

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, JANUARY 9, 1996

NEXT PROGRAM: Tuesday noon, February 13, 1996, at Rock Room, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (1720 - 100th Ave. NE), Bellevue.

"Commitment to end poverty: Decency Principles Project fosters awareness and action" Rev. Dr. Peter Strimer, Urban Worker, Decency Principles Project, St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Nadine Shannon called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. January 9, 1996, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, with a prayer by Babs Pingree. Twenty-five persons were present.

MINUTES of the December 12, 1995, meeting were approved as corrected, on page 2, item # 2 under Task Force/Committee Reports, by deleting in lines 2 and 3, "which includes 12 pastors and other congregational leaders," and inserting "Bellevue" between "to" and "children"; and in lines 10 and 11, by substituting "others in the community" for "other Bellevue congregations"; and deleting in lines 11 and 12 "with schools in the Crossroads area and." (Sally Wing, 747-5924)

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached). A list of congregations and agencies from whom dues have been received will be updated.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. "Habitat for Humanity now" was presented by Theo Brown (869-6007), executive director of Habitat for Humanity of East King County, who was accompanied by staff member Debbie Reader. He reported that the program's first multi-family project, the ten-unit (five duplexes) Overlake Park Townhomes Development, is now in progress at 156th Avenue NE and Northup Way. Members of about one dozen churches and one synagogue have been participating both financially and with volunteer labor, and the business community has also expressed interest in this program. Occupants will contribute "sweat equity" and make payments on a no-interest mortgage. Marilyn Canfield noted that the cost of mortgages locally is about \$50,000, or \$450 per month. Because of the high cost, land acquisition is the program's greatest current concern.

TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Employment (Dale Latimer, who will be replaced by Tony Copeland, 643-5212; Fax: 643-5266). Congregational representatives are invited to the regular meeting Thursday evenings, 7:30 p.m. at the LDS Center, Relief Society Room, 14536 Main Street, Bellevue.

2. Congregations for the Homeless (Nadine Shannon, (746-6019). The current brochure is being updated, for distribution in a bulk mailing later this month. Donations are encouraged (see Announcements). A recent article in the Journal-American described the program, but did not include the Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council address.

3. Membership (Betty Spohn, 451-3651). Committee members have continued to telephone outreach and mission persons in congregations which are not members of Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council.

4. Human Services Collaborative Leadership (Pam Toelle, 746-8659). This program will be presented at the May meeting of Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council, to provide further information on cooperation between schools and the religious community. Ms. Toelle noted recent sharing of information about the special Scout group with schools which provide special education programs.

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. Ms. Noble indicated that she will present an annual report next month. The 1995 holiday program, based on donation of food and gifts, served 685 families and 924 children. Two instructors have enabled both an introductory parenting class and ongoing support, available in English, Spanish, and Russian. Funding is needed for resumption of classes.

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).

6. Vice-president Joy Pocasangre asked for names of people who expect to attend Church Advocacy Day in Olympia on Thursday, Feb. 15, for meetings with lobbyists and local legislators. She also requested those who plan to attend the Washington Association of Churches Legislative Conference on Saturday, January 27, to notify her.

7. Babs Pingree announced a seminar by Stephanie Coontz on Sat., Feb. 24, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., University Unitarian Church, 6556 - 35th Ave. NE, Seattle. Title is "Reweaving the web: Dispelling the myth of the traditional family structure." Conference sponsored by Children, Youth, and Families Task Force of Church Council of Greater Seattle. (\$15) (489-9259)

Ms. Pingree also requested additional information for the Strengthening the Family booklet which is in process.

8. A prayer service for persons affected by HIV/AIDS will be held Tues., Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 9460 NE 14th Street. Speaker will be Father Dave Jaeger, Director of AIDS ministry for the Archdiocese of Seattle. Mary Ann Knowles, who announced the service, also noted the recent death of the Rev. Gwen Beighle, founder of the Multi-Faith AIDS Project.

9. Christmas in April, a national program, works on homes to make them liveable. Further information about volunteering for this program on the East Side 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) or Beverly Goucher (232-1030).

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

EISCC - PROPOSED BUDGET
General Fund
Year 1996


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

Revenues:

Dues - Congregations:	
32 @ \$25	\$800
Dues - Charitable Organizations	
16 @ \$10	160
Checking account interest	75
Other contributions	<u>120</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,155</u>

Expenses:

Mailing and office supplies	\$600
P.O. Box rental & mailing permit	125
Brochure update	50
Newsletter	80
Task Forces	<u>300</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$1,155</u>

General Fund balance-12/31/95	\$1,984
Less 1996 dues collected to 12/31/95	<u>540</u>
Carry-over from prior year	\$1,444

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Activity Report - All funds

for month ended December 31, 1995

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	HIV/AIDS	Housing Task Force	Legislation	Family Task Force	Total	EISCC Minutes --- Jan. 9, 1996 ---
Fund balance, beginning	1,753	36,514	502	225	903	89	10	10	40,006	
Receipts:										
Dues	245								245	
Contributions-Congregations		3,193							3,193	
Contributions-Other	25	313							338	
Grants - Cities		0							0	
Grant - United Way		2,083							2,083	
Grants - Other									0	
Interest	5	83							88	
Total receipts	275	5,672	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,947	
Disbursements:										
Catholic Comm. Services		6,814							6,814	
Food		0							0	
Admin. expenses	44	0							44	
									0	
Total disbursements	44	6,814	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,858	
Ending balances	1,984	35,373	502	225	903	89	10	10	39,096	
<u>Cash balances - December 31, 1995</u>										
Checking									1,025.45	
Savings									38,070.41	
Total									39,095.86	Page 4

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MINUTES, FEBRUARY 13, 1996

NEXT PROGRAM: Tuesday noon, March 12, 1996, at Rock Room, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (1720 - 100th Ave. NE), Bellevue.

"Social concerns of the Muslim Community" Achmed Ismil.

Brief presentation by Larry Wydro: King County Mental Health and Eastside Mental Health.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Geoff Ethelston called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. February 13, 1996, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, with a devotional reading and prayer by Nadine Bentsen. Nineteen persons were present.

MINUTES of the January 9, 1996, meeting were approved as printed. (Sally Wing, 747-5924)

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached). The report was accepted for audit.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. "Commitment to end poverty: Decency Principles Project fosters awareness and action" was presented by the Rev. Dr. Peter Strimer, Urban Worker, Decency Principles Project, St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle (323-0300, ext. 217). He has previously served as a vicar of two inner-city Episcopal congregations in Columbus, OH, and as director of a hunger network in OH.

He gave initial credit for this ecumenical program to Jeff Smith, the Frugal Gourmet, and Nancy Amidei, University of Washington professor. Seattle is the second locale in which this project seeks to prevent homelessness and hunger by addressing root causes. Decency principles include emphasis on a living wage, health coverage, access to affordable housing, and safe and affordable child care. He identified various sources of applying these principles, including legislatures, individual employers, congregations, and individual consumers. Public education can increase awareness, for example, of persons eligible for Washington's Basic Health Plan. The project can provide an employer's audit to assist employers in pursuing often low-cost application of these principles.

TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE/ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

1. Co-chairperson Nadine Shannon thanked persons responsible for the recent bulk mailing, which included brochures for Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council, Congregations for the Homeless, the newsletter, and the emergency services directory. Special thanks were given to Betty Spohn for preparing the mailing.
2. Americorps; Nora Trujillo (746-7300), who works on outreach with Cross of Christ Lutheran and St. Louise Catholic churches, stated that a federal budget reduction does not affect local services, and that extension of the program is being considered.
3. Housing at the Crossroads annual report was presented by Ann Lewis, Vice-President of this non-profit organization, which serves seven families in duplexes located behind Sammamish High School. Funding comes from churches, especially St. Louise Catholic and First Presbyterian, businesses, foundations, community organizations, and individuals.
4. Multi-Service Center report was given by Shelley Noble (747-4826), whose agency provides assistance to persons in Bellevue. Contributions from twenty congregations and organizations have continued at about the same level, \$28,536.79 in 1995. More persons were laid off than had been previously. \$36,968.17 was disbursed to 468 families, for rent, utilities (electricity, gas, and water), automobile gasoline, prescriptions, school needs, short-term motel stays, and other emergency assistance.
5. Congregations for the Homeless (Nadine Shannon, (746-6019). The Q-Point Foundation recently provided a \$500 grant.

MSC to express a gracious thank you to Connie Menard, AlphaGraphics, Loehmann's Plaza - Factoria, for donating the folding of 1000 brochures for Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council and Congregations for the Homeless.
6. Christmas in April. Bev Goucher (232-1030) announced that St. Thomas parishioners will renovate a house in Seattle on Saturday, April 27, and will provide transportation to observe the work in progress. (Signup sheet will be available at April meeting of Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council.) Information is also available from the Rev. Ann Lukens (454-9541).
7. HIV/AIDS report was presented by Diana Roger (277-6528). The Task Force has agreed to disband, and recommends even division of its funds among three agencies working on the East Side. Ms. Roger and the Task Force were thanked for their educational and other efforts.

