

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue WA 98009-0662  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING, January 11, 1994  
First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue

Next meeting, Tuesday noon, February 8, 1994 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. N.E., Bellevue.

PROGRAM: Discussion on expanding the number of Eastside congregations involved with EISCC. Discussion will be under the direction of Joy Pocasangre, Vice Chairperson EISCC.

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

1. The EISCC sponsored Job Fair will be held on Thursday, March 10th, 1994 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 14536 Main Street, Bellevue. (Please note the change of date) This Fair is a community function and is open to the public. Please talk this up in your congregations and be prepared to participate.
2. HIV/AIDS - training session for all clergy, February 24, 1994 at Bellevue Christian Church. See attached invitation. All clergy welcome.
3. Task Force meeting times and places - anyone welcome:
  - a. Congregations for the Homeless - Thursday February 10, 1994, noon; Temple De Hirsch Sinai, 556-124th Ave. N.E., Bellevue.

February Interfaith Special Days:

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| Baha'i:       | (7) Mulk ("Dominion") is the 18th month of the Baha'i year.   |
| Buddhism:     | (10) First day of Chinese lunar New Year 4692, a religious and cultural celebration for the Chinese and Vietnamese.   |
| Christianity: | (16) Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, the 40 days preceding Easter.  |
| Hinduism:     | (15) Vasanta Panchami, a spring festival, celebrated especially in North India.   |
| Islam:        | (12) Ramadan begins, the month of fasting from the first sign of dawn until sunset.   |
| Judaism:      | (25) Purim celebrates the victory of the Jewish people over an oppressive ruler (see Book of Esther), and is a time of gift giving to friends and the poor and socializing. |

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson, Joy Pocasangre at 12:03 p.m. and everyone welcomed. She offered the opening prayer. The attendance roster was circulated: 22 Present. The minutes of the previous meeting, December 14, 1993 were approved with minor editorial corrections.

PROGRAM: Joy Pocasangre opened the program by asking each person present to introduce themselves and then give their definition of "Youth Empowerment. The following definitions were given:

"Ways of enabling people to do more".

"Structuring that allows others to participate utilizing their many talents".

"Teach the youth correct righteous principles and they govern themselves".

"Empowerment can be hope for those without hope; vision for those without vision".

"Helping other people recognize their gifts and abilities and share them".

"Bringing out the best in youth".

"Give the youth a feeling of the abilities they have and the power they have for righteous things. No matter how tough things are around them they have the power to live a Christ like life".

"Teach the youth good leadership skills to empower them with these skills and encourage them to keep their standards high. Empower them to stand for what is right so they will not feel helpless".



"The ability to come back after you have been beaten down by the things that happen in your life. You are empowered to rise again".  
 "Teach them righteous values so they will have standards to live by".  
 "Whatever we can do to help each youth live more fully: providing opportunities for growth".  
 "Giving your time, talents, love and concern to others and not just talk about it".  
 "The ability of youth to believe that they have what it takes to make good and righteous decisions for their own lives".

Joy Pocasangre introduced the idea that the youth from the various congregations in EISCC, in May or June, be given the opportunity to present to us as listening adults through show and tell how they feel about violence. The youth will be empowered in two ways: 1) Let their congregations know how they feel about violence and what they think they can do about it. 2) Having us as a community of adults and religious caring people listen to them. The presentation could be written, visual, video taped, a musical, a drama, a poster, a collection of materials, exhibits, essays, or whatever.

The religious community on the Eastside care about the fears, thoughts, and concerns the youth have and EISCC will endeavor to follow up or respond to what the youth say and their needs. Youth empowerment is part of one of the broad goals of EISCC: to improve the quality of life for all on the Eastside through strengthening the family.

During the discussion that followed there appeared to be a consensus that a very simple outline would be helpful: one that could be shown to the people who the EISCC representative will be working with in each congregation and detailing the scope or basic broad guidelines rather than each person gleaning the key points from the monthly EISCC minutes. Also point out to the youth that the project would be similar to the school cultural fairs that they are quite familiar with. Further more it was suggested that youth participation not be limited to the church community only; non church youth participation would be welcome. We could consider anyone a youth who considers themselves as a youth. Also, the guidelines should indicate the date, place and time for the presentations.

Pamela Eakes with "Mothers Against Violence In America" spoke to us. These are mothers working together to reduce violence in our society and to promote the well-being and safety of our children. People are extremely responsive to getting involved in this grass roots organization and want to make a difference. The aim is to build up a large network in our state so that we can be responsive to programs and legislation that will change the attitudes, behavior, and violence against our youth and by our youth. The focus is on the future and prevention and providing a powerful voice so that mothers can be heard. The current increase in the homicide rate in the US is in children killing children. Every child lost is such a waste.

Three goals were discussed:

1. Build a state wide network.
2. Focus on gun control as it relates to children; getting guns out of the hands of children; legislation that limits ownership of guns for those under age 18; legislation that limits the sale of ammunition to those under age 18; support for legislation that focuses on penalties for children who violate the law; raise the awareness of parents as it relates to gun ownership and their responsibility and accountability when they have a gun in the home.
3. Education- starting programs with groups of students against violence to make it "cool" to be non violent. Start with kindergarten and work up through high school. Support programs that will give the children or youth the tools that will grow as they grow and mature so they can deal properly and effectively with conflict, anger, and lack of self confidence and self control.



## REPORTS

Treasurer's Report - Nadine Bentsen - 747-1543

Beginning Balance

\$66,984.50

Receipts:

John & Jane Cartano - EISCC	\$ 25.00
First Congregational- CFH	436.88
Bellevue Christian - CFH	1,000.00
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BESF	125.00
Lucille Magoon - CFH	100.00
Bell.Christian Ref. - CFH	500.00
Univar Foundation - CFH	2,000.00
Edwin Payne - CFH	20.00
Wash.Mutual Interest	14.11
Interest	181.28

5,402.27

Payments:

Nadine Shannon	17.99
Presb. Frontier Fellowship	30.00
Bill Graden	10.81
Peggy Johnson	22.23
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BESF	125.00

227.79

Ending Balance:

EISCC	\$1,942.13
HIV/AIDS	1,214.55
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Racism	130.00
CFH	68,515.02

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### Job Fair Task Force - Mark Hoover - 455-2703

The fourth annual Job Fair will be held on Thursday, March 10, 1994 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.( note change of date) at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Main Street near 148th Ave.S.E. The Fair will consist of three parts:

1. Employers attending will have the opportunity to participate on employer panels to promote the career and job opportunities that their firms offer to job seekers. There will be 7 panels featuring: manufacturing, health care, high tech., retail, apprenticeships, training, and employment agencies.
2. There will be classes about resume preparation, interviewing skills, job search strategies, and overcoming job search difficulties for minorities and women.
3. List of job opportunities will be provided to job seekers as well as personal assistance in helping them conduct their employment searches.

See the attached flyer for more complete details. Also, it will cost approximately \$500.00 to hold the Job Fair. We have \$357.28 in the fund. You could help with a contribution from your congregation in the amount of \$50. Can you help us?



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

At the December 9, 1993 Task Force meeting Sam Elwonger of YES (Coordinator of Adolescent HIV/AIDS Prevention) talked about how he can help your congregation leaders develop AIDS prevention training. The training is oriented around sex and drugs. It helps youth think about how they are going to stick to their values, and how they can implement assertiveness skills. Ideas are also presented on how to make a new start for those who have previously engaged in risky behaviors. For additional information call Diana Roger.

Also, plans are being made for the February 24th training session and luncheon for all clergy on the eastside. See the attached invitation for full details.

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

CFH notebooks are available containing information about the program. If your congregation (host or support) has not received one, please contact Nadine.

The homeless men were housed at Grace Lutheran Church who was the host church this past month; First Presbyterian Church was the support church. It was a great experience for all the volunteers that participated. Many thanks to everyone.

If your congregation would like to provide volunteers (support) to the homeless program, please contact Peggy Johnson - 329-3918 who is coordinating this effort.

Also, if you would like to be a host church and provide the physical facilities and house the homeless for a month in the future, please contact Nadine.

Nadine passed out a copy of a newspaper article about CFH that was prepared and published by David Bloom of the Church Council of Greater Seattle. All of the press regarding CFH has been extremely positive. Also, comment was made regarding the article that appeared in the Journal American (Nov. 25, 1993) and a response from Rev. David Hackett of EISCC and Cathy Peters of CCS.

OTHER BUSINESS

Do you know a mentally or physically challenged person?

There is a Mutual Improvement Association for mentally or physically challenged men and women 12 years old and above that meets every Tuesday evening in Factoria. There is a Boy Scouts of America program for the men where camping and rank advancements are enthusiastically pursued. (There is no age limit for advancement in Scouting for this group). A personal advancement program for the ladies focuses on improving social skills and developing appropriate personal survival skills. There are opportunities to interact with peers in a positive, loving environment. Participants are encouraged to regularly attend the church of their choice. 16 years of continuous program refinement assures success for each participant. Phone Pat at 641-3666 for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. Next meeting, noon, Tuesday, February 8, 1994 at First Presbyterian church, 1720-100th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Co-Secretary



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Next meeting, Tuesday noon, March 8, 1994 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. N.E., Bellevue.

**PROGRAM:** "What problems/conflicts are people bringing to your practices"?  
Representatives from Lutheran Counseling Network, Presbyterian Counseling Services, and Eastside Jewish Family Services will talk to us.

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

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2. May 10th, Tuesday Noon to 8 p.m.; presentations by the youth of EISCC congregations, "how I feel about violence and what can be done about it."

**March interfaith special days:**

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| Baha'i:         | (2) Ala begins; a 19 day fast in preparation for Naw Ruz.<br>(21) Naw Ruz; the Baha'i New Year. Families come together and work is suspended; feasting and celebrating in the evening.   |
| Buddhism:       | (20) Spring Ohigon; a special time to listen to the Buddha and meditate on perfection of enlightenment, particularly for Jodo Shinshu Buddhists.   |
| Christianity:   | (14) First day of Lent; the final six weeks of a ten week period leading up to Easter.<br>(27) Palm Sunday; marks the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, the beginning of the Holy Week.<br>(31) Maundy Thursday; marks the institution of the Lord's Supper by Jesus prior to his arrest. |
| Hinduism:       | (11) Mahashivaratri is dedicated to Shiva, one of the major deities to whom deities devotion is directed by Hindus.<br>(27) Holi; a colorful and joyous spring festival.   |
| Islam:          | (9) Lailat-ul-Qadr, the Night of Power; marks the first revelation of the Qur'an to Prophet Muhammad in 610 C.E.<br>(11) "Farewell Friday"; the Friday preceding Eid-ul-Fitr.<br>(13) Eid-ul-Fitr; marks the end of Ramadan, the month of fast.  |
| Judaism:        | (27-April 3) Pesach or Passover; marks the departure of the Israelites from Egypt; celebrated for eight days with special prayers and symbolic foods.  |
| Sikhism:        | 28) Hola Mohalla; marks the onset of Spring.   |
| Zoroastrianism: | (16-20) Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem; celebrates the creation of human beings and remembers the souls who have died.<br>(21) Naw Ruz is celebrated; the day on which Zarathustra received his revelation.<br>(26) Anniversary of the birth of the Prophet Zarathustra.                      |

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson, Joy Pocasangre at 12:11 P.M. and everyone was welcomed. Bill Graden offered the opening prayer. The attendance roster was circulated: 18 present. The minutes of the previous meeting, January 8, 1994 were approved with minor editorial corrections.



**PROGRAM:** Joy Pocasangre called to everyone's attention the broad guidelines for the "Youth Empowerment Project" on the back of the meeting agenda that was requested at the last meeting. She encouraged all congregations to get behind this project and make it a meaningful effort for the youth and adults. (Be creative) If you would like to serve on a committee to help move this project forward, please contact Joy Pocasangre at 747-0877.

