI TECHSYSTEMS COMM INVESTMN	GNR	GENRAD FOUNDATION
ALLE	ALLENDALDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPAN	GRE	GREAT WESTERN BANK
ALP	ALPAC	HEI	H J HEINZ COMPANY FOUNDATION
ALU	ALUMINIUM & BONZE FABRICATORS INC	HOE	HOECHST CELANESE CORPORATION
ARC	ARCO FOUNDATION	HON	HONEWELL FOUNDATION
ATO	ATOCHEM NORTH AMERICA FOUNDATION	HIS	HIS HI-TECH SYSTEMS LTD
ATT	AT&T FOUNDATION	IBM	IBM CORPORATION
BOE	THE BOEING COMPANY	INT	INTERNATIONAL MINERALS & CHEMICAL
BOR	BORDEN FOUNDATION	JAH	JOHNSON & HIGGINS OF WASHINGTON
BPA	BP AMERICA, INC	JAJ	JOHNSON & JOHNSON
BRU	THE BRUNSCHICK FOUNDATION	JCF	JOHNSON CONTROLS FOUNDATION, XF-3
BUC	BUCKEYE PIPE LINE COMPANY	JHA	JOHN HANCOCK MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO
BUN	BUNGE CORPORATION	KEY	KEY BANK OF PUGET SOUND
BUR	BURROUGHS WELLCOME CO	KID	THE KIDDER PEABODY FOUNDATION
CAL	CALCOMP	KMT	K MART CORPORATION
CAM	THE ROBERT CAMPEAU FAMILY FOUNDIT	KUY	THE PETER H & E LUCILLE GAASS KUY
CAN	CANADA CEMENT LAFARGE, LTD	LEA	LEASE INSURANCE AGENCY SERVICES
CAND	THE CANDLE FOUNDATION	LIL	ELI LILLY COMPANY FOUNDATION
CAT	CATERPILLAR FOUNDATION	MAC	R H MACY & CO, INC
CHA	THE CHASE MANHATTAN CORPORATION	MCG	THE MCGRAW-HILL FOUNDATION, INC
CHC	CHEVRON CANADA	MER	MERCK COMPANY FOUNDATION
CHCR	CHEVRON CANADA RESOURCES	MIC	MICROSOFT CORPORATION
CHI	CHICAGO TITLE AND TRUST CO FOUNDA	MOB	MOBIL FOUNDATION, INC
CHM	CHAMPION INTERANTIONAL CORPORATION	MON	MONSANTO FUND (A3NC)
CHU	CHEVRON OF USA	MOU	MOUNTAIN BELL FOUNDATION
CIG	CIGNA FOUNDATION	MRR	MERRIL LYNCH
CII	CITIBANK/CITICOP NA	MII	MORTON THIOKOL, INC
CNA	THE CAN FOUNDATION	MUTA	MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE CO OF AMERI
CNC	CONCRETE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION	MUTC	MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE CO OF CANADA
CNT	THE CONTINENTAL CORPORATION FOUND	NAL	NALCO CHEMICAL COMPANY
COC	THE COCA-COLA COMPANY	NCM	NC MACHINERY
CON	CONTEL CORPORATION	NCR	THE NCR FOUNDATION
CONT	CONTRACTORS BONDING & INSURANCE CO	NIN	NINTENDO OF AMERICA INC
COR	CORNING INCORPORATED FOUNDATION	NORA	THE NORANDA FOUNDATION
CRA	CRAY RESEARCH FOUNDATION	NORD	NORDSON CORPORATION
CRE	CREO ELECTRONICS CORPORATION	OLI	OLIN CORPORATION CHARITABLE TRUST
CSI	CHUBB & SONS, INC	OMC	OMC FOUNDATION
DAT	DATA & STAFF SERVICE COMPANY	PAC	PACIFIC ENTERPRISES
DEC	DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	PBO	PITNEY BOWES
DLX	DELUXE CHECK PRINTERS FOUNDATION	PEL	PELLA ROLSCREEN FOUNDATION
EGG	EGGHEAD DISCOUNT SOFTWARE	PEM	PEMCO FINANCIAL CENTER
EMF	EMF CORPORATION	PEN	PENNHALT FOUNDATION
EQQ	EQUIPMENT LIFE ASSURANCE SO OF T	PEP	PEPSICO FOUNDATION

PFI	PFIZER, INC
PHI	PHILIP CORRIS COMPANIES, INC
PPG	PPG INDUSTRIES FOUNDATION
PRE	PREMARK INTERNATIONAL, INC
QUA	QUAKER CHEMICAL FOUNDATION
RAL	RALSTON PURINA CORPORATION
REA	READER'S DIGEST FOUNDATION
SAF	SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANIES
SAI	THE ST PAUL COMPANIES
SAM	SAMUEL STROUM ENTERPRISES
SAN	SANDOZ PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION
SAP	SAFECO PROPERTIES, INC
SCF	SUNDSTRAND CORPORATION FOUNDATION
SCO	SCOTT PAPER COMPANY FOUNDATION
SEA	SEAFIRST BANK
SEAB	SEABOARD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
SEC	SECURITY PACIFIC FOUNDATION, HC-4
SHE	SHEARSON LEHMANHUTTON, INC
SIE	THE SIERRA FOUNDATION
SKI	SKINNER FOUNDATION
SOU	THE SOUTHLAND CORPORATION
SOUT	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY
SUL	SULLIVAN PAYNE COMPANY
SUN	SUN MICROSYSTEMS, INC
TAN	TANDY CORPORATION
TEK	TEKTRONIX FOUNDATION
TIM	TIME, INC
TMR	TIMES MIRROR
TOM	THE TOMKINS INDUSTRIES FOUNDATION
TRA	TRANSAMERICA CORPORATION
TRY	THE TRAVELLERS COMPANIES FOUNDATION
UPJ	UP JOHN COMPANY
UPS	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE FOUNDATION
USB	US BANK COMMUNITY RELATIONS
USF	THE US FIDELITY & GUARANTY CO
USG	USG FOUNDATION
USH	US WEST COMMUNICATIONS
UTC	UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION
WAM	WASHINGTON MUTUAL SAVINGS BANK
WAS	WASTE MANGEMENT, INC
WES	WASTINGHOUSE FOUNDATION
WPC	WASHINGTON POST COMPANY
WRG	WRIGHT SCHUCHARD, INC
WRI	WRIGHT RUNSTAD & COMPANY
WST	WEST ONE BANKCORP
XED	THE XEROX FOUNDATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING - FEBRUARY 9, 1993

The Rock Room - First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue

Next meeting Tuesday noon, March 9, 1993 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Ave. NE, Bellevue. Program presented by Overlake Service League.

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM and the assembly was welcomed by EISCC Vice-Chairperson, Joy Pocasangre, Temple de Hirsch Sinai Synagogue. The Rev. David Hackett, EISCC President, was excused as he was out of town. The opening prayer was given by Joyce Thelin. Self introductions were made by those present and the attendance roster was circulated: 24 people were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were amended to read "Racism and hate is prejudice. It affects all;" and approved with other minor editorial corrections.

COMING EVENTS:

Advocacy day in Olympia March 24, 1993.

Palm Sunday

April 4

Good Friday April 9

Passover

April 6

Easter Sunday April 11

PROGRAM - HIV/AIDS Task Force - Diana Roger introduced the guest speaker, Tim Grendon.

Tim is a gay man. He is a person living with HIV disease. He is a son, neighbor, teacher; for many years he made his living as a gardener for the City of Seattle; had a partner for 15 years and for the last few years of John's life he was his caregiver. In addition, he has been a caregiver for up to 20 other people who had the HIV disease. Presently, he is teaching the RED Cross class, "Helping You Care" and also works for the "Help Information Network". He occasionally works for the KC Department of Public Health' talking in schools and churches about living with HIV disease and answering questions. He is also involved with ACSN "Aids Caregivers Support Network," composed of volunteers, and he presents a monthly seminar.

Question: How is food an issue? Answer: There is a misconception that eating is related to recovery of health. Yet, there are many reasons why persons do not want to eat. Another misconception is that if you don't eat, you are going to die; thus there are a number of physiological issues around food for the caregiver.

Question: How often is a person treated as a child? Answer: Quite often, especially in hospitals when bedridden or wheel chair bound, they are yelled at or talked to with baby talk.

Question: How many friends have you lost? Answer: Since 1984 he has lost approximately 25 good friends. But remember in his work he is exposed to many individuals who are caring for HIV persons.

Question: How many persons in the Eastside have the HIV disease? Answer: Approximately 50 persons; they receive treatment both on the Eastside and in Seattle.

Question: What are the greatest needs for persons with the HIV disease on the East side in your opinion:

Answer: 1. Need for caregivers - professional and volunteers.

2. Need for housing for those with full blown AIDS especially for low income; more buildings with apartments and individual homes with several rooms are also needed.
3. Need for people to talk more freely about HIV disease.

There is a "Care Term" packet of information available to teach people how to put together an in-home caregiver team for someone with HIV; how to organize, sustain, and get going etc.

Question: How does Tim keep up his morale and not burn out with all the changes and challenges in his life and demands of being a caregiver? Answer: He goes to a support group once a week for people who are HIV positive; he spends a lot of quiet time by himself in self acknowledgement of how he is feeling. One of the first signs of burn out is resentment. Another clue is not taking care of one's self, not doing some of the things you used to do.

Question: Do people die from AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)? Answer: People don't die from HIV, but do die of one of the potential diseases or illnesses around HIV. HIV disease is necessary to have AIDS, but it isn't sufficient to cause AIDS. Example: Flour is necessary to make bread, but flour by itself will not produce bread.

Question: In the early 80's the primary cause of AIDS was homosexual persons and intravenous drug users. Has that changed in the past 10 years? What is the group or groups that are still acquiring the syndrome? Answer: In the United States, gay men and intravenous drug users and their partners are still the main source for transmission of AIDS. However, there is an increase in heterosexual transmissions and percentage wise a big increase in women and people with brown skin. World wide the transmission of AIDS is 71% heterosexual; 50% men and 50% women.

Question: Is HIV still being transmitted primarily through sexual relations? Answer: Yes and through the IV drug user.

Question: What can we do? Statistics are very scary. Answer: 1. That we are able to talk about it is very hopeful. 2. There is a need to become involved. It is gratifying to see churches getting involved. It is estimated that by the year 2000, there will be 10 million children in the world whose both parents have died from HIV.

Question: As you work with people are some of them very mad at God? Answer: Yes, and some don't believe in God. It is helpful to meet people where they are rather than being intrusive and not to make them believe something, but allow them the space to discover what they believe.

Question: One of the answers to AIDS that churches or its members have been giving is abstinence in sexual relations; how do you feel about that message? Answer: When I talk in schools, I talk about abstinence.

Some questions you might ask yourself:

1. Where do I get support?
2. Why should our faith group be addressing the issue of AIDS?
3. How can our faith group respond to AIDS?
4. What can we as individuals do?
5. Could our congregation hold an "AIDS Awareness Sunday"?

See attached "Eastside Resources for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS". This is a very complete resource list; use it as needed.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report - Pat Meehan

Beginning Balance			\$25,930.10
Deposits:			
Hope - ARC	10.00		
St. Luke's	2,526.50		
Red. Presbyterian	20.00		
Woodinville Unitarian	423.68		2,980.18
Payments:			
William Graden	41.44		
Diana Roger	23.79		
St. Margaret Thrift Shop	3,000.00		
Multifaith Resource	9.50		(3,074.73)
Balance on Hand			25,835.55
EISCC	623.62		
Job Fair	270.00		
HIV/AIDS	1,395.75		
Housing	23,546.18		

EISCC dues for the current year are \$20.00 per congregation and \$10.00 per community organization. The roster was circulated indicating that only 21 congregations are current; if you have not paid your dues please do so.

EISCC sponsors and supports the following task forces: HIV/AIDS, Racism, Job fair, VISN, and Housing. The monies from membership dues only covers the cost of postage and supplies for the monthly EISCC minutes and any bulk mailings. The only source of money for each task force for postage, envelopes, supplies, etc is through your contributions. Please send your check to EISCC and indicate which Task Force the money should support.

Copies of two articles were passed out from the Western Washington edition of "The Progress"; January 14, 1993 with the pictures of Rev. David Hackett and Pat Meehan of EISCC and an excellent accompanying story on interfaith efforts by Eastside churches. A second article quotes Ann Lewis and Dorothy Shindler as two individual churches responding to the needs of people in our Eastside community.

We call to your attention again, the KTC Television Matching Company List sent out with the January EISCC Minutes. Whenever any individual who works at one of these companies contributes to EISCC, we can request matching funds from the company. This could be a good additional source of monies for EISCC.

HOUSING HOMELESS TASK FORCE - Nadine Shannon

Monies continue to come in; money and pledges in the area of \$44,000. The goal is \$100,000. We need 80% before we can start up the project. We encourage churches to make a pledge. So far every pledge or commitment has come in 100%. This is very gratifying.

EISCC is being incorporated free by Jerry Lukins with a minimal cost of \$20-25 for filing the papers as a protection to everyone including the officers. Also, it will cost \$10 per year to maintain the incorporation.

RACISM TASK FORCE - Betty Smith

One of the task force projects is to talk to the curriculum director here in the Bellevue Public Schools and see if she would be willing to allow and promote the teaching of tolerance in the schools.

Another ambitious project is to have a workshop, soon. If the Bellevue Diversity Task Force would work with them it would be wonderful.

VISN TASK FORCE - Bill Graden

The present goal is to start up a concerted writing campaign to Viacom Cable Company. Would two congregations per month take an assignment to write to Viacom, 20-25 letters, starting with March through September? The task force would provide a 15 minute video tape explaining the VISN programming; a quarterly program guide and an information flyer including what to write and where to write. With all the changes going on in the cable industry, now is the time to start a consistent letter writing campaign of a total of 50 - 100 letters per month asking for VISN programming. Please come to the next EISCC meeting prepared to commit your congregation to signing up for one month of letter writing starting in March. We need a contact person whom I will work with directly.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADVOCACY DAY IN OLYMPIA - March 24

A coordinated effort by the churches and service organizations in Western Washington to gain the attention of our legislators; some 5,000 people should attend. The itinerary includes a rally on the steps of the capitol at noon; time in the early afternoon for you to try and talk to your local legislators; reception around 4:00 P.M. where you can meet the various legislators. We don't want money to be a deterrent so we would like to be able to car pool so that the cost is minimal. When you come to the March EISCC Meeting, please be prepared to indicate if you or members of your congregations can drive and how many other people you can take. The goal is that every person who wants to attend should have the opportunity to do so.

HIGHLIGHT - Nadine Shannon

We want to thank Dorothy Scott and Bill Graden for their efforts in taking the minutes and making sure they go out. Also for their efforts in the bulk mailings (215 pieces) that go out twice a year.

Also, the service of Pat Meehan was highlighted. Pat has served in the State Department in Morocco, Italy and Mexico. Pat and her husband make sure that any struggling Bellevue family has toys under the tree at Christmas and food on the table at Thanksgiving. She served 3 years as president of St. Vincent DePaul. She and her husband were active in the passage of the 1965 Fair Housing Ordinance in Bellevue and Seattle so that realtors couldn't close the door on some people who wanted to buy a house. Pat has been Treasurer of EISCC for some 3 years. Her wisdom is sought after and listened to.

MOVING OF THE WAR ON DRUGS - David Bloom - The Church Council of Greater Seattle

A community effort is being undertaken to develop a balanced policy on drug prevention, treatment, and enforcement. Presently there is a great emphasis on enforcement, but there is much that can and ought to be done in the area of prevention, education and treatment. The final report will be available to all interested parties and also will be submitted to Governor Mike Lowry and President Bill Clinton.

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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.

V. 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.

VI. DONATIONS

- A. Churches will be asked to make an annual pledge to the Emergency Services Fund.
- B. Congregations should make checks payable to the EISCC Bellevue Emergency Services Fund. Checks should then be sent to:

Bellevue Multi Service Center
2253 - 140th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98005

VII. 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, disbursements, 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.

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EASTSIDE RESOURCES FOR PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

Provided by the Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC) - HIV/AIDS Task Force

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For information contact:

Diana Roger

277-6528

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council - Open to all Eastside congregations

For information contact:

Rev. David Hackett, President

454-3082

Advocacy Referrals - Education

AIDS Prevention Project

296-4999 Or 1-800-678-1595 (English and Spanish)

Education, referral, video loan library, Speakers Bureau, brochures, other services.