MSC to take the balance in the account and divide it equally among Catholic AIDS Ministry, Eastside AIDS Ministry, and the Multifaith AIDS Project.

8. Human Services Collaborative Leadership (Pam Toelle, 746-8659). A back to school visit on Tuesday, March 19, 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., will include outreach projects at Lake Hills Elementary and Interlake High School. The group will meet at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 411 - 156th Ave., NE, and return for a soup and salad luncheon (donation invited). The program provides an opportunity for congregations to support children and families. Deadline for reservations is Friday, March 8.

9. Utility Tax Rebate Program for the City of Bellevue was announced by Nadine Shannon (746-6019), as a request for proposals for services to low-income persons.

10. Faith and Values Channel programming was announced by Bill Graden (641-4654), who provided a schedule for January - March, 1996.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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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.

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6. Betty Smith announced "Eastside day of dialogue on race" on Wednesday, March 13, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE. Keynote speaker will be Bill Grace, Executive Director, Center for Ethical Leadership. A free will offering will be requested. Information is available from Bill DeTally, Church Council of Greater Seattle (525-1213), co-sponsor of the workshop.

7. A prayer service for persons affected by HIV/AIDS will be held Tues., February 27, at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 9460 NE 14th Street. Bev Coco and Kathleen Hickey, members of Sacred Heart AIDS Outreach Ministry Team, will facilitate an evening of prayer and support.

8. Church Council of Greater Seattle announcements were presented by Sally Wing (747-5924), representative from Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council to the CCGS Board. She emphasized the availability of a legislative newsletter from the Washington Association of Churches.

9. Betty Spohn (451-3651) announced the availability of extra copies of the Emergency Services Directory, and encouraged copying of the list for interested persons.

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


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

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for month ended January 31, 1996

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	HIV/AIDS	Housing Task Force	Legislation	Family Task Force	Total	EISCC Minutes
Fund balance, beginning	1,984.33	35,372.60	502.28	225.00	902.88	88.77	10.00	10.00	39,095.86	
Receipts:										
Dues	65.00								65.00	
Contributions-Congregations		2,500.00							2,500.00	
Contributions-Other		1,065.00							1,065.00	
Grants - Cities		2,258.00							2,258.00	
Grant - United Way		2,083.33							2,083.33	
Grants - Other									0.00	
Interest	6.91	78.51							85.42	
Total receipts	71.91	7,984.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,056.75	Feb. 13, 1996
Disbursements:										
Catholic Comm. Services		8,363.75							8,363.75	
Food		0.00							0.00	
Admin. expenses	4.60	0.00							4.60	
									0.00	
Total disbursements	4.60	8,363.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,368.35	
Ending balances	2,051.64	34,993.69	502.28	225.00	902.88	88.77	10.00	10.00	38,784.26	
<u>Cash balances - January 31, 1996:</u>										
Checking									1,164.01	
Savings									37,620.25	
Total									38,784.26	Page 5

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MINUTES, MARCH 12, 1996

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Building Bridges: Henk Wapstra, Director, Bridge Ministries for the Disabled.

Brief reports by Joy Pocasangre, Legislative Task Force, on legislative issues and advocacy day; and by Redmond United Methodist Church.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Nadine Shannon called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. March 12, 1996, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, with a prayer by Beverly Goucher. Twenty-two persons were present.

MINUTES of the February 13, 1996, meeting were approved as corrected, with the addition at the end of the third line of Housing at the Crossroads on page 2 ", in the Crossroads area, and near Totem Lake in Kirkland." (Sally Wing, 747-5924)

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached). The report was accepted for audit. Palmer noted that distributions have been made from the HIV/AIDS Task Force fund, divided equally among Catholic AIDS Ministry, Eastside AIDS Ministry, and the Multifaith AIDS Project (\$300.96 to each). Gifts to Congregations for the Homeless have been received from the City of Bellevue, United Way, St. Margaret's Thrift Shop, QPoint Foundation, congregations, and individuals. In providing an updated record of dues payments (attached), Palmer requested that those who have not yet paid do so.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. "Social concerns of the Muslim Community" was presented by Ismail Ahmad, Director of the Islamic International House in Seattle. He was born in Iraq, and has earned degrees at the University of Baghdad, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Washington. He noted the importance in Islam of worship of God, charity, declaration of faith, prayer five times daily, and fasting during the month of Ramadan, which is a month of giving to others. He observed that Islam shares ethical values with Judaism and Christianity, and seeks to please the Almighty and to satisfy the desire for that which is good. He distinguished Sunnites, 92% of Islam, who pursue consensual leadership, and Shiites, whose more militant leadership is from the family of a prophet. The Islamic Center was opened in Seattle in the 1960s, and began meeting social concerns in 1979. The Islamic International House, originally

supported with funds from overseas, has provided a place for young male students to live and to adjust to American culture. Outreach into the community has occurred in particular with refugees from Iran, Palestine, Bosnia, and Croatia, about whose many needs Ahmad expressed concern. The Islamic community has begun contact with Church Council of Greater Seattle, Interfaith Council, Center for Ethical Leadership, Washington Association of Churches, and the Refugee Resettlement Center. Services include language courses for students.

Larry Wydro, Coordinator of the Eastside Interagency Staffing Team (IST) of King County Mental Health, based at Eastside Mental Health, (827-9100) provides individualized and tailored care for children and families. The team includes representatives of school districts, cities, youth- and family-serving agencies, and parents. The regular community team meeting is at Youth Eastside Services 1:30 - 4:00 p.m., the third Friday of each month.

Arnie Gaillard, chair, Project Home, Habitat for Humanity, expects the first duplex of a five-duplex complex at 156th and Northup to be ready for occupancy in June. He noted a need for hands-on volunteers over 16 years of age, including persons with professional experience, to work with a coalition of eight Eastside churches and another coalition of three Lutheran congregations expecting to break ground for second and third units in June.

TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE/ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

1. Cultural diversity workshop, "Eastside day of dialogue on race" will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church. Keynote speaker will be Bill Grace, Executive Director, Center for Ethical Leadership. Betty Smith (746-8095), chair of the Cultural Diversity Task Force, hopes to encourage similar dialogue in congregations.

2. Employment. Tony Copeland (644-1420) noted difficulties for immigrants in translating experience from overseas. The program continues to meet Thursday evenings, 7:30 p.m., 14536 Main Street. Services include videotaping mock interviews.

3. Legislative Task Force. Joy Pocasangre (747-0877) reported on proposed federal legislation, including religious amendments and repeal of the assault weapons ban. Budget proposals assume that private charities will fill gaps. She also reported briefly on projects funded by Jewish World Services in Senegal, whose population is predominantly Muslim. These projects, which enable people to remain in their villages, include teaching of reading, writing, and money management, requested by villagers.

4. Strengthening the Family. Babs Pingree (454-5508) anticipates completion by April 1 of the booklet she is preparing for distribution to Eastside congregations.

5. Congregations for the Homeless. (Nadine Shannon (746-6019) attended a recent Bellevue City Council meeting at which members favored deleting the requirement of 10% lower-income housing in new developments. She urged appointment of a new task force, and also urged attendance at Bellevue City Council study sessions on Monday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and writing of letters. She noted that the project continues to work with men because facilities for them are lacking on the Eastside.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

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6. Susan Goldman announced a Crisis Clinic informational breakfast for clergy and other church leaders Wednesday, April 10, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. at the Crisis Clinic of Seattle/King County, 1515 Dexter Ave. North, Suite 300, Seattle. RSVP to 461-3210 or Fax 461-8368. Program will be a roundtable discussion of churches' concerns, information on resources for homeless, and a brief tour of the facilities. Crisis Clinic services include a part-time Eastside Center at the Multi-Service Center in Bellevue to provide comprehensive referrals and a Teen Link Hot Line by trained teenagers, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m., beginning Monday, March 18.