Next, Joy Pocasangre opened the brain storming session on EISCC membership:

- 1) We need to increase the number of Eastside congregations participating.
- 2) We need to spread what we are doing to other faith congregations. If they know about us they are more apt to join us and thus make EISCC a stronger force for good in the community.

The following ideas/suggestions were made:

1. Make presentations about EISCC to other congregations
2. Liaison with other community organizations
3. Promote EISCC: invite people to participate by specific one on one contact
4. Distribute the EISCC brochure
5. Have the "Source" write an article about EISCC
6. Telephone different congregation social concerns committees and encourage participation
7. Hold a reception for prospective congregation members; program provided by different task forces
8. Contact social services agencies
9. How can membership help organization achieve its goals? Invite other people to participate in our task forces
10. Put out a quarterly newsletter
11. How to transmit ideas/info to other congregations? Minutes/other means
12. Present members share with EISCC what you do in your organization - your procedure to promote/use EISCC resources
13. Is time of EISCC meetings a problem? Is there a better time?
14. Do we need other task forces? eg. pornography-family values
15. Contact past members(not represented now): why not participating?
16. Be a resource/provide cooperation: do what congregations can't do by/for themselves
17. Assign every member of EISCC to a task force
18. How to get clergy to attend? Make presentation to clergy groups
19. Provide a quarterly or six months focus for meetings in advance
20. Build on successes: e.g. Congregations for the Homeless; Job Fair; HIV/AIDS
21. Encourage greater participation in Job Fair - expand program and/or collaborate with similar programs in the community
22. Establish a Task Force on retention and expansion
23. Study attendance records; which programs are most effective?
24. Would Journal American do an article on EISCC? Value of Letters to the Editor?
25. Develop the perception that EISCC is active and strong
26. EISCC people can/should set the example
27. Perhaps EISCC monthly minutes could be mailed out earlier
28. Provide more information about EISCC to social agencies
29. Provide practical ideas of what to do in given circumstances
30. Agencies/congregations/EISCC share activities (network)
31. Have EISCC materials on display at community affairs
32. Does Journal American have a clergy/religious writer?

This list of ideas/suggestions will be considered by the Executive Committee and proposals will be brought to a future EISCC meeting.



## REPORTS

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CFH	64,152.96	\$67,638.97

We are in the process of developing a projected budget for EISCC for 1994 so that we can be accountable to you for the various EISCC expenditures. Thus if more money is needed for dues or certain task forces, we can address those needs in advance.

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

We are preparing draft #2 of responsibilities of site managers, guests, host congregations, and other volunteers. The reason for putting the responsibilities in a written form is to minimize the impact on the day to day operation of the host congregations and to avoid any misunderstanding. When the draft is finalized, each one of you will be given a copy of the responsibilities.

The CFH program is going very well. During the month of January we housed each night between 14 and 23 guests. 50-60% of the guest have jobs. 25% are networking with our own job task force. One of the site managers is preparing job resumes for the guests on request. Renton United Methodist will be the host congregation for the month of March. They are actively getting ready including providing transportation for some of the guests. Please keep your dollars coming in to sustain this program.



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

The task force is actively working on the February 24, 1994 training session and luncheon for all clergy on the eastside. So far, 21 clergy have indicated that they will attend. Diana will report at next meeting on the training session.

Employment/Job Fair Task Force - Mark Hoover - 455-2703(home) or 462-4492(business)  
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1. Employers will participate on 3 different employer panels.
2. Employers representatives will talk individually with individuals.
3. Classes and workshops will be conducted on resume preparation, job interviewing skills, and job search strategies emphasizing displaced homemakers and minority groups.
4. Lists of job opportunities and other related pamphlets and information will be available to attenders.
5. Various support groups will be available to help job seekers; representatives from Coalition of Older Worker Employment, AARP, BCC Women's Center and others.

Enclosed letter sent out to many employers in our Bellevue/Seattle area. We have \$357.28 in the Job Fair fund. You could help meet the estimated \$500 cost of the fair with a contribution in the amount of \$50.00

It was suggested EISCC have a separate representative at the Job Fair to give out handouts/brochures about EISCC; position them next to the information table. Nadine Shannon prepare a handout and provide EISCC sign.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Updated 1994 Member Congregations and Agencies roosters were handed out to all present.

Bills are before the US Senate and House dealing with volunteer protection. The bills are designed to grant immunity from personal civil liability under certain circumstances to volunteers working on behalf of nonprofit organizations and governmental entities.

Senate: Measure - S. 808      House: Measure - H.R. 911.

Please write your Senators and Representatives asking them to support the bill.

Rev. Dalene Vasbinder and her husband are going to El Salvador in March (14th-22nd) for the elections as apart of the international observer program. They will give us a report at the April EISCC meeting of their trip. Also, they would be willing to speak to other faith congregations when they return.

Llano Thelin send to EISCC a thank you card expressing his appreciation for the pleasant and thoughtful send off after the December EISCC meeting. "I would be most pleased to have a visit from any of you at EISCC in the future. You can find us just west of Oysterville; 34605-358th Place, Ocean Park, WA. 98640, telephone 206-665-3939."

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PROGRAM: "What can our congregations, in interfaith partnership, do to help Bosnia?"  
Presenter: Jeff Siddiqui, Interfaith Coalition for Human Rights.

COMING EVENTS:

1. April EISCC meeting- come prepared to discuss and vote <sup>on</sup> ~~and~~ whether EISCC should take a stand on the issue of the starting date of the Bellevue Public Schools scheduled to start the day after Labor Day which is the Jewish New Year.

2. Presentations by the youth of EISCC congregations..... *See attached "proposal"*

*Youth Empowerment - ~~am going over~~*

*3- Come prepared to elect a nominating committee at our May Mtg.*

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Guest Empowerment

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We are in the process of developing a projected budget for EISCC for 1994 so that we can be accountable to you for the various EISCC expenditures. Thus if more money is needed for dues or certain Task Force's , we can address those needs in advance.

1994 EISCC dues are \$20.00 per congregation and \$10.00 per community organization.

The EISCC Bellevue Emergency Services Fund(BESF) is extremely low in funds. Let us remind you about the fund. Monies are dispersed for emergencies to the needy people of congregations of EISCC. Primary assistance will be for rent, utilities, and emergency housing. other assistance is available for other unmet needs, such as medical help (prescriptions), transportation (gas, minor car repairs, bus tickets), shoes, and clothing. The fund serves persons who have an obvious need; they have exhausted their personal resources.The fund is managed for EISCC by the Bellevue Multi Service Center. Funds are urgently needed if we are to provide the emergency help that is needed in our congregations. Please send your contributions to EISCC earmarked BESF.

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

We are preparing draft #2 of responsibilities of site managers, guests, host congregations, and other volunteers. The reason for putting the responsibilities in a written form is to minimize the impact on the day to day operation of the host congregations and to avoid any misunderstanding. When the draft is finalized each one of you will be given a copy of the responsibilities.

The CFH program is going very well. During the month of January we housed each night between 14 and 23 guests. 50-60% of the guest have jobs. 25% are networking with our own Job Task force. One of the site managers is preparing job resumes for the guests on request. Renton United Methodist will be the host congregation for the month of March. They are actively getting ready including providing transportation for some of the guests. Please keep your dollars coming in to sustain this program.



What problems are cong. people bringing to your practice? <sup>complex</sup>

1) Lutheran Counseling Network - 455-2960

2) Presb. - Dave 527-2266

3) Jewish Family Services - 451-8512  
Dr. Jeffrey Lewis

Robin - Eastside Jewish Family Services -

Anne Campbell -

Truck <sup>Need</sup>

① Kent Go to St. Matthews  
9-11

② Ed Dorothy - pick up truck  
to carry blocks

Bill

Gone in July  
to Aug.

? in Sept -  
? in Oct. -

Ampt Alde

Lutheran Social Service 644-4735

10 min.

March 8<sup>th</sup>

@ 12 noon

Presbyterian Church

1720 100<sup>th</sup> Ave N.E.

Can Bring a sack lunch -  
coffee provided

Joy Pocasangre



**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL**  
**P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING, APRIL 12, 1994**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue**

Next meeting, Tuesday noon, May 10, 1994 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. N.E., Bellevue.

**PROGRAM:** Rev. Dalene Vasbinder will report on her recent trip to El Salvador; her impressions, thoughts, and observations concerning the March 20th elections.

**COMING EVENTS:**

1. Come prepared to elect a nominating committee who will prepare a slate of officers for EISCC for the 1994-95 year. The slate of officers will be presented at the EISCC meeting in September and voted on at the October meeting.
2. Remember Sunday, May 8, 1994, Mother's Day - Pam Eakes and Mothers Against Violence in America rally at Seattle Center; come and participate.
3. Bring to the monthly EISCC meeting any coming events that your congregation or service organization would encourage or invite participation from other congregations in the community. Also, prepare a short written notice that can be included under "Coming Events" in the monthly minutes. Please plan ahead up to 3-4 months.

**May Interfaith Special Days:**

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|---------------|--|
| Baha'i:       | (2) The 12th Day of Ridvan Finishes a festival. (23) Declaration of the Bab commemorates the day in 1844 when the Bab announced his identity as the Gate of the new age. (29) The ascension of Baha'u'llah marks the death of the founder of the Baha'i faith.   |
| Buddhism:     | (25) Wesak, the most important day of the year for Buddhists, marks the triple celebration of the Buddha's birth, Enlightenment, and Final Demise.   |
| Christianity: | (1) Pascha marks the resurrection of Jesus (Orthodox Church). (13) Ascension Day, the anniversary of Jesus' ascension into heaven and enthronement as universal sovereign, comes 40 days after Easter. (22) Pentecost commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus following His Ascension; it come 50 days after Eater.               |
| Islam:        | (20) Day of Hajj commemorates the final revelation to the Prophet at Mount Arafat before his death. All Muslims on Hajj attend a service on the plains in front of Mt. Arafat. (21) Eid-ul-Adha, the Festival of Sacrifice, concludes the pilgrimage. Animals are offered as sacrifices as Abraham offered his son Isaac, to God. The meat is given to the poor. |
| Judaism:      | (16-17) Shavuot, Weeks, marks the conclusion of the period of seven weeks following Pesach, and celebrates the giving of the Torah to the Israelites and the completion of God's purpose to create a special people.   |

The meeting was called to order by President David R. Hackett at 12:10 P.M. and everyone welcomed. He offered the opening prayer. The attendance roster was circulated; 21 present. The minutes of the previous meeting, March 8, 1994 were approved with minor editorial corrections.



PROGRAM: Jeff Siddiqui, Interfaith Coalition for Human Rights, talked to us about the problems in Bosnia. His focus was to help us understand what is happening there and what people can do, rather than governments, to help stop the genocide of the Bosnians by the Serbs and Croats.

After Tito, the ruler of Yugoslavia died, the whole country became an area of confusion and chaos. The various areas in Yugoslavia decided to split off and become independent. What is happening here in Bosnia is also happening in many other places throughout the world. Innocent minority groups are being singled out for annihilation. Several examples were presented from the stories of refugees who survived the Serbs' and the Croats' inhumanity- genocide, the camps' massive rapes of muslim women, the razing of villages and towns' destruction of art, history and culture- all before the eyes of a silent world.

If we do nothing to stop this inhumanity, then we are guilty of helping the Serbs and the Croats. Yes, we can make a difference. But, what can we do to help the Bosnians in Jeff Siddiqui's opinion?

