

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA. 98009-0662
MEETING, JANUARY 10, 1995

Next meeting, Tuesday, noon, February 14, 1995 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. NE., Bellevue.

PROGRAM.

"Strengthening the family" - Rich Hartman, Washington State Director of LDS Social Services, will be the speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. 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 at the Capital Building 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. More information will follow, or call Joy Pocasangre, 747-0877 or Jeanne Lamont, 869-7903.

2. Friday, January 27. 7:30 pm, Temple De Hirsch Sinai, 556-124th Ave. NE, Bellevue. A discussion of "PRAYER IN SCHOOLS" from "Tough Choices".

3. Saturday, February 18. "Art Auction with Heart". University Congregational Church, 4515-16th NE, Seattle. View 6:00 pm, silent auction begins 6:30, bidding begins 7:30. \$5 includes entrance, dessert, beverage, and auction #. Proceeds go to support Beacon Avenue C.C.C.'s Urban Ministry with emphasis on pre-schools; and outreach to the immigrant community. If you have any questions please contact Joan King, 641-2558.

4. 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.

5. At the February 14th EISCC meeting Betty Smith, Eastside Multi Ethnic Center, will report on the work of the Ethnic Center. Mary Cameron, Eastshore Unitarian, will report on their congregation's outreach programs, service projects or other interesting news.

6. Any person from your congregation who is interested in community social concerns is welcome to attend any and all EISCC monthly meetings. Please encourage them to attend, participate, and serve on the various task forces.

MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 10, 1995.

The meeting was called to order by Nadine Shannon, Chairperson, at 12:03 pm in the Rock room of First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Nadine Shannon offered a prayer. The minutes of the December 13, 1994 ^{meeting} were approved with minor editorial corrections. The attendance roster was circulated; 32 present.

PROGRAM.

Lee Moriwaki, Seattle Times religious reporter, talked of how newspapers view social issues and religion in our community. The broader issues and trends today are different than they were in the 70's or 80's. In his opinion the current issues affecting people and families in the religious community are:

- 1) Return to church by adults and not necessarily to the church of their youth: the search for spirituality; a church they feel comfortable with; a church where they can make a commitment and become involved.
- 2) Family values and this need in the lives of people young and old. Also, the question of who, where, when, and how values will be taught.

- 3) Religious diversity - other churches and religious groups besides Christians and Jews.
- 4) Environment has become a much larger issue.
- 5) Youth violence in all of its ramifications and impact on the youth and the family.
- 6) AIDS support and housing of persons afflicted with AIDS.
- 7) Sexuality in the home.
- 8) Refugee resettlement.
- 9) International organizations based in Seattle providing missionaries to all parts of the world.
- 10) Poverty, homelessness, and hunger.

The source of much of the material on religious matters comes from church leaders in the community as well as the wire services. He welcomes direct personal calls, church bulletins, and suggested topics for stories. Lee Moriwaki can be reached at: Seattle Times, P.O. Box 70, Seattle, WA. 98111; telephone 464-8324; fax number 464-2261.

Lori Varosh, Journal American, features editor, talked about the role of a small local community newspaper with no one specifically assigned to cover religion. Religion plays an important role in almost every story that is written.

The growth of churches on the Eastside is of sufficient importance that religion is not relegated to the Saturday religion page, but appears at times on the cover page of the living section of the paper. Lori would welcome your input on what you would like to see in the Journal American and how they might cover religion issues, concerns, and stories better. Presently the religion pages are used for announcements and wire service stories that might have some local significance. Lori feels that in the future religion and churches are going to be relied on for much more of the cure for social ills. This seems to be what the electorate was saying in last November's election. Undoubtedly there will be an impact on the Eastside, and the Journal American will be there following up on who is affected and who is falling through the cracks.

Lori Varosh welcomes your input, calls, stories, ideas, suggestions, etc; things that will keep her up to date on what the religious interests are in the community and coming events. She can be reached at the Journal American. P.O. Box 90130, Bellevue. WA 98009-9230; telephone 453-4245; fax number 635-0603.

Nadine Shannon, Chairperson, suggested we develop a system to have a liaison person to call both the Seattle Times and the Journal American on a regular basis and represent EISCC and convey the issues where we feel there is common ground among the congregations on social issues.

Joy Pocasangre, vice-chairperson, suggested that the monthly congregation presentations be written up in the minutes and be made available to both newspapers to provide them with a better insight as to the social concern activities in the community.

CONGREGATION PRESENTATIONS.

St Louise Catholic - Outreach - Dorothy Shindler.

St. Louise is one of the largest of the Roman Catholic Churches in Western Washington. It includes over 2600 families and is located on Main Street and 156th Avenue SE. in Bellevue.

In addition to the outreach of individuals St. Louise has 2 kinds of organized outreach. One is the process for sharing its money with people in need and the other involves money and/or personal involvement. To disburse funds which are donated by parishioners for outreach the Social Concerns Commission evaluates needs and disburses the funds internationally, nationally, but mostly locally.

The recipients are chosen on the basis of need, not on their religion. Some of the recipients in the past year have been the Bellevue Emergency Services Fund of EISCC, Bellevue Food Bank and Multi-Service Center, Catholic Community Services, Help a Child, Friends of Children, Friends of Youth, St. Joseph Baby Corner, Blackfoot Native Americans of Montana, Prison Ministry\Matthew House, and Catholic Relief Services.

In the category of programs with personal involvement, as well as money, we help with Crossroads Meals, St Vincent DePaul, (one to one help for individuals and families), and a monthly luncheon and entertainment in the Church Hall for seniors, some of whom are from retirement homes. The monthly number has grown to 100. We are Support Church for Cross of Christ Lutheran in the Congregations for the Homeless program. One of our largest projects is Housing at the Crossroads which we share with Bellevue First Presbyterian Church. It offers housing and resources for 5 families.

In addition we have a Job Location Program which we learned from and share with our neighbors of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Other outreach includes Habitat for Humanity, \$2,500 designated for Holiday Food for needy families, Giving Tree-over 600 gifts, Emergency Feeding Program, Chores Ministry, boxes at the Church for Food Donations, and Friend to Friend. In addition we have a ministry to the Espanic Community which includes a regular Sunday Mass at 12:30 pm and a Espanic resource person, Alicia Martinez.

St. Luke's Lutheran - Dorothy Scott.

My church is growing especially with young families. Last Sunday we started 3 Sunday services and we have 1 Wednesday evening commuter service. A year ago we called an associate pastor. Our Benevolence and Social Concerns Committee selects organizations that will receive our benevolence grants and coordinates the outreach program. They are:

- 1) Congregations for the Homeless-We will be the Host Church for the month of February for the homeless men. So now we are busy organizing this program. Overlake Park Presbyterian Church will be the Support Congregation.
- 2) Feeding Program at Crossroads Community Center-We provide food and volunteers and serve the meal once a month at the center.
- 3) Emergency Feeding Program- We provide volunteers 2 week-ends a year to take calls and deliver food if requested.
- 4) Special Projects-We host special projects during the year such as Holiday Baskets, Clothing Drives, Food Drives, etc.
- 5) Legislative networking-St. Luke's coordinates with other churches to advocate for justice for all including disadvantaged groups and networks to influence public policy.
- 6) Volunteer Chore Ministry- We provide help to the ill, elderly, and home bound in various areas of daily living, preparing meals, providing transportation etc.
- 7) Kid's Holiday Store-For the 2nd Christmas, in connection with YWCA Family Village, children are given the opportunity to shop for holiday gifts for their families. St. Luke's is the store and we provide the gifts and the children can select, wrap, and give the gifts to their family. We provided special requested gifts for the entire family as well as food vouchers. We helped 22 families (74 individuals) this past Christmas.

8) Palm Sunday flowers-On Palm Sunday we take plants to homes in our surrounding community. Included with the plant is a folder with a sketch of our church and a schedule of Holy Week and Easter services. The community has given positive feedback on this program.

Our youth are involved in Habitat For Humanity, Feeding Program at Crossroads, Congregations for the Homeless, Breakfast at Lutheran Compass Center, and Kid's Holiday Store.

Our small group ministry is growing at St Luke's. We have Bible Study groups, Support groups and Personal Interest groups.

REPORTS.

Treasurer's Report - Nadine Bentsen - 747-1543

Beginning Balance	\$49,215.08
Correction to Income	10.60
Income	96.88
Expenses	7,959.90
Ending Balance	41,362.66

CFH	\$37,888.03	Cultural Diversity	200.00
HIV/AIDS	882.88	Employment	402.28
General Fund	1,890.70	Housing	98.77

Cultural Diversity Task Force - Betty Smith - 746-8095

They are busy contacting school advisors, principals, teachers, etc with the thought of setting up community area meetings with the local school officials and the public at large. This might bring in parents who want help in solving problems with their children. The goal for the future is to hold our own cultural diversity conference sponsored jointly by EISCC and the City of Bellevue through Kevin Henry.

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

Diana is meeting with Rabbi Anson Laytner, Director of the Multifaith AIDS Project in Seattle, to see how the two groups can interface and work together.

Membership Committee - Betty Spohn - 451-3651

Emphasis during the month has been on updating our mailing lists so the minutes and materials reach the right persons. Thirty-two persons attended this meeting; congratulations.

Finance Committee - Nadine Bentsen - 747-1543

In the future we need to address the possibility of raising dues for EISCC. The dues and interest are not adequate to fund the cost of copies and mailing expenses due to the increase in postal rates. Also, a second billing is going out to those past members who are not current with their dues.

Congregations for the Homeless - Joan King - 641-2558

We need to look ahead to December 1995 and see which congregation will be willing to be the host church. Grace Lutheran was host in 1993 and St Margaret's in 1994. If you would like to be the host church in December, please contact Joan. Also, it has been suggested that we rotate the month in which a congregation is host church throughout the year.

Faith and Values Committee - Bill Graden - 641-5674

Your 2,000 letters were a deciding factor in Viacom Cablevision making available the Faith and Values Programming on channel 15. We share the channel with Sports; it is a big step in the right direction. Watch the programs and give us your feedback. Hours for viewing are:

Sunday 4 am until 9 am; Monday thru Friday 4 am until 4 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Don Beeman - 885-6858

Don has a belief that carbon dioxide is a highly toxic chemical agent that is being put into the air and is a major contributing factor that affects respiration, allergies, asthma, and mood altering conditions such as depression, anxiety, heart palpitations, paranoia, and a cause of violence. He feels we are treating the symptoms instead of the cause. If you would like to help Don through letter writing or telephoning, please call him.

Shelly Noble - EISCC Bellevue Emergency Services Fund - 747-4826

This fund was established to assist families and individuals with rent, utilities, emergency housing and other unmet needs. The fund relies on donations from EISCC congregations and is administered by the Bellevue Multi-Service Center. Congregations may refer clients for assistance during normal MSC working hours, M-F, 8:30-4:30.

In 1994 the EISCC Bellevue Emergency Services fund used \$21,850 to help 374 families. These were families who might have lost their homes, or been without heat, water, or transportation without your help. To donate to the fund please MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE EISCC BELLEVUE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND. Checks should be sent to:

Bellevue Multi Service Center
2253 - 140th Ave. N.E.
Bellevue, WA 98005

All funds go to direct service and nothing is used for administrative costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 pm. Next meeting: noon, Tuesday, February 14, 1995 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Ave. NE., Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Spohn and Bill Graden
Co-Secretary

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2. Review the proposed amendments to the EISCC Constitution/Bylaws enclosed with these minutes. We will vote at the March 14, 1995 meeting on these changes.

3. Good News - The Faith & Values channel programming on Viacom Cablevision and Telepro Cable TV, Channel 15, has been expanded. New viewing hours are: Monday-Friday, 4:00 am to 3:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 24 hours a day. Be sure to take advantage of this interfaith programming because it serves people of faith, people on their own spiritual journeys, people in trouble, and people in your church or synagogue. The Faith and Values Channel can be a real blessing to you, your family, your congregation and our community.

4. Assignments for the March 14, 1995 meeting were made as follows:

- * Mary Ann Knowles, Sacred Heart Catholic, will report on their congregation's outreach program.
- * Shelley Noble, Multi Service Center - Bellevue, will report on the work of their agency.
- * Jim Palmer, First Presbyterian, Bellevue, will offer an opening prayer.

5. Please share this EISCC information with your clergy and outreach social action group in your congregation.

MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 14, 1995.

The meeting was called to order by Nadine Shannon, Chairperson, at 12:02 pm in the Rock Room of First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Gerry Longton offered a prayer. The minutes of the January 10, 1995 meeting were approved as mailed with minor editorial corrections. Introductions were made by those present. The attendance roster was circulated; 28 present.

PROGRAM.

Rich Hartman, Washington State Director of LDS Social Services, talked to us about "Strengthening the Family". Government has a tendency to bring in experts to help solve family problems, but, perhaps what is really needed, is for us to look to families for the solution of their problems. Also, is it really the role of government to provide us with our values and conscience?

Families are the building block of our society-- as our families go, so do our communities and our nation. In a family children learn self confidence, respect for others, kindness, ability to love others, cooperation, attitudes of service, a sense of belonging, concept of work, principles of deferred gratification, rules of society are passed on, values, and ethics. "Values and conscience don't flow from governments to their people; rather values and conscience that a government has, come from the people to the government. Wise laws and effective institutions then support those values and principles". Rich suggested a slogan; "in our communities families are our most important product".