7. A prayer service for persons affected by HIV/AIDS will be held Tues., March 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 9460 NE 14th Street. The Sacred Heart AIDS Outreach Ministry Team will lead the Stations of the Cross of a person with AIDS.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended February 29, 1996

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Fund balance, beginning	2,051.64	34,993.69	502.28	225.00	902.88	88.77	10.00	10.00	38,784.26
Receipts:									
Dues	5.00								5.00
Contributions-Congregations		2,200.00							2,200.00
Contributions-Other		212.92							212.92
Grant - City of Bellevue		10,289.25							10,289.25
Grant - United Way		2,083.33							2,083.33
Grant - St. Margaret's Gift Shop		2,000.00							2,000.00
Grant - Qpoint Foundation		500.00							500.00
Interest	3.30	78.02							81.32
Total receipts	8.30	17,363.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,371.82
Disbursements:									
Catholic Comm.Services		7,761.00							7,761.00
Food		0.00							0.00
Postage, copies	120.01	57.60		69.13					246.74
Filing fee	10.00					10.00			20.00
Brochure	112.53	55.18							167.71
Catholic AIDS Ministry					300.96				300.96
Eastside AIDS Ministry					300.96				300.96
Multifaith AIDS Project					300.96				300.96
Total disbursements	242.54	7,873.78	0.00	69.13	902.88	10.00	0.00	0.00	9,098.33
Ending balances	1,817.40	44,483.43	502.28	155.87	0.00	78.77	10.00	10.00	47,057.75
Cash balances - February 29, 1996:									
Checking									461.90
Savings									46,595.85
Total									47,057.75

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Member	Dues	Date paid	Amt.paid	Class
Aldersgate United Methodist	\$25.00	12/26/95	25.00	C
Bellevue Christian Church	\$25.00	5/16/95	20.00	C
Bellevue First Congregational Church of UC	\$25.00	12/12/95	25.00	C
Church of the Holy Cross-Episcopal	\$25.00	12/8/95	25.00	C
Church of the Resurrection	\$25.00	11/27/95	25.00	C
Cross of Christ Lutheran	\$25.00	11/17/95	25.00	C
East Shore Unitarian	\$25.00	11/15/95	25.00	C
Eastgate Congregational	\$25.00			C
First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue	\$25.00	2/29/96	25.00	C
Grace Episcopal - Duvall	\$25.00	12/26/95	25.00	C
Grace Lutheran	\$25.00	11/27/95	25.00	C
Herzl Ner Tamid	\$25.00	11/27/95	25.00	C
Holy Cross Lutheran	\$25.00			c
LDS Bellevue	\$25.00	12/12/95	25.00	C
Newport Presbyterian	\$25.00	2/29/96	25.00	C
Overlake Park Presbyterian	\$25.00	12/95&1/96	25.00	C
Pam Toelle (f/cong. in transition)	\$25.00	11/15/95	25.00	C
Redmond United Methodist Church	\$25.00	11/27/95	25.00	C
Sacret Heart Catholic	\$25.00	11/15/95	25.00	C
St. Louise Catholic Church	\$25.00	1/18/96	25.00	C
St. Luke's Lutheran Church	\$25.00	12/12/95	25.00	C
St. Madeleine Sophie Parish	\$25.00			C
St. Margaret's Episcopal	\$25.00	1/18/96	25.00	C
St. Thomas Episcopal	\$25.00			C
Temple B'Nai Torah	\$25.00			C
Temple de Hirsch Sinai	\$25.00			C
Tolt Congregational United Christian	\$25.00	11/27/95	25.00	C
Unity of Bellevue	\$25.00	12/31/95	25.00	C
28 \$700.00			545.00	28
Bridge Ministries for Disability Concerns	\$10.00	11/15/95	10.00	O
Catholic Community Services	\$10.00			O
Eastside Jewish Family Service	\$10.00	12/8/95	10.00	O
Eastside Mental Health	\$10.00			O
Eastside Multi-Ethnic Center	\$10.00			O
Eastside Sexual Assault Ctr. Child	\$10.00	12/31/95	10.00	O
Emergency Feeding Program	\$10.00	11/27/95	10.00	O
Habitat for Humanity E.King Cty.	\$10.00	11/27/95	10.00	O
Kirkland Interfaith Network	\$10.00			O
Multi-Service Center, N&E King	\$10.00	12/26/95	10.00	O
Salvation Army	\$10.00	11/27/95	10.00	O
Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace	\$10.00	11/27/95	10.00	O
United Way of East King County	\$10.00	1/18/96	10.00	O
Youth Eastside Services	\$10.00			O
14 \$140.00			90.00	14

COUNT OF Member: 42
 TOTAL Dues: \$840.00
 TOTAL Amt.paid: 635.00
 COUNT OF Class: 42

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, APRIL 9, 1996

NEXT PROGRAM: Tuesday noon, May 14, 1996, at Rock Room, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (1720 - 100th Ave. NE), Bellevue.

Human services collaborative leadership. Speakers: Rob Beam, City of Bellevue City/Schools Partnerships Manager; and Jan Stout, Bellevue Public Schools Community Connections Coordinator.

Brief report by Redmond United Methodist Church.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Nadine Shannon called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. April 9, 1996, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, with a prayer by Dorothy Shindler. Twenty persons were present.

MINUTES of the March 12, 1996, meeting were approved as mailed. (Sally Wing, 747-5924)

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached). The report was accepted for audit. Palmer noted that expenses for the racism workshop were \$127, receipts \$76. Congregations for the Homeless has received a grant from United Way, in addition to contributions from congregations.

PROGRAM. Building Bridges was presented by Henk Wapstra, Director, and Mary Galvin, Chaplain, Bridge Ministries for Disability Concerns (828-1431). The organization, founded in 1987 and supported by individual contributions and grants, connects persons with physical and/or developmental disabilities with services. They work with business, social services, medical, and church communities. Individualized services include home visits, legal guardianship, circle of friends, and accompanying persons to doctors' visits. Seven staff members include three chaplains. A videotape, "Building bridges with love," pictured the agency's services.

Joy Pocasangre (747-0877) reported on the legislative session. She announced a Stand for Children at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, June 1, sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund and other organizations. She cited weekly publications from the Children's Alliance and the Washington Association of Churches which provide information on legislative action and opportunities for advocacy. In describing Church Advocacy Day, she recommended that Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council members attend in order to inform legislators of our actions, and noted that the passage or failure of legislation is the result of work on the part of many people.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. Co-chairperson Shannon welcomed non-voting as well as voting members. Gene Barrett is the new Latter Day Saints member.

TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE/ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

1. Congregations for the Homeless. (Nadine Shannon (746-6019) Jerry Rettig, Board President for Habitat for Humanity (481-2045), has requested names of families seeking housing. The Task Force is looking for Development Subcommittee members. Bill Schiffer, Cross of Christ, is working on grants and attending a class on that subject.

2. Cultural Diversity. (Betty Smith, 746-8095) The workshop, "Eastside day of dialogue on race," included 30 young people from the International School. A videotape will be made available. Bill DeTally and David Bloom of the Church Council of Greater Seattle were especially helpful.

3. Collaborative Leadership (Pam DeToelle, 746-8659) During the recent school tour, Congregations for Kids, 30 visitors saw the volunteer mentor program at Lake Hills Elementary School. Followup workshops are planned for July and September, to provide assistance for congregations in helping children. A van tour is planned for October.

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 local persons in need.

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).


6. Late Nite Program at Crossroads is held every Friday night, from 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. at the Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street for youth ages 13 - 19 who live in or attend school in Bellevue. The program is sponsored by the City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services Department/Teen Services, in partnership with Bellevue Police Department, Youth Eastside Services, Extreme Youth, and King County Gang Intervention Unit. (information: Pam Toelle, 746-8659)

7. A prayer service for persons affected by HIV/AIDS will be held Tues., April 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 9460 NE 14th Street. Sister Betty Schumacher, OSB, a member of the Sacred Heart AIDS Outreach Ministry Team, will facilitate the evening of prayer and support.

8. Christmas in April progress can be seen on the repair and refurnishing of a house in Seattle, on Saturday, April 27. Transportation will be available from St. Thomas Church, 84th NE & NE 12th, at 10:00 a.m. (Information and reservations: Beverly Goucher, 232-1030)

9. Habitat for Humanity (Marilyn Canfield, 869-6007) will dedicate the first of the Overlake Park Town Homes on Sunday, June 2, at about 2:00 p.m., and will break ground for the second and third homes. A golf tournament will be held Tuesday, April 16, 6:00 p.m. at the Tam O'Shanter Country Club.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended March 31, 1996

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	HIV/AIDS	Housing Task Force	Legislation	Family Task Force	Total
	1,817	44,483	502	156	0	79	10	10	47,058
Fund balance, beginning									
Receipts:									35
Dues	35								2,100
Contributions-Congregations		2,100							50
Contributions-Paddock memorial		50							2,083
Grant - United Way		2,083							0
Grant -		0							0
Grant -		0							97
Interest	6	91							76
Racism workshop receipts				76					
Total receipts	41	4,324	0	76	0	0	0	0	4,441
Disbursements:									7,407
Catholic Comm.Services		7,407							0
Food		0							85
Postage, copies	66	19							127
Racism workshop expenses				127					
Total disbursements	66	7,426	0	127	0	0	0	0	7,619
Ending balances	1,792	41,381	502	105	0	79	10	10	43,880
<u>Cash balances - March 31, 1996:</u>									524.60
Checking									43,354.93
Savings									43,879.53
Total									

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, MAY 14, 1996

NEXT PROGRAM: Tuesday noon, June 11, 1996, at Rock Room, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (1720 - 100th Ave. NE), Bellevue.