American Red Cross

"Helping You Care" - 4 session course for caregivers of people with HIV/AIDS

For times and places, call Sondra at 323-2345.

Northwest AIDS Foundation Eastside Office

16315 N.E. 87th, B-1

Redmond, WA 98052

Eastside Case Manager:

Linda Conroy

329-6923

Information about financial support, help with insurance, medical, psychological, and home care needs for people with HIV diseases. People with Class IV HIV diseases - assistance with setting up care plans - assessing volunteer help - paperwork associated with entitlement programs. Referrals for medical, dental and counseling resources.

Seattle Treatment Education Project (S.T.E.P.)

329-4875

Monthly seminars, newsletter, hot line for questions about drugs, symptoms, etc.

Youth Eastside Services

16150 N.E. 8th

747-4937

Bellevue, WA 98008

HIV/AIDS training for students, parents, professionals. Counseling, education for teenagers and their families.

Legal Assistance

Office of Civil Rights - Department of Health and Human Services (Free)

553-0473

Spiritual Support

AIDS Chaplain Team - Overlake Metropolitan Community Church

450-0258 or 885-0414

Archdiocese of Seattle - Catholic AIDS Ministry

382-4885

Multi-Faith AIDS Project of Seattle (MAPS), Referrals.

324-1520

Also provides education (Speakers Bureau, newsletter); housing for PWA's.

Open Door Ministries

Rev. Ron Shonk

628-0946

Lutheran ministry for AIDS, gay and lesbian concerns. Serves northwest Washington.

Support Services

Chicken Soup Brigade

Volunteers provide meals, transportation, chores.

328-8979

Crisis Clinic 24 hours a day for help with crisis.

461-3222

From outlying areas of King County call toll free:

1-800-621-INFO (4636)

In Touch

Volunteer licensed massage therapists for Class IV Diagnosis AIDS.

328-2711

Shanti

Trained volunteers provide emotional support for PWA and caregivers.

322-0279

Support Groups

AIDS Caregivers Support Network (ACSN) Telephone hotline provides emotional and practical support for AIDS caregivers. Monthly seminars, quarterly newsletter. 937-3368

Issaquah Support Group For those who are HIV+, friends, family, loved ones.
Meets at St. Joseph Parish, McGirl Hall; 220 Mt. Part Blvd. SW, Issaquah.
For information call Pat 392-3256, or Glenna 226-1403.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) - Eastside Group 454-7353
Meets 3rd Thursday of month, 7:30 pm
1st United Methodist Church
1934 - 108th Ave. N.E., Bellevue
(Good for parents dealing with "dual disclosure" of child's homosexuality and HIV diagnosis)

Seattle AIDS Support Group (SASG) 322-AIDS; 322-2437
Support groups and drop-in center for people with HIV/AIDS
SASG sponsors an Eastside support group - *People Living with HIV/AIDS* - for those who are HIV+, friends, family, and loved ones. Meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 9625 N.E. 8th Street, Bellevue.
Contact John 937-9311, or Jim 643-5873.

SASG also sponsors a support group in the Renton/Kent area for people with HIV/AIDS.
Meets at Valley Medical Center, West Classroom Building. 400 S. 43rd, Renton.
Contact David Clay 322-2159, or Dick 782-6728.

Testing

AIDS Prevention Project Counseling and testing services. 296-4999

Seattle/King County Department of Health - East Public Health District Clinic 296-4940
Testing, counseling by appointment.

Substance Abuse

Eastside Drug/Alcohol Center 454-1505

Alcoholics Anonymous - Several Eastside groups 454-9192

Grief and Bereavement Services

Evergreen Grief and Bereavement Program Call Carol at 899-1077
Bereavement Series (a group, not a class) 6-weekly sessions, free. Afternoon and evening available. Ongoing groups after completing series.
Evergreen Hospice Center
1822 N.E. 124th Lane, Kirkland

Bereavement Support Group - Overlake Hospital Chaplain Nash - 462-5127 or 462-5261
1035 - 116th N.E., Bellevue (Free)

Additional Info

Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Drop-ins (GLAD) 747-4937
Youth Eastside Services (Y.E.S.)
16150 N.E. 8th, Bellevue

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING - MARCH 9, 1993
The Rock Room - First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue

Next meeting Tuesday noon, April 13, 1993 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Ave NE Bellevue. The program will include:

Report on WA Legislative Issues for the Religious Community.

A 5 minute report by those who attended Advocacy Day in Olympia, March 24th.

Heifer Project International and the May 22 Heifer Faire.

WORLD RELIGION'S SPECIAL DAYS:

Baha'i Ridvan	April 21 - May 2
Buddhism New Year's Day	April 13 - 14
Orthodox Church Pascha	April 18
Yom ha-Shoah (Holocaust Day)	April 18
Chamber Maidyozaem Christianity	April 40 - May 4
Maundy (Holy) Thursday	April 15
Good (Holy) Friday	April 16

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 P.M. by Rev. David Hackett, EISCC President and everyone was welcomed. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Walfred Erickson. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with minor editorial corrections. Self introductions were made by those present. 25 were in attendance.

PROGRAM - David Hackett EISCC President introduced Jadie Rimmer, Overlake Services League (OSL).

The OSL dates back to 1911. At that time it was known as the Hunt's Point Circle of the Seattle Fruit and Flowers Mission. The purpose was to take flowers to the sick and shut-ins and food to the needy. In 1935 the need on the Eastside became such that the mission was split into the Seattle Milk Fund and the Overlake Service League on the Eastside. Members harvested and canned fruits and vegetables to be given to the needy. In many cases the league provided seeds, fertilizers, and plowing tools for farming, as well as pigs, chickens and goats.

Through the efforts of a highly successful rummage sale in 1939, space was acquired in a store on Main Street. This became the 1st Thrift Shop. In May 1946 OSL was incorporated under the Washington State Law. In approximately 1947, when the first Bellevue Square was completed, space was donated for the Thrift Shop. The shop was an outlet for the handiwork of the league members as well as a source of good used clothing. A rental library for current best sellers was included in the shop.

In 1981 the shop moved to its present location in the New Bellevue Square Mall. The Thrift Shop is open 7 days a week, including 6 nights and Sundays. It takes over 1200 volunteer hours a month to operate the shop.

Who are its members? Some 450-500 women from mainly the Eastside.

What services does OSL provide? Services includes rent, food, utilities, school clothes, vouchers, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, summer youth programs, \$1 youth jacket program, educational awards, child care and day care assistance, children's eye examinations and glasses. Also some continuing aid to the elderly handicapped in the form of rent supplement and food is given.

How to contact O.S.L.? - For information and appointments for home visits call 747-6777, between 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

Dates to contact O.S.L. regarding:

School clothes vouchers - July and August

Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets - September 15 to December 15

Summer Youth Programs - March, April and May

Educational Awards - February to March 15 (High School Seniors make application through Bellevue SDHS counselors. College grants/vocational awards based on need not grades, Children's eye exams and glasses - throughout school year)

(referral by Bellevue School District nurses)

Where do the funds come from? The OSL Thrift Shop is the largest single source of income, about \$115,000 a year. In addition funds come from garage sales, bank openings, sale of cook books, personal donations, etc. They receive no Federal nor Local Government funding nor do they solicit such. They employ one full time social service director and one part time clerical worker. All other funds go to help the needy people of Bellevue.

Question: Does OSL work with other Social Workers? **Answer:** There are times when a person might have a \$800 rent need. These kinds of funds are not available from OSL so they work with Multi Service Center and Salvation Army. They work together to pool monies to keep people in their homes.

Question: How do you prevent people from double or triple dipping or getting aid from more than one agency? **Answer:** Work with the other agencies; everyone keeps a list of who gets what; cross reference. If double dippers are identified, they no longer receive help from OSL.

Question: Is there a trend or particular growing need on the Eastside? **Answer:** More white collar workers need help now rather than just the working poor. Also OSL limits help to those living in the Bellevue School District boundaries.

Question: How do you identify those in need? **Answer:** Needy call in; home is visited by social service director who ascertains the need.

Question: Who indicates to needy that they should call OSL? **Answer:** Word of mouth through other organizations, Thrift Shop, School Nurses, Community Information Line, and just other people.

Question: What do your volunteers do? **Answer:** Operate OSL Thrift Shop, help answer phones in office, help put away food received from churches. There are members active in raising money at garage sales, home and garden show, etc. etc.

REPORTS: Chairman: Rev. David Hackett

Request for coordinator to explore EISCC Disaster Mobilization. Do you know someone who would like to head a task force to explore this area? Role of City, Fire Department, Churches, American Red Cross, Disaster Specialist, Tor Woo, 883-6709, networking together in case of a major disaster. Please advise Rev. David Hackett.

Church Advocacy Day - March 24th - Betty Smith

Sign up sheet passed around to see who planned to attend from the group present so that bus and/or car pools can be arranged. The days activities were reviewed. This is a once a year organized opportunity to meet with your legislators in Olympia and discuss the issues important to the church community. Church Advocacy Day is part of a larger Human Services Day as we join with other groups at the rally and reception on this day.

Joy Pocasangre, Religion/Education Chairperson of the Seattle Somalia Relief Fund, has been asked to go to Africa under the Africare, a church program, on Sunday, March 14, 1993. The purpose is to look and see how the programs that Africare has initiated are coming along. The City of Seattle is the only city that has contributed as a city, \$71,000 to the Somalia Relief.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Meehan

Beginning Balance		\$25,835.55
Receipts:		
Interest	\$49.86	
Kelly Phillips-Housing	50.00	
Sacred Heart-Housing	600.00	
Bellevue Christian-Dues/MPC	145.00	
Sally J. Mills-Housing	25.00	
Eastside Friends-Housing	50.00	
Cross of Christ-Dues	20.00	939.86
Payments:		
William Graden	30.40	
Tim Gradon	50.00	
Bank Chg. 1St Interstate	1.95	
First Presbyterian Church	36.34	
Multi-Service Center	125.00	
N.W. Aids Foundation	40.00	
Ron Shonk	40.00	
Kirk Low	20.00	
Mathew-Haggerty	20.00	
Diana Rodger	16.53	
New Checks-Washington Mutual	10.55	(390.77)
Balance on Hand		26,384.64
EISCC	\$634.24	
Job Fair	270.00	
HIV/AIDS	1,309.22	
Housing	24,171.18	

EISCC dues for the current year are \$20.00 per congregation and \$10.00 per community organization. The paid up roster was circulated indicating that 23 congregations are current. If you have not paid your dues, please do so. Thank you.

Housing Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon

Safeco Corporate Contributions Committee approved a \$15,000 grant to EISCC for the Congregations for the Homeless contingent on EISCC raising a matching amount. Bill Graden has been asked to help in the writing of grants to match the \$15,000.

We are getting nearer to our goal, but we need your support. We encourage each church to make an additional pledge or first time pledge of dollars so that we can undertake this very worthy project in the near future. Also, needed are 3 more host congregations who will commit to house 30 single men each night for the period of a month. Any congregation who would like a presentation about the congregations for Homeless Program, please contact Nadine Shannon at 746-6019.

A draft of the Organization Chart for Congregations for Homeless was passed out; any comments or suggestions are welcome. Please contact Rev. David Hackett.

We are still looking for a snappy acronym for the Congregation for Homeless Program. Please put your creative minds to good use. If you have any suggestions, please advise Nadine. **Next regular monthly Housing/Homeless Task Force Meeting, April 8, 1993 at 2:00 P.M. at First Presbyterian Church.**

HIV/AIDS Task Force - Diana Roger

The evening program on Tuesday March 2nd featured Mitchell Hascomb from "Hats off Washington". It was a very successful and informative meeting. A Bibliography on AIDS books prepared by Circuit Rider Books was passed out. If you would like a copy, please contact Diana Roger at 277-6528. **Next regular monthly HIV/AIDS Task Force Meeting, Wednesday April 7, 12:30 P.M. at YES. May meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday, May 18th at 12:30 P.M. at YES.**

Racism Task Force - Betty Smith - 883-1422

Still planning for a workshop in the early fall co-sponsoring with the Police Department. Also still talking with the Curriculum Director in the Bellevue Public Schools about promoting the teaching of tolerance in the schools. **Next regular monthly Racism Task Force Meeting, Tuesday April 6th: 12 noon, at Overlake Presbyterian Church.**

Employment Job Fair Task Force - Mark Hoover

Over 300 people attended the recent Home Business Fair on January 30th; it was for people who were interested in starting a business in their home. Three classes were held in the areas of business, financial and legal aspects. In addition the fair provided opportunities for home business participants to network among themselves and provided ideas to those individuals who were looking to supplement their careers. Also, pictures taken at both the Job Fair in May 1992 and the Home Business Fair were displayed for all to see and catch the vision of this program. A sample job referral form was passed out. Using this, people can pass on job opportunities in their company to the person coordinating employment in their congregation.

The 1993 Job Fair is being scheduled for early June. The Task Force has need of 5 to 6 volunteers to serve on the Task Force. This is a short time commitment of about 2.5 months only. If you can serve, please contact Chris Boldizar at home at 883-1787 or at work at 562-5293. **Question was asked if the job referral form might be headed "The EISCC Job Referral Form". Answer; Yes.**

Task Force meets every other Wednesday at different churches at 7:00 P.M. Please contact Mark Hoover at 455-2703 for information.

VISN/ACTS - Bill Graden - 641-5674

We are off and running on the writing campaign to Viacom Cablevision. For the month of March, Aldersgate United Methodist and St. Margaret's Episcopal are each writing 25 letters. For the month of April, Grace Episcopal - Duvall and First Presbyterian will write. The month of May is open; we need 2 congregations to sign up to write letters during this month. For the month of June, Grace Lutheran and St. Luke's Lutheran will write. We still need to cover the months of July and August. Please come to the next EISCC Meeting prepared to help us in this letter writing and commit for the months of May, July or August. If you have a large congregation perhaps you could take an entire month and write 50 letters instead of just 25. We need your help.

We need the letters written so that when we meet with Viacom management your interests and concerns for good faith and values Cablevision programming will have been registered with them. Through your efforts you will make a big difference in strengthening the family.

Cross Roads Connection, Saturday and Sunday March 6 and 7 was a good community effort to network with other organizations and agencies. If held in 1994, EISCC should be represented both days all day.

HOPE Project - Joyce Thelin

The Hope Project is being transferred soon to a new agency. Next month Joyce Thelin will fill you in on the details. The annual report is available should you want one, call Joyce Thelin at 867-9385.

Coming Events

Heifer Fair - May 22, 1993

Job Fair - early June

OTHER BUSINESS

Walfred Erickson introduced Heidi Beech who has put together a 4 part course of an hour each covering the various dimensions of the Amazon Rain Forest and its significance. It is a timely discussion group subject. You can contact Heidi Beech at 778-0172. There is a fee for this 4 part course.

Next meeting, Tuesday noon, April 13, 1993 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 100th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Bill Graden and Dorothy Scott
Co-Secretary

W. Alfred
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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. BOX 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES OF MEETING, APRIL 13, 1993
The Rock Room - First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue

Bill G. Gaden
David Hackett

Next meeting, Tuesday noon May 11, 1993, First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Ave. NE. Bellevue.
The program will be a report on "Gangs" in our community.

Speakers: Robert Cox, Vice Principal, Sammamish High School; James Washington, KC Department of Youth Services; Cornelia Anderson, YES Counselor, Crossroads area *Comm. Center*
"Gang Intervention Unit"

COMING EVENTS: Mark these events and dates on your calendar:

1. The 3rd "All Creatures Great and Small Heifer Fair" Saturday May 22nd, 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at Overlake Park Presbyterian Church, 1836 156th Ave. NE., Bellevue. Bring the entire family and enjoy the fun. Lots of free parking.
2. Job Fair: Saturday June 26th, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 14536 Main Street, Bellevue. Seminars, prospective employers, and JOB HOTLINE Plenty of free parking sponsored by EISCC ... it's free.
3. St. Margaret's Episcopal Church Carnival; Saturday 17th July, 4228 - 128th Ave. S.E., Bellevue. One half of the proceeds will be donated to Congregations for the Homeless.