Rich discussed the role of mothering and fathering in the family. Mothering brings to mind the idea of nurturing, caring, service, sacrifice, etc. Fathering doesn't often generate more in the mind than the biological process of procreation. But he reminded us that our creator admonished us to address Him by the title of Father; what a great example.

Fathers should do the following in the family:

- 1) Help children feel good about themselves-- fathers tend to be validators whereas mothers are nurturers. Skills dads use in the work place are not always the same skills used in the home. Instead of ordering people around at home, persuasion, gentleness, kindness, love, patience, and time spent with family members are important skills.

- 2) Have fun with his children- anything can be fun if dad just remembers that the child is more important than the activity. "Memories are made of stuff time measures - what do you want, dad - regrets or treasures"?

- 3) Fathers should lessen the lectures and lengthen the listening.

- 4) Fathers should teach their children to work - it takes patience and time to be with them. Through helping dad do grown up things, children have fun and learn to work at the same time.

- 5) One of the most important things a father can do for his children is to love their mother. This becomes a model where adults treat one another with respect, kindness, and disagreement brings about resolution without anger and abuse. When the children leave the home they remember the example learned in the home.

How do we help families and parents accomplish the things they are supposed to accomplish in the home? It is through applying and teaching basic common sense values and principles that positive changes will come about. The role of organizations or groups like EISCC can be a vital force for change when they become involved in providing leadership, direction, and solutions. Also, it is important to get the parents involved with the solutions so that we can build stronger families. Remember that as our families go, so goes our community. We should not do things that undermine the relationship between parent and children.

REPORTS.

Treasurer's Report - Nadine Bentsen - 747-1543

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HIV/AIDS	882.88	Employment	402.28
General Fund	2,008.62	Housing	98.77

Has your congregation recently approved funds for 1995 EISCC dues/task forces and CFH? If so, would you please advise Nadine Bentsen of the amounts and anticipated contribution schedule. Funds committed to the CFH fund are especially needed.

Proposed amendments to Constitution/Bylaws - Sally Wing - 747-5924

Sally reviewed the proposed amendments and explained why the changes are being suggested. According to our constitution, a thirty-day prior written notice must be given before voting on any changes. Take this information back to your congregation and discuss it with those who would be concerned. We plan to vote on these changes at the March 14, 1995 EISCC meeting. (See attached proposed amendments)

Congregations for the Homeless - Joan King - 641-2558

Presently the shelter is at St. Luke's Lutheran and they are supported by Overlake Park Presbyterian. The latest statistics show we provided in January 407 bednights, 31 men participating, an average of 15 per night.

On January 25, 1995 there was an awards ceremony at Bellevue City Hall hosted by A Coalition for Regional Housing (ARCH), a citizens advisory board of Eastside residents, committed to increasing the supply of affordable housing in East King County. A Community Housing Recognition Award was presented and accepted by Nadine Shannon on behalf of EISCC for our Congregations for the Homeless Program. Xerox copies of the plaque have been made so that every congregation that has participated as a host/support or contributor of funds will receive a copy of the award. The original plaque will travel with the trailer each month and may be displayed at the host congregation.

Employment - Dale Latimer - 455-5608

We meet every Thursday night at 7:30 pm, room 11/13, at the LDS Church, 14536 Main Street. Those persons looking for employment or a job upgrade are welcome. We have many job opportunities and listings. Check our free EISCC sponsored employment service. Also, we will help you with your résumé. We are planning, about the middle of May, an Employment Seminar or Job Fair. Watch for further details.

Legislative Conference - Joy Pocasangre

Joy reported the Legislative Conference held on Saturday, January 28, 1995 was extremely enlightening and informative about what is going on in Olympia. We need to be more informed as to the issues so that when we meet with our legislators in Olympia on March 22, 1995 we can ask them specific questions and seek answers. Some of the issues discussed were: working children's hours, days, ages etc; day care issues; naturalized citizens' issues. Joy suggested we consider forming a task force this winter that would report to EISCC what is really happening in the legislative session in Olympia.

CONGREGATION/AGENCY PRESENTATIONS.

Eastside Multi-Ethnic Center - Betty Smith Program manager.

The Eastside Multi-Ethnic Center was started in the late 70's as a volunteer effort by concerned sponsors of newly arrived refugees. It was called the Asian Resettlement Center. As result of Eastern Europeans arriving in the late 80's, the name was changed to the Eastside Resettlement Center. In 1992, a merger took place with the Employment Opportunity Center of Seattle and thus it became the Eastside Multi-Ethnic Center.

The services still remain the same with an emphasis on English as a Second Language, employment counseling and placement, and social services. Three ESL classes are offered four days a week. The population being served at this time ~~are~~ mostly Russians and Vietnamese. About one hundred students are enrolled.

Funding for the programs comes from grants with the State, the City of Bellevue, King County, and the City of Kirkland. A new program started in the fall of 1994 at Spiritwood Manor and Hidden Village. Both are King County Housing developments for low income housing. English is offered two days a week at each place. After school tutoring and children's activities are provided as well as workshops on community services that are available for the tenants. This new program is the result of special funding by the City of Bellevue. This is a new concept of bringing services to the community where there is a need.

East Shore Unitarian - Gwen Lewis.

The Social Justice Council is an umbrella organization at East Shore that is involved in community, state, national, and international social justice issues. Its goal is to help facilitate East Shore members as they work on social justice issues. The following is a list of social justice task forces/programs in operation during 1994.

- 1) Crossroads Meals Program - The church prepared dinner on the first Monday of each month for 60-100 people.
- 2) Sharing of Sustenance - Each Sunday members donate non-perishable food to the Bellevue Multi-Service Center and clothes and toiletries to the Compass Center in Pioneer Square, Seattle.
- 3) Gay/Lesbian Task Force - Prepared at least one service per year dedicated to raising awareness of members on gay/lesbian issues in the community.
- 4) Mentoring Project - Volunteers make a one-year commitment to tutor children at risk in the Lake Washington School District for 1 day a week for 2 hours.
- 5) Transylvania Sister Church - Through special collections, funds were raised to buy farm equipment and help support the minister and his family in the village of Toroskoszentgyorgy in Transylvania, Romania.
- 6) Children's Task Force - addressed issues affecting children in poverty and children at risk through a Giving Tree Project, Books for Kids, and YWCA Family Village Child Care Center.
- 7) New Hope Baptist Church in Seattle's Rainier Valley District - Helped with a computer program that teaches children about computers. Also, participated in Black Dollar Days Task Force that encourages Seattlites to patronize African American owned businesses.
- 8) Homeless Projects - Participation in the YWCA Family Village project that provides traditional housing apartments where families can live up to 18 months while they pursue a plan to become self-sufficient. We have adopted one apartment and furnished it with food, linens, pots & pans, and other necessities. Also, we are a host church for the EISCC Congregation for the Homeless program; we provided meals and shelter for up to 30 men for one month.

Collaborative Leadership Provider Group - Pam Toelle, representative - 454-4568
We are in the beginning stage of assessing the needs in the school/community. Several task forces are being formed and others considered to determine specific issues in which school and community can work together. Pam is looking for volunteer opportunities. Also, the solutions to needs, in order to work, must come from the people who have the need .

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS.

"100 YEARS; THE STORY OF A JEWISH FAMILY"

Witness the journey of a Jewish family through three poignant events accompanied by Elijah, the magical prophet. Travelling in disguise, he brings centuries of wisdom to those in need. An intimate and enchanted story of history, humor and hope. Opens March 17 - plays through April 9, 1995 - Fridays 7:30, Saturdays 2:00 & 7:30, Sundays 2:00 - Youth Theater Northwest, SE 40th and 88th Avenue SE on Mercer Island. Tickets \$8, call 2342-2202. Group rates and special school performances available.

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Presented February 14, 1995
Vote to be taken March 14, 1995

Proposed amendments to Constitution/Bylaws

Note procedures for Constitution amendment in ARTICLE VII.

AMENDMENTS. Section I. The articles of this constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the representatives present and voting from the member congregations provided that a thirty (30) day prior written notice of the amendment has been given.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section III. Each member congregation shall contribute an amount to be determined by the membership annually to EISCC, prior to the ~~October~~-(January) meeting. The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section II. The election of the officers of the EISCC shall be made by the Council at the October annual meeting. They shall take office on November 1. A nominating committee elected by the Council at the ~~May~~-(June) meeting shall propose a slate of officers to the September meeting. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The terms of office shall be one (1) year.

Note procedures for Bylaws Amendment in ARTICLE I. PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC RECOMMENDATION AND ACTION. 8. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the representatives present and voting from the member congregations, provided that a thirty (30) day prior written notice of the proposed amendment has been given.

ARTICLE II. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

3. Associate members shall pay an amount to be determined by the membership annually, upon application and thereafter prior to the ~~October-annual~~ (January) meeting, to cover administrative costs.

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PROGRAM.

1. "EISCC's Role in Resolving the Conflict of Moral Issues with the Conduct of Business" (Papagayos/Babes Matter) presented by Terry Lukens, past Mayor of Bellevue and a current Bellevue City Council member.
2. "Report on Church Advocacy Day March 22" presented by Joy Pocasangre, Vice Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. **THE CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS PROGRAM IS URGENTLY IN NEED OF FUNDS!!!**
Many congregations have allocated dollars to CFH, but have yet to send in the money. Could you address the issue and make your congregation's contribution a priority? We need your dollars to be able to continue this program and fill a need in the community for which only CFH is addressing!
2. **ASSIGNMENT FOR NEXT MEETING: "THANK YOU FOR COMING SHOWER"**
The Multifaith AIDS Project of Seattle (MAPS) has a "Wish List" for their 4 homes for people with AIDS. They need the following: paper towels, toilet paper, light bulbs, sponges (one side abrasive), dish drainer, shaving cream and razor blades, Tupperware containers and drinking glasses, envelopes and a 3-hole punch, games and puzzles, soap items and dishwasher soap, Sweet and Low, clean steel wool and sponges, small trash bags, mop and broom (2 sets), garden hose and tools. **WHEN YOU ATTEND THE APRIL EISCC MEETING PLEASE BRING ONE OF THE ABOVE ITEMS...WE WILL DONATE THEM TO MAPS AS A "THANKS FOR THE WORK YOU ARE DOING..KEEP IT UP".**
3. Saturdays, May 13, 20 - 9am-4pm - Single Parent's Workshop -
"Building Self-Esteem & Reducing Violence" Cost \$25.00
Grace Lutheran Church, Bellevue - Call 455-2960 Ext.3 for info.
4. Assignments for the April 11, 1995 meeting were made as follows:
* Liz Meade, Holy Cross Episcopal, will report on their congregation's outreach program.
* Catherine Hillard, Emergency Feeding Program, will report on the work of their agency.
5. Please share this EISCC information with the clergy and outreach social action group of your congregation.
6. Windemere Real Estate Office in Bellevue is looking for a service project in which some 50 of their employees can participate as a group for 4 hours on a Saturday in June. If you have such a project would you please call Shelly Noble, at the Multi-Service Center-Bellevue, 747-4826.

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PROGRAM. Diana Roger, chairperson of the HIV/AIDS Task Force introduced Rabbi Anson Laytner, Director of Multifaith AIDS Project of Seattle (MAPS) who spoke on the subject, "How Faith Communities Can Respond To AIDS".

MAPS was started 6 years ago by Rev. Gwen Beighle, a Presbyterian minister serving as Chaplain at Harborview Medical Center. She saw the first AIDS patients in the county. She saw people who were basically ill, shunned by their families, ignored by their clergy, and in many cases not treated adequately by doctors and nurses.

She felt people who were facing imminent death should not be treated this way. Initially the focus was a pastoral program for people with AIDS, but within several months the direction changed to a low income housing program for people with AIDS. MAPS is the only interfaith organization in the country that provides housing for people with AIDS (a roof over their head and food to eat).

There are four houses in Seattle; each with a full-time live-in house manager.

- * Beacon House - houses 5 residents
- * Magnolia House on Capitol Hill - houses 5 residents
- * Rainier Valley House - houses 14 residents

There are gay and straight men; women; a child with AIDS; African, Hispanic, and Native Americans.

- * Ravenna House - houses 8 residents.

It is a house for people with AIDS who are also in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction--on-site programs to help them deal with addictions.

In addition MAPS provides the following:

- * Pastoral care - a program that is open to anyone with AIDS, their partners, and families. Numerous issues are involved with people dealing with a life threatening illness--grief, loss, anger, and "Why me"?

- * Education - send speakers out to Synagogues, Temples, Churches, Civic groups--talk about what AIDS is and isn't and suggest a proper religious response to those persons with the disease.

- * Recruitment tool - seek volunteers to help in their existing homes, help other AIDS organizations, and seek to develop services in areas outside of Seattle with the help of local interfaith groups like EISOC.

Rabbi Laytner introduced Johnny, who is a resident in a MAPS home. He is not gay, did not get AIDS from a blood transfusion; he got AIDS from shooting drugs into himself. He talked about his childhood; and his coming from a dysfunctional home. When you lack love in the home you go outside to find the love that everyone needs. The things that normal kids should learn in the home, he did not learn and was always searching for acceptance somewhere. He resorted to using drugs at age 12-13, and used them until age 19. The drugs he took during this period of his life are killing him now. He was diagnosed with AIDS in 1989 at age 33. Since then he has been running from AIDS; thinking "if I run fast enough, I can shake this". He is no longer running; he is now getting help and counseling.