He suggested two things that we might do:

1. Write or call your congressional representatives or the President; tell them it is not enough to condemn the genocide of the Bosnians, they must proclaim support for any country or group wishing to deliver defensive weapons and survival supplies to the Bosnians. Tell them the U.S.A. must take this stand with or without support from the U.N. Security Council. All the Bosnians want is for the embargo on arms and supplies to be lifted; let them arm, protect, and defend themselves. Let the U.N. get out of the way and the Bosnians will do their own thing.
2. Tell all your friends to call and write.

\*See model/sample letter and information from the Racism Task Force that is included at the end of these minutes.

Question and answer period followed:

Question: Why aren't the Moslem countries doing something to help the Bosnians?

Answer: Most of these countries are beholding to the United States. They are waiting for us to say it is OK.

Question: I want to believe that what is happening in Bosnia is not an ethnic thing, but....?

Answer: It is purely a power and land grab.

Question: What about the bombings by U.N. planes? Is this going to help?

Answer: Not one bit; one aircraft dropping 3 bombs; blowing up one tank and damaging another. The bombings have made a big bang; made a big smoke cloud. The bombings are purely cosmetic. The United States has no foreign policy. We are trying to please everyone. We want to be the policeman of the world. We are very short on real action.

Question: Has anyone in Bosnia asked for U.N. intervention?

Answer: No. They want us to get out of the way so that they can do their own thing.

Question: You say that most of the newspaper reports that we read say very little about what is really happening in Bosnia. Where can we find true and factual information about what is happening in Bosnia?

Answer: 1) BBC short wave radio 2) Christian Science Monitor newspaper 3) Any British newspaper 4) The book "Rise and Fall of Yugoslavia" by Misha Glenny



## REPORTS:

### Treasurer's Report - Nadine Bentsen - 747-1543 - presented by Bill Graden

Beginning Balance \$69,607.92

#### Receipts:

ES Resettlement Ct.	CFH	\$636.00	
Coalition for Homeless	CFH	400.00	
	Housing	108.77	
Wash.Mutual-Interest	CFH	131.15	
-Interest	EISCC	13.66	
LDS Bellevue 1st Ward	Dues	20.00	1,309.58

#### Payments:

Tuxedos N Tennis Shoes	HIV/AIDS	555.44	
Bellevue Christian	HIV/AIDS	20.00	
CCS	CFH	6,668.00	
Bill Graden	CFH	3.16	
	EISCC	40.30	
Fay Given	CFH	220.00	
WA. Secretary of State	Housing	10.00	
	EISCC	10.00	(7,526.90)

#### Ending Balance:

EISCC	1,787.87	
HIV/AIDS	567.65	
Housing	98.77	
Job Fair	612.28	
Racism	130.00	
CFH	60,194.03	\$63,390.60

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

During the month of March the trailer was at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Renton. We provided 310 bed nights and averaged 8 to 12 men per night. Everything went well; it was a great experience for all the volunteers. The comment was made, "my how fast the month went by".

This week we have taken an inventory of the trailer supplies including, blankets, sheets, towels etc. Also, we have provided a copy of our expectations for the host congregations including the responsibilities of liaisons, volunteers, site managers, and guests. If you did not receive a copy please call Nadine.

Sam, one of the site managers, is getting married; one of the graduates of the CFH program has been hired as a part time person to assist in the program during the time Sam is gone.

A copy of our insurance agreement covering our \$1,000,000 umbrella liability policy was provided to each host church. If you did not receive one or need a copy for your records, please call Nadine.

### HIV/AIDS Task Force - Diane Roger - 277-6528

The task force is in the process of revising "Eastside Resources for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS". Also, if you or any member of your congregation would like to serve on this task force, please talk with Diane.



Employment/Job Fair Task Force - Mark Hoover - 455-2703 - report presented by Chris Boldizsar and Hildi Boedc -

The March 10th Job Fair, co-sponsored with the Eastside YWCA, was an outstanding event; some 700 people attended; seventeen local employers were represented. This year a new format was tried. The time was moved from Saturday to Thursday; 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Also three different employer panels were presented at 2 different times. The following were discussed: 1) Job & career opportunities at each company. 2) Skill capabilities each firm is looking for in employees. 3) Steps that qualified people should follow to be considered for employment. 4) Seminars on resume writing and interviewing. 5) The opportunity for individual resume critiques.

The involvement of the YWCA and BCC made the event more of a caring atmosphere. In addition, one of the goals was to reach a broader cross section of the people who are looking for jobs. It was felt that this objective was reached. Also, everyone who attended had a special need and it was felt that need was met.

Again, it was an outstanding Job Fair; an event well done; people's needs met.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. EISCC Emergency Service Fund (BESF)-Shelly Noble-Multi Service Center - 747-4826 - Shelly reviewed the donations and expenditures of BESF for the 6 months period of October '92 thru March '93. Currently we have a balance in the account of \$18,409.98 which is very good.

Food supplies in the Bellevue Food Bank are very low especially at this time of the year. Any of the congregations that would like to promote a food drive, Shelly would encourage them to do so. The Bellevue food bank serves clients from the city of Bellevue and Mercer Island. People who come from outside areas are always given an emergency bag of food and then referred to the food bank who should service them.

"The chicken soup brigade" is looking for a new location where volunteers can pick up sacks that they have been delivering in the evenings to clients. If you know of a congregation who would like to service as a pick up location, please call Shelly.

2. Resolution concerning the starting date of Bellevue public schools, fall 1994, that could fall on the Jewish Rosh Hashona - resolution was read; moved and seconded that we approve the resolution; discussion followed. In the discussion it was suggested that at a future date we look at the broader issue of other important Christian and non Christian religious dates in relationship to the public schools. Also, there was a concern that we keep in mind the separation of Church and State. The voice vote was unanimous with 2 abstentions.

3. The question was raised if EISCC should have an Earthquake Task Force? After some discussion it was recommended that the issue be referred to the next EISCC Executive Board Meeting for a decision. Question: should there be some coordination between the religious community and the city of Bellevue? We were reminded that the Bellevue City Fire Department has a resource person whose main responsibility is in this area.

4. "Youth Empowerment"- Of the congregations represented at our meeting none were aware of their youth planning to participate in the "Youth Empowerment" program. However, if the youth of your congregation have prepared a presentation please call Joy Pocasangre, 747-0877 and advise her upon receipt of these minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. Next meeting, noon, Tuesday, May 10, 1994 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Scott and Bill Graden  
Co-Secretary



EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
P.O. BOX 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING, MAY 10, 1994  
First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue

Next meeting, Tuesday noon, June 14, 1994 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. N.E., Bellevue.

PROGRAM: "Interfaith Anger Management " - a training workshop meeting - presented by Steve Best, Eastside Episcopal Counseling Services. (will not exceed the usual noon to 1:30 pm time slot)

COMING EVENTS:

1. Bring to the monthly EISCC meeting any coming events that your congregation or service organization would encourage or invite participation from other congregations in the community. Handouts are quite appropriate. Also, prepare a short written notice that can be included under "Coming Events" in the monthly minutes. Please plan ahead up to 3-4 months.
2. "Volunteer for the fun of it" - a monthly publication of the Eastside Volunteer Center of United Way of King County is available. You can make a difference; volunteers build better communities. Listed are ideas at non-profit agencies throughout East King County. Also, they have a list of clerical or Board of Director opportunities. If you would like to be placed on the monthly mailing list or obtain further information, please call Fay Williamson at 556-8326.

June Interfaith Special Days:

Christianity:

(9) Ascension Day is the anniversary of Jesus' ascension into heaven and enthronement as universal sovereign. It comes forty days after Pascha. (19) Pentecost commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus following his ascension; it comes fifty days after Pascha.

Islam:

The first of Muharram celebrates the Hajra ("migration") of Muhammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina in 622 C.E., where the first Islamic community was established. (19) Ashura commemorates the martyrdom of Hussein (the Prophet Muhammad's grandson) on the 10th of Muharram, (680 C.E.) Shi'ite Muslims celebrate this festival for ten days; Ashura is also associated with the safe landing of Noah's Ark.

The meeting was called to order by President David R. Hackett at 12:10 P.M. and everyone was welcomed. He offered the opening prayer. The attendance roster was circulated: 22 present. Everyone introduced themselves and told something special that had happened to them or their congregation/organization since the last meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting, April 12, 1994 were approved with minor editorial corrections.



**PROGRAM:** Rev. Dalene Vasbinder reported on her recent trip to El Salvador. She and her husband served on the U.S. Citizens Elections Observer Mission sponsored by more than 2 dozen U.S. organizations; over 500 observers were deployed to monitor the March 20th, 1994 elections in El Salvador. They were a part of a local group of 20-30 persons from Seattle. The observers received 3 days of intensive training in the field and were sent in teams (Field Observer Groups-FOG) to voting sites in 49 municipalities to observe and collect data and report their findings.

A slide presentation provided a pictorial overview of her experiences and introduced us to El Salvador, a country about the size of the state of Massachusetts with some 5 million people. Coffee is the major export. The beauty, the ugliness/poverty, industry, bus transportation, super markets/local market places, dress, appearance of the big cities and local communities, and the living conditions were highlighted.

From 1980-1990 there was a civil war in El Salvador; however, in 1992 the FMLN (the peoples' army/gorilla movement organized to fight against the government) agreed to a cease fire and was given the opportunity to take part in the political arena. This was agreed upon in the 1992 peace accord. The elections that took place in March 1994 were the result of this accord.

The elections were seriously flawed by a series of problems that were observed throughout the country and reported as follows:

- \* Lack of transportation to polls for the voters
- \* Voter lists of eligible voters not posted
- \* Posted lists did not match lists at voting tables
- \* Many voters with electoral cards were left off voting lists and denied the right to vote
- \* Those in the voting line at closing time were not allowed to vote
- \* Polls closed early
- \* Lack of light or electricity to count voting results
- \* Tables at voting places not organized in alphabetical or numerical order
- \* Lack of assistance to voters to locate voting place
- \* Ballot secrecy was compromised in many cases

**Conclusions:** The elections had serious flaws that may have affected the outcome of a number of departmental and municipal races mostly in favor of the government party rather than the FMLN party. Although some 60% of the eligible voters went to the polls, it is estimated that a very large number of eligible voters of El Salvador were not permitted to vote. Further more, at a time when the opposition had just recently been brought into the political process, it was felt vital that the electoral system be reformed to build a broad based trust in the democratic process. Numerous short/long range changes were recommended that should be put into place to insure the accuracy and opportunity to vote for all qualified registered voters.

If you are interested in a presentation to your congregation or social concerns committee, please contact Rev. Dalene Vasbinder at 454-0961.

#### **REPORTS:**

Employment/Job Fair Task Force - Mark Hoover - 455-2703

Planning now for another job fair in the fall. Also, remember the task force meets every Thursday night at 7:30 in room 13 of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Main Street just west of 148th Ave. S.E. (near K-Mart). Those persons who are looking for a job are welcome to come and talk with the committee.



Treasurer's Report - Nadine Bentsen - 747-1543

Beginning Balance				\$63,390.60
Receipts:				
Bridge Ministries EISCC			\$10.00	
Jane Caretano	EISCC		25.00	
Wash.Mutual-interest	EISCC		9.77	
interest	CFH		115.78	
Sacred Heart	CFH	1,250.00		1,410.55
Payments:				
Post Master-box rental	EISCC		35.00	
Mark Hoover	Job Fair		350.00	
Bill Graden-mailing	EISCC		6.96	
supplies	CFH		77.73	
CCS	CFH	6,549.00		(7,018.69)
Ending Balance:				
EISCC		1,790.68		
HIV/AIDS		567.65		
Housing		98.77		
Job Fair		262.28		
Racism		130.00		
CFH		54,933.08		\$57,782.46

Racism Task Force - Betty Smith - 746-8095 (Note new phone number)

Betty attended a 3 day seminar sponsored by the Caring Community Task Force ( chair person, Shirley Neal) which evolved from the Bellevue Summit held in 1993. The racism material/information could/should be presented in a coming EISCC monthly meeting so that all members can benefit from the information. Also, the task force is sponsoring a new positive program for youth for this summer called "Youth at Hope".