Strengthening the family. Speaker: Babs Pingree, Chair, EISCC
Strengthening the Family Task Force.

Brief reports by Multiple Sclerosis Association; Rev. Peter Snow, Holy Cross Episcopal: Promise Keepers; and Shelley Noble, Multi-Service Center: Hunger Awareness Day.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Geoff Ethelston called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m. May 14, 1996, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, with a prayer by Pam Toelle. Twenty-three people were present.

MINUTES of the April 9, 1996, meeting were approved as mailed. (Sally Wing, 747-5924)

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached). The report was accepted for audit. Palmer noted an ending balance at the end of April of \$40,315, and today of \$30,871. A matching grant of \$1000 was received from Microsoft, and a grant of \$2,083 from United Way.

PROGRAM. Human Services Collaborative Leadership. Pam Toelle introduced the speakers: Rob Beem, City of Bellevue City/Schools Partnerships Manager; and Jan Stout, Bellevue Public Schools Community Connections Coordinator. They emphasized the importance of all people who are interested in serving children and families working together. Human Service Collaboration includes agencies, schools, and the City of Bellevue coordinating services. Its components include the Providers' Network Group, which serves families in such ways as a literacy campaign for the 40 to 60 different languages spoken in the schools, and youth-to-youth tutoring; and the Collaborative Leadership Group, which identifies and removes barriers to cooperation. Services of the latter group include Congregations for Kids, Hispanic services providers, and teen parenting services. There are human services specialists in three elementary schools (Stevenson, Phantom Lake, and Lake Hills). The religious community's help is sought for families to help children come to school ready to learn. Needs include language skills, parent involvement, after-school care, and one-to-one attention.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE/ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

1. Congregations for the Homeless. (Nadine Shannon (746-6019) The group is bonded, and is insured for \$2 million. Cross of Christ Lutheran Church is this month's host congregation, supported by St. Louise Catholic, and the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection.

2. Employment. (Tony Copeland, 643-5212) He noted the availability of entry-level jobs as a step toward a long-term goal. Among Russian and Asian immigrants, 70% have been placed in jobs. The Task Force seeks both job referrals and applicant referrals.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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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).

6. Late Nite Program at Crossroads is held every Friday night, from 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. at the Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street for youth ages 13 - 19 who live in or attend school in Bellevue. The program is sponsored by the City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services Department/Teen Services, in partnership with Bellevue Police Department, Youth Eastside Services, Extreme Youth, and King County Gang Intervention Unit. (information: Pam Toelle, 746-8659)

7. A prayer service for persons affected by HIV/AIDS will be held Tues., May 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 9460 NE 14th Street. Sister Betty Schumacher, OSB, a member of the Sacred Heart AIDS Outreach Ministry Team, will facilitate the evening of prayer and support. Information: 454-9536.

9. Habitat for Humanity (Marilyn Canfield, 869-6007) will dedicate the first of the Overlake Park Town Homes on Sunday, June 2, at about 2:00 p.m., and will break ground for the second and third homes. Habitat for Humanity seeks families who can pay approximately \$400 per month plus utilities, and contribute labor for their home. According to County guidelines, they can earn no more than \$26,400 for a four-person family.

10. Americorps/Ecumenical Program for Urban Service seeks proposals from congregations and/or church-based organizations to host volunteers between September 15, 1996, and August 15, 1997. Teams of three to five volunteers can work to address root causes of social concerns, in particular, homeless and street youth, and low income children and youth. Sponsoring groups must pay a matching fee of \$2000 per volunteer. Deadline for proposals: June 14, 1996. For information, call Paula Wolfe, Program Director, or Mary Cameron (525-1213).

11. ARCH, A Regional Coalition for Housing, seeks to increase the supply of affordable housing in King County through a Housing Trust Fund. It is working with the Multi-Service Centers of North and East King County, Habitat for Humanity, and Lutheran Alliance to Create Housing. For information, call 861-3677.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at about 1:30 p.m. Thanks to Joy Pocasangre for taking minutes in the absence of the Co-Secretary.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended April 30, 1996

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	HIV/AIDS	Housing Task Force	Legislation	Family Task Force	Total
Fund balance, beginning	1,792	41,381	502	105	0	79	10	10	43,880
Receipts:									
Dues	70								70
Contributions-Congregations		2,050							2,050
Contributions-individual	25	0							25
Grant - United Way		2,083							2,083
Grant - Microsoft matching		1,000							1,000
Grant - ESAP		213							213
Interest	7	78							84
									0
Total receipts	102	5,424	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,525
Disbursements:									
Catholic Comm.Services		8,961							8,961
Food		0							0
Postage, copies	39	0							39
P.O. box rental	40								40
Grantwriting seminar		50							
Total disbursements	79	9,011	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,090
Ending balances	1,814	37,794	502	105	0	79	10	10	40,315
Cash balances - April 30, 1996:									
Checking									554.33
Savings									39,760.81
Total									40,315.14

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, JUNE 11, 1996

NEXT PROGRAM: Tuesday noon, July 9, 1996, at Rock Room, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (1720 - 100th Ave. NE), Bellevue.

Bringing Christmas in April to the Eastside. Speakers: Lisa Meyers, Seattle Junior League; and John Starbard, Christmas in April chairperson, St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Using a videotape of repairs to a house in Seattle, presenters will discuss how to organize an Eastside program.

Brief reports by Catholic Community Services Hope program (Mary Ann Yglesias); and by Washington State Housing Justice Commission.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Geoff Ethelston called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. May 14, 1996, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, with a prayer by Babs Pingree. Twenty people were present.

MINUTES of the May 14, 1996, meeting were approved as mailed. (Sally Wing, 747-5924)

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached). The report was accepted for audit. Palmer noted a beginning balance in May of \$40,315, and an ending balance of \$43,267. He noted principal activity with Congregations for the Homeless, with receipts of \$14,182, and disbursements of \$11,253. The balance at the end of May, with bills outstanding for Catholic Community Services, is \$40,724.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. Strengthening the Family. Speaker: Babs Pingree, Chair, EISCC Strengthening the Family Task Force (454-5508). She presented a booklet, which will be shared with local congregations, city offices, and others in a bulk mailing. Special thanks were extended for compiling the booklet to: Shawna Brenner, cover artist; Chanda Hair, typist; and Kinko, printing. Pingree also noted that permission has been granted by copyright owners for use of their material.

Pingree, who noted that ideas had been requested from members of EISCC, expressed hope that others "may be inspired with ideas of your own, and that you use these ideas to bless the lives of those you serve." Suggestions to which she referred include a weekly "family night," attention to needs of children of different ages, speaking in positive terms, using "I-statements," and spending time with children. She called attention to suggestions for family programs in congregations, and the importance of counseling prior to

marriage. She also recommended a booklet, "Healing grief (2nd edition)," by Amy W. Jensen, available from Medic Publishing, Redmond (881-2883).

Promise Keepers was described by the Rev. Peter Snow, Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Redmond (885-5822), as a men's movement founded by Bill McCartney, football coach at the University of Colorado. He noted that participants make seven promises: relationship with God; relationships with other men; spiritual, moral, ethical, and sexual purity; strong marriage and family; support of their church; power of Biblical unity; and influence of the world. Books include Greg Lewis, Power of a promise kept; and Seven promises of a promise keeper. Snow emphasized the importance of assumption of responsibility for self, and being present in the family. He commended the movement's attention to sharing among men and overcoming inadequacy. He expressed concern both about condemnation of the movement and persons who may use it for their own ends.

Hunger Awareness Day was discussed by Shelley Noble, Multi-Service Center (747-4826). The program began in Kirkland, and will be expanded to Eastside food banks and perhaps Emergency Feeding Program during a weekend or a week in the fall, when volunteers will collect food at grocery stores.

TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE/ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

1. Congregations for the Homeless. (Nadine Shannon, 746-6019) Geoff Ethelston announced that a \$6000 grant for Congregations for the Homeless has been received from United Way. Applications have been submitted for block grants to Kirkland, Issaquah, and King County.

Grant writing assistance is requested from congregations. Experience is not necessary. Information: Nadine Bentsen (747-1543)

2. Faith and Values. (Gene Barrett, 644-9891) The current schedule was shared, along with forms to request newspapers to add the Channel to their television schedules.

Barrett also requested community support of food banks, which could include youth groups and other volunteers packaging bulk food into a form usable by families and translation of recipes into different languages. The Executive Committee agreed to discuss his proposal.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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minutes. Please include name and telephone number of contact person and/or sponsoring organization.

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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 local persons in need.

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).

6. The Mid-East Community Network will meet Monday, June 17, 6:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Senior Center, for a hearing on redefining the safety net for families. Information: Karla Howell (641-0687).