Month of May Special Interfaith Days:

Baha'i: (29) Ascension of Baha u'llah.

Buddhism: (6) Wesak, the most important day of the year for Buddhists; Buddha's birth, enlightenment, and final demise.

Christianity: (20) Ascension Day of Jesus' ascension;
(30) Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Islam: (31) Day of Hajji, the concluding day of revelation to the Prophet Mohammed.

Judaism: (26-27) Shavuot, commemorating the giving of the Torah.

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 P.M. by Rev. David Hackett. He welcomed everyone, offered the prayer and self introductions were made. 21 persons in attendance. The minutes of the march meeting were approved with minor editorial corrections.

PROGRAM - Rev. David Hackett introduced Terry Lee who reported on current legislative issues in Olympia. The two main issues are the budget and health care reform.

Budget: State facing \$1.8 billion deficit with approximately a \$16 billion budget. There are 3 budget proposals: 1) Governors; 2) the Senate and 3) the House.. All proposals combine cuts with new taxes. The Governor's budget has the highest level of taxes (\$850M); Senate/House (\$600-\$650M). Basically only 3 options to raise money in this state; 1) income tax 2) increase sales tax (1/10% increase will raise \$100 million) 3) extend sales tax to services.

Association of Churches support Governor's tax package as more progressive than to raise the general sales tax. He would raise taxes through an extension of sales tax to professional and business services. The governor's office made a study and drew conclusions: rise in general sales tax impacts people earning less than \$20,000 yearly greatly, \$40,000 somewhat, \$80,000 not much, but economic impact is high on border counties. Some people believe no new taxes are necessary; but if you believe some taxes increases are needed, then to extend tax increase to services would seem to provide less impact on the lower income people.

Governor did a good job of protecting programs we are concerned with: children's programs, senior citizens's programs, and programs that help the poor. Most human services programs intact with exception of the closing down of some mental institutions and/or wards in some hospitals. It is an attempt to put more money into community based programs and move away from state run institutions. Also, proposed cutting state employment 2,000-3,000 depending on which budget plan.

Health Care: House/Senate each passed their version of health care reform. We are going to have a health care reform bill even though there is great opposition from business, doctors and insurance companies. Washington will likely have the most comprehensive health care reform program in the nation. It is believed that the Clinton Administration will enact something similar to the Washington State plan (Managed health care plus).

More and more people will go into managed care plans like Blue Cross, Blue Shield, and Group Health; Universal access in 4 to 5 years (everyone covered); Uniform benefits package (all insurance companies will be certified by state). The debate is over should we include mental health, dental care, vision services, substance and chemical dependency services, drug abuse counseling, long term care and how costly and what can we afford.

The four most important features to the religious community are:

- 1) universal access (should not depend on how much money you have, but upon how sick you are)
- 2) uniform benefits package
- 3) cost containment (health care commission have power to set a maximum premium cap; likely be between \$90 and \$140 per month depending on what is included in benefits package)
- 4) employer based system (tied to employment) where you will not have the choice you would have had under a residency based system. This is a very complex problem.

All of the polls nationally as well as locally show that the people want some form of health care reform. Question is what, how, and when to do it. Sin taxes (on liquor and cigarettes etc) and tax on insurance premiums will raise money to fund those persons not insured (\$200M).

PROGRAM CONTINUATION - Rev. David Hackett introduced Tina Freed of First Presbyterian Church (Community Outreach Committee) who talked about an interfaith community-wide hunger project known as the Heifer Fair. Heifer Project international was founded in 1944 by a Christian farmer who was doing humanitarian work in Spain. Next year will be 50 years of servicing 110 countries and over 35 states in the United States.

Essentially, the program sends livestock overseas and to needy areas in the United States. It teaches the people how to raise the animals. When the animals have offspring, they help other people with an animal; ripple effect and continues on and on. This is the principle of helping people to help themselves rather than the hand-out concept. Great way to reach out to hungry people.

In 1989 at First Presbyterian church was held the first "All Creatures Great and Small Heifer Fair". In 1991 at the 2nd fair other congregations in the community were invited to participate and again this year also. On May 22, 1993 the 3rd "All Creatures Great and Small Heifer Fair" will be held at Overlake Presbyterian Church. At the fair many animals are brought together (petting for the children-llama rides), food and craft sales, action games, clowns etc., a fun family day. All proceeds will go to the Heifer Project International to help to alleviate world wide hunger.

At May EISCC Monthly Meeting Tina Freed will provide brochures which will spell out directions, time, content, who is participating, etc. Bring your neighbors and friends and have a fun time. There will be plenty of free parking.

The Youth at First Presbyterian Church held an "All Creatures Big and Small Heifer Market" in December 1992 which was highly successful.. They raised a significant amount of money for world wide hunger and proceeds went to Heifer International.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Meehan

Beginning Balance \$26,384.64

Receipts:

Emergency Feed Program	10.00	
Newport Presbyterian	20.00	
Overlake Park Presbyterian	1,000.00	
Interest	10.47	
Interest	57.14	
Bill Graden VISN/ACTS	66.00	1,163.61

Payments:

Diana Roger	21.97	
First Presbyterian	43.00	
Postmaster	35.00	
Redmond LDS Church	66.00	
First Presbyterian	35.44	(201.41)

Balance on Hand 27,346.84

EISCC	618.41
Job Fair	270.00
HIV/AIDS	1,287.25
Housing	25,171.18

EISCC dues for the current year are \$20.00 per congregation and \$10.00 per community organization. If you have not paid your dues, please do so. Thank you.

HOUSING HOMELESS TASK FORCE - Nadine Shannon

See attached revised twelve month budget for Congregations for the Homeless (4/6/92). Also, present status of funding:

Cash in Bank	\$25,171.18
Committed Funds	25,500.00
Grant City of Bellevue	<u>15,987.00</u>
Total Cash/Committed	\$66,710.18

Balance needed \$33,263.82

St. Margaret's Episcopal is planning a carnival on July 17, 1993. One half of the proceeds will be donated to Congregations for the Homeless. Requested permission to use EISCC mailing list to send out information to other congregations. Passed with a Yes vote.

We have 10 congregations who have signed on as host Congregations but we need at least 2 or more. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved with the homeless on the Eastside. Won't you help us?

We are still looking for a snappy acronym for the Congregations for Homeless. Please put your creative minds to good use. If you have any suggestions, please advise Nadine.

HIV/AIDS Task Force - Diana Roger 277-6528

Note new meeting scheduling for the task force; 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:30 P.M. at Youth Eastside Services, 16150 NE 8th, Bellevue. Next meeting May 18th. Send a representative.

HIV University is offering a series of free courses for HIV positive people and their loved ones. If you know anyone who might be interested in attending future free classes in Seattle or on the Eastside call NW AIDS foundation at 329-6923, Ext. #241.

Any Eastside residents who want to help with transportation so that AIDS persons can attend the Bailey/Boushay Adult Day Health Program in Seattle, please contact Linda Conray at 867-1551.

Recommended reading: "Letters on Living with Hope, Teaching Understanding and Ministering with Love" by Robert L. Arpin.

At a previous meeting some persons asked if there was a need for housing for individuals with AIDS. Apparently at this time there is not a need. If and when one arises, we will let you know.

RACISM Task Force - Betty Smith 883-1422

The Bellevue School District Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services has turned the tolerance material over to the person who will review and choose material for the schools; will advise us later as to their decision.

"Patience and tolerance requires an awful lot of effort. It usually doesn't come naturally and to some it doesn't come at all. The next time you raise a hand in anger or frustration, you should remember this". Phil Collins, singer.

VISN/ACTS Task Force - Bill Graden 641-5674

A review of the previous minutes for May/June 1991 did not show that EISCC had officially adopted a resolution concerning VISN/ACTS. Sally wing prepared an in depth VISN/ACTS Resolution which was reviewed; suggested wording changes acknowledged and modifications made; AYE voice vote to endorse resolution. Also, directed the Secretary's to see that a copy of the resolution is sent to the Greater Seattle Council of Churches and others as needed to further the goals of the VISN/ACTS Task Force.

Thanked those congregations who have written the 25 or more letters to Viacom Cablevision, indication our desire to see VISN/ACTS be made available as a basic part of their regular programming, during the months of March/April. We still need commitments for the months of July/August. Please call and volunteer to help. Also, please continue to encourage your members to write. We need to let Viacom know we are concerned.

Next meeting, Tuesday noon, May 11, 1993 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. NE., Bellevue, WA 98004. Meeting adjourned at 1:30PM.

Respectfully submitted
Bill Graden and Dorothy Scott
Co-Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
VISN/ACTS RESOLUTION, ADOPTED APRIL 13, 1993

WHEREAS, cable viewers in the Eastside community do not at the present time have a choice in the selection of programming that can serve their religious needs, interests, and values; and

WHEREAS, VISN/ACTS (Vision Interfaith Satellite Network/- American Christian Television System) is a broad-based national cable television network which presents religious, faith, and values programming from the perspective of the mainstream Judeo-Christian tradition; and

WHEREAS, we share the belief that VISN/ACTS will provide a diversity of programs to promote more tolerance and understanding among members of the various faith communities of the Eastside, and to promote faith, values, and moral responsibility in their lives; and

WHEREAS, VISN/ACTS programming includes guidelines which distinguish it from other religious channels:

- a) No self-serving or on-air solicitation of funds
- b) No proselytizing
- c) No maligning of other faith groups; and

WHEREAS, VISN/ACTS is carried by over 600 cable systems nationwide, and is co-sponsored by more than 50 faith groups among Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and Jewish traditions; and

WHEREAS, Church Council of Greater Seattle has also voted its support for this channel;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that EISCC enthusiastically endorse the VISN/ACTS faith and values cablevision channel and support efforts to ensure that VISN/ACTS programming is made available to Eastside cable viewers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that EISCC encourage all leaders of local congregations, organizations, and agencies to write letters to cable stations requesting them to subscribe to VISN/ACTS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when VISN/ACTS becomes available in the Eastside community, EISCC members will invite and encourage all cable viewers to avail themselves of this faith and values programming.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS
A SINGLE ADULT SHELTER PARTNERSHIP BY EASTSIDE AGENCIES
AND CONGREGATIONS

TWELVE MONTH BUDGET REVISED (4/6/93)

PERSONNEL:

Program Manager (.5 FTE)	\$13,500
Floor Monitor (1.0 FTE)	16,237
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Sub-Total	\$45,974
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Benefits and Taxes	14,252
On-Call Staff	<u>10,000</u>

Total Personnel	\$70,226
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Program/Operating

Office Supplies	\$250	
Telephone	500	Cellular 1,300
Postage	480	
Printing/Publications	500	
Travel/Mileage	600	
Conferences/Meetings	100	
Training	300	
Specific Assistance	500	
Membership Dues/Fees	50	
Occupancy	1000	
Miscellaneous and Contingency	<u>2000</u>	

Total Program/Operating	6280
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Agency Indirect	<u>11,476</u>
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Total Expenses	87,982
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Fund for Breakfasts	12,000
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Grand Total	99,982
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JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY

Tuesday NOON Meeting

MAY TOPIC May 11, 1993

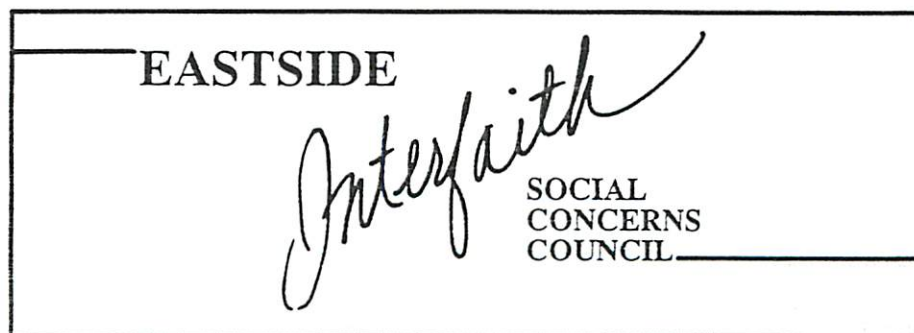
GANGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Robert Cox, V Prin. Sammamish HC
James Washington, Youth Services
Cornelia Anderson, YES

JUNE TOPIC June 8, 1993

RACISM TASK FORCE
SPECIAL VIDEO AND DISCUSSION

Betty Smith, Chairperson



1st Presbyterian Church
1720-100th Ave. NE. Bellevue

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING, MAY 11 1993
The Rock-Room - First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue

Next Meeting, Tuesday noon June 8, 1993 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Ave NE, Bellevue.

The program will be presented by the Racism Task Force and will include a special video and discussion.

COMING EVENTS: Mark these events and dates on your calendar:

1. **Job Fair:** Saturday June 26th, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 14526 Main Street, Bellevue. Seminars, prospective employers and JOB HOTLINE .. plenty of free parking .. sponsored by EISCC... it's free!
2. **St. Margaret's Episcopal Church Carnival:** Saturday July 17th, 4228 - 128th Ave SE, Bellevue. One half of the proceeds will be donated to Congregations for the Homeless.

MONTH OF JUNE SPECIAL INTERFAITH DAYS:

ABORIGINAL: (21) National day of solidarity for Indian People, First nations in Canada.

CHRISTIANITY: (6) Pentecost; celebrates the coming of the Holy Ghost upon the disciples of Jesus and thus the beginning of the church.

ISLAM: (1) Eid-ul-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice) one of the two main Islamic festivals. Meat distributed to the poor in honor of Abraham offering Ishmael to God. (21) Muharram celebrates the Hijra (migrations) of Muhammad and followers from Mecca in 622CE where first Islamic community was established. (30) Ashura celebrates the martyrdom of grandson of Muhammad in 680CE and also the safe landing of Noah's Ark.

SIKHISM: (2) Martyrdom of guru Arjan Dev who built the Temple of God in which Sikhs could meet for worship.

ZOROASTRIANISM: (June 29 to July 3) Ghambar Maidyoshem celebrates the creation of water, the sowing of the summer crop and the harvesting of grain.

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM by the Rev. David Hackett. He welcomed everyone, offered the prayer and self introductions were made. The attendance roster was circulated; 21 present.

The minutes of the previous meeting, April 13, 1993 were approved with minor editorial corrections.

PROGRAM: Dorothy Scott introduced the program of gangs in our Community. Robert (Bob) Cox - Vice Principal of Sammamish High School was the first speaker. Bob defined who a gang member might be and what SHC has done or is doing to help deter gang activity.

Much news about gangs invariably takes place on or around school sites. Schools for the most part are hot beds or good nesting ground for gang activity. Schools have some of the things that are required for the proliferation of gang activity (people).

Characteristics of a gang member and why do people join gangs, (Social group that participates in criminal activity):

1. Identification or recognition
2. Protection (fear of bodily harm)
3. Fellowship or brotherhood (someone who speaks as you speak, talks the talk that you talk, believes or disbelieves as you do).

Is there gang activity in the schools in Bellevue? Yes, there are gang members on the Eastside, but we are not talking about the type of gang members or activity that you find in Los Angeles.

Bob Cox made available a copy of a publication, "King County Police Gang Awareness" 3-01-93, detailing the following: gang membership, gang history, why kids join a gang, structure of gang involvement, differences between gangs, characteristics of gang members, facts about 'crack' or 'rock' cocaine, protecting our kids, what schools can do, what communities can do and common street gang slang. If you would like a copy of this publication, please request one from Bill Grade, Co-Secretary.

What schools can do: At SHC last year they had an influx of different major groups of youth. A rash of problems developed that were basically fights between groups that were perceived as racial or gang related. Generally it was a conflict between 2 youths that initiated the problem which was not settled; thus friends took matters in their own hands. Usually school authorities were made aware of the problem after the fact. The following action was taken:

1. All involved people were brought together and eventually all could talk with one another about the problem. (conflicts began to decrease in number and volume).
2. Created activities to involve people, to develop good communication base between Latino and Asians (organized faculty basketball).
3. Set rules: banned wearing of head bandannas, hair nets, and altered athletic gear.
4. Established 3 solid policies:
 - * Any youth fighting is suspended for remainder of school semester.
 - * All spectators to a fight who do not leave when asked by a school adult are subject to suspension.
 - * If engaged in a verbal confrontation and do not stop when asked by an adult (lipping or running off the mouth) and a fight breaks out, youth subject to suspension.