Petitions were prepared and circulated for anyone who would like to sign them concerning the situation in Bosnia. The petitions were directed to President Clinton; Representatives Dunn and Foley; and Senators Murray and Gorton.

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

The new updated and expanded "Eastside Resources for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS" was passed out to all present. Please feel free to copy and distribute this information to all concerned persons. The updated resource list will be included in the EISCC Welcome Packet given to all new EISCC members. The question was raised as to how to obtain a broader distribution of this valuable resource list; several suggestions were presented.

Sam Elwonger of Youth Eastside Services has a presentation that can be tailored to take from 15 to 90 minutes discussing HIV/AIDS and providing family life education for parents, and youth. " How to stick to your moral teachings and be fortified against peer pressure". You can call him at 747-4937 to arrange for a presentation.

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

Nadine thanked all of the congregations who have contributed to the Congregations for the Homeless Program (CFH). However, we still need to have your contributions continue to come in. Our monthly expenses to CCS who manage the program for us are approximately \$6600 per month. Remember to access the CFH program, refer the single men to the following agencies: (Please help us get to word out)

Catholic Community Services	643-1937	Eastside Mental Health	641-2999
Jewish Family Services	451-8512	Salvation Army	454-4568

Multi Serv.Ctrs.Bellevue 747-4826,Bothell 485-6521,Carnation 333-4163,Kirkland 821-7150  
The CFH program is working well; we are housing 10-16 men per night and most of the volunteers are finding the service gratifying.



OTHER BUSINESS:

Shelly Noble - The Multi Service Center- 747-4826 -

1. Sent out a letter to several congregations concerning the goal to relocate the center into a 6-7,000 square foot building with adequate parking in July 1997. She needs your assistance in 2 ways:

1) bring the site needs to the attention of your church leaders.

2) does your church have available property or would you like to collaborate on this project in other ways?

2. International Conference, affiliated with The United Nations International Year of the Family 1994, to be held Wednesday-Saturday, August 10-13, 1994 at the University of Washington. Featured speakers: Cecile Andrews, Leona Eggert, Capt. Al Haynes, Jennifer James, Margarita Suarez, and others. "The Family and Beyond: Perception, Change, and Communication in Personal and Professional Lives". For information call 391-7310.

3. Called our attention to the Community Learning System Task Force which is an off shoot of the Bellevue Summit. The vision is to have a community where life long learning is really promoted and every person in the community has equal access to information about learning opportunities and resources in the community. EISCC is seen as an important stake holder in a community learning system. More information will be available in the future especially how to input information into the system as well as obtain information.

Election of a nominating committee who will prepare a slate of officers for EISCC for the 1994-95 year -

The following names were submitted by Rev. David R. Hackett, president: Nadine Shannon and David Hackett. From the floor the following names were submitted: Diana Roger, Betty Spohn, and Betty Smith. Nominations were closed and the selection of the above 5 members as a nominating committee was voted on and passed with an Aye vote. A slate of 1994-95 officers will be presented at the EISCC September 13th meeting and voted on at the October 11th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. Next meeting, noon, Tuesday June 14, 1994 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Scott and Bill Graden  
Co-Secretary



EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662  
MINUTES, JUNE 14, 1994

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday noon, July 12, 1994, at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

Program: Shirley Neal will speak on "The Undoing Racism conference and the effort to create 'Caring Community.'"

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. EISCC will not meet in August and will resume monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 13, 1994. During the September meeting the Nominating Committee will submit nominations for 1994-1995 officers, to be elected at the October 11 meeting.
2. Brief written notices of events planned in your congregation or organization about three or four months ahead, for which you encourage participation by the community, can be included in the monthly minutes.
3. Please bring to the next meeting a copy of your congregation or organization newsletter.

WELCOME, PRAYER, AND INTRODUCTIONS. In the absence of the chairperson, vice-chair Joy Pocasangre opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. June 14, 1994, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, with prayer, and self-introductions. The attendance roster was circulated, and 22 were present.

INTERFAITH SPECIAL DAYS DURING JULY.

Baha'i: (9) The Martyrdom of the Bab memorializes his death; work is suspended on this day. (13) Kalimat ("Words") is the seventh month of the Baha'i year.

Buddhism: (22) Wassa marks the beginning of the three-month Rains Retreat for monks and nuns. The laity also has an important role in this event. (26) Dhamma Day commemorates the Buddha's first discourse, called "Turning of the Wheel of Dhamma," following his enlightenment.

PROGRAM: ANGER MANAGEMENT FOR THE SUMMER.

Steve Best, MDiv, MS, Administrative Director, Episcopal Counseling Service, which provides counseling, education, and consultation in several East Side locations, was the presenter.

His presentation included a brief test of myths about anger, including religious and societal messages about its origin and expression, and confusion of anger and aggression. He noted tension between needs for justice and compassion. He identified as different ways to express anger aggression, sulking, passive aggression, and assertion ("middle way"). He viewed assertiveness as including assumption of responsibility for one's own emotions and respect for others' needs. He identified anger patterns within families as conflict avoidant and resolution avoidant. Further readings he recommended are: Carol Tavris, "Anger: The misunderstood emotion"; and Harriet Goldhor Lerner, "The dance of anger."



REPORTS

Minutes of the May 10, 1994 meeting were approved with editorial corrections.

Treasurer's Report (Nadine Bentsen). (Attached)

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

Sally Wing  
Secretary Pro Tem



6/14/94

TRANSACTION REPORT  
5/10/94 Through 6/14/94

Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance
Opening Balance as of 5/10/94					57,782.46
<b>Month Ending 5/31/94</b>					
591	5/11/94	Marcia Torkko	CFH : Food	(140.69)	57,641.77
592	5/11/94	Bill Graden	general fund : Mailing Expenses	(50.87)	57,590.90
593	5/12/94	Marcia Torkko	CFH : Food	(101.25)	57,489.65
DEP	5/19/94	Washington Mutual	EISCC General Fund : Checking interest	1.73	57,491.38
594	5/23/94	Marcia Torkko	CFH : Food	(44.08)	57,447.30
DEP	5/23/94	Cross of Christ	Cong. Homeless : congregation	250.00	57,697.30
595	5/27/94	Marcia Torkko	CFH : Food	(9.88)	57,687.42
596	5/29/94	Huong Nordieck	CFH : Food	(337.82)	57,349.60
	5/31/94	Transfer to checking	Transfer To : CHECKING EISCC	(9,000.00)	48,349.60
	5/31/94	Transfer to checking	Transfer From : SAVINGS EISCC	9,000.00	57,349.60
DEP	5/31/94	Savings Interest	Cong. Homeless : Interest	119.41	57,469.01
Total Month Ending 5/31/94				(313.45)	
<b>Month Ending 6/30/94</b>					
597	6/1/94	Catholic Community Services	CFH : Salaries/Benefits	(6,549.00)	50,920.01
598	6/1/94	Marcia Torkko	CFH : Food	(111.83)	50,808.18
DEP	6/4/94	City of Bellevue	Cong. Homeless : grant	3,997.25	54,805.43
DEP	6/4/94	Sacred Heart	Hiv//Aids : donation	200.00	55,005.43
DEP	6/4/94	Sacred Heart	Cong. Homeless : congregation	500.00	55,505.43
599	6/10/94	Nadine Bentsen	CFH : Food	(35.29)	55,470.14
DEP	6/13/94	Fay Given	Cong. Homeless : individual	350.00	55,820.14
DEP	6/13/94	City of Kirkland	Cong. Homeless : grant	2,258.00	58,078.14
Total Month Ending 6/30/94				609.13	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				295.68	58,078.14



6/14/94

**INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT**  
5/10/94 Through 6/14/94

<u>Subcategory</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>INCOME</b>	
<b>Cong. Homeless</b>	
congregation	750.00
grant	6,255.25
individual	350.00
Interest	119.41
Total Cong. Homeless	<u>7,474.66</u>
<b>EISCC General Fund</b>	
Checking interest	1.73
Total EISCC General Fund	<u>1.73</u>
<b>Hiv//Aids</b>	
donation	200.00
Total Hiv//Aids	<u>200.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>7,676.39</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>CFH</b>	
Food	780.84
Salaries/Benefits	6,549.00
Total CFH	<u>7,329.84</u>
<b>general fund</b>	
Mailing Expenses	50.87
Total general fund	<u>50.87</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>7,380.71</u>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<u>295.68</u>

**NET WORTH REPORT**  
As of 6/14/94

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Bank and Cash Accounts</b>	
Checking	2,536.05 ✓
SAVINGS	55,542.09 ✓
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	<u>58,078.14</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>58,078.14</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>Other Liabilities</b>	
AIDS/HIV	767.65
CFH	55,077.90
GENERAL FUND	1,741.54
HOUSING TASK FORCE	98.77
JOB FAIR	262.28
RACISM	130.00
Total Other Liabilities	<u>58,078.14</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>58,078.14</u>
<b>NET WORTH</b>	<u>0.00</u>



EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662  
MINUTES, JULY 12, 1994

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday noon, September 13, 1994, at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Ave. NE, Bellevue.  
Program: To Be Announced

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. During the September 13 meeting the Nominating Committee will submit nominations for 1994-1995 officers, to be elected at the October 11 meeting.
2. Brief written notices of events planned in your congregation or organization about three or four months ahead, for which you encourage participation by the community, can be included in the monthly minutes.

WELCOME, PRAYER, AND INTRODUCTIONS. Chairperson David Hackett opened the meeting at 12:14 p.m. July 12, 1994, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, with prayer, followed by self-introductions and comments on August Interfaith Days. The attendance roster was circulated, and 13 were present.

INTERFAITH SPECIAL DAYS DURING AUGUST.

Buddhism: (20) Ullambana: offerings are made to the Triple Jewel (the Buddha, the Dharma or Teachings, and the Sangha, i.e., the community devoted to the monastic life) on behalf of others.

Christianity: (6, 19) Transfiguration celebrates the appearance of Jesus in a transfigured state during his earthly life to three of his disciples.

Hinduism: (21) Raksha Bandham (literally, "to tie protection on") is a festival in which girls and women, both married and unmarried, tie amulets on the wrists of their brothers for protection against evil. (29) Sri Krishna Jayanti (also known as Janmashtami) celebrates the birthday of Krishna. According to the Hindu epics, Krishna was the eighth incarnation of the God Vishnu. His purpose was to destroy the demon Kansa who was responsible for the increase of evil in the world. Worship of Krishna is characteristically expressed in dance and song.

Islam: (18) Maulud-un-Nabi is the anniversary of the birth of Prophet Muhammad. The festival begins in the evening.

Zoroastrianism: (13-22) Fravardeghan Days, also known as Muktaḍ, are ten days in preparation for Naw Ruz for Zoroastrians who follow the Shenshai calendar. Ancestors are memorialized during this time. (23) Naw Ruz for those who follow the Shenshai calendar, the beginning of the year 1363 A.Y. ("After Yazdegird III," the last of the Persian kings).

MINUTES of the June 14, 1994 meeting were approved as printed.

PROGRAM. Review of the "Undoing Racism" Conference and the effort to create "Caring Communities." Shirley Neal (728-6194), chair, Caring Communities Task Force of Bellevue Economic Summit.