7. The LDS Church will sponsor a blood drive Thurs., June 27, at the Bellevue Stake Center, 14536 Main St., 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Information or appointments: Terry Kimber (644-1729).

8. Congregations for Kids will hold a workshop, "Good start back to school" for outreach volunteers and staff on Wed., July 10, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1934 - 108th Avenue NE, Bellevue. Purpose is to develop partnerships to prepare low-income children for school with new school supplies and clothing. Information: Pam Toelle (746-8659), by Mon., July 1.

9. Congregations for Kids will present a workshop on Tues., September 24, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Bellevue Schools Instructional Services Center, 12241 Main Street. Congregational staff and volunteers in education, youth work, and outreach will share ideas on working with children. Information: Pam Toelle (746-8659).

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended May 31, 1996

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	HIV/AIDS	Housing Task Force	Legislation	Family Task Force	Total
Fund balance, beginning	1,814	37,794	502	105	0	79	10	10	40,315
Receipts:									
Dues	65								65
Contributions-Congregations		1,100							1,100
Contributions-individual	0	50							50
Grant - United Way		2,083							2,083
Grant - City of Bellevue		7,143							7,143
Grant - City of Kirkland		2,258							2,258
Grant - City of Redmond		1,250							1,250
Grant - ESAP		213							213
Interest	6	85							90
									0
Total receipts	71	14,182	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,253
Disbursements:									
Catholic Comm.Services-March svc.		9,129							9,129
Catholic Comm.Svc.-Dec.&Jan.admin		1,883							1,883
Food		68							68
Postage, copies	48	58							106
Fidelity bond		115							115
Total disbursements	48	11,253	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,301
Ending balances	1,837	40,724	502	105	0	79	10	10	43,267
Cash balances - May 31, 1996:									
Checking									571.82
Savings									42,695.12
Total									43,266.94

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, JULY 9, 1996

NEXT PROGRAM: Tuesday noon, September 10, 1996, at Rock Room, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (1720 - 100th Ave. NE), Bellevue. Note: No program in August.

Dating Violence. Belinda Lafferty, Youth Eastside Services. Brief reports: United Way campaign kickoff, "With your help anything is possible" (Faye Williamson); food distribution (Shelley Noble and Gene Barrett).

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Nadine Shannon called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. July 9, 1996, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, with a prayer by Diana Roger. Nineteen people were present.

MINUTES of the June 11, 1996, meeting were corrected to include the correct date of June 11 in the paragraph headed Welcome and Prayer (Sally Wing, 747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached). The report was accepted for audit. Palmer noted a beginning balance in June of \$43,267, and an ending balance of \$38,387. He noted lower receipts (\$3,990) than disbursements (\$8,228) for Congregations for the Homeless, with a current balance of \$36,486. He also noted costs for printing and mailing the "Strengthening the Family" brochure (\$553) and the newsletter (\$58).

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. Diana Roger noted that she has recently joined the Board of the Multi-Faith AIDS Project.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Named to the nominating committee, which will report at the September meeting for October election, were: Alicia Martinez, Diana Roger, Jim Palmer, Geoff Ethelston, and Nadine Shannon.

PROGRAM. Bringing Christmas in April to the Eastside. Speakers were introduced by Bev Goucher: Elizabeth Davis, Mission Volunteer Program at St. Thomas Episcopal Church; and Mary Herche, Seattle Christmas in April project chair (285-1231), and Junior League member. On Saturday, April 27, 1996, 43 homes in Seattle were renovated with the help of about 1500 volunteers. The program began in Texas in 1973, and opened a national headquarters in Washington, DC, in 1987. There is no charge to homeowners for such assistance as painting and yard work, which now occurs in 420 cities in the United States. The aim of the program is to create a safe and

secure living environment for homeowners who have neither the financial nor the physical ability to maintain their homes. There is a warehouse in Seattle for donations, and a screening committee to accept referrals from organizations and individuals. Both speakers recommended a separate non-profit organization by an Eastside affiliate.

Mary Ann Yglesias (643-1947) presented a brief report about the Catholic Community Services Homeless Outreach Partnership for the Eastside (HOPE) program. Nineteen hotels continue to participate in this short-term emergency housing program, which began in 1990, with assistance from Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council and others. The program works with other agencies to provide food and assist people to enter longer-term housing. Bellevue is the only city currently offering support, although other funding is needed to enable the program to continue offering services.

TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE/ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

1. Cultural Diversity. (Betty Smith, 746-8095) She noted a church-sponsored atmosphere of cultural diversity in a recent trip to New Mexico. She reported that the Americorps volunteer will be leaving the International School, with another teacher continuing her work.
2. Congregations for the Homeless. (Nadine Shannon, 746-6019) In May the program provided 513 bednights to 29 different men. Three men have recently moved to permanent housing, others to transitional housing. Shannon noted the importance of A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) (861-3677), which coordinates efforts of several agencies to provide affordable housing. Jim Palmer noted that Congregations for the Homeless needs more funds, since the United Way contribution has been reduced. Barbara Smith and Bill Schiffer, who are currently writing grants, request additional assistance.
3. Membership. (Betty Spohn, 451-3651) Attendance is encouraged. Extra copies of newsletters, brochures, and the "Strengthening the Family" booklet are available.
4. Newsletter. (Sally Wing, 747-5924) Comments and items for inclusion in the next newsletter, to be published in early fall, are welcome.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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6. Terri Kimber (644-1729) will prepare and distribute in September a calendar of days for youth and other volunteers to package dry food products, along with recipes and spice packets, for the Multi-Service Center. Contact persons include: Gene Barrett (644-9891) and Shelley Noble, Multi-Service Center (747-4826).
7. Congregations for Kids will hold a workshop, "Good start back to school" for outreach volunteers and staff on Wed., July 10, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1934 - 108th Avenue NE, Bellevue. Purpose is to develop partnerships to prepare low-income children for school with new school supplies and clothing. Information: Pam Toelle (746-8659).
8. Congregations for Kids will present a workshop on Tues., September 24, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Bellevue Schools Instructional Services Center, 12241 Main Street. Congregational staff and volunteers in education, youth work, and outreach will share ideas on working with children. Information: Pam Toelle (746-8659).

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

Thank you from the Co-Secretaries to Jeanne Lamont for behind the scenes effort to mail these minutes faithfully throughout this year.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

October 8. Annual meeting. Election of officers. Marketplace of agencies to meet Christmas/winter needs.

November 12. Congregational reports.

December 10. Factoria Square youth.

January 14, 1997. Congregations for Kids.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended June 30, 1996

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Housing Task Force	Legislation	Family Task Force	Total
Fund balance, beginning	1,836.76	40,723.88	502.28	105.25	78.77	10.00	10.00	<u>43,266.94</u>
Receipts:								
Dues	0.00							0.00
Contributions-Congregations		1,447.00						1,447.00
Contributions-individuals(via United Way)		158.40						158.40
Grant - United Way		2,083.35						2,083.35
Grant - City of Bellevue		0.00						0.00
Grant - City of Kirkland		0.00						0.00
Grant - City of Redmond		0.00						0.00
Grant - ESAP		212.92						212.92
Interest	6.10	88.61						94.71
From General Fund							550.00	550.00
Total receipts	6.10	3,990.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	<u>4,546.38</u>
Disbursements:								
Catholic Comm.Services-April svc.		8,061.67						8,061.67
Newsletter - printing & mailing	58.14							58.14
Food		166.11						166.11
Postage, copies	36.83	0.00						36.83
Family brochure-printing & mailing							553.46	553.46
Family Task Force	550.00							
Total disbursements	644.97	8,227.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	553.46	<u>9,426.21</u>
Ending balances	1,197.89	36,486.38	502.28	105.25	78.77	10.00	6.54	38,387.11
Cash balances - June 30, 1996:								
Checking								554.63
Savings								<u>37,832.48</u>
Total								38,387.11

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 10, 1996

NEXT PROGRAM: Tuesday noon, October 8, 1996, at Rock Room, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (1720 - 100th Ave. NE), Bellevue.

Program: Marketplace of agencies to meet Christmas/winter needs. Salvation Army, Multi-Service Center (with Puget Power and WA Natural Gas, and Project Home-Made Soups), Eastside Multi-Ethnic Center, and Emergency Feeding Program will each preside at a table with information about programs and opportunities for service. You are encouraged to stay until 1:45 p.m.

Brief annual meeting, including election of officers, after visiting agency booths. The executive committee will provide a luncheon of finger food and assorted beverages.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Geoff Ethelston called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. September 10, 1996, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, with prayer. Twenty-two persons were present.