MAPS would like to work with EISOC and the other AIDS organizations on the Eastside and develop programs to help people who are ill with AIDS. We can help in the following areas:

- * Provide volunteer transportation - to the doctor, dentist, grocery store, movie, shopping center, entertainment events, etc.

- * Need to develop lists of doctors and dentists who are willing to treat AIDS patients in a caring and sensitive manner and who will take medical coupons.

- * Help create a day program on the Eastside that would help people with AIDS to overcome the sense of isolation. A facility is needed in a church or building where people could come and socialize, have support groups, and get involved in creative activities and recreational activities.

Betty Smith called to our attention the Adult Day Care Center for senior adults here in Bellevue. It is modeled after an interfaith group center in Atlanta. Perhaps this could be used in some way as a pattern for a HIV/AIDS facility on the Eastside.

* Help get the message out that people in the community need to act responsibly towards people with HIV/AIDS.

CONGREGATION/AGENCY PRESENTATIONS.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Mary Ann Knowles.

Sacred Heart is one of 3 Roman Catholic Churches in Bellevue. The congregation is made up of approximately 1400 families. The church operates a school with 460 students in grades K-8.

The Social Concerns Committee discusses needs of organizations requesting help. We usually fund one overseas organization, most recently the Medical Mission Sisters in Nigeria. Eastside programs that we support are Congregations for the Homeless, HIV/AIDS task force, Bellevue Emergency Services Fund, Job Fair, Catholic Community Service, Housing at Crossroads, Eastside Multi-Ethnic Center and Eastside Domestic Violence. Also we donate to Friend-to-Friend, Life Choices, St. Martin de Porres (a shelter for older men in Seattle), St. Mary's Church in Seattle, Detention Ministry, and Human Life.

In addition to monetary donations, we serve meals one day a month at the Crossroads Community Center. On the first Sunday of the month there is a food collection with food given alternately to the Bellevue Food Bank and St. George Parish in Seattle.

The HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry was started last fall with a monthly prayer and support service. Prior to Valentines Day we had a Giving Tree for Bailey-Boushe House and filled a pickup truck with items needed by clients. A Christmas Giving Tree provides gifts to needy groups. This year the gifts were given to St. Vincent de Paul, Shepherd's Associates, (Seattle-based center for sexually abused persons) Laurelwood Nursing Home and Griffin Home. We have been a support church to the First Congregational Church for Congregations for the Homeless.

Youth of the parish have helped out at Camp Brotherhood by painting and digging a ditch. Also, they have been involved in the Inner City Plunge, connecting Bellevue and Seattle families. Presently they are collecting new shoes for St. Vincent de Paul. The school 7th graders decided that collecting new socks would be a good thing to add to the shoes! The school 4th graders visit Laurelwood Nursing Home and all the school supports Rice Bowl, a Lenten program providing overseas families with training and materials. St. Joseph's Baby Corner is a recipient of school help. Also, we support the program for children of divorce, Rainbow for all God's Children, which meets at Sacred Heart.

REPORTS.

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

Beginning Balance	\$41,079.31
Income	12,901.40
Expenses	7,215.44
Ending Balance	\$46,765.27

CFH	\$43,036.06
HIV/AIDS	882.88
General Fund	1,945.28

Cultural Diversity	\$200.00
Employment	602.28
Housing	98.77

Proposed amendments to Constitution\By-laws - Sally Wing - 747-5924

Sally reviewed the proposed changes:

- 1) Changing the receipt of congregation dues from October to January
- 2) Making a statement that we do have a ^{financial} year-January 1-December 31
- 3) New officers of EISCC take office on November 1st
- 4) Nominating committee would be elected at the June meeting - report the proposed slate of officers at the September meeting - vote for officers at October meeting.
- 5) Changing the receipt of social agency dues from October to January

It was moved and seconded that we adopt the above changes. The changes to the By-laws were passed by an "aye" voice vote.

Employment - Dollie Latimer - home 455-5608; work 455-7360.

The Task Force is planing a Job Fair in late April or early May. They will target high school or college persons and homemakers or persons coming into the job market for the first time. If any of you know of employers in your congregations who would be hiring people, temporary or entry level, let Dollie know, so they can be invited to be at the Job Fair. Also, do you have individuals who would be willing to participate and give pointers to the new people coming into the job market. We will keep you advised as to the date.

Our employment group meets every Thursday night at 7:30 pm, room 11/13, at the LDS Church, 14536 Main Street. Persons looking for employment or a job upgrade are welcome.

Congregations for the Homeless - Joan King - 641-5924

For March the shelter is at St. Matthew's Lutheran in the Renton Highlands, and Renton United Methodist is the support church. We are providing meals and beds for 6-12 men nightly. Also, we are in need of dollars to continue to fund this program. Please help us.

Cultural Diversity Task Force - Betty Smith - 746-8095

Working with Kevin Henry, City of Bellevue, to have a Cultural Diversity Conference. We will advise of details later.

Membership Committee - Betty Spohn - 451-3651

Working to update the bulk mailing list before the next newsletter goes out.

Collaborative Leadership Provider Group - Pam Toelle - 454-4568

Pam will be calling representatives from different congregations in East Bellevue to determine the services or activities that your congregation is providing for children and families; especially children at risk. This is a cooperative pilot project of the City, school district, human services providers, and congregations to meet the needs of children at risk with the school acting as a central clearing house.

Secondly, there is a basic need for out-of-school success mentors for up to 300 children. Presently they have 100 volunteers; need 200 more. Please contact Pam with the names of those from your congregation who might help with this need.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 pm. Next meeting: noon, Tuesday, April 11, 1995 at First Presbyterian Church. 1720-100th Avenue, Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Spohn and Bill Graden
Co-Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O.Box 662 Bellevue, WA. 98009-0662
MEETING, APRIL 11, 1995

Next meeting, Tuesday, noon, May 9, 1995 at First Presbyterian Church,
1720-100th Avenue NE., Bellevue.

PROGRAM.

"Plan Today for Tomorrow" - Brad Epperly, LDS Employment Manager, speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. **THE CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS PROGRAM IS URGENTLY IN NEED OF FUNDS!!!**
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2. **JOB FAIR** - Thursday evening, May 4, 6-9 pm, LDS Church, 14536 Main Street, Bellevue; lots of free parking. Especially for first time job seekers, whether entry level or re-entry to the job market. There will be interviewing and resume writing skill workshops and employer representatives to describe desired qualifications and methods of applying for a job. All are welcome.
3. **Saturdays, May 13, 20 - 9 am-4 pm - Single Parent's Workshop -**
"Building Self-Esteem & Reducing Violence" Cost \$25.00
Grace Lutheran Church, Bellevue - Call 455-2960 Ext.3 for info.
4. **Tuesday, May 16 "The Fourth Symposium on Spirituality and Mental Illness" -**
9 am to 3:30 pm in Campion Hall, Seattle University and nearby First Baptist Church. Cost \$15 includes lunch - scholarships available. For further information call 784-3789.
5. **Monday, Memorial Day, May 29, 1995 - "Campaign 5000 Annual Kick-off March".**
March for economic self-sufficiency and community empowerment. Sponsored by Black Dollar Days Task Force - Mark your calendar. Joy Pocasangre, EISOC Vice-Chair, is a member of the Task Force and has all the information; call her at 747-0877.
6. **Saturday and Sunday, August 19th and 20th, 1995 - Third annual Eastside Community Street Fair** will be held in the Downtown Bellevue Park. The fair is a multi-cultural and multi-generational family event designed to celebrate the cultural diversity of the Eastside. There will be a display of arts, crafts, ethnic foods, inter-active activities and continuous entertainment. The fair will need close to 400 volunteers - youth of all ages, adults, singles, families, and seniors are invited to be part of this program. Contact the Street Fair office at 822-7225 for further information.
7. **Advance Bellevue Class of '96 - "Creating Community Leaders" -** centered around a series of mobile, action-oriented workshops, Advance Bellevue takes participants inside leading Eastside agencies, businesses and institutions to meet the leaders and explore the issues that are shaping our community's future. Applications are available now - selections are made each summer and program begins in October 1995. Tuition is \$395 - limited financial assistance is available to those who can demonstrate need. For additional information contact Julie Ellenhorn at 881-9491.

8. Assignments for the May 9, 1995 meeting are as follows:
 - * Rev. Geoffrey Ethelson, Grace Episcopal, Duvall, will report on the outreach activities of his congregation.
 - * Shelley Noble, Manager, will report on the activities of the Bellevue Multi-Service Center.
9. Please share this EISCC information with the clergy and outreach or social action group of your congregation.
10. Faye Williamson - United Way - reported there are a number of groups who are looking for community service projects that their volunteers can do during the month of June. If you have a project, call Faye at 556-8326.

MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 11, 1995.

The meeting was called to order by Nadine Shannon, chairperson, at 12:05 in the Rock Room of First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Joy Pocasangre offered a prayer. The minutes of the March 14, 1995 meeting were approved with minor corrections. Introductions were made by those present. The attendance roster was circulated; 37 present.

PROGRAM. Nadine Shannon, chairperson of EISCC, introduced Terry Lukens, past Mayor of Bellevue and a current Bellevue City Council member, who spoke on the subject of issues facing the City of Bellevue, particularly in the area of adult\business entertainment.

The decision of the Washington State Supreme Court on March 23, 1995 reaffirmed previous decisions relating to nude dancing. Nude dancing is a form of expression that is protected under the United States Constitution and the Washington Constitution. The ability of government to control, limit, or effect the operation of a business is constitutionally protected. However, there is a distinction -- nude dancing is protected expression, but nude conduct has no constitutional protection. The legal nicety is to determine when does expression move to conduct; government does have a right to control and regulate conduct.

It is not legally possible to restrict zoning of nude dancing to the extent that a business is zoned out of any reasonable opportunity to operate as a adult\nude dancing entertainment business. However, the City of Bellevue has the right to restrict the operation of adult entertainment up to a distance of 600 plus feet from any church, school, or educational facility. Three areas that fit the location criteria for adult business are: Auto Row, Overlake and now, Factoria. There is a significant financial risk to the city and taxpayers if you unreasonably restrict or restrain a constitutionally permitted activity. The city could be liable for all the other attorney's fees and damages. It is possible this could be in the millions of dollars. There is a very fine line here that the city is walking.

The framework under which the City Council is working is to restrict certain conduct; this is proper and legal. We are permitted by ordinance to restrict:

- * where the stage is located (how far back from the public)
- * intermingling of dancers with the patrons (after performing on stage)
- * any sort of sexual conduct
- * lighting (develop a standard of lighting)
- * distance dancers are from patrons while dancing on the floor (table dancing has been established at 4 Feet)

Clubs do not make money by having dancers dance on the stage (they are not allowed to serve liquor). Money is made by dancers performing (so called table dancing) for patrons. Future violations of the legally established rules of conduct will subject the business owner\dancers to possible license revocation.

Also, for dancers, prior criminal convictions are not sufficient grounds to deny them a license. Again, nude dancing itself is a constitutionally protected expression and government can not do anything to inhibit it - only conduct can be regulated.

REPORT: CHURCH ADVOCACY DAY

Joy Pocasangre, EISCC Vice-Chair, reported on Church Advocacy Day in Olympia on March 22, 1995. Joy called on Al Bagley from Overlake Park Presbyterian to express himself concerning Advocacy Day. He was impressed by the support we received and also the antagonism and dislike for our positions that was expressed. The group had an opportunity to talk with Representatives from the 48th district: Reems, McDonald, and Van Luven. Joy felt it was enlightening to see how the legislature works and to feel the excitement and enthusiasm of the various groups who were striving to put their points across to their legislators. She felt it was nice to be informed about the state budget, health reform, and welfare reform issues by those lobbyist who were working for the Church Councils. When the legislature is in session you can call 1-800-562-6000, the Legislative Hot Line, and leave a message or write your legislator. It was suggested that the time to know where your legislator stands on various issues is at election time - before they are elected. Once they are in office, your clout is limited.

CONGREGATION/AGENCY PRESENTATIONS.

Holy Cross Episcopal Church - Liz Meade.

Our recent mission statement addressed the desire to become more involved in outreach activities. In the past we have supported Avondale House (contribute clothing and do seasonable celebrations). We have an on-site preschool (Best Beginnings). We support St. Martha Mary Mission at the Pike Place Market (have a lay ministry working with the homeless men there). We do monthly services for residents at the Cascade Vista Nursing Home. We have done some activities with other churches. Last year our youth group served lunch to the Catholic Youth's Walk-a-thon (very excellent outreach opportunity for the youth). Also, we do food drives for the Redmond Multi-Service Center. In addition, every year our children support the Heifer Program. Finally, we provide financial support for a battered women's shelter. I take notes at each of the EISCC meetings and take the information back to our Outreach Committee so they can be informed as to the activities of EISCC. We are enjoying our membership in EISCC and the association with the various congregations.

Emergency Feeding Program - Catherine Hillard.