This school year no one has been suspended from SHC for fighting.

Question: What alternatives are there for a youth who is suspended? Do they go to another school?

Answer: It is very difficult to get into one of the other three high schools in the district; they may try another school in another district. However, if suspended for fighting, usually no school is interested. The student loses all credit for the semester and has to retake the classes over next semester.

Question: Can they attend the Off Campus School? **Answer:** This school has a waiting list of up to 2-3 months and usually gives priority to seniors who need to meet graduation requirements.

Cornelia Anderson, from Youth Eastside Service was the second speaker. She works at the Eastside Community Center at Crossroads. They have some high school students and lots of teens. The center is open to all people. They see a lot of "want-a-bes". They have had problems with Asian and Hispanic gang situations. In the summer of 1992, Hispanics ages 18-25 who did not speak English created a number of fights and put fear into the young ladies. The problems were resolved through daily police presence, immediate on call response when requested and hiring a Spanish speaking person to communicate with hispanics and let them know the rules. Also they have had some problems with individual gang members coming over from Seattle and several incidences of bringing weapons into the center. These were resolved.

On April 29th 1993, the youth and parents were educated about gangs and families with the cooperation of the parents, school authorities and other agencies, through "You Unlimited Forum". This was a first hand opportunity to listen to students and adults and understand what each have seen and perceive of what is going on around them in school and the community. Many issues surfaced so that as an agency YES could deal with them, especially at the community center.

Also, they try to get the youth and teens involved in activities: Friday Midnight Madness (teens share or show off talents, teen dances, bands) etc. Also, teens being held at Echo Glen come and talk with teens and explain the consequences of criminal actions and how to avoid the pitfalls.

What can churches do? Members of one congregation go to a group home and pick up and take teens to and from church activities. Instill in them values, standards of dress, and provide wholesome activities and friends. Also youth and adults writing to the teens is helpful.

YES provides one on one counseling, youth forums, teen activities, community center programs, and tries to determine needs of teens and fill them.

Question: Are gang groups growing on the Eastside? **Answer:** Cornelia Anderson is not aware of any gangs in our community. But, at the community center she has seen gang members from Seattle attempting to get established on the Eastside. They see Bellevue as new territory or want to liven up the Eastside. Bob Cox indicated that Bellevue has a Gang Unit as a part of the Police Department. The success at SHC was through working closely with this unit. Gang presence is here in Bellevue, but not growing.

Question: why is it that most gang members are male? **Answer:** Bob Cox indicated that in California, females join to serve as couriers, carry weapons, money etc. Males seem to need the association in groups, whereas females do not.

The third speaker was James Washington from Youth Services. What can churches do to help young people or people at risk? Churches have established themselves throughout history. Many of us adults are products of church activities and life style. As a youth, we were pushed or pulled along and we took from and now is the time as an adult to give back time, money, energy and hope. The role of the church can be to reach out to young people and families within their own congregations who have needs and help fill those needs. Often times they need someone who will just listen, not prejudge, care and share thoughts and provide guidance even at 2:00 AM in the morning; a moment in time of quality time that you spend with them. Open the doors because many youths have no anchor or don't know where to go or where to turn. Reach out your hand and hold on to them and give them hope.

Question: What happens to kids who have no hope or always in trouble? **Answer:** James Washington indicated that in a five year period of time they end up in jail or are dead. This year from January 1st through April 13th he has lost 7 young men to violence. He spent 5 years in Vietnam and can't tell you the names of 7 close individuals who died in that time period.

Question: Besides Youth Eastside Services, who are some other agencies that you feel are very good in Seattle and the Eastside that are working with this type of youth? **Answer:** The churches are the hub to get the community to reach out to youth at risk. There are very few programs out in the local community as most people deny there is a problem.

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President's Report: Rev. David R. Hackett's new address and phone: 14512 NE 4th St., Bellevue, WA 98007. Telephone 641-8796.

Treasurer - Pat Meehan 454-2392

Beginning balance		\$27,346.84
Deposits	25.00	
Interest/Adjustment	15.55	40.55
Payments		
First Presbyterian Church	36.90	
Kelly Phillips	21.00	
Mark Hoover (Job Fair)	200.00	
Diana Roger	31.38	(289.28)
Balance on hand		27,098.11
EISCC	622.06	
Job Fair	70.00	
HIV/AIDS	1,255.87	
Housing	25,150.18	

EISCC dues for the current year are \$20.00 per congregation and \$10.00 per community organization. If you have not paid your dues, please do so. Thank you.

Money in the Job Fair account with the recent mailing is almost zero. It was recommended that each congregation contribute at least \$50.00 to the Job Fair Fund to cover expenses of the coming Job Fair in June that is sponsored by EISCC. Your financial support is needed. Make check out to EISCC - Job Fair.

EISCC Bellevue Emergency Service Fund (BESF) - Shelly Noble 747-4826

Six months (October 1992 - March 1993) report of donations to fund reviewed and copy passed out; present balance in fund \$9,920.95. Second page of report showed expenditures and households served.

It was noted that the month of March was an exceptionally high month but in April the expenditures were back to normal. Motel expenses showed zero in some months; other funds were used from other sources. For your information during the previous 6 months we spent about \$8,300 and helped 126 families whereas this 6 month period we helped 207 families or households and spent about \$14,400. Detailed copy of this report enclosed with minutes. A vote of thanks was extended to Shelly Noble for administrating this very worthy fund.

Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon 746-6019

Congregations for Homeless Task Force is meeting every 2 weeks; target date is July 1st. The total of money and pledges is approximately \$77,500 - we are so close to going over the top. Please help.

In your congregations if you have any business men who would like to donate to the congregations for the Homeless, please call Bill Graden or Nadine Shannon.

Jerry Lukins has completed the incorporation paperwork for EISCC as a protection to everyone including the officers. He will bill us a minimal cost of \$20-25 shortly.

HIV/AIDS Task Force - Pat meehan for Diana Roger 277-6528

We encourage greater participation on the part of each congregation. Please send a representative. We need more people to attend; 3rd Tuesday of the month at YES, 12:30 PM; last about 1-1/2 hours.

Job Fair Task Force - Mark Hoover 455-2703

Job Fair, Saturday June 26, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 14536 Main Street, Bellevue. Just completed a mailing to 300 businesses and 250 Churches about the Job Fair. One of the aspects of the 90's is that temporary agencies are becoming more prominent because companies have a core staff and hire temporaries to pick up the slack. But those who are skilled and knowledgeable about applying for work are still being hired. Come and learn how so that you can be one of the core staff in a company. Please help get the work out about the EISCC sponsored Job Fair.

Racism Task Force - Joy Pocasangre for Betty Smith 883-1422

Be sure to join us at the June EISCC Monthly Meeting. The Racism Task Force will present a special video followed by discussion. It should be excellent.

VISN/ACTS Task Force - Bill Graden 641-5674

We still need congregations to sign up for the writing of 25 letters to Viacom Cablevision station for the months of July, August and September. We thank all those who have faithfully written in March, April, May and are writing in June. If we are to make a difference it will take the united efforts of all of us. Also, for those who presently subscribe to Viacom Cablevision, please continue to write each month on your statement when you pay the bill "I want VISN/ACTS programming."

Other Business

- * Welcome packets are available for those who are new to EISCC or have need for one. See Dorothy Scott or Bill Graden.
- * United Way Eastside Volunteer Coordinator requested a copy of the EISCC mailing list. They will mail out to each congregation on the list a monthly listing of volunteer opportunities for people and groups on the Eastside. A motion was made, seconded, discussion followed, and carried by Aye vote to provide them with a copy of our mailing list.
- * Rev. David Hackett handed out beautiful posters and a packet of brochures promoting the "All Creatures Great and Small Heifer Fair", Saturday May 22nd.
- * David Bloom - Church Council of Greater Settle 525-1213
Church Council has been focusing in recent years on programs that deal with youths who are at risk. If your congregation has any interest in this area, they have developed a catalog of model program ideas; after school, parent training, support groups, etc. This is a resource that is available to all congregations. If you would like further information please call him.

Next meeting, Tuesday noon, June 8. 1993 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Ave N.E., Bellevue, WA 98004

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM

Respectfully submitted
Bill Graden and Dorothy Scott
Co-Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. BOX 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
Minutes of the Meeting, June 8, 1993
The Rock Room - First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue

Next meeting, Tuesday noon, July 13 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Ave NE. Bellevue.

The Program: The Graying of the Eastside, "Treva Stevens, Director of the Bellevue Senior Center, will be the speaker.

Month of July Special Interfaith Days:

Baha'i (9) The Martyrdom of the Bab memorialized his death. No work on this day.

Buddhism (3) Beginning of the three-month Rains Retreat for monks and nuns. (9) Dhamma Day commemorates the Buddha's first discourse called "Turning of the Wheel of Dhamma," following his enlightenment.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by Vice-President Joy Pocasangre. She offered the prayer and self introductions were made. The attendance roster was circulated; 18 present.

Interfaith Days:

Add Tisha B'AV (Judaism) Jewish Day of Mourning for destruction of the temple. Also a fast day.

Announcements:

Rev. David Hackett and his wife Sandy, recently lost their baby. Dorothy Schindler will send a plant on behalf of EISCC. David Hackett has a new call from the National Presbyterian Church and will be based in Bellevue.

Minutes of the previous meeting, May 13, 1993 were approved with minor editorial corrections.

Program: Racism Task Force: Special Video and Discussion

Betty Smith, Racism Task Force Chairperson, Joy Pocasangre and Abigail Brown from the City of Bellevue's Cultural Diversity Task Force presented the program. The program was a presentation of a videotape "A World of Difference" followed by discussion. The videotape was produced by the Anti-Defamation League and consisted of a series of vignettes.

Betty circulated a survey of congregational action to be returned at the next meeting. She also presented a reprint of a Seattle Times article about youth violence. Discussion included recognition of different connotations of ethnic jokes: put-downs, laughing at oneself, discriminatory harassment, separation of groups. Different meanings for the same symbols may result in conflict. Acting on the basis of stereotype is likely to result in discrimination.

The videotape can be rented for \$30.00 from anti-Defamation League as part of a presentation about cultural diversity, including booklets and facilitators.

REPORTS

Chairperson's Report

Nominating Committee elected for 1993 includes Dorothy Scott, Rev. Llano Thelin and Nadine Shannon. Election will be held in October.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Meehan, 454-2392

Beginning Balance			\$27,098.11
Receipts:			
		72.40	
W.M. Ind.		57.73	
So. of Joseph and Peace		10.00	
Kevin C. Smith		100.00	
Sacred Heart		100.00	
Sacred Heart		500.00	
H.A. Gilman		30.00	
M.A. Curran		500.00	
Skinner Facilitator		1,500.00	
Cross of Christ		<u>1,000.00</u>	3,870.13
Payments:			
Bill Graden		52.72	
First Presbyterian		<u>11.60</u>	<u>(64.32)</u>
Balance on Hand:			<u>\$30,903.92</u>
	EISCC	762.19	
	Job-Fair	117.28	
	AIDS/HIV	1,255.87	
	Housing	<u>28,768.58</u>	
		<u>30,903.92</u>	

Racism Task Force

Abigail Brown reported on the City of Bellevue's Cultural Diversity Task Force which she chairs. She distributed the Report and Community Action Plan, March 1993 of this task force. The City of Bellevue officially accepted the recommendations concerning economics, education, youth and social services and law and justice. Recommendations from the religious community are being requested. Brown emphasized a need for communication.

HIV/AIDS Task Force - Diana Roger, 277-6528

Father David Joeger recently addressed a meeting of the Task Force noting the reluctance of PWAs to become involved in congregations. There are spiritual support groups and worship services for PWAs. Next meeting Tuesday, June 29, 12:30 PM - home of Larry and Sharon Anderson, 15726 NE 4th St. T.F. frustrated with lack of turn-out at the meetings.

VISN/ACTS - Dorothy Scott for Bill Graden, 641-5674

Dorothy requested sign-ups for a congregation to write 25 letters to Viacom in July.

Housing/Homeless - Nadine Shannon, 746-6019

MSC that official name of the project be Congregations for the Homeless. Next meeting is June 10, 2:00 PM at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church for representatives from host and supporting congregations. \$15.00 received from Catherine Skinner Foundation. Task Force is applying for grants from local municipalities. \$80,000 on hand, \$30,000 needed to begin project.

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Steve McGraw will go to down town office from Bellevue office, to be replaced by Kathy Peters on a half time basis. Carnival July 17th at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, from which half the proceeds will go to "Congregations for the Homeless".

New Business - Rev. Llano Thelin

"Advance Bellevue" is a new leadership development program which seeks 20 people to attend a training program which meets one day per month between October and April. Rev. Llano Thelin presented brochures.

MSC that EISCC recommend it's members publicize the goals of "Advance Bellevue" and encourage applicants for its fall program in 1993. Following this program participants will have a better idea of how they can participate in the community and become better leaders.

Announcements

Job-Fair - June 26 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 14536 Main Street, Bellevue. \$100 has recently been donated and every congregation is encouraged to donate \$50.00.

Next meeting, Tuesday noon, July 13 at Fist Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Ave NE. Bellevue.

The program: The Graying of the Eastside. "Treva Stevens, Director of the Bellevue Senior Center will be the speaker.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:45 PM

Respectfully submitted
Bill Graden and Dorothy Scott
Co-Secretaries

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P.O. Box 662, Bellevue WA 98009-0662

MINUTES OF THE MEETING, JULY 13, 1993

The Rock-Room, First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue

Next Meeting, Tuesday noon, September 14, 1993 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

The program will be "Promoting Volunteerism". The speaker will be Sharon Coutts, Director for the Eastside Volunteer of United Way on the Eastside.

COMING EVENTS: Mark these events and dates on your calendar:

1. The Interfaith Council of Washington and The Council of Greater Seattle present "why bother ... with people of other Faiths"? A beginning series in Seattle, September 3, October 11, November 15, and December 13; 7:30 to 9:30 pm. An introduction to 4 non-christian faiths. Call Dick Jacke, Secretary, 455-0706 for details.
2. Effective Volunteer Program Management Workshop - September 20, 22, 27, 29; 8:00 am to 12 noon; Eastside; \$85 for series; call Sharon Coutts 881-7927.
3. HIV/AIDS Evening Presentation - Tuesday, Oct 25; Bellevue 1st Congregational Church; Watch for further information.
4. Employment - Need a job? See EISCC Employment Task Force - Thursday nights; 7:30 to 8:30 pm; Room 14; LDS Church near 148th Ave/Main Street; open to the public.

MONTH OF AUGUST SPECIAL INTERFAITH DAYS:

Buddhism: (2) Ullambana-day of offering on behalf of ancestors.

Christianity: (6,19) Transfiguration of Jesus to three of his disciples.

Hinduism: (2) Raksha Bandhan festival - women tie amulets on their brothers for protection from evil. (11) Sri Krishna Jayanti-celebrating the birthday of Krishna, 8th incarnation of the God Vishnu.

Islam: (29) Maulud-un-Nabi- the anniversary of the birth of the Prophet Muhammad.

Jainism: (15) Begins Paryushana-parva, the holiest period of the year, concludes on August 22.

Sikhism: (28) Parkash commemorates the installation of the Adi Granth, the first edition of the Sikh Scriptures.

Zoroastrianism: (13-22) Fravandeghan Days - Ten days in preparation for New Ruz to honor ancestors. (23) New Ruz, the Beginning of the year 1362 in the Shenshai Calendar.

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by Vice President Joy Pocasangre. Nadine Shannon offered the prayer and self introductions were made. The attendance roster was circulated; 22 present.

Minutes of the previous meeting, June 8, 1993, were approved with minor editorial and the following corrections: 10 Betty Smith sent a plant on behalf of EISCC to Rev. David Hackett and his wife Sandy who recently lost their baby. 2) The Catherine Skinner Foundation contributed \$1500 to the Congregations for the Homeless and not \$15.

PROGRAM: "The Graying of the Eastside".

Pat Sandbo introduced the speaker, Treva Searles, Staff Member, Bellevue Senior Center for 12 years and Program Administrator for 9 years.

Let's face it, people are living longer; county wide life expectancy is 77.3 years. Also, Bellevue's population is growing older. From 1980 to 1990 the number of seniors rose from 4556 to 9024; an increase of 98%. The national average is 22%.