MINUTES of the July 9, 1996, meeting were approved as printed. (Sally Wing, 747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached). The two-month report for July and August was accepted for audit. Palmer again noted lower receipts (\$11,906) than disbursements (\$19,273) for Congregations for the Homeless, with a current balance of \$29,119. He indicated a need for increased funding.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. Dating Violence. Speaker Belinda Lafferty, of Youth Eastside Services (YES) (747-4937), has worked with 9000 teens during the past three years in workshops and individually in response to reports of relationship abuse by control and domination, the only program in the state which serves teen victims. She reported beating of pregnant teenagers by their boyfriends and noted that 50% of date rapes occur in persons younger than 18 years old. She recognized vulnerability to control by teens who are in the process of developmental tasks of separation from parents, development of their own identity, competency, and gender relationships. Although teens are unlikely to seek out adults in authority, Natural Helpers and other peers can present information and provide a reality check. Since July, the Domestic Violence law permits arrest of persons as young as 16. Teens are also able to obtain protection orders without the consent of their parents. Coordinated response includes referral to Eastside Domestic Violence

Program (746-1940) for its crisis line and advocacy program. Lafferty noted the importance of prevention via schools and church youth groups, and encouraged calls to her to schedule presentations, to youth groups in particular.

Faye Williamson (869-0980) presented information about United Way's fall campaign, whose goal is \$50 million. She reported that 4000 volunteers participated in projects on the Day of Caring, September 6. She provided printed information on the theme, "With your help anything is possible." She noted that the local organization is independent of United Way of America, that volunteers allocate funds, and that administrative costs are 12%. United Way receives 50-100 calls each month from people who want to volunteer, and are referred to local agencies.

Shelley Noble, Multi-Service Center (747-4826, and Gene Barrett (644-9891) presented information on Project Home-Made Soups. Responding to a continuing need for food on the East Side, they plan to provide soup mix and recipes, which are being translated into several languages. Since Barrett is moving to Auburn, Terri Kimber (644-1729) will be the project contact person. She will bring to the October meeting information for youth and other volunteers to package dry food products, as well as information about purchasing or supplying these products.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The nominating committee presented this slate for the October election, prior to which nominations may be made from the floor:

Co-Chairpersons: The Rev. Geoffrey Ethelston, Beverly Goucher
Vice-Chairperson: Terri Kimber
Co-Secretaries: Dr. Sally Wing, Betty Spohn, Nadine Bentsen
Treasurer: James Palmer.

Members of the nominating committee are: Alicia Martinez (chair), Geoff Ethelston, Jim Palmer, Diana Roger, and Nadine Shannon.

TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE/ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

1. Congregations for the Homeless. Nadine Shannon (746-6019) reported that the program has been housing 16 - 20 men each night. Both she and Treasurer Jim Palmer emphasized that Congregations for the Homeless needs more funds from congregations and individuals, since the United Way contribution and other grants have been reduced.

3. Congregations for Kids. Pam Toelle (746-8659) announced a workshop on Tues., September 24, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Bellevue Schools Instructional Services Center, 12241 Main Street. Eight community ageencies will provide information for congregational staff and volunteers on working with and for children. Ideas

include packing personal hygiene kits and providing child care while parents are learning English. As the result of the previous workshop, 143 low-income children received school supplies, lunch boxes, and backpacks. The Rev. Geoff Ethelston reported that back-to-school clothing has been provided for 24 children in Duvall.

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 to local persons in need.

5. 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).

6. Bellevue City Hall will hold an open house on Thursday, September 12, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

7. King County Sexual Assault Resource Center will hold a workshop, "Communities of Trust," on Sat., September 14, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The aim of the workshop is to keep schools, churches, and community organizations free from sexual misconduct. The workshop is free for clergy, congregational staff and volunteers.

8. The City of Bellevue will sponsor a Neighborhood Enhancement Workshop, Thursday, September 19, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Bellevue High School Performing Arts Center.

9. Housing Advocacy. Ann Lewis (644-1224) announced the availability of a videotape on affordable housing, from the Washington Low Income Housing Network (442-9455).

Because of reduction in federal funding and inability to use the real estate excise tax for low and moderate income housing, she recommended contact of city and county council members to request local funding for affordable housing in forthcoming budgets.

10. Habitat for Humanity. Nadine Shannon announced that the roof has recently been completed for the second house, and that the third house will soon receive one.

11. Multi-Service Center. Shelley Noble, (747-4826) announced the mayor's day of concern for the Hungry on Saturday, September 28. Grocery stores will have lists of needed items for this project, in which the Emergency Feeding Program and the Bellevue Food Bank are participating. Volunteers are needed to assist.

12. National Depression Screening Day will be held on Thursday, October 10, from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Bellevue Community College, Garden Room in Cafeteria; and from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Eastside Mental Health, 16345 NE 87th, C-1, Redmond. This is a national effort to provide free screening for depression. Information: Eastside Mental Health (889-7127).

13. Interfaith Prayer Breakfast: "A Call to End Violence Against Women" will be sponsored by the Center for Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence (634-1903) on Friday, October 11, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, 1400 - 6th Avenue, Seattle. (See Registration Form below.)

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


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

November 12. Congregational reports.

December 10. Factoria Square youth.

January 14, 1997. Congregations for Kids.

REGISTRATION FORM
Interfaith Prayer Breakfast
Friday, October 11, 1996
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Sheraton Seattle Hotel, 1400 Sixth Avenue

Name.....

Address

.....
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Phone -Day:.....Evening:.....

Religious Affiliation:

Congregation/Place of Worship:

Please include \$16 registration fee to cover cost of breakfast.

Check payable to CPSDV:

Charge to VISA ... Master Card ... American Express ...

Card Number:.....

Expiration Date:

Signature:

Dietary preference: Kosher ... Vegetarian ...

Return registration form and payment by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 3, to:

Interfaith Prayer Breakfast
Center for the Prevention of Sexual & Domestic Violence
936 N. 34th St., Suite 200
Seattle, WA 98103

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For two month period ended Aug. 31, 1996

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Housing Task Force	Legislation	Family Task Force	Congregations for Kids	Total
Fund balance, beginning 7/1/96	1,198	36,486	502	105	79	10	7		38,387
Receipts:									
Dues	25	(25)							0
Contributions-Congregations		475						50	525
Contributions-individuals	30	0							30
Grant - United Way		2,000							2,000
Grant - City of Bellevue		7,143							7,143
Grant - City of Kirkland									0
Grant - City of Redmond		1,250							1,250
Grant - ESAP		426							426
Interest	12	137							149
Arch.Seattle-Rice Bowl grant		500							500
Total receipts	67	11,906	0	0	0	0	0	50	12,023
Disbursements:									0
Catholic Comm.Services-May/June		17,433							17,433
Insurance		1,158							1,158
Food		517							517
Postage, copies	49	60							109
Trailer license		105							105
									0
									0
									0
Total disbursements	49	19,273	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,322
Ending balances - August 31, 1996	1,216	29,119	502	105	79	10	7	50	31,088
Cash balances - August 31, 1996:									
Checking									520.49
Savings									30,567.55
Total									31,088.04

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, OCTOBER 8, 1996

NEXT PROGRAM: Tuesday noon, November 12, 1996, at Rock Room, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (1720 - 100th Ave. NE), Bellevue.

If you cannot be present, send an alternate. Clergy are always welcome, as well as youth representatives.

PROGRAM: Outreach to the community: Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council and congregations work together

Congregational Reports: Choose one of these options for a five-minute presentation and written report:

- A. An outreach program during the past year.
- B. An overview of your local outreach program.
- C. A planned outreach program in which other congregations participate.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Geoff Ethelston offered a prayer at 12:06 p.m. October 8, 1996, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Participants partook of a luncheon of finger food and assorted beverages, provided by the executive committee. Co-chairperson Nadine Shannon then called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. Seventeen persons were present. Jim Palmer noted that Bellevue Christian School students are attending a two-day conference on sex at First Presbyterian Church.

MINUTES of the September 10, 1996, meeting were approved as printed. (Sally Wing, 747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached). Three months payment is owed to Catholic Community Services for services to Congregations for the Homeless. The contract is currently being renegotiated. Congregations for Kids provided backpacks and supplies to 142 children. Since receipts continue to be lower than disbursements, there is a need for increased funding for Congregations for the Homeless.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present while agency representatives who had prepared displays described their programs.

PROGRAM. Multi-Service Centers. Shelley Noble (747-4826) announced a holiday program, seeking donations of food or gifts for 650 families. Means of giving include giving trees in congregations, buying for a specific child, buying gifts to be displayed for families at a gift room at the Multi-Service Center. All families whom they serve will receive special holiday food. The food bank

last year served 2915 individuals; the housing program provided emergency shelter for 59 families, eviction prevention for 206 families, and first month's rent; for 32 families; the financial assistance programs provided assistance with utility, auto gasoline, and prescriptions for 282 families; and energy assistance for 827 families; and the holiday program provided food for 685 families and gifts to 954 children.

Project Home-Made Soups. Terry Kimber (644-1729) has prepared a list of needed commodities and supplies, and plans to begin working with youth group volunteers to prepare packages of food in January. Faye Williamson, United Way (869-0980) will pursue contact with distributors, and will bring a list of holiday needs to the next meeting.