Three years ago the City of Bellevue, which had previously developed a Cultural Diversity Task Force, and Puget Sound Power & Light Company convened a three-day conference to develop strategies for the next seven or eight months. Bellevue was recognized as an ethnically diverse community, with different lifestyles and different religions. The conference sought to use East Side technology to become involved in global markets, and to create a welcoming community which would foster respect for all and share a common vision. A cultural diversity coordinator will be employed by the City of Bellevue Department of Parks and Community Services beginning this fall.

Of the three subcommittees of the Task Force, the Inclusion subcommittee supported recommendations of the conference for meeting basic needs such as housing, transportation, child care, and jobs. The Celebration subcommittee recognized such programs as a youth seminar promoting accounting careers for Black students, and the development of the Crossroads community. The Youth and Economics subcommittee sponsored the Youth Link Survey, which showed that 70% of youth had no intention of returning to Bellevue after high school graduation. It also developed a Youth at Hope program, with which Neal has been active, providing a summer day program for students in grades nine and ten, recruiting role models from the business and professional community for panels, field trips, and a mentoring program. The program emphasizes opportunities rather than focus on "disadvantaged."

An Undoing Racism 2 1/2 day workshop was sponsored this spring by the caring Community Task Force. Notes taken by Betty Smith, Eastside Multi-Ethnic Center, emphasized attitudes embodied in the media and gatekeeping by a controlling community, in which all of us participate. Language was viewed as "interwoven in everything we do or teach." Means of undoing racism include recognizing unequal treatment, identifying barriers, and making organizations and government more equitable. Neal noted that the Undoing Racism workshop can be repeated for local groups.

#### REPORTS

Chairperson. (Rev. David R. Hackett). He drew attention to An Interfaith Code of Conduct (attached).

Treasurer. (Nadine Bentsen). (Report Attached)

Housing/Homeless Task Force; Congregations for the Homeless. In the absence of Nadine Shannon and Ann Olds, Marlo Rosenberg, Catholic Community Services, reported that 12 men are currently enrolled in the Congregations for the Homeless Program, which St. Thomas church is housing this month. The Aloha Program in Seattle is assisting with transitional housing. Rosenberg stated that one of the site managers is working on employment resources. Information is requested about funding sources.



She also briefly described the Host Home Program, of which she is Coordinator, a short-term housing program using private homes for single women and women with families who are working toward self-sufficiency. (Copy of flier attached)

HIV/AIDS Task Force. (Diana Roger) A mailing will be sent to 75 congregations, encouraging networking with the Task Force. A house is now available in Bothell for six persons with AIDS. East Side AIDS service providers have been meeting in alternate months and expect to hold an open house.

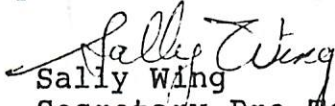
Racism Task Force. No report

Employment Task Force. No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Since Pat Meehan, former EISCC treasurer, is having treatment for breast cancer, a greeting card was circulated by Diana Roger.

A proposed clothing distribution program is currently available on a small scale at First Presbyterian Church, after clothing has been gathered and cleaned at The Cleanery. The Multi-Service Center previously offered space. Pam Tolley and Jim Palmer volunteered to seek information and report back.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

  
Sally Wing  
Secretary Pro Tem



7/13/94

TRANSACTION REPORT  
6/15/94 Through 7/5/94

Num	Date	Payee	Memo
Opening Balance as of 6/15/94			
Month Ending 6/30/94			
600	6/15/94	Bill Graden	
601	6/15/94	Peggy Johnson	
602	6/15/94	Huong Nordieck	Christ the King June food supplies
603	6/15/94	Barbara Proelh	Christ the King June food supplies
	6/20/94	Transfer to checking	
	6/20/94	Transfer to checking	
	6/20/94	Washington Mutual	
604	6/20/94	Catholic Ccommunity Services	June interest
605	6/29/94	Barbara Prclh	salaries benefits adm assistance etc
606	6/29/94	Huong Nordieck	Christ the King June food supplies
DEP	6/30/94	Savings Interest	Christ the King June food supplies
			starting Jan to CFH
Total Month Ending 6/30/94			
GRAND TOTAL			

7/13/94

TRANSACTION REPORT  
6/15/94 Through 7/5/94

Category	Amount	Running Balance
Opening Balance as of 6/15/94		
Month Ending 6/30/94		
Split	(42.58)	58,035.56
CFH : Mailing	(21.63)	58,013.93
CFH : Food	(231.49)	57,782.44
CFH : Food	(139.40)	57,643.04
Transfer To : CHECKING EISCC	(7,000.00)	50,643.04
Transfer From : SAVINGS EISCC	7,000.00	57,643.04
EISCC General Fund : Checking interest	8.50	57,651.54
CFH : Salaries/Benefits	(6,854.00)	50,797.54
CFH : Food	(101.91)	50,695.63
CFH : Food	(168.33)	50,527.30
Cong. Homeless : Interest	104.60	50,631.90
Total Month Ending 6/30/94	(7,446.24)	
GRAND TOTAL	(7,446.24)	50,631.90

INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT  
6/15/94 Through 7/5/94

Subcategory	Total
INCOME	
Cong. Homeless Interest	104.60
Total Cong. Homeless	104.60
EISCC General Fund Checking interest	8.50
Total EISCC General Fund	8.50
TOTAL INCOME	113.10
EXPENSES	
CFH Food	641.13
Mailing	21.63
Salaries/Benefits	6,854.00
SUPPLIES	11.89
Total CFH	7,528.65
general fund Mailing Expenses	30.69
Total general fund	30.69
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,559.34
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	(7,446.24)
NET WORTH REPORT As of 7/5/94	
ASSETS	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Checking	1,985.21
SAVINGS	48,646.69
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	50,631.90
TOTAL ASSETS	50,631.90
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
AIDS/HIV	767.65
CFH	47,653.85
GENERAL FUND	1,719.35
HOUSING TASK FORCE	98.77
JOB FAIR	262.28
RACISM	130.00
Total Other Liabilities	50,631.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES	50,631.90
NET WORTH	0.00



**CAN YOU HELP.....**  
**Volunteer Host Homes Needed**

The Host Home Program is a ministry of Catholic Community Services that provides short-term housing for single women and families from the Eastside who are temporarily homeless due to displacement, job loss or family crisis. We've been serving the Eastside homeless community for five years now by placing individuals and families in private homes.

Homeowners open up their homes (for two weeks to two months) to those who need a temporary place to live while they work toward meeting their goals for self-sufficiency. We have an intensive screening process and maintain weekly contact with hosts and clients. On-going case management services are provided to clients while they locate and save for affordable housing.

If you have extra space in your home and would like to help us prevent homelessness by hosting a single women or single parent family, please call Marlo Rosenberg, Program Coordinator at 562-6858.

*Presentations to your church or community group with volunteer host homes will gladly be scheduled.*



## *An Interfaith Code of Conduct*

As members of the human family, we should show each other respect and courtesy. In our dealings with people of other faiths and beliefs this means exercising good will and:

- Respecting other people's freedom within the law to express their beliefs and convictions
- Learning to understand what others actually believe and value, and letting them express this in their own terms
- Respecting the convictions of others about food, dress, and social etiquette and not behaving in ways which cause needless offense

- Recognizing that all of us at times fall short of the *ideals* of our own tradition and never comparing our own ideals with other people's *practices*

- Working to prevent disagreement from leading to conflict
- Always seeking to avoid violence in our relationships

When we talk about matters of faith with one another, we need to do so with sensitivity, honesty and straightforwardness. This means:

- Recognizing that listening as well as speaking is necessary for a genuine conversation
- Being honest about our beliefs and religious allegiances
- Not misrepresenting or disparaging other people's beliefs and practices
- Correcting misunderstanding or

misrepresentation not only of our own but also of other faiths whenever we come across them

- Being straightforward about our intentions
- Accepting that in formal interfaith meetings there is a particular responsibility to ensure that the religious commitment of all those who are present will be respected

All of us want others to understand and respect our views. Some people will also want to persuade others to join their faith... [T]he attempt should always be characterized by self-restraint and a concern for the other's freedom and dignity. This means:

- Respecting another person's expressed wish to be left alone
- Avoiding imposing ourselves and our views on individuals or communities who are in vulnerable situations in ways which exploit these

- Being sensitive and courteous
- Avoiding violent action or language, threats, manipulation, improper inducements, or the misuse of any kind of power
- Respecting the right of others to disagree with us

Living and working together is not always easy. Religion harnesses deep emotions which can sometimes take destructive forms. Where this happens, we must draw on our faith to bring about reconciliation and understanding...



EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
P.O.BOX 662, Bellevue, WA. 98009-0662  
MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 13, 1994

Next Meeting, Tuesday noon, October 11, 1994, at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

PROGRAM/ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. The meeting October 11th is an annual meeting. This year we have planned a special luncheon catered by Chef Steve Garner at a cost of \$5.00 per person, payable at the door. If you did not sign up for the luncheon at the September meeting and would like to attend the luncheon, please RSVP by calling Joy Pocasangre at 747-0877 by Monday October 10th. This would be a very good meeting to invite your pastor, minister, reverend or clergy, to attend.
2. Come prepared to vote for the proposed slate of officers: Chair: Nadine Shannon; Vice Chair: Joy Pocasangre; Treasurer: Nadine Bentsen; Co-secretary: Bill Graden; Co-secretary: Betty Spohn. Additional nominees may be nominated from the floor at the meeting. In order to vote, the by-laws require that your 1994-95 dues be paid.

WELCOME, PRAYER, AND PREVIOUS MINUTES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Hackett at 12:14, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. He gave the prayer and made comments on the September Interfaith Days. The attendance roster was circulated: 23 present. Those persons present who planned to attend the luncheon at the next meeting so indicated on the roster. The minutes of the July 12, 1994 meeting were approved as printed.

Chairperson, David Hackett introduced Sherry Glavinick, Issaquah 2nd Ward LDS Church, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, speaking on, "The Inns and Outs of a 72 Hour Emergency Pack."

Sherry gave an overview of the big picture in the event of a major disaster and reviewed some of the things that her Ward had done to be prepared. A handout was given to each person present and the following discussed:

1. Family emergency preparedness survey. Handed out to each family to get an assessment of special skills or needs in the event of a disaster.
2. Held at the Church, a Disaster Preparedness Night to educate the people in the congregation as to how to use the 72 hour kits. Also, to acquaint people with the outside resources that are available that can help in the education process.
3. Handout from the KC Fire Protection District 10 was discussed as follows: Why you should be prepared in advance for a disaster in order to be self sustaining for a period of about 72 hours. In most disasters, it takes emergency relief crews on a local, state or federal level two to three days at a minimum to act in an emergency situation. Even if your house is on fire, and the fire engine passes your house it will not stop, because it is responding to needs from schools, malls and locations of large concentrations of people which have 1st priority. Also, she discussed where to store your kit for quick and easy access and what to store. A two liter pop bottle of tap water with 8 drops of bleach added and sealed with duck tape will keep up to 10+ years. Also, a good pair of walking shoes and heavy gloves would be invaluable in a disaster situation.



4. A typical 72 hours kit checklist was discussed.
5. 72 hour kits are of two types: 1) pre assembled 2) self assembled. The pros and cons of each were discussed. We viewed a self assembled kit and it's contents and cost. She discussed the building blocks for self assembly and provided a list of local resources.
6. Next, we viewed and discussed a pre assembled 72 hour kit for 1 person. The Personal kit was her favorite.
7. Resource catalogs for pre-assembled kits and other supplies are:

EMERGENCY ESSENTIALS	OUT N BACK
165 So. Mountain Way Drive	P.O. Box 1279
Orem, Utah 84058	Provo, Utah 84603
800-999-1863	800-533-7415
8. Local resource for handout materials and other information:  
Sherry Glavinick 643-5173 here in Bellevue.