The Emergency Feeding Program was created in 1977 by the Black Clergy for Action and is currently a Task Force of Church Council of Greater Seattle. It is supported financially 75% by local churches/institutions. It provides over 1,000 meals per day in King County from 30 distribution centers. Five distribution centers are open daily on the Eastside: Overlake Park Presbyterian, Bellevue First Congregational, Kirkland Congregational, Redmond United Methodist, and Inglewood Presbyterian. Weekend referral churches are: St. Luke's Lutheran, Cross of Christ Lutheran, St. Margaret's Episcopal, First Methodist, First Congregational, St. Andrew's Lutheran, and Newport Presbyterian.

Local congregations can help:

- 1) In your prayers and through special offerings
- 2) Participate in the weekend referral program
- 3) Collect food-of-the-month
- 4) Volunteer to distribute, pack, or transfer food; help with food drives and mailings

Washington Assoc. of Churches
Lutheran Public Policy Office of WA
& Washington State Catholic Conference

- 5) Your congregation can refer people in need of food:

Nutritional, child-friendly food, fruit juices, peanut butter, crackers, tuna fish, macaroni and cheese, etc. are available. Also, special diet food for diabetics, low salt, Asian, liquid, infant, and no cook (for homeless) may be obtained.

For your information the EISCC Emergency Services Directory is given to every person who receives a bag of food in the Emergency Feeding Program; it is an extremely helpful resource listing.

If you are not receiving our church packets in the mail, or would like further information, call Catherine Hillard, Eastside Coordinator, at 562-0698.

REPORTS.

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

Beginning Balance	\$46,765.27
Income	1,222.36
Expenses	14,639.65
Ending Balance	\$33,347.98

CFH	\$29,631.98
HIV/AIDS	882.88
General Fund	1,942.07

Cultural Diversity	\$200.00
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Housing	88.77

Employment - Dollie Latimer - home 455-5608; work 455-7360

A Job Fair has been planned and scheduled for Thursday evening, May 4, 6-9 pm at the LDS Building, 14536 Main Street, Bellevue. The Job Fair is especially for first time job seekers, whether entry level or re-entry to the job market. We are presenting interviewing and resume writing skill workshops. Also, employer representatives will be present to describe desired qualifications and methods of applying for a job.

Our employment group meets every Thursday night at 7:30 pm, room 11/13, at the LDS Church, 14536 Main Street. Persons looking for employment or a job upgrade are welcome.

Congregations for the Homeless - Joan King - 641-5924

Eastshore Unitarian is the host church this month with the LDS Church as a support church with food for 1/2 of the month. We are providing meals and beds for 6-14 men nightly. Also, we are in need of dollars to continue to fund this program. Please help us.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Terry Lukens had passed out a letter from The Multi-Service Center Bellevue Site Task Force who are searching for a more cost-effective home for the Bellevue branch of the Multi-Service Center. The Task Force understands that EISCC has in the past discussed the possibility of operating a community clothing bank. Would EISCC be interested in taking a room to house such an operation in the proposed facility?

A motion was made and seconded that EISCC pursue the concept further and ~~would be supportive of~~ a community clothing bank; passed by an unanimous "Aye" vote. Chairperson, Nadine Shannon, will convey our interest to Rev. Ann Lukens at St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 454-9541.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 pm. Next meeting: noon, Tuesday, MAY 9, 1995 at First Presbyterian Church. 1720-100th Avenue, Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Spohn and Bill Graden - Co-Secretaries

An Open Letter to EISCC

from

The Multi-Service Center Bellevue Site Task Force

April 11, 1995

This fall a committee of Bellevue volunteers drawn from a wide range of backgrounds and interests began the search for a more cost-effective home for the Bellevue branch of the Multi-Service Center. (Bellevue MSC is currently located in a small shopping center off of 140th Ave. N.E.) Because of a series of rent increases, fewer and fewer funds have been available for direct community services such as the Food Bank. The Task Force hoped to help Bellevue MSC find a more affordable home so they could use more of their resources for direct services.

One of the options we have explored is collaborative housing for programs from several agencies, such as the school district, the city parks and recreation department, BCC, and perhaps even the Art Museum. While talks are still preliminary, the vision is for a user-friendly consortium of services, probably located in a publicly held property such as a closed school.

The Task Force understands that EISCC has in the past discussed the possibility of operating a community clothing bank. We wonder if you might be interested in taking a room to house such an operation in the proposed facility. The Task Force would welcome your involvement as we feel a broad range of community participation would be especially helpful to launching this sort project.

We would very much like to discuss this possibility with EISCC representatives prior to your May 9 meeting because there will be important hearing dates in the near future, both for the neighborhoods where the facility might be located (neighborhood meeting tentatively set for May 4) and for the city capital budget which would provide facility remodeling and rehabilitation prior to leasing space to non-profit agencies (set for May 22 and June 5). Please ask interested members to call The Reverend Ann Lukens at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 454-9541, or at home, 455-4377. Thank you.

Ann Lukens

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P.O.Box 662 Bellevue, WA. 98009-0662
MEETING, MAY 9, 1995

Next meeting, Tuesday, noon, June 13, 1995 at First Presbyterian Church,
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PROGRAM.

1. Congregations for the Homeless: What is its future? What is your role?
2. Congregations share their experiences: important updates from Nadine Shannon and Bill Graden. Plan to attend this meeting!

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. **THE CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS PROGRAM IS URGENTLY IN NEED OF FUNDS!!!**
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2. Thursday, June 29 - Community Blood Drive - 2 pm to 8 pm at the LDS Church, 14536 Main Street; please circle the date and plan to have your members participate. The goal is 120 pints of blood.
3. Saturday and Sunday, August 19th and 20th, 1995 - Third annual Eastside Community Street Fair will be held in the Downtown Bellevue Park. The Fair is a multi-cultural and multi-generational family event designed to celebrate the cultural diversity of the Eastside. There will be a display of arts, crafts, ethnic foods, interactive activities and continuous entertainment. The Fair will need close to 400 volunteers - youth of all ages, adults, singles, families, and seniors are invited to be part of this program. Contact the Street Fair office at 822-7225 for further information.
4. Advance Bellevue Class of '96 - "Creating Community Leaders". Applications are available now - selections are made each summer and program begins in October, 1995. Tuition is \$395 - limited financial assistance is available to those who can demonstrate need. For additional information, contact Julie Ellenhorn at 881-9491.
5. Gabe Cohen, Program Director, Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), introduced their program to the group. RSVP recruits, places, and supports seniors, age 55 and older, in volunteer positions to meet critical community needs. If members of your congregation are interested in volunteering, call Gabe Cohen at 649-8283 or 622-5528.
6. Faye Williamson - United Way - 556-8326 -
 - 1) Volunteer opportunities are available to serve on the boards of non-profit organizations and agencies.
 - 2) Group volunteer opportunities are available for projects covering all of King County.
7. Assignments for the June 13, 1995 meeting are as follows:
 - * Faye Williamson, United Way
 - * Sally Wing, Grace Lutheran
8. Please share this EISCC information with the clergy and outreach or social action group of your congregation.

MEETING MINUTES, MAY 9, 1995.

The meeting was called to order by Nadine Shannon, chairperson, at 12:03 pm in the Rock room of First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Alicia Martinez offered a prayer. The minutes of the March 14, 1995 meeting were approved with the following correction: the lobbyists referred to by Joy Pocasangre in her report on Church Advocacy Day in Olympia on March 22, 1995, work for the Washington Association of Churches, the Lutheran Public Policy Office of Washington, and the Washington State Catholic Conference. Introductions were made by those present. The attendance roster was circulated; 28 present.

PROGRAM.

Nadine Shannon, chairperson of EISCC, introduced Brad Epperly, LDS Employment Manager, who spoke on "Plan Today for Tomorrow".

There is a big shift going on in the job market as we enter the information age at a rapid pace. The following statistics were presented:

- 1) It is estimated that 50% of all jobs in the next 10 years have not been created yet. The future is open for anyone who is teachable and willing to learn.
- 2) Of the top 100 companies in the US in 1900, only 16 exist today.
- 3) Of the Fortune 500 companies in the US in 1956, only 54% exist today - size does not protect a person in employment.
- 4) In 1991, 33% of those employed had worked for their employer less than 1 year and 66% of all employees had been with their employer less than 5 years. (In the olden days you started with an employer and retired from the job - this now seldom is the case).
- 5) In 1990, 46 million people were hired through temporary agencies.

What has caused the change in the employment market? 1) computer

2) communication (Technology is the driving force of the future)

There is a tremendous decrease in people power, and an increase in capability.

90 % of the jobs in the future will be in SERVICE-SERVICE-SERVICE and the RETAIL TRADE. (where we help people help themselves) Jobs are disappearing in manufacturing (3%), mining (6%), agriculture (6%).

To be successful in today's job market you must:

- 1) Become a quick change artist
- 2) Commit fully to your job - if you don't perform, you are out
- 3) Speed up to stay successful
- 4) Accept uncertainty - there is nothing guaranteed anymore
- 5) Behave ~~like~~ ^{as if} you are in business for yourself
- 6) Stay in school or some kind of training

Average high school drop out makes about \$12,000 per year. The average person with a master's degree makes about \$35,000. The unemployment rate for the average high school drop out is 12.9%. The average college student unemployment rate is about 4%.

- 7) Hold yourself accountable for outcomes
- 8) Add value to an organization to stay employed
- 9) Be a fixer, not a finger-pointer
- 10) Alter your expectations - the free ride concept is almost gone

CONGREGATION/AGENCY PRESENTATIONS:

Multi-Service Center of NORTHEAST KING COUNTY-Bellevue - Shelley Noble.

Since 1971 the Multi-Service Centers (MSC) of NEKC have been providing people in crisis with the basic necessities of life: food, shelter, heat, transportation, financial assistance and hope. MSC operates 5 offices on the Eastside: Bellevue, Bothell, Carnation, Kirkland and Redmond.

In 1994 MSC provided the following:

- * 239,023 food parcels through the food bank program
- * 6,467 food parcels were delivered to elderly and home-bound people
- * 65,612 bednights of shelter were provided to homeless families
- * 5,456 low-income people received grants to assist in paying heating bills
- * 318,979 one way trips were provided by MSC/Transportation to elder, disabled and others
- * Information and referral services to thousands of callers needing help with medical care, employment, housing or other issues

"When families in the community need help, the Multi-Service Center in each community is there to help".

Some months ago, Shelley let us know that the Bellevue MSC was looking for a new home that was more cost-efficient. A Bellevue Site Task Force was put together to help look at options and then come up with a recommendation. As a result, a partnership has been put together with other agencies, the City of Bellevue etc., to possibly use the old Ivanhoe School site. The Task Force has been renamed. The Bellevue Task Force For Creative Partnerships. The partners are Bellevue Art Museum, BCC, City of Bellevue Parks Dept., MSC, United Way, and EISCC. There are many pieces yet to come together; they are looking at 12-24 months before occupancy.

Grace Episcopal, Duvall - Rev. Geoffrey Ethelston

Rev. Geoffrey Ethelston is a part-time vicar at Grace Episcopal Church. Vicar means minister. He is vicar for the Bishop. The church is a mission. It was started 4 years ago by a core group of people from St. John's Church in Kirkland who live in the Cottage Lake, Woodinville, and Bothell area. Presently they share some space and resources with the Holy Innocents Catholic Church in Duvall. The congregation is small; average Sunday attendance is 25 to 35. Some of the general programs they participate in:

- 1) an evening at Grace program once a month
- 2) Duvall Day (annual fair/parade)
- 3) run a video series, "Wrestling with Angels" for people who have a lot of doubts with their faith
- 4) outreach at the church includes:
 - * several people serve in the Carnation MSC once a month on Wednesday evening. Also, the people who come to the food bank are invited to stay for dinner; "Friend For Dinner" generally feeds 50-60 people that night.
 - * Recently started a clothing bank for children in need--basically new clothing so they can dress the same as their peer group.
 - * For the worship service, there is a contemporary music program and dialogue after the sermon each week.
 - * Recently they organized "E Teams"(evangelical teams) to go out into the community and contact and talk to people.

This is what it takes to start a small church in a small community that is growing.

Treasurer's Report - Nadine Bentsen - 747-1543

Beginning Balance	\$33,347.98
Income	1,332.45
Expenses	294.39
Ending Balance	\$34,386.04

CFH	\$30,824.86
HIV/AIDS	882.88
General Fund	1,787.25

Cultural Diversity	\$200.00
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Employment - Dollie Latimer - home 455-5608; work 455-7360

A Job Fair was held Thursday evening, May 4, 6-9 pm at the LDS Building, 14536 Main Street, Bellevue. The first-time job seekers, whether entry level or re-entry to the job market, did not come. We had 75 older people who were looking for jobs. All 12 panel speakers and those presenting the interviewing and resume writing skill workshops, were pleased and would like to participate again.

Remember the Employment Group meets every Thursday night at 7:30 pm, room 11/13, at the LDS Church, 14536 Main Street. Persons looking for employment or a job upgrade are welcome. There is no charge for this service.

Congregations for the Homeless - Joan King - 641-5674

Cross of Christ Lutheran is the host and support church for the month of May. They are providing meals and beds for 12-15 men nightly.

WE ARE IN NEED OF DOLLARS TO CONTINUE TO FUND THIS PROGRAM. CAN YOU PLEASE HELP US???