Emergency Feeding Program. Catherine Hillard (562-0698), described this program, supported by Church Council of Greater Seattle and the Black United Clergy for Action, working with more than 50 Eastside social service agencies. The program has suggested that congregations and others collect a different food each month, tuna fish in October. A weekend program has begun, with congregations taking a month in rotation to deliver emergency food. The recent Mayors' Day of Concern for the Hungry on September 28, with volunteers in front of markets, was very successful, resulting in 10 tons of food on the East Side for EMF, Multi-Service Center, and food banks.

Puget Power. Dennis Smedsrud reported that more than 200 employees have been assigned to immediate damage assessment when outages occur. The company is trying to improve communication with customers through such means as a voice response unit, which will notify the company of an outage and determine the status of power restoration. Printed information was available on conservation, preparedness for earthquakes and other emergencies. The Energy Fund, which provides assistance in emergencies through the Salvation Army, received \$350,000 and helped between 300 and 400 families last year. The company plans to combine its program with a similar Washington Natural Gas Energy program when the two companies are approved for merger.

Multi-Ethnic Center. Betty Smith (643-3559 or 746-8095), who was not present, sent information about Christmas/winter needs, including wrapped gifts for 30 children, ages preschool to seven years; day care center volunteers, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday; and coloring books, crayons, and pre-school games for the day care center.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Legislative Task Force. Joy Pocasangre (747-0877) announced that the Church Council of Greater Seattle has developed a position paper on the education initiatives, and that there will be a forum on the subject on Sunday, October 13.

Membership Committee. Betty Spohn (451-3651) called attention to extra EISCC brochures, Strengthening the Family booklets, etc.

Retiring Co-chairperson Nadine Shannon. She noted that the Eastside Conference on Race and Religion began in 1963, followed by the Bellevue Ecumenical Social Concerns Committee in 1971. Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council formally adopted bylaws in December, 1984. She thanked in particular Diana Roger, for astute recommendations for disbursement of funds for HIV/AIDS when the task force ceased its work. She thanked Sally Wing for minutes and newsletter, Betty Spohn for bulk mailings, and Jim Palmer for his work as treasurer. She thanked for their work in preparing an updated Emergency Services Directory Mary Ann Knowles, Pat Sandbo, Dorothy Scott, Gerry Longton, and Nadine Bentsen. Also commended were Babs Pingree for the Strengthening the Family booklet, Pam Toelle for implementing Congregations for Kids, Tony and Marian Copeland for the Employment Task Force, Betty Smith for the racial justice workshop, and Geoff Ethelston for sharing responsibility as co-chairperson. Joy Pocasangre was presented a certificate of recognition for her extensive service as vice-chairperson.

Following Nadine Shannon's report, Co-chairperson Geoff Ethelston presented bouquets to Nadine Shannon and Joy Pocasangre.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS was accomplished by unanimous vote:

Co-Chairpersons: The Rev. Geoffrey Ethelston, Beverly Goucher
Vice-Chairperson: Terry Kimber
Co-Secretaries: Dr. Sally Wing, Betty Spohn, Nadine Bentsen
Treasurer: James Palmer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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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 to local persons in need.

5. 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).

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. for continuation of lunch and visits to agencies' marketplace.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

December 10, 1996. Our youth: An example in the Factoria Square area.

January 14, 1997. Congregations for Kids.

February 11, 1997. Eastside Sexual Assault Center for Children.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended Sept. 30, 1996

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Receipts:									
Dues									0
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Contributions-individuals		71						18	89
Grant - United Way		1,000							1,000
Grant - City of Bellevue									0
Grant - City of Kirkland									0
Grant - City of Redmond									0
Grant - ESAP									0
Interest	8	66							73
									0
Total receipts	8	2,357	0	0	0	0	0	18	2,382
Disbursements:									0
Catholic Comm.Services-		0							0
Food		91							91
Postage, copies	40	19							59
Fundraising - postage, envelopes		21							21
Tote bags								68	68
									0
									0
Total disbursements	40	131	0	0	0	0	0	68	239
Ending balances - Sept. 30, 1996	1,184	31,344	502	105	79	10	7	0	33,231
Owed to Catholic Comm. Svc/July-Sept. svc		25,000 (Estimated)							
Cash reserves		6,344							
<u>Cash balances - Sept. 30, 1996:</u>									
Checking									327.94
Savings									32,903.32
Total									33,231.26

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, NOVEMBER 12, 1996

NEXT PROGRAM: "Youth needs in the Factoria Square area." Speakers will include: Rob Beem, City of Bellevue Parks and Community Services; and Bellevue Police Officer Steve Hoover, Factoria Community Officer. December 10, 1996, 12:00 noon, Rock Room, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

If you cannot be present, please send an alternate. Clergy are always welcome, as well as youth representatives. Please provide brief announcements in writing.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Geoff Ethelston opened the meeting with prayer by Betty Spohn at 12:05 p.m. October 8, 1996, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Twenty-two persons were present.

MINUTES of the October 8, 1996, meeting were approved as printed. (Sally Wing, 747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached). An agreement has been made with Catholic Community Services for services to Congregations for the Homeless. Payments have been made to CCS for July, August, and September expenses. Two private donations have been received, as well as congregational funds, and grants from United Way and the city of Kirkland.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. "Outreach to the community: Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council and congregations work together"

Newport Presbyterian, Bellevue. Betty Spohn (451-3651)

The Hidden Village Youth and Family Support Project works with an apartment complex, managed by the King County Housing Authority, near Bellevue Community College, housing many refugee families. An Americorps worker, Ellen Ngo, directs a new program providing tutoring, crafts, and other activities. English as a Second Language classes are presented by the Multi-Ethnic Center.

Grace Lutheran, Bellevue. Sally Wing (747-5924)

Outreach to the community includes invitations to regular and special programs, frequent use of buildings by community organizations, and a wide variety of volunteer participation, including Congregations for the Homeless. Little Lambs Lutheran Child Care provides care for infants and young children. We also house a counselor for the Lutheran Counseling Network. Other ministries include a monthly Senior luncheon, attended by about 40 to 50 persons, many of them from local nursing homes.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Medina. Bev Goucher (232-1030)

Project Outreach has for almost 30 years ago provided an organized focus for giving, recently providing grants to the Christmas in April program, Eastside Habitat for Humanity, and Congregations for the Homeless. The Mission Volunteer Program coordinates and channels volunteers for human needs beyond the parish, including, in addition to those named above, English as a Second Language, Congregations for Kids, Bellevue Multi-Service Center, First Avenue Service Center, and the Salvation Army.

First Presbyterian, Bellevue. Greg Stone, Director of Missions (454-3082)

Areas of emphasis for Community Outreach include hunger, healing, housing, and homelessness. A facilitator with at-risk youth works with existing programs for feeding, shelter, and tutoring. Pulpit exchange and other activities are done with Mt. Calvary Christian Center, an African-American congregation in Seattle's Central District.

All Saints Episcopal, Bellevue. Pam Toelle (746-8659)

Emphasis is on choices, face-to-face meeting with people, and hands-on work, especially in community with children. Current activities include the Congregations for Kids back to school project run by young people, and food and cash donations and volunteer time for a Thanksgiving food drive with the Multi-Service Center.

Bellevue Christian (Disciples of Christ). Barbara Smith (746-8095)

The congregation has participated with other groups in Habitat for Humanity, Congregations for the Homeless, Congregations for Kids, and the Multi-Service Center. They provide food, quilts, and other gifts for the Overlake Service League. Ministry to developmentally disabled adults includes a Sunday School class, integration into the regular church program, and a weekend camp in cooperation with other Disciples congregations.

Overlake Park Presbyterian, Bellevue. Al Bagley (885-0913) and Betty Smith (746-8095)

With assistance from St. Peter's Methodist church, the congregation sponsors a Bosnian family, arranged by Church World Service. When more family members arrive, Bellevue First Presbyterian and Mercer Island Presbyterian Church will also assist. Members of the congregations also volunteer for the Emergency Feeding Program and Habitat for Humanity.

First Congregational, Bellevue. Diana Roger (277-6528)

This open and affirming congregation welcomes gay, lesbian, and bisexual people. A task force provided educational programs and written materials, in order to establish a safe environment to express opinions and ask questions. A permanent subcommittee of the Outreach Commission includes part of the congregation's statement in Sunday bulletins, provides classes, and recommends books. The

statement reads in part: "As an inclusive Christian community, we affirm each person's unique contributions." It also interfaces with The Eastside Network, an organization for gay, lesbian, and bisexual persons and their supporters.