Economically children and seniors are the hardest hit as more people are living in poverty. The number of seniors in poverty grew 117% here on the Eastside.

The challenges, concerns and issues seniors face are:

Accessible transportation

Affordable housing

Affordable medical care

In the home care

Respite care

Out living their money.

The community has a real challenge in the coming years to service our culturally diverse, frail, and active senior population; also, to acknowledge and understand their needs and concerns. The senior population is rich in knowledge, life experiences, wisdom, humor, skills and provide many wonderful volunteers who need meaningful opportunities to serve others.

The Bellevue Senior Center is provided by the City of Bellevue and administered through the Bellevue Parks and Recreation Department. Here are some examples of the over 100 activities that are available to senior that can provide fun, companionship, education, exercise and guidance: Exercise (yoga, soft ball, billiards, ping pong, horse shoes, bowling); travel (day and extended); stamp club; choir; weekly dancing; health classes; games; (cribbage, bridge, pinochle); services (seniors rights, legal help, income tax aid, savings on utility bills, help with insurance needs, Social Security updates); health needs (flu shots, and blood pressure checks); volunteer opportunities are unlimited; hot lunches 3 times a week; tutoring of English as a second language; learning personal computers; reading and writing; genealogy; painting; photography; information referral.

Senior Centers in the State of Washington are unique; these centers are community funded. This is not the case in many cases of our country. Other Senior Centers on the Eastside are found in Kirkland, Mercer Island, Redmond and Issaquah.

Question: Does one have to go into Seattle to obtain a Metro Bus Pass? Answer: Bellevue Senior Center can issue the usual Metro Bus Pass; however, they cannot issue the low income sticker. Metro Bus Passes are issued Monday through Friday; 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; cost \$1; no identification required. The Senior Center is located at: 4063 - 148th Ave NE Bellevue WA Phone 455-7681.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report - Pat Meehan, 454-2392

Beginning Balance			\$30,903.92
Receipts:			
W.M. Interest	87.77		
Grace Lutheran	100.00		
St. Louise	50.00		
S. of Joseph of Peace	50.00		
1st Congregational	50.00		
Wayne Leeann Found	5,000.00		
Sacred Heart	3,000.00		
St. Margaret	50.00		
Jewish Family Serv.	50.00		
1st Presbyterian Church	3,783.71		
H. Gillman	<u>50.00</u>		15,290.48
Payments:			
Kelly Phillips	17.34		
Betty Smith	29.59		
Dorothy Scott	17.40		
NWKCC Multi Service Ctr	200.00		
The Foam Shop	688.15		
1st Presbyterian	<u>25.44</u>		<u>(977.94)</u>
Balance on Hand:			\$45,216.48
EISCC	787.53		
HIV/AIDS	1,255.87		
Job Fair	407.28		
Housing	<u>42,765.80</u>		
			<u>\$45,216.48</u>

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Pat Meehan thanked those congregations who had contributed to the cost of the EISCC Job Fair. We welcome further contributions; \$50.00 per congregations. Make check out to EISCC-Job Fair.

At the October 12th EISCC monthly meeting an election of officers will be held. 1994 dues will need to be paid prior to the meeting in order to vote. Dues are \$20.00 per congregation and \$10.00 per community organization.

VISN/ACTS Task Force - Bill Graden, 641-5674

Good News - TCI cable company in Seattle announced they will carry VISN/ACTS programming beginning in late 1994. Not so good news - Letter writing campaign to Viacom Cable servicing Bellevue and East side is slowing down for July and August. We need your letter asking for VISN/ACTS programming. Please see attached information sheet and respond.

HIV/AIDS Task Force - Diana Roger, 277-6528

"Shanti" is a volunteer organization that provides free one-on-one, confidential emotional support and companionship for persons with AIDS. Simple companionship is badly needed and is something that people from all faith congregations can provide. No experience required; in-depth training, on-going supervision and weekly support groups are provided. This is an opportunity and call to serve.

Also, any person from any congregation who has an interest in serving on this Task Force and helping those with AIDS is invited to attend the monthly meetings. Contact Diana for information.

Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon, 746-6019

Cathy Peters, new SE Regional Director of CCS, was introduced. She spends half her time between the Eastside/Kent offices. Cathy is new to the Eastside, but has some 20 years experience serving in the south county area.

All the money, \$100,000, to fund congregations for the Homeless, has been pledged and is coming in currently. Enclosed separately is a copy of the revised budget as of July 1 1993.

Congregations for the Homeless is scheduled to start September 1st. Presently going over the contract between CCS and EISCC; job descriptions, responsibilities, training of volunteers, supervision. Also reviewing media release, logistics, etc.

It was moved and seconded that EISCC reaffirms its commitment to congregations for the Homeless, and supports plans to begin services September 1, 1993; carried by aye voice vote.

Job Fair Task Force - Mark Hoover, 455-2703

The Job Fair held June 26th was very successful with 550 people attending and 20 employers represented; also, all of the classes were well attended and informative. In 1994 we plan to hold the Job Fair in late April or early May. A special thanks to all who made the Job Fair so successful.

In about 6 months we want to hold another Home Business Fair; it received much interest. This is a different type of individual one who wants to start a business in their home. BCC has indicated they would like to participate with us, maybe even hold it at BCC.

It is interesting that the employment program is becoming more of a community affair. LDS and St. Louise Catholic Churches are working together. We are also looking for ways to integrate other congregations into the program.

If you have employment needs, come to the LDS Church, near 148th Ave main Street, open to the public, Thursday nights, Room 14,, 7:30pm. Highest job opportunities are available for those with programming, engineering, and technical skills; however, there are many other job openings available.

It was suggested that the Job Fair and Homeless Task Force get together and develop a program for the homeless single men who will be participating in the congregations for the Homeless program. Also, suggested that Job Fair Task Force people might meet with single men in a host congregation one evening a month.

Racism Task Force - Betty Smith, 883-1422

Did you bring the "Racism and Hate Crime Survey" from last meeting; most did not. See enclosed survey; fill out and bring to the regular September EISCC Meeting.

New Business - Joy Pocasangre - 747-0877

Attended meeting in Yakima of "Washington Coalition Against Malicious Harassment" (HOW). Gratifying to see concerned people in attendance from all over the state. The people who sponsored Proposition #9 in Oregon are coming to Washington; they are will organized.

"Home Coming 1993" Gay rights people week in October to be held in all high schools in Washington State. Homecoming Assemblies will be held where people who have graduated from high school, whose sexual orientation is Gay/Lesbian, supported by religious leaders, law enforcement, and Chamber of Commerce, will come back and talk to the students who are in high school about their experience, where they are now, and what they are doing.

Invited people to read an article by Art Siegal in the Social Actions news column of the "Temple Tidings" about initiative 602. Please become informed about the pros and cons of this initiative.

New Business - Pat Meehan, 454-2392

The Interfaith Council of Washington and the Church Council of Greater Seattle present "Why Bother ... with people of other Faiths?" A beginning series in Seattle September 3, October 11, November 15, December 13, 7:30 pm. An introduction to 4 Non-Christian faiths. Call Dick Jacke, Secretary 455-0706.

New Business - Llano Thelin, 454-4344

Advance notice of "Effective Volunteer Program Management workshop". All of us are highly involved with using volunteers; this workshop will help sharpen the utilization of people in your congregations and provide specific suggestions. The 4 day workshop will be held September 20,22,27,29; 8:00 am to 12 noon; \$85 less \$10 with coupon for series; eastside; call Sharon Coutts for information 881-7927.

Sharon Coutts is the Director for the Eastside Volunteer Center of United Way on the Eastside and will be the feature speaker at the regular September 14th EISCC Meeting.

Joy Pocasangre gave the closing prayer and meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

No meeting in August; Next meeting, Tuesday noon, September 14, 1993 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Ave NE.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy Scott and Bill Graden
Co-Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL (EISCC)
HIV/AIDS TASK FORCE
July, 1993

Catholic AIDS Ministry has found many ways to respond to the AIDS crisis. Led by Father David Jaeger, this ministry has for four years been educating individuals and groups in the Seattle Archdiocese and has reached out to hundreds of people living with HIV/AIDS and their families and friends. For example, Holy Communion is served weekly at Bailey/Boushay and at Rosehedge (two facilities for people with AIDS). Father Tom Alsop provides a 15 hour/week chaplaincy at Bailey/Boushay. Facilitation is provided for a support group sponsored by Seattle AIDS Support Group, and two spiritual support groups for PWAs, caregivers, and families are sponsored (one is in Tacoma and the other is in Seattle). Healing Masses with anointing of the sick are regularly performed, and there is an annual retreat for people with HIV and their companions. *God's Green Earth* is a Catholic-sponsored program which sends fresh vegetables and fruit along with Chicken Soup Brigade meals.

According to Fr. Jaeger, people with HIV/AIDS go where they are assured of competence and confidentiality, and one of his goals is to get Roman Catholic clergy and parishioners compassionate and competent to deal with AIDS. Fr. Jaeger believes that the way for faith communities to respond to the AIDS crisis is to do what they can to make people whose lives are touched by AIDS feel safe. For that to happen, he says, statements must come from the pulpit.

The address for Catholic AIDS Ministries is 910 Marion Street, Seattle, WA 98104. Telephone - (206) 382-4885.

AIDS On the Eastside Update: Linda Conroy, the Eastside Case Manager for the Northwest AIDS Foundation, reports that the biggest problem her clients are facing is **isolation**. Simple **companionship** is something that people from our faith communities can offer to people living with AIDS. **If nonjudgmental, caring companionship is something you might be able to provide to a person with AIDS on the eastside, but you don't know how to get started, consider the following:** Shanti is a volunteer organization that provides free one-on-one, confidential emotional support and companionship for persons with AIDS. As a Shanti volunteer you do not have to have previous education or experience; however, you will be provided with in-depth training, on-going supervision and weekly support groups. Trainings are offered on a regular basis throughout the year. For additional information, call (206) 322-0279.

Another option would be to call Linda Conroy at 867-1551 and explore the possibility of connecting with one of her clients. A simple weekly check-in with one of these people, perhaps on your way home from your religious services, could be a tremendous service.

If you would like to learn more about AIDS advocacy and caregiving before making a commitment, consider taking **Helping You Care**. Offered by The American Red Cross, this four-session course is offered each month. AIDS 101, Advocacy, nutrition, the dying process, grief, etc., are discussed in an environment which is safe and supportive. Upcoming classes will be Aug. 9, 11, 16, 18 - M & W & Sept. 7, 9, 14, and 16 - T & TH. Call Sondra at 323-2345 for registration information.

The next meeting for the EISCC HIV/AIDS Task Force will be Tuesday, July 27, at the home of Larry and Sharon Anderson. 15726 NE 4th Street in Bellevue. Anyone who is interested in how our eastside faith communities can respond to AIDS is encouraged to attend. Please call the Andersons at 746-6751, or Diana Roger at 277-6528, if you can attend or would like further information.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

CONGREGATIONS FOR HOMELESS

A Single Adult Shelter Partnership By Eastside Agencies
and Congregations

Twelve Month Budget Revised

July 1, 1993

PERSONNEL & AGENCY INDIRECT

Program Manager (.5 FTE)	\$13,500	
Site Staff (2 FTE), salary	32,500	
Benefits and Taxes	14,200	
On Call Staff	10,000	
Agency Indirect	11,500	
Sub Total		\$81,700

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

Office Supplies	\$250	
Telephone	500	
Postage	500	
Printing/Artwork/Publications	500	
Travel/Mileage	600	
Conference/Conventions/Meetings	100	
Training	300	
Specific Assistance	500	
Membership Dues/Fees	50	
Occupancy	1,000	
Miscellaneous and Contingency	2,000	
Sub Total		\$6,300

TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET

\$88,000

CONG. OPERATION SUPPORT

Food for breakfast, foam mats, transportation	\$12,000
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TOTAL BUDGET

\$100,000

REVENUE SOURCE:

	Proposed	Committed or On Hand
1993/1994		
Sponsoring Congregations	\$30,000	\$42,043.62
Bellevue City to CCS for CH	35,000	15,989.00
Redmond/Kirkland	30,000	
Individuals/Foundations/Corp.	35,000	41,967.38
TOTAL REVENUE	\$100,000	\$100,000.00

1994/1995

Congregations.....	35,000	\$ 79.56
Cities of Bellevue.....	16,000	
Kirkland/Redmond @\$5000	10,000	
Individuals/Foundations/Corps.	39,000	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$100,000	

PLEASE FILL OUT THE SURVEY AND BRING IT TO THE SEPTEMBER 14TH EISCC MEETING

RACISM and HATE CRIMES SURVEY

1. What is your Congregation doing at this time concerning Racism?

Such as:

Workshops-

Sunday School Classes--

2. Does your congregation have a National Network of any kind that is working on Race Relations?

3. Does your Congregation have material from the National Governing Body concerning Racism?

4. What would you like to have the Racism/Hate Crimes Task Force do that would help you to promote a better understanding in your church and community?

5. List any other activities that your congregation might be involved in.

URGENT ! URGENT ! URGENT ! URGENT !

***** VISION/ACTS LETTER WRITING MEMO *****

DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1993

ALL WHO READ THIS MEMO ARE ASKED TO:

1. Write a letter to Viacom Cable Vision
(Even if you have written previously-write again)
2. Call one other person and commit them to write
one letter

APPROACH:

TCI Cable Company, serving the Seattle Area, recently announced plans to add the VISION/ACTS Channel to their programming in late 1994. "Yeah for our team".

Viacom Cable Company serving the Eastside needs to be reminded to relook at adding the VISION/ACTS faith and value channel to their basic programming schedule.

The vast majority of good people, who live on the Eastside, want the ability to choose programming that will build stronger families. "No success in life can compensate for failure in the home."

Therefore, help us instill and teach through VISION/ACTS programming: faith, values, standards to live by, desire to work and achieve, and motivate people to use their talents and abilities for the benefit of all in society.

WHEN WRITE LETTER:

DURING MONTH OF AUGUST

WHERE SENT LETTER:

Eric Kronen, General Manager
Viacom Cablevision
PO Box 5187
Everett, WA. 98206-5187

WHO ELSE CALL:

ONE OTHER PERSON

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE. ACT NOW ! ACT NOW ! ACT NOW !

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue WA 98009-0662
MINUTES OF THE MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 1993
The Rock-Room, First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue

Next Meeting, Tuesday, noon, October 12, 1993 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

The Program will be:

1. Legislative Briefing, for and against 601 and 602
2. Vote on slate of officers for EISCC for 1993/1994

COMING EVENTS: Mark these events and dates on your calendar:

1. The Interfaith Council of Washington and The Council of Greater Seattle present "Why bother...with people of other faiths?" A beginning series in Seattle, October 11, November 15, and December 13; 7:30 to 9:30 pm. This is an introduction to 3 other non-christian faiths. Call Dick Jacke, Secretary, 455-0706 for details.
2. "Someone else's problem? The Eastside looks at AIDS" Sponsored by EISCC and HIV/AIDS Task Force. Tuesday, October 26, 1993 at 7:30 pm. Fenwick Hall, First Congregational U.C.C. Church of Bellevue. Additional parking is available behind Honeybee Hams and at Griffin college. If you need further information call Diana Roger. 277-6528

MONTH OF OCTOBER SPECIAL INTERFAITH DAYS:

- Baha'i: (20) The anniversary of the birth of the Bab, the herald of the new age for Bahais.
- Buddhism: (16) Founder's Day for the introduction of Buddhism into Canada.
(30) At Kathina, when new robes are given to ordained Buddhist monks and nuns
- Christianity: (3) World Communion Sunday observed by member churches of the World Council of Churches.
- Hinduism: (4) Ganesh Chaturthi celebrates the birthday of Ganesha, the God of Success, one of the major Hindu deities.
(24) Dassehra, the concluding day of a ten-day festival honoring various goddesses.
- Jainism: (13) Dipavali, the Festival of Lamps, celebrates the attainment of Moska by Lord Mahavira.
(28) Honoring of the births of several revered and scholarly persons, such as 15th century reformer, Lonka Saha.
- Judiasm: (8) Simhat Torah, or Rejoicing of the Law, celebrates the finish and new start of the reading of the Torah in the synagogue.
- Zoroastrianism: (12-16) Ghambar Ayathrem celebrates the creation of plants, the sowing of the winter crop and the return of herds from pasture.