Cultural Diversity Task Force - Betty Smith - 746-8095

Circle the date for the third annual Eastside Community Street Fair, Saturday and Sunday, August 19th and 20th, 1995. The Fair is a multi-cultural and multi-generational family event designed to celebrate the cultural diversity of the Eastside. Kevin Henry, City of Bellevue Cultural Diversity Director, is putting together a diversity radio drama for the Fair. Training will be held June 21st and 27th. If you want to know more call Kevin Henry at 627-7886. This might be a good way for junior or senior high students to get involved.

Faith and Values Task Force - Bill Graden - 641-5674

The Faith & Values channel Program Schedule for April, May, and June 1995 was handed out. This programming can be seen on Viacom Cable TV - Channel 15, daily, Monday thru Friday, 4 am to 3 pm. It would be helpful if you would write Viacom or Telepro to indicate how much you like the programming.

Legislative Task Force - Joy Pocasangre - 747-0877

Joy recently attended a conference in Washington D.C. called Consultation On Conscience sponsored by The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. The conference was addressed by Cabinet Members, US Senators, Vice-President Gore and others. Highlights of these talks were mentioned by Joy, and she asks us to urge your senator(s) and/or representative to support two key principles of welfare reform: the concept of entitlement and protection of children. This means that, however welfare is structured or reformed, the appropriate test must be whether it provides a federally guaranteed safety net for the truly needy, and whether it creates what Marion Wright Edelman of the Children's Defense Fund has called, "an America where no child is left behind and in which every child has a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and Moral Start with the support of nurturing families and communities and a decent, caring nation".

Other Business - Sally Wing - 747-5924

Next newsletter will come out late August/September. Give her information.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 pm. Next meeting: noon, Tuesday, June 13, 1995 at First Presbyterian Church. 1720-100th Avenue, Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Spohn and Bill Graden - Co-Secretaries

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, JUNE 13, 1995

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday noon, July 11, 1995, at First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

Program: "Clothing banks for Eastsiders." Speakers will include Joan Abel, St. Margaret's Thrift Shop; Gwen Lewis, Compass Center Clothing Bank; and Karen Ridlon, Eastside Baby Corner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. 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.
2. Checks for the Bellevue Emergency Services Fund should be made out to Bellevue Multi-Service Center, designated for Bellevue Emergency Services Fund, and mailed to: Bellevue Multi-Service Center, Attn: Shelley Noble, 2253 - 140th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98005. Funds are then dispersed by the Bellevue offices to those in need in this area.
3. Benefit concert by Seattle's Total Experience Gospel Choir, Thursday, July 20, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Chapel, 13646 NE 24th Street, Bellevue. For Habitat for Humanity Building Hope, 10 duplexes in Bellevue, for which groundbreaking is anticipated in August, 1995. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door; seniors/-youth, \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door; children under 5, no charge. Tickets are available from Newport Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, Bellevue, or Inglewood Presbyterian, Bothell; or from Evangel Book Store, Quest Book Store, Kirkland, or Galilean Christian Book Store, Redmond. For information call Julie Brooks (454-9338).
4. Third Annual Eastside Community Street Fair, Downtown Bellevue Park, August 19-20. This multi-cultural and multi-generational family event is designed to celebrate the cultural diversity of the Eastside. There will be displays of arts and crafts, ethnic foods, and continuous entertainment. For information call 822-7225.
5. Assignments for the July 11 meeting:
Devotions: Dan Franklin, Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
Grace Lutheran, Sally Wing
Salvation Army, Chris Parker

WELCOME, PRAYER, AND INTRODUCTIONS. Chairperson Nadine Shannon opened the meeting at about 12:05 p.m. June 13, 1995, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, with prayer by Mary Ann Knowles, followed by self-introductions.

MINUTES of the May 9, 1995 meeting were approved as printed, with editorial corrections.

PROGRAM. "Congregations for the Homeless." Panelists: Joan King, retiring Task Force chair; Shirley Croonquist, First Congregational liaison; Terry Kimber, Latter Day Saints liaison; Samuel Nazario, on-site manager; Ann Olds, Catholic Community Services; and Steve Roberts, liaison coordinator.

Panelists noted that the intervention program opened in September, 1993, and has served more than 200 single men, involving both youth and other congregation members in community building. Services have included employment and emergency shelter. Bill Graden presented statistics, including 5437 bednights during 1993 and 1994, and 12,985 meals. Of the 1994 budget of \$100,000, \$86,700 was expended. The program costs \$7,000 per month to operate, and has thus far in 1995 received \$33,134 in income, with \$43,515 more anticipated.

CONGREGATION/AGENCY PRESENTATIONS.

Faye Williamson (556-8326) updated information on United Way. She indicated that 25% of current donations are for specific allocations. September 8 will be the day of caring. Instead of focusing on affiliated agencies, United Way is changing its emphasis to issues. She provided a brochure of thanks for 1994 funding and a printed Community Care Plan Directory.

A second presentation by Sally Wing, about Grace Lutheran Church, was postponed because of insufficient time.

REPORTS

Treasurer. (Nadine Bentsen) (747-1543)

Beginning Balance	\$ 34,386.04
Income	1,432.83
Expenses	7,181.86
Ending Balance	28,637.01

Current Balances:

General Fund	\$ 1,798.10
Congregations for the Homeless	25,064.98
Cultural Diversity/Racism	200.00
Employment/Job Fair	602.28
HIV/AIDS	882.88
Housing	88.77

Task Force/Committee Reports:

1. Legislative Task Force (Joy Pocasangre) (747-0877). A letter to legislators will be developed.

2. Collaborative Leadership Provider Group. (Pam Toelle) (746-8659). She announced that the Ivanhoe School project for agency collaboration is likely to be approved for 1997.
3. Newsletter (Sally Wing) (747-5924). Publication is anticipated in late August/early September.
4. Multi-Service Center. (Shelley Noble) (747-4826). (see attached report)


BUSINESS.

Donors were thanked for response to Congregations for the Homeless: Temple De Hirsch Sinai, Bellevue First Presbyterian, Bellevue Christian, Newport Presbyterian, Holy Family Parish, and St. Madeleine Sophie Parish.

A request for the mailing list from Habitat for Humanity was approved.

A nominating committee was named, including Nadine Shannon, Geoff Ethelston, Dorothy Scott, Betty Spohn, and Sally Wing. They will meet prior to the July 11 meeting, at 11:00 a.m.

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


Sally Wing
Secretary Pro Tem



MULTI-SERVICE CENTER BUDGET BREAKDOWN

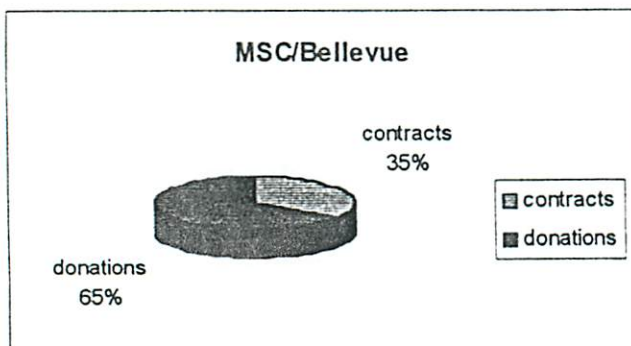
Total Agency Budget: \$14 Million	
Community Services Division:	\$3 Million
Transportation Division:	\$11 Million

Funding Sources

Transportation:	Contracts only
Community Services:	\$1.6 million from contracts \$1.4 million from donations

95% of all donations go to direct services
100% of BESF funds go to direct services

Bellevue Center (approximate): \$400,000
\$138,368 - contracts
\$262,000 - donations



EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O.Box 662 Bellevue, WA. 98009-0662
MEETING, JULY 11, 1995

Next meeting, Tuesday, noon, September 12, 1995 at First Presbyterian Church, 1720-100th Avenue NE., Bellevue.

PROGRAM.

"Gang Resistance: Education and Training" presented by Detective Dan Mathews of the Bellevue Police Department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. **THE CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS PROGRAM IS URGENTLY IN NEED OF FUNDS!!!**
Many congregations have allocated dollars to CFH, but have yet to send in the money. Could you address the issue and make your congregation's contribution a priority? We need your dollars to be able to continue this program and fill a need in the community which only CFH is addressing!
2. United Way donations fall 1995 - You can designate CFH as a recipient of your donated funds by writing in CFH; encourage your members to do so.
3. EISCC Finance Committee - If there are members in your congregation who would be willing to serve, please advise Nadine Shannon. (746-6019)
4. Fresh vegetables from your garden are needed at the Bellevue Food Bank. Call Shelly Noble, Multi Service Center Manager, to donate. (747-4826)

MEETING MINUTES, July 11, 1995.

The meeting was called to order by Nadine Shannon, chairperson, at 12:04 pm in the Rock room of First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Donn Franklin offered a prayer. The minutes of the June 13, 1995 meeting were approved as mailed with minor typographical corrections. Self introductions followed; the attendance roster was circulated; 24 present.

PROGRAM.

"Clothing Banks for Eastsiders". Nadine Shannon, chairperson of EISCC, introduced Karen Ridlon, Eastside Baby Corner; Gwen Lewis, Lutheran Compass Center; and Kaye Ballew, St. Margaret's Thrift Shop.

Eastside Baby Corner - Issaquah - Karen Ridlon - 865-0234

In 1990 Catholic Community Services and St. Joseph Parish hosted a number of community meetings and determined that a need existed on the Eastside for assistance to needy, expectant mothers and babies in some low-income families. Therefore the Eastside Baby Corner was born. They collect, sort, and distribute items these mothers and babies need from before birth to about age 14. This includes maternity clothes, nursing bras, baby clothes, layettes, diapers, baby food, furniture, school clothes, shoes, etc. It is a non-denominational, all volunteer organization. All items are donated. There is no service directly to families. They work through service care providers. Any organization or group that will watch out for a family qualifies as a provider. Goods are available to any one who needs them. All orders are faxed to Karen, processed, filled, and picked up Monday or Thursday nights by 12 to 16 agencies. In 1994, an estimated \$344,588 in goods was distributed. This included some 389 layettes valued at \$450. To donate goods or volunteer services, call Karen Ridlon, 865-0234.

Lutheran Compass Center - Gwen Lewis - 232-2414

The Compass Center is a major multi-purpose center serving homeless women and men in Seattle. It is unique in its approach of helping the homeless help themselves to break the cycle of homelessness. The Compass Center has been in existence for 75 years. Jim Fergin is the Executive Director. The Center is located at 77 South Washington Street, Seattle, WA. 98104 (telephone 461-7835).

The Compass Center offers comprehensive facilities: nutritional meals (coupons for free meals); safe place to live (currently houses 75 men and 16 women each night); mail service available; banking facilities and assistance; mental health assistance; personal hygiene facility (only one in downtown Seattle at Pioneer Square where persons can shower, get rid of old clothes and get a whole new set of clothes). They especially need men's clothing items to stock the Men's Clothing Bank which distributes free clothing to those who come to the Center. Please tag the bags "Men's Clothing".

Items most needed in order of importance are: *shoes and socks *briefs/boxer shorts *blue jeans/casual pants *t-shirts and sweaters *wire coat hangers *wash cloths *bath towels *shampoo *razors (disposable) *deodorant (sample & large sizes) *shaving cream & after shave lotion

This is a neat opportunity for congregations to become involved. At Gwen's church each Sunday, they have a program called "Sharing of Substance". Before the church service begins, people bring sacks or boxes of clothes, toiletries, and food items. Other volunteers are assigned to take the donated items to the Compass Center and the food to the Food Bank.

Also, the Compass Center has an excellent video available. Several people who have gone through the Compass Center are interviewed and tell their stories of how the Compass Center has helped them change their lives. This video is very appropriate for any high school age youth.

St Margaret's Thrift Shop - Kaye Ballew - 641-6830

St Margaret's Thrift Shop mission statement is as follows: We shall strive to serve God in this community as an outreach mission of St Margaret's Episcopal Church women. It shall seek to fulfill community needs through the profitable sale of good usable donated items and by offering a ministry of fellowship and concern toward those who wish to serve or shop at the store. The profits shall be returned to the community and the world at large for the purpose of helping others.

The Thrift Shop was started in 1976 with 15 volunteers on the present church property. A \$50 day was a good day with annual disbursement of \$3000-\$5000 a year. Now it has a larger building of its own and has grown to over \$100,000 annual disbursements and some 55 volunteers. They have a board to oversee the program and one paid manager. All other persons donate their time and services without compensation. The Board meets two times a year to distribute funds based on 5 categories: basic needs; children and families; social concerns; international; Episcopal Christian. The Thrift Shop is totally self-sufficient from St. Margaret's Church; 85% of the donations come from the community and 15% from people of St. Margaret's. They recycle to other organizations what they can't use. Most of the goods sold in the shop are children's, women's, and men's clothing, and household items. Goods are attractively priced and represent an excellent value. Again, proceeds go to charitable organizations and causes. Clothing and other items are also given to needy persons in special cases. Receipts are available for tax purposes.

St. Margaret's Thrift Shop is located at 4228 - 128th Ave. S.E in Bellevue south of Factoria Mall and across from Newport High School. The telephone at the shop is 641-6830. Hours are: 10 AM - 2 PM Monday thru Saturday; 5PM - 9 PM Wednesday evenings. The shop accepts clothing, small household items, toys, dishes, etc.