#### REPORTS.

##### Chairperson - Rev. David Hackett -

He presented the Nominating Committee's proposed slate of officers who are willing to serve for the 1994-95 year commencing with October 11, 1994 meeting. Chairperson: Nadine Shannon; Vice Chair: Joy Pocasangre; Treasurer: Nadine Bentsen; Co-secretary: Bill Graden; Co-secretary: Betty Spohn. No additional nominees were nominated from the floor, but other persons may be nominated at the next meeting if so desired. The slate of Officers will be voted on at the October 11th meeting.

Rev. David Hackett commented on 2 times EISCC has been in the news recently:

1. Journal American Saturday, August 20, 1994, "Eastside congregations have opened doors to the homeless", written by Nadine Shannon, Chairperson of the Housing/Homeless Task Force. (Congregations for the Homeless)
2. Eastside Weekly August 31, 1994, "Crista Ministries opens housing for people with AIDS", wherein Diana Roger, Chairperson of the HIV/AIDS Task Force, was quoted.

##### Treasurer's Report - Nadine Bentsen - 747-1543

See attached report. Also, a letter was sent to all members of EISCC reminding them 1994-1995 dues are due; \$20 per congregation and \$10 per service organization. Dues will need to be paid for 1994/5 in order to vote for the coming year's slate of Officers at the next meeting October 11, 1994.

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

We have formed a finance or fund raising committee. Currently serving on the committee are Nadine Bentsen, Kelley Phillips, Bill Graden, and Nadine Shannon. Also, a new brochure for Congregations for the Homeless has been prepared with the cooperation of Cathy Peters of CCS, Rev. David Hackett, and input from many of you who are also on the CH Board. Please feel free to copy the brochure or request additional copies from Nadine Shannon.

A personal thanks to all the congregations and individuals who are contributing money to the program so that we can continue the program in 1995. Also, special thanks to all the volunteers who so generously give of your time, talents, and energies to make this much needed and worthy program work. We still have a long way to go to meet our financial obligations for next year. Please continue to help with your cash donations.



Ann Olds, CCS, Congregations for the Homeless Program Manager provided us with the following statistics for one year of operation ending August 31, 1994.

1. 151 clients served through the program
2. 4243 bed nights provided
3. 11,429 meals provided
4. 60 clients obtained permanent housing
5. 12 men sheltered per night-yearly average.
6. 50% men gainfully employed

Rev. David Hackett ask Ann Olds to prepare a short summary or overview of the 1st years operation of Congregations for the Homeless to give to EISCC members.

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

World AIDS day is celebrated on December 1st. Many faith communities set aside the Sabbath immediately preceding or following that day as an AIDS Awareness Sabbath. For ideas on holding such an event, contact Diana.

Diana is a fantastic resource for any information relating to HIV/AIDS. Call her any time. She welcomes your questions and inquiries.

Racism Task Force - Betty Smith - 746-8095 or 643-2221

A new program is starting at Spiritwood Manor (low income housing development on 148 Ave S.E.) that provides English as a second language and literacy training for mother's who are shut ins with numerous workshops provided to help with the development of social skills. Also, tutoring and activities for children is provided. Betty will prepare a flyer for distribution to EISCC membership. If you would like immediate information please call Betty directly.

Employment Task Force - Mark Hoover -455-2703

No report.

OTHER BUSINESS.

1. Pam Toelle, St. Thomas Episcopal, provided further information about the proposed plan for the distribution of youth clothing on the Eastside.

2. Shelley Noble - Multi Service Center - 747-4826

Thanks for your donations to the EISCC Bellevue Emergency Services Fund. Also, see enclosed "Holiday Baskets - In the Tradition of the Season". The Holiday Basket Program is one way your congregation can share the spirit of the holidays and your good fortune with a family.

3. A card was circulated by Diana Roger for Joan King who served on the EISCC Housing Coalition Task Force. Her husband, Bob, recently passed away.

4. Habitat for Humanity of East King County is under taking a large project to build a 10 unit townhouse community at the site of the Overlake Presbyterian Church at the intersection of Northrup Way and 156th Ave.NE. For information on how you can help call Marilyn Canfield at 869-6007.

5. Rev. David Hackett, present chair person of EISCC, thanked everyone for their concern, caring, and participation in EISCC this past year. He will be out of town at the next meeting, luncheon, and this will be his last opportunity to thank everyone.

6. WANTED: Distribution Center Space for proposed youth clothing program on Eastside, accessible to needy patrons- call Jim Palmer 747-2977 or Sue Porter 746-9499 First Presbyterian Church.



The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m. Next meeting, a luncheon, noon, Tuesday October 11, 1994 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. NE. Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Scott and Bill Graden  
Co-Secretary



**The Multi Service Centers of North and East King County** Northshore Redmond Kirkland Snoqualmie Valley

2253 140th Avenue N.E., Bellevue, WA 98005 (206) 747-4826

**Bellevue**

TO: Bellevue Churches — Newsletter Information

FROM: Bellevue Multi Service Center

### ***HOLIDAY BASKETS — IN THE TRADITION OF THE SEASON***

While families come to Multi Service Center Food Banks for many reasons, they do have one thing in common: they don't have food, money or adequate support to make it through the winter, let alone the means to enjoy the holidays.

The Holiday Basket Program is one way your congregation can share the spirit of the holidays and your good fortune with a family. A Holiday Basket is an assortment of food and gifts you assemble for a specific low-income family or senior citizen "adopted" by your congregation. When you sponsor a family, you will receive suggestions for gifts and food from the Multi Service Center in your community. Holiday Baskets do more than simply make the holidays a safe and joyous time for needy families; they demonstrate the commitment and concern your church members have for your community.

Call now to become a sponsor: 747-4826



EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
P.O.Box 662, Bellevue, WA. 98009-0662  
MINUTES, OCTOBER 11, 1994

Next Meeting, Tuesday, noon, November 8, 1994, at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

PROGRAM.

Kevin Henry of the City of Bellevue Diversity Task Force will be our speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Tuesday, November 8th is election day. Be sure to plan to vote prior to or after the EISCC Meeting.
2. We are planning to form a Budget and a Membership Committee. If you would like to serve on either committee please come prepared to make a commitment to do so.
3. Any person from your congregation who is interested in community social concerns is welcome to attend any and all EISCC monthly meetings. The by-laws limit each congregation to 2 voting delegates, but all others are welcome and we encourage them to attend. We need additional people to serve on the various task forces and will be glad to put them to work.
4. **DOES YOUR CONGREGATION HAVE A SERVICE PROJECT THAT WE ALL MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN? LET US KNOW!** Please plan head up to 3-4 months.
5. Conference on breaking the cycle of violence. Presentation of "No Punching Judy" an elementary school curriculum for the prevention of domestic violence. Includes workshops on teaching conflict resolution in public schools, effects of domestic violence on children, the impact of violence on welfare, and how citizens can work to prevent violence in their communities. Saturday, November 19, 1994, from 9am to 3pm at East Shore Unitarian Church in Bellevue. Fee for the conference is \$20.00 which includes morning snacks and lunch. Call Jeanne Lamont 869-7903 for more information.
6. The Holiday Basket Program of the Bellevue Multi Service Center is one way your congregation can share the spirit of the holidays and your good fortune with a family. Call Shelly Noble 747-4826 for further details.
7. Marilyn Canfield, Habitat for Humanity, indicated that applications are being taken for Habitat housing. Also, Habitat has a job opening for a part time office coordinator: approximately 12 hours per week at \$7.50 an hour. Call the Habitat office at 869-6007.
8. Human Services Policy Center of the University of Washington and the Washington Council on Crime and Delinquency will present the "Youth, Adults, and Guns Conference" on Thursday, November 10th at Husky Union Building on the UW Campus from 8:30am to 4pm. Fee for the conference is \$45 which includes lunch. For more information call 685-7211.
9. Nadine Bentsen (Cross of Christ Lutheran) and Betty Spohn (Newport Presbyterian) will report at the November 8th meeting about their congregation's outreach program or other service projects.

WELCOME, PRAYER, INTRODUCTIONS, AND PREVIOUS MINUTES.

The meeting was called to order by Nadine Shannon at 12:10pm in the Rock Room of First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Nadine announced that vice-chair Joy Pocasangre had been called to El Salvador for the funeral of her sister-in-law and therefore could not chair this meeting as scheduled. Nadine led those present in a prayer. The minutes of the September 13, 1994 meeting were approved with editorial corrections. Introductions by those present included a brief statement of their congregation's or organization's outreach program. The attendance roster was circulated; 16 were present. A special luncheon, catered by Chef Steve Garner, was eaten during this opening time.



## BUSINESS.

### Election of Officers - Nadine Shannon - Nomination Committee Chairperson.

The slate of officers was presented by Nadine Bentsen - Chair: Nadine Shannon; Vice Chair: Joy Pocasangre; Treasurer: Nadine Bentsen; Co-Secretary: Bill Graden and Betty Spohn. There were no nominations from the floor. The full slate as presented was accepted with a unanimous voice vote.

## REPORTS.

### Treasurer's Report - Nadine Bentsen - 747-1543

See attached report. Just a reminder that 1994-1995 dues are due; \$20 per congregation and \$10 per service organization.

## OTHER BUSINESS.

1. 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 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. When making a contribution to this fund, congregations should make checks payable to the EISCC Bellevue Emergency Service Fund. Checks should then be sent to: Bellevue Multi Service Center, 2253 - 140th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA 98005.
2. Eastside Mental Health has new access telephone numbers for all new people seeking their services: 828-1449 or 1-800-828-1449.
3. Sally Wing called our attention to the "Church Council of Greater Seattle News" information sheet that she passed out.
4. June Chaus, Temple De Hirsch Sinai, spoke briefly of her involvement with the African American/Jewish Coalition for Justice.
5. Nadine Shannon spoke on the history and background of EISCC. See the attached overview. Also, each month two member congregations or agency/organizations will be asked to tell us what they are doing in the area of social concerns in the community or nation.
6. Nadine Shannon spoke of correspondence she has received from Jean Carpenter, former Bellevue Council person and housing advocate, about the lack of shelter for youth on the Eastside- discussion followed. It was noted that this concern has been brought before the Bellevue City Council. EISCC will reconsider this concern at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm. Next meeting, noon, Tuesday, November 8, 1994 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. NE., Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Spohn and Bill Graden  
Co-Secretary