St. Margaret's Episcopal, Bellevue. Peggy Johnson (392-3918)

Diocesan fund-raising supports Simon of Cyrene Ministry for families of persons in prison and Multi-Faith AIDS Project, among others. Volunteers participate in a dinner program at Crossroads Community Center administered by Catholic Community Services. As a host congregation for Congregations for the Homeless, St. Margaret's is supported by St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic and Holy Cross Lutheran churches. Members also participate in Habitat for Humanity and the Emergency Feeding Program. A covenant relationship with Pike Place Market Ministry includes hat-making and a blanket and coat drive by junior and senior high youth. St. Margaret's Thrift Shop provides funds to various non-profit organizations, in addition to free clothing and household goods to those who need them.

Latter Day Saints, Bellevue. Terry Kimber (644-1729)

The Employment Task Force continues to meet every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m., 14536 Main St., providing many job listings, and assisting in resume-writing and preparation for interviews. LDS members help Multi-Service Center in food projects, donate quilts to the Eastside Baby Corner, and provide volunteer support for Congregations for the Homeless.

Temple De Hirsch Sinai, Bellevue. Joy Pocasangre (747-0877)

Most of the Social Action Committee's outreach is in partnership with Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council, where a congregation can do more together than separately. Volunteer participation includes Congregations for the Homeless, Congregations for Kids, Interfaith Alliance (social ideas and actions), and Coalition for a Jewish Voice (lobbying).

Cross of Christ Lutheran, Bellevue; St. Louise Roman Catholic, Bellevue; and Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Bellevue.

Nadine Bentsen (747-1543), Dorothy Shindler (455-1864), Ann Lewis (644-1224), and Donn Franklin (746-7796).

Shared activities include Congregations for the Homeless and Habitat for Humanity, Vacation Bible School, Thanksgiving Eve worship and covenant renewal, staff sharing, and prayers for each other. A new program, Kids at the Xrossroads (KATX), is also sponsored by Lake Hills Elementary School, the most diverse school in Bellevue, and coordinated by AmeriCorps worker Nora Trujillo, providing mentoring, tutoring, transportation, and child care. Church of the Resurrection is constructing 20 units of affordable duplexes for low-income elderly persons on its church property. St. Louise is also supporting Emergency Feeding Program and Friend to Friend, both programs of Church Council of Greater Seattle; and working in partnership with First Presbyterian in the transitional housing project, Housing at the Crossroads.

St. Andrew's Lutheran, Bellevue. Catherine Hillard (562-0689)

Members of the congregation participate in low cost housing programs, and provide space for an Emergency Feeding Program office, Eastside Domestic Violence Program meetings, and English as a Second Language classes.

Grace Episcopal Church, Duvall. The Rev. Geoff Ethelston (486-5665)

A clothing resource center provided back to school clothing for a total of 24 children, both those entering the federally funded ECAP pre-school program and their siblings. If funding becomes available to replace a Diocesan grant, the program will be expanded to Head Start children in Carnation.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.Legislative Task Force. Joy Pocasangre (747-0877)

Noting threats to civil liberties from the religious right, including opposition to abortion and gay rights, she recommended a special report by Daniel Junas, prepared for the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington, entitled "The religious right in Washington." The booklet is available for \$5.00 from ACLU of Washington, 705 2nd Ave., Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98104-1799. (206) 624-2184. [The EISCC Executive Committee is ordering copies to be made available at the December 10 meeting.]

Friday, March 20, 1997 will be Interfaith Day in Olympia, sponsored by the Washington Association of Churches as an opportunity for lay and clergy leaders to meet with legislators. Friday, April 4 will be Human Rights Day.

Congregations for the Homeless. Nadine Shannon (746-6019)

Since August, 1993, 417 men have been served for a total of 13,000 bednights and nearly 36,000 meals. More than 20,000 volunteer hours have been donated. Of those served, 83 % are now employed. She noted that EISCC administrative costs are less than one per cent, and that this is the only Eastside shelter serving homeless men.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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6. Washington Natural Gas, whose representative was unable to attend the October meeting, sent safety materials.
7. Project Home-Made Soups. Terry Kimber (644-1729) has a list of needed commodities and a calendar of dates between November and February when Carla Jensen can work with youth and other groups to package food items and recipes.
8. Economic Justice Forum. A breakfast forum series at Seattle University will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 1997, and Wednesday, June 4, 1997, 7:15-8:30 a.m., Casey Building, 5th Floor Commons. Karin Dufault, SP, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Sisters of Providence Health System, will speak on "Economic Justice Pastoral: Implications for health care." On June 4, Phyllis J. Campbell, President & CEO of U.S. Bank of Washington will speak on "Justice and the changing bank industry." Information: Bill Bratko, Economic Justice Forum, c/o ICTS, Seattle University, Seattle, WA 98122. (206) 296-5337.
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10. A 10-minute videotape is available on Bellevue diversity programs. (Betty Smith, 746-8095).
11. A project booklet is available from the Multi-Faith AIDS Project. (Diana Roger, 277-6528).

12. A Messiah sing-along will be held Saturday, December 7, 7:00 p.m. at the Latter Day Saints Church at 14536 Main St, Bellevue. (Terry Kimber, 644-1729).

13. Children's Initiative holds monthly meetings at Bellevue City Hall, and a forum is anticipated in February, 1997. (Pam Toelle, 746-8569).

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

January 14, 1997. Congregations for Kids.

February 11, 1997. Eastside Sexual Assault Center for Children.

March 11, 1997. Legislative issues for March 20 interfaith day in Olympia.

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MINUTES, DECEMBER 10, 1996

NEXT PROGRAM: "Congregations for Kids." Speakers will include: The Rev. Ann Lukens, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, and Marian Pfeiffer, Assistant Principal, Lake Hills Elementary School. Joy Pocasangre, Legislative Task Force Chair, will discuss legislative issues. Tuesday, January 14, 1997, 12:00 noon, Rock Room, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

If you cannot be present, please send an alternate. Clergy are always welcome, as well as youth representatives. Please provide brief announcements in writing.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Beverly Goucher opened the meeting with prayer led by Joy Pocasangre at 12:09 p.m., December 10, 1996, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Twenty-two persons were present.

MINUTES of the November 12, 1996, meeting were approved as corrected. (Sally Wing, 747-5924). In line two, page one, under Welcome and Prayer "October 8" on was replaced by "November 12"; on page 2, the first line of the Bellevue Christian report, the phone number was corrected to "883-7303."

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached). In the absence of the Treasurer, Nadine Shannon reported a balance on November 30 of \$25,181.93. She reminded congregations to pay \$25 dues for 1997. [A printed report was made available later, including grants from United Way, and cities of Bellevue, Kirkland, and Redmond; and payment to Catholic Community Services for October.]

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. New representatives include Leo Hymas, Latter Day Saints, and Debbie Sladek, St. Andrew's Lutheran.

PROGRAM. "Youth needs in the Factoria Square area." Speakers: Rob Beem, Senior Planner, City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services; Officer Steve Hoover, Factoria Community Officer; and Officer Richard Chinn, Spiritwood Substation, Bellevue.

The police officers reported increased youth crimes, especially car prowls and breakins. Although there is some gang activity, youth crime is more likely to result from "hanging out" and having "nothing else to do," occurring most frequently during school breaks and the beginning and end of summer vacation. These officers interact with parents and school staff members, work in housing projects, work jointly with such programs as the Bellevue Parks Department, Boys and Girls Club (for which a Rotary club donated a

van), literacy programs, and a summer leadership camp. Activities for youth, adult leadership and role models assist in providing incentives for youth to remain in school.

Beem provided information about Developmental Assets, for which the Minneapolis-based SEARCH program surveyed grades 7, 9, and 11 in Bellevue schools. Results and proposals for action are expected from the Bellevue Youth Initiative in April, 1997. External assets include family communication, useful community roles for youth, and adult role models; internal assets include school performance, values such as honesty and responsibility, and self-esteem. The presence of more assets is correlated with school success and avoidance of alcohol and violence. He noted that no youth programs exist in Bellevue south of Interstate 90. Spanish, Russian, and many Asian languages are spoken frequently in Bellevue, and there are low-income families in every area of the community.

Mission Statement. (Geoff Ethelston, 486-5665). Volunteers were requested to develop a second draft in response to the proposal circulated at the meeting.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Legislative Task Force. Joy Pocasangre (747-0877). Copies of a report by Daniel Junas, prepared for the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington, entitled "The religious right in Washington, " were made available at a suggested donated of \$5.00.

Membership (Nadine Bentsen (747-1543). Corrections were requested on a newly drafted membership list.

Project Home-Made Soups. (Terry Kimber (644-1729). Youth volunteers were requested for participation in an Eastside Journal story about the project.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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6. Faye Williamson (556-8326) announced holiday opportunities for volunteers through United Way.
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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

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We provide a forum to educate, advocate, initiate, coordinate, support, and, through task forces and other means, work for the common good of the Eastside community to address human needs and improve the quality of life.

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