CONGREGATION/AGENCY PRESENTATIONS:

Grace Lutheran, Bellevue - Dr. Sally Wing- 747-5924

Since the Rev. Wesley Howell was installed at Grace in December, 1994, attendance at both Sunday worship services has increased, particularly among families with young children. Bible studies have expanded on Sunday morning and will be extended to a weekday and possibly a weeknight in the fall. Outreach to the community includes Vacation Bible School and the Easter Egg Hunt. The congregation has expanded its relationship with a sister congregation in Adwa, Ethiopia, including considerable correspondence, sending pictures from our Sunday School children and planning to send them a camera so they can send pictures back to Grace Lutheran.

Church facilities are used on a regular basis by Little Lambs Child Care, Lutheran Counseling Network, and Alcoholic Anonymous. Regular monthly meetings of the American Association of University Women are held at the church.

Individuals and groups within the congregation participate in a sizeable number of ministries and volunteer work. Many individuals have quietly volunteered their services, often over long periods of time, without asking for recognition. These ministries include Columbia Lutheran Home (sandwiches and bazaar), Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Association, First Avenue Service Center, Congregations for the Homeless, Church Council of Greater Seattle, Emergency Feeding Program, and the Compass Center, all of which the congregation also supports financially. A monthly Seniors luncheon is attended by about 40 to 50 persons, many of them from local nursing homes. Individuals volunteer their services to Overlake Service League, Overlake Hospital, Eastside Domestic Violence Program, Multi-Service Center Food Bank, the Juanita Thrift Shop, and juvenile services. A group of women has an ongoing quilt-making project, sending quilts to the Compass Center and to Lutheran World Relief.

Overlake Park Presbyterian - Gerry Longton - 883-6325

Overlake Park Presbyterian is a very mission-oriented church. Some of the community service programs they have are: housing the Emergency Feeding Program staffed by church volunteers Monday thru Friday; once a month providing and serving the food to the needy people at the Crossroads Community Center; supporting the Bellevue Multi-Service Center financially; supporting Congregations for the Homeless financially and being the support congregation with St. Luke's Lutheran and providing the evening meal. The Presbyterian Counseling Service uses Overlake Church and has a therapist there 2 days a week. They offer an adjusted fee based on the person's income. The facilities are offered to numerous nonprofit organizations free of charge. They are working with Habitat for Humanity and breaking ground on August 13th for the construction of the first of 10 town houses. They sponsor a Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troop. In the fall and winter there is adult education after church each week. Every week there is a men's breakfast and numerous women's circles. Overlake Park Presbyterian sponsors 2 AA organizations - one for males and the other for females. They also have "friendships" - social organizations within the church that meet people's social needs. They are presently sponsoring a Bosnian refugee family of four.

Al Bagley spoke about the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. The program was initiated in 1980 and determined to be a priority mission for the Presbyterian Church nationally. The annual Peacemaking offering has increased every year since its inception with over 4000 congregations participating. Overlake Presbyterian church was one of the first congregations in this area to make a commitment to this program. Peacemaking is social justice because without justice you can not have peacemaking.

Treasurer's Report - Nadine Bentsen - 747-1543

Beginning Balance	\$28,637.01
Income	10,432.77
Expenses	7,222.95
Ending Balance	\$31,846.83

CFH	\$28,312.31	Cultural Diversity	\$200.00
HIV/AIDS	882.88	Employment	602.28
General Fund	1,760.59	Housing	88.77

Employment - Dale Latimer - 455-5608

Remember the Employment Group meets every Thursday night at 7:30 pm, room 11/13, at the LDS Church, 14536 Main Street. Persons looking for employment or a job upgrade are welcome. There is no charge for this service.

Congregations for the Homeless - Bill Graden -

St Thomas Episcopal-Medina is the host and support congregation for the month of July. For the month of August, Newport Presbyterian is the host and support congregation. Presently we are providing meals and beds for 15 men nightly.

WE ARE IN NEED OF DOLLARS TO CONTINUE TO FUND THIS PROGRAM. CAN YOU PLEASE HELP US?

Legislative Task Force - Jeanne Lamont, Co-Chair - 869-7903

Jeanne passed out a copy of a letter to Senator Slade Gorton and Patty Murray encouraging them to oppose any bill that removes the guarantee of aid for every eligible child. ~~program~~. The letter stresses the concern of EISCC that ~~pending~~ ^{proposed} ~~legislation~~ budget cuts in social programs will have negative effects on our most vulnerable citizens, our children. After discussion and recommended changes to the letter a vote was taken. The voting was as follows: for - the majority; against - one; abstaining - none.

Other Business

1. Sally Wing needs information for the next newsletter that will come out late August/September. (747-5924)

2. Shelly Noble, Bellevue Multi-Service Center, presented the semi annual report of the EISCC Bellevue Emergency Services Fund (BESF). Please see the attached copy of the report.

3. Proposed "Guidelines for Expenditures of Task Force Funds" was presented by Sally Wing; discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded that we accept the guidelines as written. The voting was unanimous. A copy of the guidelines is enclosed.

4. "Don't Throw it Away! Eastside Clothing Banks and Thrift Shops". Betty Spohn prepared this handout and distributed it to all present. The clothing banks and thrift shops on the list can use your used and unwanted clothing, household items, toys, small furniture items, small appliances in working condition, etc. The items or clothing donated are given to needy persons free or the proceeds from their sale in these thrift shops go entirely to charitable causes. If you missed this handout and would like one, please call Betty Spohn (451-3651).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm. Next meeting: noon, Tuesday, September 12, 1995 at First Presbyterian Church. 1720-100th Avenue, Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Spohn and Bill Graden - Co-Secretaries

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
GUIDELINES FOR EXPENDITURE OF TASK FORCE FUNDS

ADOPTED July 11, 1995

- A. EISCC policies on expenditure of funds:
 - 1. No fees (except minimal) are paid to speakers at EISCC or Task Force meetings.
 - 2. Expenditures must be consistent with EISCC constitution/bylaws and with Task Force/Committee purpose.
 - 3. Funds must be available.
- B. Procedure for Task Force/Committee expenditures:
 - 1. Task Force/Committee meets to make and vote on a proposal.
 - 2. Executive Committee acts on proposal/proposed budget.
 - 3. Funds are expended in accordance with the Task Force/Committee budget, as approved by the Executive Committee.

BESF January 1995 - June 1995

	January		February		March		April		May		June		TOTAL	
	Amount	#HH	Amount	#HH	Amount	#HH	Amount	#HH	Amount	#HH	Amount	#HH	Amount	#HH
Auto Gas	\$110.14	11	\$175.44	18	\$80.16	8	\$153.25	15	\$140.02	14	\$170.00	18	\$829.01	84
Motel									\$269.64	2			\$269.64	2
Other	\$25.90	1	\$95.48	1	\$222.54	2	\$100.00	1	\$438.30	4	\$193.92	2	\$1,076.14	11
Puget Power	\$400.51	7	\$577.16	7	\$897.48	12	\$227.00	3	\$860.97	11	\$1,212.00	19	\$4,175.12	59
Rent	\$2,980.00	19	\$2,011.00	12	\$1,075.00	5	\$1,010.00	5	\$3,654.00	21	\$2,783.71	20	\$13,513.71	82
Water	\$281.39	4					\$105.00	2			\$176.00	2	\$562.39	8
WNG	\$75.00	1	\$98.84	1	\$225.00	3			\$80.00	1			\$478.84	6
Total Spent	\$3,872.94	43	\$2,957.92	39	\$2,500.18	30	\$1,595.25	26	\$5,442.93	53	\$4,535.63	61	\$20,904.85	252

EISCC EMERGENCY FUND DONATIONS

Other: Oil, Prescriptions, Safety equip.	Bellevue Christian	\$650.00	Sacred Heart Catholic	1,600.00
Current Balance: 11463.17	Cross of Christ Lutheran	1,150.00	St Louise Catholic	750.00
	Eastgate Congregational	705.00	St. Luke's Lutheran	650.00
	Eastshore Unitarian	75.00	St. Margaret's Episcopal	200.00
	First Congregational	836.00	St. Margaret's Thrift Shop	5,000.00
	First Presbyterian	4,624.90	St. Thomas Episcopal	255.00
	Grace Lutheran	302.00	Other Donors	9,604.24
	Mercer Isle Presbyterian	2,000.00	Total	\$33,602.14
	Overlake Park Presbyterian	5,200.00		

July 11, 1995

Senator Slade Gorton (Patty Murray)
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Gorton,

The Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC) founded in 19⁷⁴ is an interfaith alliance of 41 churches and social service agencies which are located on the eastern shores of Lake Washington. Our alliance members support and work for social service agencies that provide needed services to children and families throughout Puget Sound. Many of our member congregations also provide services such as food, clothing and housing directly to those in need in our community.

The Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council is very concerned about the impact of the pending budget cuts in social programs in our national government's effort to balance the budget by the year 2002. We are especially concerned with how these proposed cuts will affect our most vulnerable citizens, our children.

As you participate in the debate on proposed cuts in child nutrition programs, child care, Head Start, health care for children and families, job training, youth employment, and child abuse prevention programs, please ask yourself how does this proposed legislation keep or break our country's long standing promise to help every child in need? We ask you to please oppose any bill that removes the guarantee of aid for every eligible child.

We believe that responsible fiscal management at the national level is possible while still providing a social safety net for children. As an interfaith alliance, it is imperative that the EISCC voice our concerns and work to protect the dignity of every human being and especially to protect the basic needs of those who rely on state and federal assistance who cannot speak for themselves, our children living in poverty. As an interfaith alliance, EISCC is working in our community along with the local, state and national government to see that no child is left behind. We ask that you do the same.

Respectfully,

Jeanne M. Lamont
Legislative Task Force Co-Chair
EISCC

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O.Box 662 Bellevue, WA. 98009-0662
MEETING, SEPTEMBER 12, 1995

NEXT MEETING, TUESDAY, NOON, OCTOBER 10, 1995 AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1720-100TH AVENUE NE., BELLEVUE. A FINGERFOOD LUNCH AND BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

PROGRAM.

"Religious Leadership as the Source of Moral Courage for Building a Just Community" - presented by Bill Grace, Executive Director, Center for Ethical Leadership. This will be one of the outstanding programs of the year. Please invite your clergy or other interested persons to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. THE CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS PROGRAM IS URGENTLY IN NEED OF FUNDS!!! Many congregational budgets are finalized at this time of the year. Please remember Congregations for the Homeless in your budget requests. Could you address the issue and make your congregation's contribution a priority? We need your dollars to be able to continue this program and fill a need in the community which only CFH is addressing!
2. United Way donations fall-1995 - You can designate CFH as a recipient of your donated funds by specifying "Congregations for the Homeless" at the bottom of the 1995 Pledge Form under Specific Organizations. Please encourage your members to do so.
3. Election of new officers of EISCC will take place at the October 10, 1995 meeting for the new year effective November 1st. Please come prepared to participate. The slate of officers submitted at the September meeting was:

Co-President	Geoff Ethelston and Nadine Shannon
Vice-President	Joy Pocasangre
Co-Secretary	Betty Spohn and Sally Wing
Treasurer	Jim Palmer

MEETING MINUTES, September 12, 1995.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Graden, co-secretary, at 12:05 pm in the Rock Room of First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Nadine Shannon, chairperson and Joy Pocasangre, vice chairperson were out of town; thus, with the approval of those present, Bill turned the meeting over to Sally Wing who conducted the meeting. Sally Wing offered a spiritual thought. The minutes of the July 11, 1995 meeting were approved as mailed with minor editorial corrections. Self-introductions followed; the attendance roster was circulated; 22 present.

PROGRAM.

Betty Smith, Cultural Diversity Task Force Chairperson, introduced Detective Dan Mathews of the Bellevue Police Department who talked about the Bellevue Police G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) program.

Specially trained uniformed Bellevue Police Officers teach G.R.E.A.T. during the regular school year. During 8 one-hour classroom sessions (with home work), students learn how to act in their own best interest when faced with peer pressure from gang members. The youth are taught the necessary skills and provided with information to say "no" to gangs and become responsible members of the community.

The eight lessons are as follows:

- 1) Introduction to the program and the officer presenting the program.
- 2) Crimes/Victims and your rights- officers demonstrate the impact crime can have on victims and neighborhoods.
- 3) Cultural Sensitivity/Prejudice- students learn cultural differences and their impact on the community. The Eastside is a very diversified community.
- 4) Conflict Resolution- officers create an atmosphere of understanding to enable all parties to better address problems and work on solutions together.
- 5) Students are taught how to become better equipped to meet their basic needs.
- 6) Drugs/Neighborhoods - students are taught the effects drugs can have on a neighborhood.
- 7) Responsibility - students learn the many responsibilities of individuals in a community.
- 8) Goal setting - students are taught how to establish long-range goals.

Gangs grow fast when drugs are the economic base or focus. Fortunately, gangs in our area are not drug dominated although gangs do exist. The youth get involved in gangs when they perceive their basic needs are not being met: affection, attention, and feeling of safety. They participate in negative activities to get what they can not get positively.