TRANSACTION REPORT  
9/13/94 Through 10/10/94

Num	Date	Payee	Memo	Category	Amount	Running Balance
Opening Balance as of 9/13/94						45,231.97
<b>Month Ending 9/30/94</b>						
621	9/13/94	Arvey's	paper for CFH brochures	CFH : Brochures	(16.88)	45,215.09
622	9/13/94	EISCC Emergency Fund	from Bell. Christian Church to Multi Service Cent	EISCC General Fund : BESF MSC	(125.00)	45,090.09
623	9/13/94	Sally Wing	EISCC minutes Sec	general fund : Mailing Expenses	(22.49)	45,067.60
624	9/13/94	Nadine Bentsen	stamps for dues mailing	general fund : Mailing Expenses	(10.44)	45,057.16
DEP	9/13/94	St. Thomas		Cong. Homeless : congregation	2,000.00	47,057.16
DEP	9/13/94	Bellevue Christian Church		Split	145.00	47,202.16
			pass thru to msc	EISCC General Fund : BESF MSC	125.00	
			dues 1994-95	EISCC General Fund : membership	20.00	
DEP	9/13/94	Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship	dues 1994-95	EISCC General Fund : membership	10.00	47,212.16
DEP	9/16/94	Grace Episcopal	dues 1994-95	EISCC General Fund : membership	20.00	47,232.16
	9/21/94	Washington Mutual	Sept Interst	EISCC General Fund : Checking interest	9.40	47,241.56
DEP	9/22/94	Cross of Christ	1994-95 dues	EISCC General Fund : membership	20.00	47,261.56
DEP	9/23/94	First Congregational of Bellevue		Split	120.00	47,381.56
			dues 1994-96	EISCC General Fund : membership	20.00	
				Aids/Hiv : donation	25.00	
				Racism : donation	25.00	
				Job Fair : donation	50.00	
DEP	9/23/94	Grace Lutheran	dues 1994-95	EISCC General Fund : membership	20.00	47,401.56
DEP	9/23/94	East Shore Unitarian	dues 1994-95	EISCC General Fund : membership	20.00	47,421.56
DEP	9/23/94	Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace	dues 1994-95	EISCC General Fund : membership	10.00	47,431.56
DEP	9/23/94	St. Margaret's Episcopal	dues 1994-95	EISCC General Fund : membership	20.00	47,451.56
DEP	9/30/94	Savings Interest	starting Jan to CFH	Cong. Homeless : Interest	91.40	47,542.96
Total Month Ending 9/30/94					2,310.99	
<b>Month Ending 10/31/94</b>						
DEP	10/1/94	St. Luke's Lutheran Church	dues 1994-95	EISCC General Fund : membership	20.00	47,562.96
DEP	10/1/94	Youth Eastside Services	dues 1994-95	EISCC General Fund : membership	10.00	47,572.96
DEP	10/1/94	Jewish Family Service	dues 1994-95	EISCC General Fund : membership	10.00	47,582.96
DEP	10/1/94	St. Margaret's Episcopal		Cong. Homeless : congregation	3,000.00	50,582.96
	10/6/94	Transfer to checking		Transfer To : CHECKING EISCC	(7,000.00)	43,582.96



**TRANSACTION REPORT**  
9/13/94 Through 10/10/94

Num	Date	Payee	Memo	Category	Amount	Running Balance
	10/6/94	Transfer to checking		Transfer From : SAVINGS EISCC	7,000.00	50,582.96
625	10/6/94	Catholic Community Services	salaries benefits adm assistance etc.	CFH : Salaries/Benefits	(6,347.00)	44,235.96
626	10/6/94	Bellevue Christian Church	pass thru to BESF	EISCC General Fund : BESF MSC	(125.00)	44,110.96
DEP	10/6/94	Bellevue Christian Church	pass thru to BESF	EISCC General Fund : BESF MSC	125.00	44,235.96
Total Month Ending 10/31/94					(3,307.00)	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					(996.01)	44,235.96

Subcategory	Total
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**INCOME**

Aids/Hiv donation	25.00
Total Aids/Hiv	25.00

Cong. Homeless congregation	5,000.00
Interest	91.40
Total Cong. Homeless	5,091.40

<b>EISCC General Fund</b>	
BESF MSC	0.00
Checking interest	9.40
membership	200.00
Total EISCC General Fund	209.40

<b>Employment Task Force</b>	
donation	50.00
Total Employment Task Force	50.00

<b>Racism</b>	
donation	25.00
Total Racism	25.00

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>5,400.80</u>
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**EXPENSES**

<b>CFH</b>	
Brochures	16.88
Salaries/Benefits	6,347.00
Total CFH	6,363.88

<b>general fund</b>	
Mailing Expenses	32.93
Total general fund	32.93

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>6,396.81</u>
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<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<u>(996.01)</u>
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**NET WORTH REPORT**

As of 10/10/94

ASSETS	Total
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<b>Bank and Cash Accounts</b>	
Checking	2,195.33
SAVINGS	42,040.63
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	44,235.96

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>44,235.96</u>
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LIABILITIES	Total
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<b>Other Liabilities</b>	
AIDS/HIV	854.92
CFH	40,866.08
GENERAL FUND	1,948.91
HOUSING TASK FORCE	98.77
JOB FAIR	312.28
RACISM	155.00
Total Other Liabilities	44,235.96

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>44,235.96</u>
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<b>NET WORTH</b>	<u>0.00</u>
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BESF April 1994 - September 1994

	April		May		June		July		August		September		TOTAL	
	Amount	#HH	Amount	#HH	Amount	#HH	Amount	#HH	Amount	#HH	Amount	#HH	Amount	#HH
Auto Gas	\$116.85	12	\$109.95	11	\$120.13	12	\$60.00	6	\$259.78	24	\$164.21	15	\$830.92	80
Motel														
Other	\$238.94	3	\$82.00	2	\$55.23	2	\$133.54	3	\$103.91	3	\$61.95	2	\$675.57	15
Puget Power	\$491.00	7	\$250.00	4	\$331.34	5	\$505.08	11	\$696.19	11	\$1,116.00	19	\$3,389.61	57
Rent	\$1,515.00	10	\$465.00	2	\$400.00	2	\$2,528.00	13	\$1,125.00	5	\$587.16	3	\$6,620.16	35
Water			\$290.00	2	\$75.00	1	\$94.48	1	\$115.00	2	\$42.00	1	\$616.48	7
WNG			\$253.00	1	\$56.28	1	\$100.02	3	\$60.00	1	\$150.00	2	\$619.30	8
<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>\$2,361.79</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>\$1,449.95</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>\$1,037.98</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$3,421.12</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>\$2,359.88</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>\$2,121.32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>\$12,752.04</b>	<b>202</b>

Other: Oil, Prescriptions, Safety equipment

Current Balance: 15850.5

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**BELLEVUE MULTI SERVICE CENTER**

**EISCC EMERGENCY SERVICE FUND DONATIONS**

Bellevue Christian	\$250.00
Cross of Christ Lutheran	\$450.00
Eastgate Congregational	\$50.00
Eastshore Unitarian	\$75.00
First Presbyterian	\$2,394.25
Mercer Isle Presbyterian	\$2,000.00
Overlake Park Presbyterian	\$1,800.00
Sacred Heart Catholic	\$700.00
St. Luke's Lutheran	\$50.00
St. Margaret's Thrift Shop	\$2,000.00
Other Donors	\$563.31

**\$10,332.56**



**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL**  
**P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA. 98009-0662**  
**MEETING, NOVEMBER 8, 1994**

Next Meeting, Tuesday, noon, December 13, 1994, at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

PROGRAM.

Task Force/Committee Meetings.

EISCC strengthens and develops the community through our Task Forces: HIV/AIDS, Cultural Diversity (Racism/Hate Crimes), Employment, CFH; Committees: finance, membership, and strengthening the Family. Please note task force and committee mission statements and goals following the minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Any person from your congregation who is interested in community social concerns is welcome to attend any and all EISCC monthly meetings. The by-laws limit each congregation to 2 voting delegates, but all others are welcome and we encourage them to attend. We need additional people to serve on the various task forces and will be glad to put them to work.
2. Congregations/Agencies: if you have an event that you would like publicized in the EISCC minutes, please notify one of the secretaries SEVERAL MONTHS ahead of event.
3. The Holiday Basket Program of the Bellevue Multi Service Center is one way your congregation can share the spirit of the holidays and your good fortune with a family. Call Shelly Noble 747-4826 for further details. It's not too late!
4. Joy Pocasangre (Temple De Hirsch Sinai) and Bill Graden (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) will report at the December 13th meeting about their congregation's outreach program, service projects or other interesting news.
5. Join us in Olympia on Wednesday, March 22, 1995. This is "Advocacy Day". You will have an opportunity to talk directly with your elected legislators and discuss with them legislation that is important to the church community. Circle the date on your calendar; more details later.

MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 8, 1994.

The meeting was called to order by Nadine Shannon, chairperson, at 12 noon in the Rock Room of First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. A prayer was offered by Rev. David Hackett. The minutes of the October 11, 1994 were approved with a minor editorial correction. Also corrections to the overview of the history and background of EISCC that was included with the minutes were submitted by Dorothy Shindler and so noted. Everyone present introduced themselves. The attendance roster was circulated; 21 were present.

PROGRAM.

Kevin Henry of the City of Bellevue Diversity Task Force was introduced by Rev. David Hackett. Mr. Henry defined the term diversity. Diversity means everyone; kind of like the colors of the rainbow. The task force is concerned with any and everything that affects the quality of life of all of us who live in Bellevue. There are certain groups of people or certain individuals who have specific needs. Groups such as immigrants, minority youths, homeless, disabled, senior citizens etc. Once these needs are met it makes them more productive and contributors to the community. Thus the community benefits in the long run.

An overview of the programs or focus of the task force was presented:

1. Youth-The lack of positive role models is a big factor; but, the "success program" or mentor for a teen-ager for up to 6 months has been very helpful.



"Outspoken" appears very Friday in the Journal American Newspaper and allows teens to express themselves journalistically; is a positive tool.

Also, the Teen Center in Bellevue allows teens to become more involved in creating their own programs and to help determine the policies; this is good. In addition, the task force is seeking to get the youth involved in TV and radio programming that lets them express themselves and be involved.

2. The immigrant/refugee population presents numerous challenges especially with limited language skills, and different life styles and culture. The children are becoming Americanized but the parents find it difficult to make the adjustment. One of the things that is being done is to organize workshops for the parents on parenting in addition to classes on English as a second language.

3. The media (radio, television, and newspaper) is a very important force or means by which one communicates with the rest of the community. The efforts of each individual group are publicized so that all will know what is being done and by whom. More people need to know what everyone else is doing so that all of the community can get behind some of the efforts. Expanded communication provides a wonderful opportunity for networking. Mr. Henry plans to develop a Cultural Diversity Newsletter that will publicize the information of what is being done. He welcomes news of your congregation's social concerns projects that will benefit all members of the community. A motion was made and seconded that Mr. Kevin Henry be given a copy of the EISCC Mailing list so that we could all receive his newsletter when it is ready for distribution.

The community diversity award that was presented to Nadine Shannon, EISCC Chairperson, is the type of a newsworthy event that needs to be publicized in the community. In other words, get the word out so that the cause, project, etc can be made known and other people can become involved and help.

Other ways to use the media were discussed. The value of press releases, public affairs shows on TV and radio, public service announcements, special events, and awards ceremonies are all important.

#### REPORTS.

##### Treasurer's Report - Nadine Bentsen - 747-1543

Beginning Balance	\$44,235.96
Income	3,541.76
Expenses	7,055.05
Ending Balance	\$40,722.67

CFH	\$37,235.57	Cultural Diversity	\$155.00
HIV/AIDS	854.92	Employment	312.28
General Fund	2,066.13	Housing	98.77

##### Congregations for the Homeless - Nadine Shannon - 746-6019

In May, St. Louise Church was support congregation to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church which was host church for the homeless program. Joy Pocasangre presented a certificate of appreciation to Dorothy Shindler and volunteers of St. Louise for exceptional service rendered.

Nadine reminded us of the following statistics- 1st year of operation:

151 unduplicated individuals housed; 45 men moved on to permanent housing; 4,243 bednights provided; 11,429 meals provided.

##### Cultural Diversity - Betty Smith - 746-8095

Formerly this task force was known as the Racism/Hate Crimes Task Force. However, it is now felt that Cultural Diversity more adequately describes the focus that we would like the task force to pursue; thus the name change.



Collaborative Leadership Provider Group - Pam Toelle - 454-8659

Pam reported on the meeting she attended on Oct 12, 1994 at the Bellevue School District Offices with a focus on human services providers and the difficulty they are having in bringing their services to the children and their families in the community. Serving children is the common ground that brought city, school, human services providers, and the religious community together. One thing that the religious community can do is to provide space near schools for children for after school activities, day care, special classes or just a place to meet. There is a great interest in having the religious community provide a clothing bank.

Employment -

Mark Hoover, task force chairperson, has been transferred to Dallas. We are in the process of designating a new chairperson.