The meeting was called to order at 12:09 pm by President David Hackett. The attendance roster was circulated; 23 present.

David Hackett shared with us letters from other congregations in the community congratulating EISCC and celebrating with us the opening of The Congregations for the Homeless shelter here on the Eastside on September 8th. Letters were received from the following: Washington North Idaho Conference United Church of Christ; Overlake Christian Church; Northwest Washington Synod Lutheran Churches; Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Diocese of Olympia; Seattle District The United Methodist Church; Presbytery of Seattle. Also, Nadine Shannon, chairperson of the Housing/Homeless Task Force, brought copies of the front page article (28th August) and the editorial (30th August) from the Journal American for distribution to those who had not seen them.

President David Hackett offered the opening prayer. Minutes of the July 1993 meeting were approved with minor editorial corrections.

PROGRAM: "Promoting Volunteerism"

Sharon Coutts, who is Community Resource Manager for United Way on the Eastside, was introduced by Llano Thelin. Sharon then introduced her co-worker, Fay Williamson.

While Sharon talked to us, we all participated in making "Hero Badges" to be given to children at the Orthopedic Hospital. The Eastside Volunteer Center strives to create connections; long term and/or life time. It is about bringing

people together who have needs and those who want to give of their time. Anyone who have needs and those who want to give of their time. Anyone who gives of their time, with age being no barrier, is volunteering regardless of the motivation. Opportunities to volunteer are limitless and all around us. It is important that the youth learn early and become involved with helping, caring, and providing service to others.

Trends toward volunteering are encouraging. The youth are being encouraged to get involved. Numerous high schools are requiring a certain number of volunteer hours as a graduation requirement; other individual middle school teachers are requiring volunteer service hours. Actually it is becoming politically correct to volunteer. Also, corporations large and small are encouraging their personnel to become involved in community service.

Various ways the Volunteer Center helps promote volunteerism:

1) Training and fund raising with non-profit organizations and in the work place, and community; how to run a good volunteer program and get the staff to work together effectively. Training can be in house at United Way or at the location you designate.

2) Resources: Monthly letter, "Volunteer for the fun of it"; volunteer opportunities in the local newspaper; provide speakers; kits-ways people can get involved; UNISEF participation; books-"Human power of doing good"; people who can act as a resource; developing a data base - a list of people who want to help - bring the two needs together. (Developing a program with micro soft called access)

Sharon Coutts and Fay Williamson can be reached at the East King County Office of United Way of King County here in Bellevue; 206-881-7927

We at EISCC are concerned with volunteerism as we approach the social concerns in our congregations and community. How to provide meaningful ways for people to serve and feel good about volunteering is one of our goals. Service to others was basic in past years and we need to redevelop this desire in people again. There is great joy and personal satisfaction in service rendered to others. Yes, people all around us need our caring and sharing help; look for opportunities to volunteer.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report - Pat Meehan 454-2392

Beginning Balance

\$45,216.48

Receipts:

St. Margarets Thrift	\$3,000.00
LDS Church	1,000.00
J.J. Castano	25.00
LDS Church	20.00
Seattle Foundation	10,000.00
Sacred Heart	200.00
Sacred Heart	1,250.00
Safeco	15,000.00
Cash donations	15.00
Sacred Heart	20.00
Archdiocese of Seattle	500.00
Overlake Christian	1,000.00
Wash. Mutual Interest	265.48
Wash. Mutual Interest	9.59
St. Margarets	343.11
St. Margarets Thrift	393.97

33,042.15

Payments:

Diana Roger	3.46
Dorothy Scott	7.57
Peggy Johnson	16.11
Elaine Burnes	28.71

Wallingford U. Methodist	160.00	
The Foam Shop	344.15	
The Foam Shop	344.00	
Mark Hoover	250.00	
Kibble Prentice	1,894.40	
Nadine Shannon	26.10	
Evergreen Mobile Co.	3,781.59	
First Presbyterian	30.19	
Kinko	2.27	
Nadine Shannon	13.65	
Kibble Prentice	256.00	
Nadine Shannon	166.95	(7,325.15)
Balance on Hand:		\$70,933.48
EISCC	\$1,077.98	
HIV/AIDS	1,292.41	
Job Fair	157.28	
Housing	68,405.81	
	\$70,933.48	

Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon - 746-6019

The Congregations for the Homeless shelter officially opened on Wednesday, 8th September at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Bellevue. The ribbon cutting ceremony and community announcement was held on August 26th. Nadine thanked all those who contributed time, energy, talents, moral support, money, or in any way helped the program to get started. Five men utilized the program the 1st week of operation. \$1 million of liability insurance has been purchased to protect EISCC. There were some 40 volunteers who were willing to participate at St. Margaret's in the program. Also, the senior high school students are excited about helping with the breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays.

Nadine Bentsen has prepared a book of guidelines for host/support congregations. Also, she will coordinate the moving of the trailer from site to site once a month. Anyone who would like to help, call her at 747-1543. (4-6 teams of 2 are needed) The blankets stored at Shurgard will be sent out for cleaning and then sorted as to usability in the program or for quilting in several congregations. Bill Graden will coordinate cleaning and Nadine Bentsen will arrange for sorting and storage.

Nadine would like to develop a mission statement for Congregations for the Homeless. If you have ideas, please contact her.

HIV/AIDS Task Force - Diana Roger - 277-6528

The mission of the Task Force is to fulfill God's love and justice toward those affected by HIV/AIDS by enabling persons with HIV/AIDS and their families and friends to talk about their situation; by providing education and information to individuals, families, and Eastside congregations; and by involving religious groups in serving individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS.

"Someone else's problem? The Eastside looks at Aids" sponsored by EISCC HIV/AIDS Task Force. See enclosed handout/flyer for details. An excellent evening of information and provocative discussion.

Racism Task Force - Betty Smith - 883-1422

Rather than reinvent the wheel the task force is working with Abigail Brown of the City of Bellevue Cultural diversity Task Force. Abigail reviewed their goals and strategy for the coming year. The City has had a reorganization and the task force is now part of the Parks and Community Service Dept. Currently the task force is looking for nominations of people or congregations that have contributed in some way to cultural diversity in the community and should be recognized. (See attached letter and Nomination Form) Also, Abigail is striving to put together a network of business, education, congregations, and non-profit organizations so as to know what is being done in the community.

Racism and Hate Crimes Survey was sent out with the EISCC July minutes; would you please complete and bring to the October EISCC meeting if you have not done so.

Job Fair Task Force - Mark Hoover - 455-2703

If you have employment needs, come to the LDS Church, near 148th Ave SE and Main Street, open to the public, Thursday nights, Room 14, 7:30 pm. We are looking to network with the single men who are utilizing the Congregations for the Homeless Program.

VISN/ACTS Task Force - Bill Graden - 641-5674

Many thanks to all those persons from your congregations who wrote to Viacom requesting VISN/ACTS programming. We estimate that some 800 letters were written. The meeting with Viacom management looks like it will take place in October. Again, many thanks for your efforts. The big push is over, but if you feel so inclined, continue to write. Again, many thanks.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dorothy Scott, chairperson of the nominating committee, presented the 1993-94 slate of Officers for EISCC.

President	David Hackett
Vice-President	Joy Pocasangre
Co-Secretary	Bill Graden
	Dorothy Scott
Treasurer	Nadine Bentsen

No other nominees were put forward, therefore this will be the slate voted on at the October 12th meeting. Please remember that in order to vote, your dues for the 1993/94 year must be paid up.

President David Hackett asked for a volunteer to update the EISCC Emergency Directory for 1994. This directory is distributed throughout the eastside. Abigail Brown volunteered.

David Hackett advised the group that he was going to India for 2 weeks and visiting a large organization that does Christian service out in the rural villages with the untouchables or classless people.

David Hackett encouraged each one to take the message of EISCC and its' community involvement and programs represented by the various task forces back to our congregations and outreach committees and encourage greater networking and partnerships between congregations. We are growing as there are now 28 congregations represented in EISCC. We need to capitalize on the momentum created by Congregations for the Homeless and indicate to the community that we are a group that is doing something not just with housing but in other areas. Each congregation that has paid dues is asked to have two representatives in attendance at our regular monthly meetings. Also, we are interested in increasing clergy representation at our meetings; please invite them to come with you. Yes, we need greater participation on our task forces and involvement; please help us.

Betty Smith called to the attention of the group that Carla Vendeland, a charter member of EISCC, has very poor health and Betty requested we remember Carla in our prayers. Later, Dorothy Shindler offered a prayer for Carla during our meeting and agreed to select a music tape and card and send it to Carla on behalf of all of us at EISCC.

Jack Roos, First Presbyterian Church, new representative to EISCC, reported their Church has initiated an informal partnership with the Mt. Calvary Christian Center in Seattle. They are excited. Also, on Saturday the 16th they will break ground for a new parking lot, phase one of their new sanctuary.

Meeting adjourned at 1:24 pm. Next meeting, noon, Tuesday, October 12, 1993 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100 Ave N.E., Bellevue.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy Scott and Bill Graden
Co-Secretary

A BRIEF EISCC HISTORY
PRESENTED AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY
FOR CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS.
AUGUST 26, 1993.
Rev. David R. Hackett

From my faith tradition I've come to admire Ecclesiastes 4.9, 12:

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work; if one falls down, his friend can help him up...",
and "a cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Today we're seeing the strength of a rope with many different strands in it - Protestant, Catholic, Jewish strands and others. For thirty years now the congregations of the Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council have kept on rediscovering that working together gives a good return for our work.

Let me give you a thumbnail history of "E.I.S.C.C.," a pedigree of the community we abbreviate as "EISCC" - though not because it's icy cold!

In fact, it's from this group that Congregations for the Homeless has come - a program that will keep a homefire burning for the homeless every night of the year.

EISCC began in 1962, when it called itself the Eastside Conference on Race and Religion. Its early campaigns were about open housing. We tried to deal with racial discrimination; and the Martin Luther King marches got our support.

We became the Bellevue Ecumenical Social Concerns Committee in 1971 and began our pattern of meeting monthly. Our members advocated for mental health concerns and the needs of the elderly. We held programs on Jewish-Christian dialogue, and got involved with immigrant resettlement.

By 1981 we developed passions for the needs of refugees and those who needed low income housing and emergency services. The EISCC Bellevue Emergency Services Fund had its start about a decade ago, which still offers help on rent and utilities and a host of other crises for Eastsiders.

We found ourselves changing just as the Eastside was changing and changed our name to the Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council in 1985. Now the complex Eastside needed to know what social services were available - so we compiled an annual comprehensive, one-page emergency services directory for our congregations. We're still doing that, in 1993.

Homelessness has just been one of our continually deep concerns. Years ago we established a Coalition for the Homeless - which turned into the Eastside Coalition for the Homeless. We helped give birth to the HOPE Project - Housing Outreach Partnership of the Eastside.

In recent years we've created very active task forces

- our AIDS/HIV Task Force produces resources and seminars;
- our Job Fair Task Force offers twice-a-year employment fairs;
- our Religious Cable Programming Task Force works to get ACTS/VISN on the air;
- and then there's our task force on Affordable Housing/Homeless...which has brought the strands together for the magnificent cord that is Congregations for the Homeless.

I hope we keep on finding out that working together gives us a good return on our labor. And I hope that EISCC keeps on warming up the Eastside by offering its own special brand of service and love. Thank you!

David R. Hackett
President

Someone else's problem? The Eastside looks at AIDS

An evening of information and provocative discussion

Guest Panelists include

Father David Jaeger, Catholic AIDS Ministries
Linda Conroy, Northwest AIDS Foundation Eastside Case Manager
Diana Roger, Multifaith AIDS Project of Seattle volunteer
Al Mayer, whose son died from AIDS

Sponsored by the Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC)
HIV/AIDS Task Force

Tuesday, October 26, 1993
at 7:30 pm

Fenwick Hall
First Congregational U.C.C. Church of Bellevue
Northeast 8th Street and 108th Avenue N.E.
Downtown Bellevue

Additional parking available behind Honeybee Hams and at Griffin College

All who are interested are invited to attend

*The mission of the EISCC HIV/AIDS Task Force is
to fulfill God's love and justice toward those affected by HIV/AIDS by
enabling persons with HIV/AIDS and their families and friends to talk about their situation;
providing education and information to individuals, families, and eastside congregations; and
involving religious groups in serving individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS*

For more information, contact Larry and Sharon Anderson at 746-6751;
Diana Roger at 277-6528



Cultural Diversity Task Force
Post Office Box 90012 • Bellevue, Washington • 98009 9012

August 20, 1993

Dear Friends:

Do you know a volunteer who devotes himself or herself to making this community a better place for people of all backgrounds?

Have you come in contact with an organization that goes above and beyond any legal requirements to hire a multicultural staff and promote the appreciation of diversity among the members of its workforce?

Do you have information about an individual or group that works hard to promote cooperation among diverse groups of people?

Are you aware of a business that makes diversity a significant organizational goal?

These are examples of the kinds of people or groups you could nominate for the first annual Bellevue Community Diversity award program. The program is sponsored by the Bellevue School District, City of Bellevue, Bellevue Chamber of Commerce and the Lake Washington Branch of the American Association of University Women.

The goal of the award program is to recognize efforts that demonstrate ongoing commitment to valuing diversity in the Bellevue community. The program also supports one of the recommendations of the City's Cultural Diversity Task Force.

Please use the attached form to complete your nomination. Award recipients will be honored in November.

For more information, call Abigail Brown, 637-7886, or Cheryl Kuhn, 462-4089.

Thanks for demonstrating your own commitment to diversity by taking part in this brand new program.

Sincerely,

Lynn Johnson, Awards Committee Chair

Appreciation of Diversity Award Nomination Form

Goal: Recognize Efforts That Demonstrate Ongoing Commitment to Valuing Diversity in the Bellevue Community.

Name of Nominee (person or organization) _____

Address of Nominee _____

Phone Number of Nominee _____

Name of Nominator _____ Telephone _____

Title, if applicable _____

Address of Nominator _____

Please respond to the following items, limiting your combined answers to the front and back of this form.

1. Describe how the nominee demonstrates a focused commitment to diversity as part of a long-range goal.
2. Describe the impact of the nominee's activity on the community.

Please mail to Abigail Brown, City of Bellevue, P. O. Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009-9012 by Friday, October 1, 1993. Call 637-7886 for more information. Thank you for your nomination.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue WA 98009-0662
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OCTOBER 12, 1993
The Rock-Room, First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue

Next meeting, Tuesday, noon, November 9, 1993 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

The program will be a brain storming session. Please bring with you your suggestions or ideas for future monthly programs. What would you like to know more about or have discussed as it relates to our social concerns activities in the community?

COMING EVENTS: Mark these events and dates on your calendar:

1. The Interfaith Council of Washington and The Council of Greater Seattle present "Why bother...with people of other faiths?", a continuing series in Seattle, November 15, and December 13; 7:30 to 9:30 pm. This is an introduction to two other non-christian faiths. Call Dick Jacke, Secretary, 455-0706 for details.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER SPECIAL INTERFAITH DAYS:

Baha'i:	(12) Anniversary of the birth of Bagauallah.
	(26) Day of the Covenant, celebrating the appointment of AbdulBaha as the centre of the Covenant.
	(28) Ascension of AbdulBaha.
Christianity:	(25) Thanksgiving day.
	(28) First Sunday of Advent, the time of preparation for Christmas.
Hinduism:	(13) Diwali (Deepavali), the most popular of Hindu festivals, is about the destruction of evil by Vishnu.
Jainism	(23) Maunijiyaras, a day of fasting, silence and meditation.
Sikhism:	(11) Celebrates birth of Guru Nanak, founder of the Sikh faith and the first of the Ten Gurus.

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by President David Hackett. The attendance roster was circulated; 26 present.

Nadine Bentsen offered the opening prayer. The minutes of the September 14, 1993 meeting were corrected to read, "Betty Smith called to the attention of the group that Carla Vendeland, a significant member of EISCC since 1978", and then approved with minor editorial corrections.

PROGRAM: Legislative briefing pro and con-Initiative 601 and 602.