Gangs come in all shapes and sizes - they cross all ethnic, cultural, economic and geographical boundaries. History has shown that prosecution and incarceration can't begin to cope with growing gang problems. The answer lies in prevention. The problem of gangs is being specifically addressed here in Bellevue. Education is the long-term solution to lowering the violence by our youth, (including the gang problem). Education that teaches life skills and values as well as nonviolence will give youth the real facts about gangs. Every 6th grade student in Bellevue will receive this G.R.E.A.T. program during the 1995-1996 school year. If you would like further information, call Dan Mathews at 637-7900, Bellevue Police Department.

Treasurer's Report - Nadine Bentsen - 747-1543

Beginning Balance	\$31,846.83
Income	23,286.30
Expenses	17,746.00
Ending Balance	\$37,387.13

CFH	\$33,986.52	Cultural Diversity	\$200.00
HIV/AIDS	882.88	Employment	452.28
General Fund	1,776.68	Housing	88.77

Employment - Dale Latimer - 455-5608

Remember the Employment Group meets every Thursday night at 7:30 pm, room 11/13, at the LDS Church, 14536 Main Street. About 3 persons per week who are looking for employment or a job upgrade are helped. There is no charge for this service. This past month in the Seattle/Eastside/Tacoma/Everett area jobs were found for 100 persons thru this program.

Congregations for the Homeless - Bill Graden

For the month of September, St Margaret's Episcopal is the host and St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic is the support congregation. For the month of October, Temple DeHirsch Sinai is the host and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the support congregation. Presently we are providing meals and beds for 13-15 men nightly.

Faith and Values - Bill Graden - 641-5674

Remember Channel 15 on Viacom Cable TV for Faith & Values programming. Viewing hours are daily, Monday thru Friday, 4 am to 3 pm daily. Please write to Viacom TV and express your appreciation for making this programming available.

Committee Reports

1. Collaborative Leadership Provider Group - Pam Toelle 747-1543

A community survey is being prepared to ascertain what services congregations are providing: ESL, day care, clothing banks, community health, language assistance, and any special services. This is an opportunity to share information with the City of Bellevue, schools and congregations. A motion was made and seconded that we provide Pam with our bulk mailing list; discussion followed. Rather than make a separate mailing of the survey to congregations and agencies on our bulk mailing list, it was decided that the survey would be reviewed prior to its finalizing for our input, and then mailed with our December/January bulk mailing.

2. Church Council of Greater Seattle News - Dr. Sally Wing -747-5924

Federal Bill HR 2127 would markedly limit advocacy action by non-profit organizations, changing the definition of advocacy to include any attempt to influence legislation. After discussion it was recommended that the matter be referred to the Legislation Task Force for follow up.

Other Business

1. Sally Wing--the September 1995 Newsletter was mailed to all congregations and persons on our bulk mailing list. Next mailing will be December/January. If you have information for the next newsletter, please call Sally, (747-5924).

2. Shelly Noble, Bellevue Multi-Service Center, reported on the new "Positive Parenting Class" that is being offered by the Multi-Service Center w/Overlake Hospital providing the instructor. The class is held on Thursdays, 1 hour before the Food Bank opens, so that people taking this class will not have to make an extra trip. Day care is provided. The class is 6 weeks in duration, limited to 12 persons, offered in 3 languages, and is free to the patrons. Any congregation that would like to participate and support this class or who would like further information can call Shelly Noble at 747-4826. The 6 week class will cost \$600 to operate.

3. Gwen Lewis, Eastshore Unitarian, reported on ^{her} ~~their~~ congregation's pilot project with DSHS. They supervise visitation of a child living in a foster home with their birth parent. If you have an interest in this type of community service, call Gwen at 232-2414.

4. Faye Williamson, United Way - 556-8326

There are volunteers available to help with grant writing and individuals to serve on a finance committee of organizations with 501-C3 tax status.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm. Next meeting: noon, Tuesday, October 10, 1995 at First Presbyterian Church. 1720-100th Avenue, Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Spohn and Bill Graden - Co-Secretaries

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O.Box 662 Bellevue, WA. 98009-0662
MEETING, OCTOBER 10, 1995

NEXT MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1995 AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
1720-100TH AVENUE NE., BELLEVUE.

PROGRAM. "Strengthening the Family", presented by Babs Pingree, Task Force Chairperson. Also, a five minute presentation--Special Mutual Improvement Association Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. THE CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS PROGRAM IS URGENTLY IN NEED OF FUNDS!!! Many congregational budgets are finalized at this time of the year. Please remember Congregations for the Homeless in your budget requests. Could you address the issue and make your congregation's contribution a priority? We need your dollars to be able to continue this program and fill a need in the community which only CFH is addressing!
2. United Way donations fall-1995 - You can designate CFH as a recipient of your donated funds by specifying "Congregations for the Homeless" at the bottom of the 1995 Pledge Form under Specific Organizations. Please encourage your members to do so.
3. Each task force chairperson is asked to prepare a 5 minute report and present the report at the December monthly EISCC meeting.

MEETING MINUTES, October 10, 1995.

The meeting was called to order by Nadine Shannon, Chairperson, at 12:04 pm in the Rock Room of First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. The minutes of the September 12, 1995 meeting were approved as mailed with minor editorial corrections. Self-introductions followed; the attendance roster was circulated; 30 present.

PROGRAM.

Nadine Shannon, chairperson, introduced Dr. Bill Grace, Executive Director, Center for Ethical Leadership. He spoke on "Religious Leadership as the Source of Moral Courage for Building a Just Community."

Bill Grace asked each person to recall a time when the church or religious institutions or a religious leader acted with moral courage. Several examples were cited by the audience. Then he proceeded to talk about shaping the character of our religious institutions through ordained and lay religious leadership so we would not have to search our minds for even a moment for examples of moral courage. We would not be talking about history but about something we were doing today.

He shared 4 steps in the development or shaping of moral courage and leadership: 1) moral sensitivity 2) moral reasoning 3) moral choosing 4) moral action. Most of us know the right thing to do, but don't always do it. There is a gap between moral reasoning and moral action. What bridges this gap? He suggests that it is choosing moral courage.

Next, Bill discussed "how do we develop moral courage that leads to moral action-leadership? Prayer is one good method. However, there are additional things we can do to develop habits of the heart and the mind." A model of leadership development has been developed at the Center for Ethical Leadership and it is called the Four "V" model for Ethical Leadership. It includes- 1) know your core values and make decisions based on these values 2) develop a vision 3) develop a sense of virtue based on the common good 4) voice these core values in such a way as to have a positive impact on the community.

A list of core values was presented: peace, wealth, happiness, success, friendship, fame, authenticity, power, influence, integrity, joy, love, family, recognition, truth, wisdom, status, justice, faith, hope, and charity. The list was reduced to four core values by the audience: love, family, faith, and justice. Bill Grace is of the opinion that it is core values that connect us as humans and move us to action; the principles by which one lives their life.

Two models of leadership were discussed; transactional (maintain status quo) and transformational (change status quo). Martin Luther King, Jesus, and Ghandi were examples of transformational leadership. This model of a leader causes one to grow and rise to new moral courage levels. "Did you ever see a luggage rack on a hearse?" Maybe that suggests that as long as you cannot take it with you, maybe it matters more what you leave behind. The four "S's" that can help one to be a transformational leader were discussed: 1) start with self 2) sacrifice 3) service 4) stewardship.

Dr. Grace also asked "What would it mean for us in the 21st century to reinspire religious institutions and religious leaders to lead out like in other generations...like those who stood before the challenges of the day and said 'not in my town'? We will not allow this to happen in my town. What would we stand against? What would we stand for? What would happen if religious institutions took on the responsibility of growing moral courage purposefully in the lives of the believers in their midst? What might happen to this culture and to the issues before us, the social problems, if the religious institutions and leaders claimed that voice that has often times led cultures? Are we as religious leaders ready to set the tone where our culture ought to move, rather than follow?"

The Center for Ethical Leadership is beginning to develop a Religious Leaders Institute. It will start by identifying some 20 ordained/unordained leaders from congregations and synagogues in the greater Seattle Area. A five month experience together is intended to inspire moral courage and ethical leadership among these lay/ordained leaders.

If you would like further information about the Religious Leaders Institute or any other program that is available concerning moral courage and ethical leadership, please contact Bill Grace, Executive Director, Center for Ethical Leadership, 464-12th Avenue, Suite 320, Seattle, WA 98122 (telephone 338-3220).

Treasurer's Report - Nadine Bentsen - 747-1543

Beginning Balance	\$37,387.13
Income	7,266.48
Expenses	527.93
Ending Balance	\$44,125.68

CFH	\$40,818.06	Cultural Diversity	\$200.00
HIV/AIDS	882.88	Employment	452.28
General Fund	1,683.69	Housing	88.77

Congregations for the Homeless Task Force- Bill Graden

For the month of October, Temple DeHirsch Sinai is the host and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints is the support congregation. For the month of November, First Congregational-Bellevue is the host and Sacred Heart Catholic Church is the support congregation. Presently we are providing meals and beds for 10-15 men nightly.

Strengthening the Family Task Force- Babs Pingree - 454-5508

The focus of the Task Force will be to offer a preventative program as we do not have the expertise to fix what is already broken. We would like to gather ideas from your congregations/organization and put them together in a booklet and send it out to congregations to be implemented as the congregation sees fit. Two programs from her congregation were presented: 1) Special Mutual Improvement Association--made up of handicapped persons meeting weekly - Ann Cummings 454-2973, 2) family home evening--families getting together every Monday night. Please bring your suggestions or ideas to the November EISCC meeting.

Legislative Task Force - Joy Pocasangre - 747-0877

Joy has information on a number of current legislative items: Decency Principles Project; Measure 48; Ballot Measure #9; Food Stamp Program-facts and figures-who is eligible; and Ann Frank and Friends Coalition. If you would like further information call Joy.

Committee Reports

1. Collaborative Leadership Provider Group - Pam Toelle 747-1543

A community survey is being prepared to ascertain what services congregations are providing: ESL, day care, clothing banks, community health, language assistance, and any special services. The survey will be reviewed prior to its finalizing for our input, and then mailed.

Other Business

1. Nadine Shannon, chairperson, briefly reviewed the history of EISCC and its accomplishments going back to 1963. We have been a viable and positive force in the community in the area of social concerns for hunger, housing, and cultural relationships. Also, a list of the programming for the 1994/95 EISCC monthly meetings was handed out. "It is important to know where we have been in order to chart our course in the 1995-96 year. The EISCC Executive Committee meets monthly and you are welcome to attend at any time."

2. Two of our officers are leaving office as of October 31, 1995 after serving for 3 years: Nadine Bentsen, treasurer, and Bill Graden, co secretary. Nadine Shannon thanked each one for their service to EISCC.

3. Sally Wing presented the names of the new officers for the 1995-96 year. The nominating committee was composed of Sally Wing, Dorothy Scott, Betty Spohn, and Geoff Ethelston. The slate of officers submitted at the September meeting to be voted on today, October 10, 1995, were as follows:

Co-President	Geoff Ethelston and Nadine Shannon
Vice-President	Joy Pocasangre
Treasurer	Jim Palmer
Co-Secretary	Betty Spohn and Sally Wing

No new nominations were presented from the floor. It was moved and seconded that we accept the slate of officers for 1995-96 as presented and cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the nominations.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 pm. Next meeting: noon, Tuesday, November 14, 1995 at First Presbyterian Church. 1720-100th Avenue, Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Spohn and Bill Graden - Co-Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, NOVEMBER 14, 1995

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Nadine Shannon called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. November 14, 1995, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, with prayer by Al Bagley, who also read a brief devotional letter by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Twenty-eight persons signed the attendance roster.

MINUTES of the October 10, 1995 meeting were approved as printed, with editorial corrections. (Sally Wing, 747-5924)

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached)

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. Special Mutual Improvement Association was presented briefly by Merwin Haneberg, President (643-4733), and Pat Kimber (489-0166), young women's adviser and founder of the program. The program, which began 18 years ago, includes Scouting for handicapped persons, resulting in improvement of social skills and community participation.

"Strengthening the Family." Faye Williamson, Volunteer Coordinator, United Way, 556-8326) led discussion, in which individuals and congregational representatives shared resources for strengthening families. She announced holiday volunteer opportunities for congregations, including teenagers. Resource guides are published by United Way ("Where to turn") and the City of Redmond ("Family friends"). Among programs mentioned were meals for seniors and persons in the Crossroads area. Americorps volunteer Nora Trujillo is developing programs at Cross of Christ Lutheran and St. Louise Catholic. Habitat for Humanity was noted as an opportunity for potential homeowners to work alongside community volunteers. Detailed descriptions of programs are welcomed for a booklet being prepared by the Strengthening the Family Task Force, c/o EISCC (address above).

TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Executive Committee (Nadine Shannon, (746-6019). Co-chairs Nadine Shannon and Geoff Ethelston will alternate as meeting chairperson. Dues will be raised by \$5 to \$25 annually, the first increase in 11 years, based on increases in postage and other expenses. Safeco cannot ~~continue~~ provide insurance for Congregations for the Homeless. Art Siegel and Kathy Sneden-Cook are writing thank you notes for donates to Congregations for the Homeless. The Executive Committee, which will meet Thursday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, will develop programs for next year.

2. Employment (Dale Latimer, 455-5608). There will be no jobs program on November 16 or November 23. Latimer noted that fewer persons have been attending recently.