Other Business.

Sally Wing prepared an October/November 1994 EISCC Newsletter that was mailed to 256 congregations, agencies, and persons on the greater Eastside since our last meeting. Please send news-worthy items to Sally for a tentative February 1995 mailing.

Also, Sally passed out an information sheet containing news of coming events that might be of interest to EISCC congregations as gleaned from the Church Council of Greater Seattle News Board meeting and The Source.

Joy Pocasangre presented to Rev. David Hackett, on behalf of EISCC, a certificate of appreciation for his unselfish service and dedication as EISCC Chairperson during the 1993/94 year.

Rev. David Hackett presented to Dorothy Scott, on behalf of EISCC, a certificate of appreciation for her service as Co-secretary and her commitment to the ideals and focus of EISCC this 1993-94 year.

Betty Spohn has been asked to chair a new Membership Committee. The goal will be to increase the membership of EISCC congregations by 50% and agency participation by 30% during the 1994-95 year and increase attendance at our monthly meetings. As a start, please encourage your clergy to attend our meetings.

Nadine Bentsen, Cross of Christ Lutheran and Betty Spohn, Newport Presbyterian, reported on their congregation's outreach programs and social service projects.

Nadine Shannon, Chairperson of EISCC, was honored yesterday at a luncheon held at the Red Lion. She was recognized for her great contribution to the Eastside community over the past 27 years. She has shown great leadership and vision in dealing with a number of social service issues: PTSA; Asian families relocation; schools-class size, money, ban on drug paraphernalia; Interfaith council; housing for the homeless, etc. Yes, helping people to help themselves. Congratulations Nadine: you have blessed the lives of many people on the Eastside.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm. Next meeting, noon, Tuesday, December 13, 1994 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. NE., Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Spohn and Bill Graden  
Co-Secretary



## EISCC TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS

### HIV/AIDS TASK FORCE.

Our mission is to fulfill God's love and justice toward those affected by HIV/AIDS:

- \* 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.
- \* involving religious groups in serving individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

### EMPLOYMENT/JOB FAIR TASK FORCE.

The mission is to seek out those who are in need of employment or a job upgrade in the various congregations in our community and be a resource to them:

- \* so that they can better provide for themselves and their families.
- \* they can become self reliant and contributing members to the community.

### CULTURAL DIVERSITY (RACISM/HATE CRIMES) TASK FORCE.

Our mission is to create a vision for a vital cultural life that will reflect diverse values and enhance the identity of all persons whom we serve through our congregations and social agencies.

- \* We will promote tolerance; the most fundamental of all human wisdom.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The mission is to develop and recommend a plan that will provide for the basic financial needs of the EISCC General Fund and the various Task Forces for the next 1-5 years:

- \* Considering the purpose of dues and donations develop a yearly budget.
- \* Evaluate the cost of running EISCC and its Task Force's/other projects by reviewing past expenditures and forecasting anticipated needs.
- \* Consider various methods/ways to solicit funds/donations.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

The mission is to strive to inform every Eastside Congregation about EISCC and encourage them and Eastside governments and social service agencies to join.

- \* Our goal is to increase monthly attendance, to double the congregation membership, and to increase by 30 % agency representation.



EISCC OCTOBER 12, 1993 TO OCTOBER 10, 1994

EISCC.

BEGINNING BALANCE EISCC ACCOUNT OCTOBER 12, 1993 \$72,637.83

EISCC GENERAL FUND

Beginning balance \$1,427.33

Deposits:

Dues paid	\$550.00	
Individual donations	75.00	
Checking interest	106.38	
Savings interest	551.07	
BESF to MC	500.00	1,782.45

Payments (1,260.87)

Balance on hand \$1,948.91

HIV/AIDS TASK FORCE

Beginning balance \$1,392.41

Deposits:

St. Louise	\$ 25.00	
Sacred Heart	350.00	
First Congregational	25.00	400.00

Payments (937.49)

Balance on hand \$ 854.92

EMPLOYMENT/JOB FAIR TASK FORCE

Beginning balance \$307.28

Deposits:

St. Louise	\$50.00	
Sacred Heart	200.00	
Temple De Hirsch Sinai	35.00	
Cross of Christ	20.00	
First Congregational	50.00	355.00

Payments (350.00)

Balance on hand \$312.28

CULTURAL DIVERSITY (RACISM/HATE CRIME) TASK FORCE

Beginning balance \$105.00

Deposits:

St. Louise	\$25.00	
First Congregational	25.00	50.00

Payments 00.00

Balance on hand \$155.00

HOUSING TASK FORCE

Beginning balance \$00.00

Deposits:

Coalition for Homeless \$108.77

Payments (10.00)

Balance on hand \$98.77

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Beginning balance \$69,405.81

Deposits:

All Saints Lutheran	\$100.00	
Bellevue Christian Rfrmd	500.00	
Bellevue Christian	2,000.00	
Cross/Christ Lutheran	1,000.00	
First Congregational	1,585.63	

Holy Family Parish	\$500.00	
Christ/King Lutheran	1,000.00	
Newport Presbyterian	1,000.00	
Sacred Heart	5,500.00	
St. Andrew's Lutheran	100.00	
St. Margaret's Episcpal	3,000.00	
St. Thomas	2,000.00	
Rice Bowl/Arch/Seattle	500.00	
City of Bellevue	7,994.50	
City of Kirkland	4,516.00	
Univar Foundation	2,000.00	
Ssts St. Joseph of Peace	100.00	
Eastside Resettlement	636.00	
Coalition for Homeless	400.00	
Carolyn Hudson	20.00	
Edwin Payne	20.00	
Fay Given	350.00	
J. Leary	25.00	
Lucille Magoon	100.00	
Robert Leed	100.00	
Savings interest	1,034.84	\$36,081.97
Payments		64,621.70
Balance on hand		\$40,866.08

ENDING BALANCE EISSC ACCOUNT OCTOBER 10, 1994

\$44,235.96



EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
P.O.Box 662, Bellevue, Wa. 98009-0662  
MEETING, DECEMBER 13, 1994

Next Meeting, Tuesday, noon, January 10, 1995 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. NE., Bellevue.

PROGRAM.

"How do newspapers view social issues in our religious community?" Lori Varosh, Features Editor, of the Journal American will speak to us. Also, a representative from one of the Seattle newspapers will participate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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2. Congregations\Agencies: if you have an event that you would like publicized in the EISCC minutes, please notify one of the secretaries SEVERAL MONTHS ahead of the event.
3. Dorothy Scott, St. Luke's Lutheran, and Dorothy Shindler, St. Louise Catholic, will report at the January 10th meeting about their congregation's outreach programs, service projects or other interesting news.
4. Starting December 27, 1994 on Viacom Cablevision: Faith & Values programing will share channel 15 with Prime Sports. This is a beginning and has come about because of the letter writting efforts of EISCC congregations. Congratulation to all of you who have made this beginning possible. At this time our best educated guess is that the time available for Faith & Values programing for those homes that subscribe to the "Standard Package" will be:  
Sunday 4 a.m. until 9 a.m.  
Monday thru Friday 4 a.m. until 4 p.m.
5. January 18-25, 1995, Week of prayer for Christian Unity.
6. Sunday, January 22, 7:30 p.m. Week of Prayer celebration, St. James Cathedral, Seattle.
7. Thursday, January 26, Sharehouse and KIRO-TV Blanket the Homeless Drive (further information on channel 7).
8. Saturday, January 28. Western Washington Legislative Conference '95 at the Des Moines United Methodist Church. Workshops will include children's issues, public assistance/welfare reform, health care reform, juvenile justice issues, and others. The cost is \$18.00 if enrolled before Jan.18 (includes lunch). For car pooling and further information contact Joy Pocasangre 747-0877 or Jeanne Lamont 869-7903.
9. Wednesday, March 22. Church Advocacy Day. Put your faith into action and speak on behalf of the poor and disadvantaged. Take this opportunity to meet with your legislators in Olympia to discuss legislation important to the Church Community. Church Advocacy Day will be part of a larger Human Services Day. We will be joining other groups at the rally. Circle the date on your calendar. Further information, including car pooling, at next meeting.

MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 13, 1994.

The meeting was called to order by Nadine Shannon, Chairperson, at 12:04 p.m. in the Rock Room of First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Dr. Sally Wing offered a prayer. The minutes of November 8, 1994 were approved with minor editorial corrections. The attendance roster was circulated; 22 present.



Nadine Shannon, Chairperson, introduced Joan King, First Congregational Church, new chairperson for the Congregations for the Homeless Task Force and Dale and Dollie Latimer, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, new chairpersons for the Employment Task Force. Then, everyone present introduced themselves.

A motion was made and seconded that we contribute \$50 to the Legislative Conference of '95. They printed the name of EISCC in their brochure as a sponsoring organization without our permission; much discussion followed. A vote was taken; we voted not to contribute the \$50.00 but to talk up the conference in our congregations.

#### REPORTS.

Joy Pocasangre reported on the social action program at Temple De Hirsch Sinai and Bill Graden reported on the outreach program at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

#### Treasurer's Report - Nadine Bentsen - 747-1543

Beginning Balance	\$40,722.67
Income	8,921.82
Expenses	429.41
Ending Balance	\$49,215.08

CFH	\$45,709.15	Cultural Diversity	\$200.00
HIV/AIDS	899.92	Employment	402.28
General Fund	1,904.96	Housing	98.77

#### PROGRAM.

Nadine Shannon reviewed the mission statement and goals for the following EISCC Task Forces: Cultural Diversity, HIV/AIDS, Employment, Membership, and Finance. We divided into the five Task Forces; each member present attended a task force of his/her choosing.

#### TASK FORCE REPORTS.

##### EMPLOYMENT - DALE & DOLLIE LATIMER - 455-5608

Please refer those individuals in your congregation who are in need of employment or seek a job upgrade to the committee. They meet most Thursday nights. Candidates seeking help should plan to be at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 14536 Main Street in room 8,9,10 or 11 at 7:30 p.m. This is a free service.

##### HIV/AIDS - DIANA ROGER - 277-6528

The "Eastside Resources for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS" has been revised and was passed out to all present. If you would like a copy please call Diana. Also, please canvas your congregation and see if you have persons who would like to serve on the task force.

##### CULTURAL DIVERSITY - BETTY SMITH - 746-8095

The focus of the task force will be to coordinate with the schools as to the pressing problems in the area of cultural diversity. After an initial contact with various school advisors, principals, teachers, etc. they will meet and determine a focus or direction to follow and perhaps suggest we sponsor a conference. Also, they plan to follow up with Kevin Henry, Cultural Diversity Coordinator, City of Bellevue.



MEMBERSHIP - BETTY SPOHN - 451-3651

At the February 1994 EISCC meeting a list of 32 suggestions of ways we might increase our membership was developed which we are reviewing. Also, we will contact the 10 congregations who were members last year but have not joined this year. We encourage each one of you, if you have a friend who is with a congregation who is not presently represented in EISCC, to invite them or a member of their congregation to attend our January meeting. Also it was suggested that the month of February might be "invite your pastor, reverend, or clergy month" to our regular EISCC meeting. Perhaps the clergy could be encouraged to attend 3 times a year?

FINANCE - NADINE BENTSEN - 747-1543

Suggest that we take time in a future EISCC monthly meeting to get a consensus about raising dues to cover our normal expenses of postage, copies, stationery, etc, especially in light of the cost of postage going up January 1st. How should we handle the solicitation of monies for dues, task forces, Bellevue Emergency Fund (BEST), or CFH? Also, is there other information that you want to have from the monthly treasurer's report whether verbally or as written in the minutes?

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. Next meeting, noon, Tuesday, January 10, 1995 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. NE., Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Spohn and Bill Graden  
Co-Secretary