Two significant tax-limit initiatives will appear on the November 2nd ballot. Initiative 601 would limit increases in state spending to the growth in state population and inflation levels. Initiative 602 would rollback all the taxes and fees enacted in the 1993 legislative session, as well as limit future state spending by tying it to total personal income. Both initiatives would also require super-majority votes in both houses to raise any taxes, even within the spending limits.

President David Hackett introduced Bob Stewart, former elected official in Bremerton, former Bank President, and over the years an unpaid volunteer who has participated in the initiative and referendum process. He presented numerous examples whereby the law as voted by the Legislature has been changed by the people through the initiative or referendum process. He urged people to vote for 601 and 602; thus sending a message to the Legislature to cut spending first. If the initiative proves to be wrong in two years the Legislature can change it with a simple majority vote.

Tony Lee, from the Washington Association of Churches asked the question, how can Initiative 601 and 602 solve all the problems raised. It would take a complete revamping of the system to do this and 601 and 602 can not accomplish this end. Most of the major organized religious groups oppose 601 and 602 because cuts are very likely in humanitarian programs that affect the poor, needy, homeless, elderly, and children, the people who have the least say in the political process.

Comment: The presentations were well done; there was a spirited rebuttal; feelings for and against were strong. Good questions were asked and points were raised that showed we are all concerned with: the education of our children; plight of the poor, needy, elderly, and homeless; waste in government; and accountability of government officials to the wishes of the people they represent. We all gained a better understanding of where the pro and con groups are coming from. We all need to dig deeper, read and study more and think through the ramifications of these very complex issues. Most importantly, we all should go to the polls on Tuesday, November 2nd and vote, which is our constitutional privilege. Also, we should encourage others to do their civic duty by voting.

BUSINESS

Election of slate of Officers for EISCC for 1993/94 year. It was moved, seconded, and voted in the affirmative that the EISCC By-Laws be suspended for this election only; to permit all 1992/93 paid members present who had or had not paid their dues for 1993/94 and intended to be active to vote for the following slate of Officers.

Dorothy Scott, chairperson of the nominating committee, presented the 1993-94 slate of Officers for EISCC.

President	Rev David Hackett
Vice-President	Joy Pocasangre
Co-Secretary	Bill Graden
	Dorothy Scott
Treasurer	Nadine Bentsen

The full slate as presented was accepted with a unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report by: Nadine Shannon (Pat Meehan out of town)

Beginning Balance \$70,933.48

Receipts:

St. Margarets Thrift	\$ 20.00
Grace Episcopal	20.00
Grace Lutheran	20.00
First Congregational	20.00
Herzl-Ner-Tamid	70.00
Bellevue Christian	125.00
Eastside Unitarian	120.00
St. Thomas	20.00
St. Margarets	1,120.00
Wash. Mutual Interest	13.02
St. Lukes	20.00
Newport Presbyterian	20.00
Presb. Frontier Fellow.	10.00
Wash. Mutual Interest	175.00
Overlake Presbyterian	20.00
Salvation Army	10.00
	1,803.80

Payments:

Dorothy Scott	15.66	
David Hackett	24.29	
Multifaith Resources	9.50	
Kelly phillips	40.00	89.45

Balance on Hand		\$72,647.83
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EISCC	\$1,437.33
AIDS/HIV	1,392.41
Job Fair	307.28
Racism	105.00
Housing	69,405.81

\$72,647.83

President David Hackett will appoint a committee to review the transition of the EISCC checking account, records, and accountability for the funds from Pat Meehan to the newly elected treasurer Nadine Bentsen. Also, we want to thank Pat Meehan for all the work that she has done as past Treasurer of EISCC.

Housing/Homeless Task Force: Nadine Shannon - 746-6019

-The Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) shelter was officially opened on Wednesday, September 8th at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Bellevue. The Temple De Hirsch Sinai is the host church for the month of October with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as support church. The number of men being housed varies between 8 and 14 at the present.

-Ann Olds, CFH program Manager indicated that the program was going well.

-David Bloom, Church Council of Greater Seattle, indicated that they would like to run a feature in the council newspaper, The Source, about the opening of the program and share this model program with other faith groups in the county. He requested information from Nadine Shannon and Ann Olds.

AID/HIV Task Force: Diana Roger - 277-6528

Diana introduced Sharon Anderson who spoke from the view point of a mother who found out her son was gay and later HIV positive. She desired to heighten the awareness of the faith community, who are afraid or fearful of the AIDS/HIV problem. You don't have to agree, but please be open to the individuals and their families and friends who are suffering. She suggested that many more people are parents of gay, AID'S, and HIV positive persons in your individual congregations that you ever imagined. Take advantage of every opportunity to become educated as to this problem in our community and what interfaith groups can do to serve families and individuals living with HIV/AIDS more effectively.

Racism Task Force: Betty Smith - 883-1422

-Daniel's story at the Children's Museum for children groups; no charge for Sunday School or school groups; call 441-1764 to make arrangements for a group or call Joy Pocasangre 747-0877.

-Abigail Brown - 455-7886 - has information on a new support group formed on Eastside for gay/lesbian persons called Ten Eastside Network.

Job Fair: Mark Hover - 455-2703

-Mark passed out 3 handouts: one specifically about "Jobs that are growing and slowing". If you do not have access to this handout, and want one please request a copy from Mark.

-Next Job Fair will be held February 26, 1994; more details later.

-Job Fair Committee meets every Thursday night 7:30, room 14, at the LDS Church near 148th Ave. SE and Main Street, open to those who are looking for a job or upgrade. Joy Pocasangre suggested a permanent bulletin board sign be made and passed out to the members of EISCC indicating where, when and time people looking for jobs could talk with someone from the Job Fair Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Rev David Bloom, Church Council of Greater Seattle, requested that EISCC consider having a representative on their board so that we might network with them in their interfaith activities. President David Hackett suggested further discussion of the matter in the next EISCC Executive Committee Meeting.

Betty King brought two cards to the meeting for everyone to sign indicating our love and best wishes and get well soon for; the Rev Walfred Erickson, past President of EISCC, who is home recovering from a bout in the hospital; and Jerry Longton, Overlake Park Presbyterian, who is going into the hospital for surgery.

President David Hackett briefly shared some of his recent experiences in working with the untouchable or outcast population in India, representing 184 million of the 800 million people. These people live in segregated areas of each village (like on the other side of the tracks or path) and are suppressed because of the caste system in which they are born with no way to escape. They are not distinguished by race, but because of historical and religious heritage, they have emerged as a class of people below the lowest class in the Hindu culture. These are the people who have the job of collecting all the latrine run off. They clean the latrines for India and shepherd the pigs. They are the only people authorized to move the bodies of dead things. The building of bio-gas digestors is an attempt to create a productive economic environment. The Supreme Court of India recently ruled that when you become a Christian you cease being an Untouchable. But the Untouchables do not want to lose their identity for this is their society of which they are a part. They have a strong desire to share their christian principles and beliefs with their own people and help lift them up.

Shelly Noble, Multi Service Center of Bellevue, presented the semi annual report of the Bellevue Emergency Services Fund of EISCC (BESF). The monies in this special EISCC fund are used to pay rent; electric, gas, and water bills; gasoline; and prescriptions. The funds are dispensed for EISCC by the Multi Service Center of Bellevue.

We are in need of additional funds for this account or we will have to cut back or eliminate the help. The program is self sustaining; we can only spend what we take in.

Also, the Multi Service Center has started planning for family holiday baskets. If members of the various faith congregations would like to participate again this year as a sponsor or volunteer in the program, please call Shelly at 747-4826. She would welcome your participation.

Fay Robinson, United Way Eastside Volunteer Center, called to our attention the recent mailing from her office of the following:

- 1) "Volunteer for the Fun of It" October 1993
- 2) "Volunteer Opportunities" October 1993
- 3) "Make a personal Donation"

If you did not receive these bulletins, please call Fay Williamson at 556-8326 to be placed on the mailing list.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 pm. Next meeting, noon, Tuesday, November 9, 1993 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Scott and Bill Graden
Co-Secretary

EISCC SEPTEMBER 30, 1992 TO OCTOBER 11, 1993

EISCC:

Beginning balance		\$848.95
Deposits:		
Dues paid	\$580.00	
Private donations	141.00	
Interest	835.20	1556.20
Payments:		(967.82)
Balance on hand 10-11-93		\$1437.33

AIDS/HIV TASK FORCE

Beginning balance		\$1183.76
Deposits:		
Sacred Heart	\$300.00	
First Presbyterian	250.00	
Herzl-Ner-Tamid	25.00	
Bellevue Chistian	25.00	
Eastshore Unitarian	25.00	
St. Margarets	25.00	650.00
Payments:		(441.35)
Balance on hand 10-11-93		\$1392.41

JOB FAIR TASK FORCE

Beginning balance		\$170.00
Deposits:		
Sacred Heart	\$200.00	
Grace Lutheran	50.00	
S. of St. Joseph of Peace	50.00	
St. Louise	50.00	
First Congregational	50.00	
St. Margarets	100.00	
Jewish Family Ser.	40.00	
Bellevue Christian	50.00	
Eastside Unitarian	50.00	\$640.00
Payments		(502.72)
Balance on hand 10-11-93		\$307.28

RACISM TASK FORCE

Beginning balance		.00
Herzl-Ner-Tamid	\$25.00	
Bellevue Christian	30.00	
Eastside Unitarian	25.00	
St. Margarets	25.00	105.00
Payments		.00

Balance on hand 10-11-93		\$105.00
<u>HOUSING TASK FORCE</u>		
Beginning balance		\$10,346.00
Medina Foundation	\$ 7,500.00	
Breakfast Rotary	1,000.00	
Church of Resurrection	150.00	
Women of St. Lukes	350.00	
First Presbyterian	4,783.71	
Sacred Heart	5,769.00	
Temple de Hirsch	50.00	
St. Thomas	2,000.00	
St. Louise	600.00	
St. Lukes	2,526.50	
Woodinville Unitarian	423.68	
Eastside Friends	50.00	
Overlake Park Presb.	1,000.00	
Skinner Foundation	1,500.00	
Cross of Christ	1,000.00	
Grace Lutheran	50.00	
Leanne/Wilson Foundation	5,000.00	
Washington Mutual	3,000.00	
St. Margaret Thrift	3,393.97	
Church of J.C. of L.D.S.	1,000.00	
Seattle Foundation	10,000.00	
Safeco	15,000.00	
Catholic Arch. of Seattle	500.00	
Overlake Christian	1,000.00	
Private Donors	872.38	69,821.94
Payments:		(10,762.13)
Balance on hand 10-11-93		\$69,405.81

BELLEVUE MULTI-SERVICE CENTER

EISCC EMERGENCY SERVICE FUND DONATIONS April 1993 - September 1993

1.	ALDERSGATE METHODIST	\$	0
2.	BELLEVUE CHRISTIAN		0
3.	CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LDS		0
4.	CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION		0
5.	CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN		187.50
6.	EASTGATE CONGREGATIONAL		50.00
7.	EASTSHORE UNITARIAN		0
8.	FIRST CONGREGATIOINAL UCC		0
9.	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN		500.00
10.	FIRST UNITED METHODIST		300.00
11.	GRACE EPISCOPAL		0
12.	GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH		25.00
13.	HERZL NER TAMID		0
14.	NEWPORT PRESBYTERIAN		0
15.	NORTHSHORE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST		50.00
16.	OVERLAKE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY		0
17.	OVERLAKE PARK PRESBYTERIAN		1,800.00
18.	PINELAKE PRESBYTERIAN		0
19.	SACRED HEART		1,000.00
20.	ST. LOUISE CATHOLIC		200.00
21.	ST. LUKES LUTHERAN		0
22.	ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE		0
23.	ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL		0
24.	ST. MARGARET'S THRIFT STORE		1,000.00
25.	ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL		0
26.	TEMPLE de HIRSCH SINAI		0
27.	WOODINVILLE UNITARIAN		0
	Sub Total	\$	4,912.50
	OTHER CHURCHES (M.I.Presbyterian)		2,000.00
	PRIVATE DONORS		736.00
	TOTAL DONATIONS	\$	7,648.50

EISCC EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND

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OTHER: prescriptions, schooling, ESL classes, nursing certificate

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue WA 98009-0662
MINUTES OF THE MEETING, November 9, 1993
The Rock-Room, First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue

Next Meeting, Tuesday noon, December 14, 1993 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

The program will be presented by Anne Johnson. She is the Eastside Coordinator for Friend to Friend. This is an on going program. People, who are alone, or in a nursing home, are visited regularly by a volunteer who becomes their friend.

COMING EVENTS: Mark these events and dates on your calendar:

1. The Interfaith Council of Washington and The Council of Greater Seattle present "why bother ... with people of other faiths?" A continuing series in Seattle, December 13, 1993: 7:30 to 9:30 pm. This is an introduction to other non-christian faiths. Call Dick Jacke, Secretary, 455-0706 for details.
2. The next EISCC sponsored Job Fair will be held Saturday February 26, 1994. Please talk it up in your congregations and be prepared to participate.

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM by President David Hackett. He offered the opening prayer. The attendance roster was circulated; 23 present. Minutes of the previous meeting, October 12, 1993, were approved with minor editorial corrections.

Many people in our congregations are involved in numerous on going projects and programs all around us in the community. Thus, during the introduction period, each person present took a few minutes and shared with all of us what their congregation or agency was doing to provide service, partnerships, linkages, bridges, fund raising, and opportunities for their people to be involved with other congregations or programs in the community. It was very heart warming and encouraging to listen to the huge amount of volunteer service that is taking place in the community by the EISCC members; people helping people.

President David Hackett called to our attention several recent newspaper articles illustrating the involvement of EISCC in the community affairs:

1. Journal American
October 24th "Teaching tolerance to kids" (Racism Task Force)
October 27th "AIDS on the Eastside" (HIV/AIDS Task Force)
2. Seattle Times
Oct 26th "Eastside's 1st shelter for homeless men is a moving refuge" (Housing/Homeless Task Force)

Congratulations to all the movers and shakers who make these task forces effective, fill a much needed void, and make a positive impact and contribution in our community.

PROGRAM: Brain Storming Session.

We share with one another ideas, thoughts, leanings and promptings of subjects we would like to have EISCC address in our monthly meetings during the coming year. The following suggestions were made:

1. Understanding mental illness.
2. How to help one understand and deal with depression.
3. Social responsibility:
 - a) Partnership not welfare
 - b) Investing in the community economic-wise
 - c) How to make money work more effectively for that which we believe in? (ripple effect)
 - d) Affect change through purchasing power
4. Raise peoples awareness of abuse; sexual or child.
5. Make people aware of violence: domestic and youth. Does this awareness or education start in the home before we address it as a congregation or community?
6. What is available to help families locate missing children?
7. What is the impact of 601 on the community?
8. Develop interfaith events/projects for youth.
9. How to coordinate youth volunteer activities. (Youth volunteer Core on Eastside).

10. Traveling Aids education program
11. Affordable housing-big picture or birds eye view: transitional/shelters/homeless
12. Gun free within your church
13. EISCC forum on violence in our community: what can churches do?
14. Preventive strategies for younger children:
 - a) After school programs for latch key children
 - b) Parent training: discipline w/o child abuse; spiritual development of children
 - c) Presentation on Virtues Project-David Bloom
15. Training meeting: (once or twice a year)
 - a) Virtues
 - b) Standards
16. Development traveling panel (go to other churches)
17. 72 hour emergency kits
18. How to get more people to attend EISCC meetings

REPORTS

AIDS/HIV Task force: Diana Roger - 277-6528

Diana reported on the very successful evening presentation of "Someone else's problem? The Eastside looks at AIDS" held Tuesday, October 26, 1993. The meeting was covered by the Journal American in an article "Aids on the Eastside" published on October 27th. Though attitudes are changing, the Eastside remains an outpost that isolates and stigmatizes people with AIDS. Volunteers are needed to care for people. Call and talk with Diana to see how you can help and make a difference.

Next direction of the task force will be to reach more clergy. A special training session is being planned for February 24, 1994 for the clergy.