OTHER BUSINESS. Pam Toelle requested opportunities to network during EISCC meetings.

Approval was granted to the Racial Justice Coordinating Committee of Church Council of Greater Seattle for use of the EISCC mailing list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. 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 minutes. Please include name and telephone number of contact person and/or sponsoring organization.
2. Checks designated for the Bellevue Emergency Services Fund should be made payable to and mailed to Bellevue Multi-Service Center, Attn: Shelley Noble, 2253 - 140th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98005. Funds are dispersed by the Bellevue office to those in need in this area.
3. Contributions to Congregations for the Homeless can be sent to EISCC or can be written on your United Way pledge. Referrals of homeless men to Congregations for the Homeless may be made through Catholic Community Services (643-1937), Eastside Mental Health (828-1449), Jewish Family Services (451-8512), Salvation Army (454-4568), or Multi-Service Center (747-4826).
4. YWCA Working Wardrobe is located in the YWCA Family Village, 16601 NE 80th St., Redmond. Hours are Tues., 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and Sat., 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon (except Nov. 25).
5. Eastside Mental Health. "Holiday Elf Force." (889-7126 or 889-7136)
6. A religious community survey will be mailed to clergy, with a return post card, from the Collaborative Leadership Provider Group (Pam Toelle, 746-8659). Survey questions include participation in food, clothing, shelter and other programs.
7. The Racial Justice Coordinating Committee of Church Council of Greater Seattle will develop a February workshop based on A Day of Dialogue on Race. They will make a brief presentation at the December meeting (December 10 is Human Rights Day). A booklet, "A day of dialogue on race: A faith-centered guide toward racial justice," is available. (525-1213)
8. Church Council of Greater Seattle announced that the Rev. Tom Quigley has accepted a call as President/Director, beginning February 1, 1996. He is currently Executive Director of the Greater Dallas Community of Churches.
9. Salvation Army seeks volunteer bell-ringers for its red kettle drive. (Chris Parker, 454-9447)

COMING EVENTS.

Thurs., Nov. 16 - Thurs., Jan. 18, Seattle Center Pavilion. "Anne Frank in the World, 1929-1945." Exhibition sponsored by the Anne Frank and Friends Coalition. (Information, 282-4142)

Mon., Nov. 27 - Sun., Dec. 3, State Capitol Building, Olympia. The NAMES Project, Seattle Chapter AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display. Volunteers and additional quilt panels are sought. (Information, 285-2880)

Tues., Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 9460 NE 14th St., Bellevue. Prayer service for all who are affected by HIV/AIDS. (454-9536) There will be no service in December.

Mon., Dec. 4, 6:00 p.m., First Baptist Church, Seattle. Starlit Evening. Annual celebration, cosponsored by Church Council of Greater Seattle and Multifaith AIDS Project of Seattle. Awards will be presented for involvement in interfaith programs, HIV/AIDS work, and/or support of equal rights for gay and lesbian people. Items are sought for a silent auction.

Sun., Dec. 10, 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Stake Center, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 14536 Main St., Bellevue. Messiah Chorus Singalong. Canned food donations requested.

Sat., Jan. 27, 1996, 8:30 - 3:00, Des Moines United Methodist Church, 22225 - 9th Ave. South, Des Moines. Western WA Legislative Conference, sponsored by WA Association of Churches, 419 Occidental Ave. South, Suite 201, Seattle 98104-2886. (206) 625-9790. (\$18 before Jan. 15, \$20 after.)

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m., with a reminder to work for peace, according to the words of the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday noon, December 12, 1995, at Rock Room, First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

Program: Year-end reports by Task Force and Committee chairs. Chairpersons are asked to include a statement of anticipated income and expenses.

Brief Presentation: Racial Justice Coordinating Committee, Church Council of Greater Seattle, re: proposed February workshop on "A Day of Dialogue on Race."


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

for month ended October 31, 1995

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	HIV/AIDS	Housing Task Force	Total
Fund balance, beginning	1,684	40,818	452	200	883	89	44,126
Receipts:							
Dues	0						0
Contributions-Congregations		1,000					1,000
Contributions-Other		426					426
Grants - Cities		0					0
Grant - United Way		2,083					2,083
Grants - Other		0					0
Interest	3	82					85
Total receipts	3	3,592	0	0	0	0	3,595
Disbursements:							
Catholic Comm. Services		15,232					15,232
Food		75					75
Admin. expenses	54	0					54
Other -		0					0
Total disbursements	54	15,307	0	0	0	0	15,361
Ending balances	1,633	29,103	452	200	883	89	32,359
<u>Cash balances - October 31, 1995</u>							
Checking							2,157
Savings							<u>30,202</u>
Total							32,359

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, DECEMBER 12, 1995

NEXT PROGRAM: Tuesday noon, January 9, 1996, at Rock Room, First Presbyterian Church, 1720 - 100th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

"Hands-on Volunteer Opportunities with Habitat for Humanity"
Theodore Brown, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity of East King County.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Geoff Ethelston called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. December 12, 1995, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, with a story and a prayer by Jim Palmer. Nineteen persons signed the attendance roster.

MINUTES of the November 14, 1995, meeting were approved as corrected, by substitution on page 1, item #1 under Task Force/Committee Reports, line 5, of "provide" for "continue." (Sally Wing, 747-5924)

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached). Palmer noted that quarterly grants were received from the cities of Kirkland and Bellevue, and that Catholic Community Services has been paid for one month's expenses.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. A Day of Dialogue on Race was presented by Bill DeTally, member of Church Council of Greater Seattle Racial Justice Coordinating Committee and Americorps volunteer. (525-1213; Fax: 525-1218) A guide has been published, copies of which he distributed. A request was made that the guide be translated into Spanish. DeTally requested congregations to consider ongoing dialogue, including a workshop, focussing on children and youth, to raise consciousness and to promote action. A 3 - 5 hour workshop with CCGS facilitators will be scheduled the end of January or early February, with Betty Smith as coordinator.

- MSC to sponsor a workshop on the subject of "A Day of Dialogue on Race" and to allow use of the Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council mailing list.

Gag Rule was presented by Joy Pocasangre, EISCC vice-chairperson. The proposed Istook constitutional amendment is currently dormant, but has passed the House of Representatives. It would affect advocacy by non-profit organizations that receive federal funds, by limiting expenditures and requiring federal reports for such actions as writing letters to parents and speaking at public hearings. No comparable restrictions are proposed for profit-making organizations. Information is available from George Manalo-LeClair, Children's Alliance (324-0340).

TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Congregations for the Homeless (Nadine Shannon, (746-6019). The purpose of the program is to provide stability in the lives of homeless men by offering safe shelter and nutritious food, establishing a basis for each man to become a community member. She noted that participants have been keeping their own order. Congregations provide shelter and three daily meals for one month at a time, working with Catholic Community Services and referring agencies, which include Eastside Mental Health, Jewish Family Services, Multi-Service Centers of North and East King County, and Salvation Army. Between September, 1993, and December, 1994, 181 men were assisted. Permanent housing was located for 72 men and other housing for 46. The program provided 5,437 bed nights and 12,985 meals. Ninety-four men have gained employment. Between 80 and 300 volunteers participate each month.

During October, 1995, 163 LDS youth and 167 adults baked and packaged cookies and trail mix. Shannon commended Bill Graden for writing grant proposals. A finance committee person from each congregation is requested. Congregational newsletters can assist by publicizing means of referral.

2. Human Services Collaborative Leadership (Pam Toelle, 746-8659). This group, which includes ~~12 pastors and other~~ congregational leaders, emphasizes service to children and families, facilitating access and referral to human services agencies, as well as communication between the City of Bellevue and the religious community. In response to a recent survey of congregations regarding provision of services such as food or clothing distribution and after-school youth programs, 22 of the 27 congregations which have responded expressed interest in working with other Bellevue congregations. Working with schools in the Crossroads area and on family literacy in Southeast Bellevue are current emphases.

The survey and cover letter have also been shared with the City of Redmond, where the Overlake Christian Church is working on a training program for agency referrals.

3. Employment (Tony Copeland, 643-5212; Fax: 643-5266). Networking is considered an important part of the overall Latter Day Saints program, with an employment representative in each ward (congregation) as a direct link to persons who are unemployed or underemployed. In November about 60 people were placed in the Greater Seattle area. Meetings open to everyone continue to be held Thursday evenings, 7:30 p.m. at the LDS Center, Room 11/13, 14536 Main Street, Bellevue.

4. Cultural Diversity (Betty Smith, 746-8095). She urged high priority to human rights, and will chair a workshop on race, tentatively scheduled for late January or early February.

5. Faith and Values (Bill Graden, 641-5674). Family-oriented programming on the Faith and Values channel is now available on

and others in the community

Viacom Channel 15 (shared with sports events), Monday - Friday, 4 a.m. - 3 p.m., as a result of 2000 letters in 1993 to Viacom Cablevision. Graden recommended additional letters to Viacom to continue and expand programming.

6. Legislative (Joy Pocasangre, 747-0877). The annual Legislative Conference, sponsored by the Washington Association of Churches, will take place Saturday, January 27, at the Des Moines United Methodist Church. Cost is \$18 prior to January 15, \$20 thereafter. Pocasangre also recommended church advocacy day, in Olympia, which she attended last year. [Thursday, February 15, is the date scheduled for 1996.]

Pocasangre also noted a recent Interfaith Alliance meeting, at which a candidate for the Northshore School Board, who had withdrawn before the election, was reported to be sending letters and disrupting public meetings. Pocasangre plans to attend the next Northshore School Board meeting this afternoon.

7. Strengthening the Family (Babs Pingree, 454-5508). She is preparing a booklet, with a cover designed by a local artist, to assist families. She seeks further ideas by the first week in January to prepare for a general mailing. She suggested family participation in volunteer activities and a family home evening when no outside activities are scheduled.

8. HIV/AIDS (Diana Roger, 277-6528). The Task Force, which has not met recently, but has \$800 budgeted, would like to build awareness on the East Side of work done by the Multi-Faith AIDS Project and other organizations. Sacred Heart Catholic Church continues to hold monthly worship services. Roger has considered disbanding the Task Force, which will be deferred to the next Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council meeting.

9. Membership & Attendance (Betty Spohn, 451-3651). She reported 1995 membership of 23 congregations and 16 agencies. Attendance has averaged 28, and between 70 and 75 persons receive minutes of the monthly meetings. The bulk mailing list has been updated. The committee has placed an invitation in the newsletter and has been telephoning outreach and mission persons in congregations which are not members of Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council.

10. Church Council of Greater Seattle (Sally Wing, 747-5924). Wing, who represents Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council on the Church Council of Greater Seattle board, has regularly provided for Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council a brief report and a calendar of CCGS-sponsored and CCGS-related events.

11. Newsletter (Sally Wing, 747-5924). Three issues have now been published, October/November, 1994, March/April, 1995, and September, 1995. Approximately 260 copies have been distributed, to 176 congregations and others on the mailing list. The next issue is planned for January, 1996.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. 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 minutes. Please include name and telephone number of contact person and/or sponsoring organization.
2. Please share information from Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council meetings with your clergy and your Social Action or Outreach committees.
3. Newcomer packets are available from Betty Spohn, Membership Chair (451-3651).
4. Checks designated for the Bellevue Emergency Services Fund should be made payable to and mailed to Bellevue Multi-Service Center, Attn: Shelley Noble, 2253 - 140th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98005. Funds are dispersed by the Bellevue office to those in need in this area.
5. Contributions to Congregations for the Homeless can be sent to EISCC or can be written on your United Way pledge. Referrals of homeless men to Congregations for the Homeless may be made through Catholic Community Services (643-1937), Eastside Mental Health (828-1449), Jewish Family Services (451-8512), Salvation Army (454-4568), or Multi-Service Center (747-4826).
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7. A Bosnian refugee family needs furnishings, including furniture and pots and pans, for an apartment for a newly-arrived family member. Contact person is Gerry Longton (883-6325).
8. Christmas in April, a national program, would like to work on the East Side repairing homes to make them liveable. Volunteers are needed to work, to donate materials, and to provide funds. Further information will be available at a meeting Tuesday, Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Medina. Information is available from the Rev. Ann Lukens (454-9541).
9. Initiatives 166 and 167 are currently being circulated, the first having to do with discrimination against homosexual persons, the second restricting adoptions by homosexual persons or by any single adults. Joy Pocasangre requested that these not be signed.

COMING EVENTS.

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ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

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for month ended November 30, 1995

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Fund balance, beginning	1,633	29,103	452	200	883	89			<u>32,359</u>
Receipts:									
Dues	275								275
Contributions-Congregations		800	50	25	20		10	10	915
Contributions-Other	18	213							231
Grants - Cities		12,547							12,547
Grant - United Way		2,083							2,083
Grants - Other		0							0
Interest	8	69							76
Total receipts	301	15,712	50	25	20	0	10	10	<u>16,128</u>
Disbursements:									
Catholic Comm.Services		8,196							8,196
Food		55							55
Admin. expenses	95	40							135
Bulk mail permit/padlock & keys	85	10							95
Total disbursements	180	8,301	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u>8,481</u>
Ending balances	1,753	36,514	502	225	903	89	10	10	40,006

Cash balances - November 30, 1995

Checking	2,165.15
Savings	<u>37,841.29</u>
Total	40,006.44

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