Treasurer's Report - Nadine Bentsen - 747-1543

<i>Beginning Balance</i>			\$72,647.83
<i>Less returned check</i>			<u>10.00</u>
<i>Adjusted Beginning Balance</i>			\$72,637.83
<i>Receipts:</i>			
St. Louise	20.00		
1st United Methodist	20.00		
Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace	20.00		
Temple DeHirsch Sinai	20.00		
Aldergate United Methodist	20.00		
Emergency Feeding Program	10.00		
Multi Service No. & East K.C.	10.00		
Rev. Tom Kidd (CFH)	25.00		
Sacred Heart (CFH)	1,250.00		
Robert Lead (CFH)	100.00		
Interest	<u>196.53</u>		1,701.53
<i>Payments:</i>			
Diana Roger	82.86		
NW AIDS Foundation	40.00		
SASG	40.00		
Catholic AIDS Ministry	40.00		
Nadine Shannon	<u>61.99</u>		
			<u>(264.85)</u>
<i>Ending Balance:</i>			\$74,074.51
EISCC	1,693.59		
HIV/AIDS	1,189.55		
Job Fair	307.28		
Racism	105.00		
CFH	<u>70,779.09</u>		<u>\$74,074.51</u>

1994 EISCC dues are \$20.00 per congregation and \$10.00 per community organization. If you have not paid please make it a priority.

For the Task Force chairpersons; their is a new Check Request Form. Please obtain from Nadine and use the new form when requesting reimbursement for funds expended.

Housing/Homeless Task Force: Nadine Shannon 746-6019 by Bill Graden

Ann Olds, CFH Program Manager, reported that in the month of October we provided 250 bed nights. We have served 32 men thus far through the program. We are housing the men in our 3rd host congregation. 75% of the men are either working or actively hustling for a job.

Please remind your church clergy of this program so that they can refer any men needing overnight housing to one of the 5 local screening agencies.

Catholic Community Services (CCS)	643-1937
Eastside Mental Health	641-2999
Jewish Family Service	451-8512/6413696
Multi-Service Center of NE King County	485-6521
Salvation Army	454-4568

1993/1994 Emergency Service Directory-Eastside Congregations will include the name and telephone number of the 5 Eastside screening agencies for CFH.

A committee is preparing a letter to be sent to all 161 congregations on the Eastside requesting financial support for CFH for the 1994 calendar year.

We thank Sister Mary Fleming and the Sister of St. Joseph of Peace for providing \$100 for the purchase of a cordless telephone. This ensures that we have emergency communications available throughout the night for the Site manager at the host church.

Many thanks to everyone who has participated in this program. It has taken many hours and much help from dedicated and committed individuals to make the CFH program be successful. You are making a difference in the lives of men in our community; thanks again.

VISN/ACTS Task Force: Bill Graden - 641-5674

We met in Seattle on October 19, 1993 at an area meeting chaired by Cindy Laue with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It was a productive meeting. VISN/ACTS Vip's are due in the area in November/December to meet with Viacom Cablevision. We will keep you posted. We are encouraged. Thanks for your letters; letter writing to Viacom is still very viable.

Job Fair; Mark Hoover - 455-2703

Working hard on the next Job Fair to be held on February 26, 1994 Saturday. Also, remember the Job Fair Committee meets every Thursday night, Room 14 at the LADS Church near 148th Ave SE and Main Street in Bellevue and is open to those who are looking for a job or upgrade. Permanent bulletin board signs are in the process of being made for distribution to the different congregations.

OTHER BUSINESS

Abigail Brown, City of Bellevue Cultural Task Force, is updating the 1993-1994 EISCC Emergency Directory-Eastside Congregations. If you have questions, please contact her directly at 637-7886 or 455-6881.

Walfred Erickson reported on the activities of the (EOC) Employment Opportunity Center located here on the Eastside in the Crossroads at 1811-156th Avenue NE: 643-2221. This is a non-profit multi-service organization originally founded to help low-income refugees and immigrants get trained and find jobs. Twenty-one years later, EOC has expanded its services to help low income residents of Seattle/King County and Tacoma Pierce/County. It was suggested that Mark Hoover, EISCC Job Fair Task Force chairman see if there is any meaningful way for us to link up with them. Also, financial contributions are welcome.

Joy Pocasangre asked if anyone would like to serve as a representative from EISCC to the NW coalition for Malicious Harassment. Also, American Friend Service Committee will be happy to put on a sexual diversity workshop or give service training. If you have an interest please contact Joy at 747-0877.

Executive committee still taking under advertisement the request from Rev. David Bloom, Church Council of Greater Seattle, that we consider having a representative on their board that we might network with them in their interfaith activities.

Meeting adjourned at 1:42 PM. Next meeting, Tuesday noon, December 14, 1993 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Avenue NE, Bellevue.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy Scott and Bill Graden
Co-Secretary

Come Celebrate With Us!
Tuesday, December 14, 1993
1:30 pm to 1:50 pm

The Rev. Llano Thelin, immediate past president of the Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council, will be leaving the Eastside in his retirement.

We want to say thank you to Llano for his inspirational leadership and wish him a fond farewell, hoping that he and Joyce fair well.

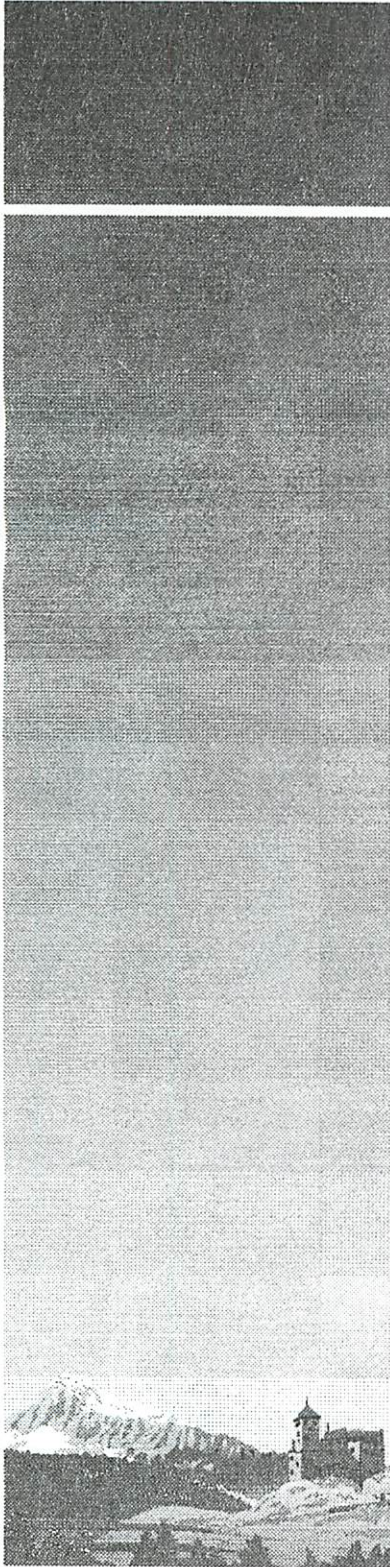
Vaya con D-s, go with G-d. We will cherish and remember you, Llano Thelin!

The Talmud says, "There is a respect which a man receives for himself; and there is a respect received because a man is intimate with another who is respected."

Please bring good-bye wishes from your organization or congregation or clergy if you would like.

*Meeting at First Presbyterian Church,
1720 100th Ave NE, Bellevue, in the
Rock Room, immediately following the
EJCC meeting.*

Refreshments will be served.



EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue WA 98009-0662
MINUTES OF THE MEETING, December 14, 1993
First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue

Next meeting, Tuesday noon, January 11, 1994 at First Presbyterian church, 1720-100th Ave. N.E., Bellevue.

PROGRAM: Joy Pocasangre will facilitate a congregational action program entitled "Youth Empowerment: How do I feel about violence?" Please bring with you your congregation youth education director. He/she will be intrigued.

COMING EVENTS: Mark these events and dates on your calendar:

1. Western Washington Legislative Conference, Des Moines, Wa. Des Moines United Methodist Church, Saturday, January 22, 1994. Registration Fee (includes lunch) \$20.00. Call (206) 525-1988 for further information.
2. The EISCC sponsored Job Fair will be held Saturday February 26, 1994. Please talk it up in your congregations and be prepared to participate.
3. HIV/AIDS - training session for all clergy Thursday, February 24, 1994. Watch for further details.
4. Task Force meeting times and places - anyone welcome:
 - a. Congregations for the Homeless - Thursday, January 13, 1994, Noon; Temple De Hirsch Sinai, 556-124th Ave. N.E., Bellevue.
 - b. HIV/AIDS - Thursday, January 13, 1994, 1:00 P.M. Larry and Sharon Anderson, 15726 N.E. 4th St., Bellevue.

January Interfaith Special Days:

Baha'i	(19) Sultan (Sovereignty) is 17th month of the Baha'i year.
Christianity:	(6) Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the disciples. The Orthodox churches place more emphasis on Epiphany than on Christmas; the Armenian Orthodox Church celebrates the nativity of Jesus on Epiphany. (7) The Ukrainian Orthodox Church celebrates the nativity of Jesus, according to the Gregorian Calendar. (18-25) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. (23-30) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Canada)
Hinduism:	(14) Makar Sankranti marks the change from decrease to increase of the sun.
Islam:	(8) Mairaj-un-Nabi commemorates the ascension of the Prophet to heaven following his night journey from Mecca to Jerusalem; the festival begins in the evening. (26) Nisfu-Shabaan is the "Night of Repentance" in preparation for Ramadan; this festival, too, begins in the evening.
Sikhism:	(14) Maghi commemorates a battle in which forty Sikhs laid down their lives for their guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji. (19) Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji (1666-1708), who created the Khalsa, the "brotherhood of the pure," and declared the Scriptures. the Adi Granth, to be the Sikh's Guru from that time on.
Zoroastrianism:	(Dec 31-Jan 4) Ghambar Maidyarem celebrates the creation of animals. It is also the time for equitable sharing of food.

The meeting was called to order by President Rev. David Hackett at 12:10 P.M. He offered the opening prayer. The attendance roster was circulated: 23 Present. Minutes of the previous meeting, November 9, 1993 were approved with minor editorial corrections.

PROGRAM: Pat Meehan introduced Anne Johnson, Eastside Coordinator for Friend to Friend who spoke to us.

Friend to Friend recruits and matches volunteers(one-to-one-basis) with elderly and handicapped persons who live in nursing, retirement, group and private homes and apartments for the purpose of friendship. The volunteer friends make a commitment to visit at least twice a month or every 7-10 days for a minimum of one year. Father Jennings, one of the charter members, said the loneliest 7 words in the dictionary were "I am old and poor and lonely".

People are living longer in today's society; the number of persons living in "homes" increases annually. Currently Friend to Friend volunteers regularly visit lonely residents in 120 homes in the greater Seattle area. Here on the Eastside there are more than 1400 persons living in nursing and retirement homes. Many are lonely and need friends. A caring friend really enhances their lives. Many more 'Friends' are needed. Friend to friend improves the well being of those who live in the 'homes' as well as the quality of life for the community as a whole. It is an excellent example of volunteerism at the grass-roots level.

Since the program began in 1974, more than 9,000 residents of a 'home' have had a special friend through this program in the Greater Seattle Area.

There are more than 1,200 volunteer positions. Literally thousand of hours are donated every month by devoted volunteers. A liaison person assists in matching and nurturing the volunteer friends in each local chapter (Bellevue/Mercer Island/Issaquah) Home Coordinators acquaint the volunteer friend with the 'home' and the resident to whom they are assigned.

Participation in the program as a volunteer friend is open to everyone regardless of religious affiliation. Friend to Friend is one of the largest ecumenical Christian volunteer programs in the area in terms of numbers of people involved.

Funding of Friend to Friend for a no-frills office, phones, postage, printing, and one paid staff person is through contributions from churches, individuals and business organizations. It is not funded by the government or United Way. It operates under the auspices of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, a non-profit organization, but does not receive any money from them. Contributions are always welcome. Boeing employees are supporters of this program.

This is a great opportunity for people who want to become involved in the community to fill a need that can bring lasting rewards and opportunity to share in the lives of others. All that is needed is a little time, concern and love. If you have someone in your congregation who is bored, has nothing to do and has time on their hands, here is an excellent opportunity to develop a rewarding relationship. Men volunteers relate to men clients through some kind of activity rather than talk whereas women volunteers can chit chat about nothing to women clients and fill a need. Some things that a friend can do are: *Listen and share; *Read to your friend; *Take your friend for a walk or a ride; *Take them out for lunch and/or shopping; *Take them to a park or ball game; *Take them to your home for a visit or meal; *Write letters for them; *Play cards or games; *Be yourself.

A notice in your congregation's bulletin is one way to seek out people who might be interested in volunteering to serve in this program.

— If you would like more information please contact Anne Johnson at 822-3584. She would be happy to send out a brochure and application form.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report - Nadine Bentsen - 747-1543

Beginning Balance \$74,074.51

Receipts:

Sisters of St. Joseph	\$100.00	
St. Louise HIV/AIDS	25.00	
Racism	25.00	
Job Fair	50.00	
Salvation Army-Dues	10.00	
St. Luke's Lutheran-Dues	20.00	
Cross of Christ-Dues	20.00	
Wash.Mutual-Interest	183.82	
Interest	10.15	443.97

Payments:

Bill Graden	\$294.24	
	92.83	
Peggy Johnson	17.40	
Kelly Phillips	83.51	
Postmaster Bellevue	75.00	
CCS	6,971.00	7,533.98

Ending Balance: \$66,984.50

EISCC	\$1,769.73	→
HIV/AIDS	1,214.55	→
Job Fair	357.28	→
Racism	130.00	→
CFH	63,512.94	→

\$66,984.50

1994 EISCC dues are \$20.00 per congregation and \$10.00 per community organization. If you have not paid please make it a priority. Thanks.

Housing/Homeless Task Force - Nadine Shannon - 746-6019

Nadine Shannon passed out an information paper for CFH indicating 1) What we will provide; 2) Participating agencies(refer all prospective homeless men to one of these 5 agencies); 3) Telephone number for Peggy Johnson, Program Coordinator; 4) Please do not give cash to the homeless; 5) Food donations to CFH should be coordinated with the Host /Support congregation coordinator so that excess amounts of food will not go to waste; 6) Money donations to CFH-checks should be made out to EISCC and mailed to PO Box 662, Bellevue 98009. See separate detail page included with these minutes.

- Nadine talked about the youth activity in November at 1st Congregational Church, who hosted the homeless men. Wonderful to see so many youth involved in various phases of food preparation, discussions, messages of welcome to men, table decorations, food donations etc. Also, certificates of appreciation were given out to the Host/Support congregations in CFH to Temple De Hirsch Sinai(accepted by Joy Pocasangre), Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints(accepted by Bill Graden), Grace Lutheran(accepted by Llano Thelin). In March 1994, we will reevaluate the program and fine tune it further and make any necessary adjustments.

Ann Olds, CFH Program Manager, shared a few statistics with us: Since Sept. 8, 1993 we have provided 1140 bed nights; 50 individuals have been enrolled in the program; currently we are housing 17 persons; Currently 60% of men are employed. At the recent training session at Grace Lutheran there were 41 volunteers in attendance; eager to serve. The program is running smoothly and we are pleased.

HIV/AIDS Task Force - Diana Roger - 277-6528

A new direction for the task force will be to reach more clergy. A special training session is planned for Thursday, February 24, 1994. Details next month.

Racism Task Force - Betty Smith - 883-1422

Nothing new to report this month.

VISN/ACTS Task Force - Bill Graden - 641-5674

Nothing new to report this month.

Job Fair Task Force - Mark Hoover - 455-2703

Employment Services Announcement handed out. It is designed to be posted on the bulletin board in your congregation. It tells about the employment services that are provided free to anyone in the community. (Copy included with these minutes- feel free to duplicate and circulate or post as needed)

Job Fair planned for Saturday, February 26, 1994. In addition to the regular 3-4 basic panels it has been suggested that we hold 6-7 employer panels. Two or three employers on a panel fielding questions: 1) how to get on with our company; 2) What kind of procedures must one go through; 3) what kind of job skills are needed etc. Full details should be available at the January EISCC Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Brochures passed out on the Legislative Conference '94 by Rev. David Hackett. If you need further information you can call 525-1988.

A Certificate of appreciation was given to Pat Meehan who has served as the previous Treasurer of EISCC. Again, Pat was thanked for all the work that she has done so ably.

Meeting adjourned at 1:32 P.M. Next meeting, noon, Tuesday, January 11, 1994 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. N.E., Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Scott and Bill Graden
Co-Secretary