

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, JANUARY 14, 1997

NEXT PROGRAM: Eastside Sexual Assault Center for Children. Debbie Doane, MSW, Director, will discuss their services and needs for volunteers. Joy Pocasangre will report on the January 25 legislative issues conference, Washington Association of Churches Legislative Alert and the Interfaith Alliance newsletter. Tuesday, February 11, 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 Geoff Ethelston opened the meeting with prayer led by Nadine Bentsen at 12:05 p.m., January 14, 1997, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Twenty-six persons were present.

MINUTES of the December 10, 1996, meeting were approved as printed. (Sally Wing, 747-5924). [A single typographical error in the spelling of Bellevue was corrected on page 2, paragraph 2, line 4.]

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached). The treasurer reported a balance on December 31 of \$26,986. Dues payments of \$350 and grants and contributions of \$8241 to Congregations for the Homeless have been received, and there are no outstanding bills.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. Nadine Bentsen has prepared a current listing of members' names and addresses, for which she requested corrections.

PROGRAM. "Congregations for Kids." Speakers included: The Rev. Ann Lukens (454-9541), St. Thomas Episcopal Church, and co-chair, Congregations for Kids; Nora Trujillo (401-0646), Family Connections; and Myra McCarthy and Angela Romig, human services specialists at Lake Hills Elementary School.

Congregations for Kids, according to Pastor Lukens, has served as a broker to introduce faith communities back into the schools for hands-on projects to meet children's needs. There will be a Go-See Van Tour of schools on April 9, from 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., similar to last year's tour, followed by debriefing at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. [A signup sheet was circulated during the meeting; further reservations may be made with Pam Toelle, 746-8659.] Small business or non-profit groups are also invited to participate. Good Start Back to School, on Wednesday, July 9, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., will provide training for outreach volunteers in

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MINUTES, FEBRUARY 11, 1997

NEXT PROGRAM: Housing & Homelessness Programs: Eric Brown, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church; Arnie Gaillard, Habitat for Humanity; Nadine Shannon, Congregations for the Homeless. March 11, 1997, 12:00 noon, Rock Room, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

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WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Bev Goucher opened the meeting with prayer led by Betty Smith at 12:05 p.m., February 11, 1997, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Twenty-two persons were present.

MINUTES of the January 14, 1997, meeting were approved as printed. (Sally Wing, 747-5924). (A typographical error of an additional digit on page 5, item # 13, was corrected.)

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached). (Presented in the absence of the treasurer by Geoff Ethelston, Co-chairperson.) The treasurer reported a cash balance on January 31 of \$26,621. Congregations for the Homeless received a cash grant of \$4,000 and Project Home-Made Soups a cash grant of \$500 from St. Margaret's Thrift Shop. Gifts of \$650 from two congregations for the Emergency Service Fund have been forwarded to the Multi-Service Center. Payments have been made to Catholic Community Services through December 31, 1996, including an increased billing for December for the manager's extra time in caring for the men during the Christmas snowstorm.

PROGRAM. Eastside Sexual Assault Center for Children. Kerry Todd, MSW, ESACC social worker, stated that the program is directed by Deborah Doane, MSW, (who was unable to be present today) and managed by Harborview Sexual Assault Center. Space and other services are provided by Overlake Hospital. Local city governments and the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy provide financial support. Services began in the 1980s for young children. Evaluations determine presence of abuse and impact on the child. The program provides short-term therapy for children and education for parents, in particular, how to respond to children's questions. Two legal advocates may attend Family Court sessions with a family. Although most referrals come from Child Protective Services, others are welcome to call with concerns. Ms. Todd noted heightened awareness of sexual abuse, and many reports of children acting out with other children. Consultation in the community includes training for teachers and CPS workers. Volunteer opportunities include child

care, office assistance, fund raising, and advisory board membership. A videotape of Kids' Court depicted the program which helps more than 100 children each year to feel comfortable testifying through anticipating what will happen and learning to relax. ESACC serves about 200 children each year between the ages of three and 17, about one-half below the age of six. More girls are seen than boys.

Legislative Report. Joy Pocasangre (747-0877) reported on the Washington Association of Churches' Legislative Conference on January 25, when Nancy Amidei, MSW, offered education on how to talk to legislators. Geoff Ethelston noted emphasis on persons who are overlooked, and the opportunity at the conference for small group discussion and role play. EISCC members were urged to invite their clergy and lay staff to participate in Clergy Day, March 6, reminding them of a letter from the Revs. Paul Forman and Geoff Ethelston of the opportunity to present their concerns to legislators in Olympia.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Legislation. Joy Pocasangre (747-0877) urged contact of Senators Slade Gorton and Patty Murray to question nominees for State Department appointments regarding their position on human rights. Because of EISCC'S non-profit status, it is not appropriate to support or oppose specific candidates.

Friday, March 20, 1997 will be Church Advocacy 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.

Ms. Pocasangre urged use of the Legislative Hot Line (1-800-562-6000) and e-mail to legislators.

Congregations for the Homeless. Nadine Shannon (746-6019) noted that Barbara Smith has recently been writing grants. There was good recent coverage in the Eastside Journal. Reports have been submitted to United Way and to the Secretary of State. An official audit is needed, for which a volunteer CPA is needed.

Newsletter. Betty Spohn (451-3651) reported that the newsletter and the revised EISCC brochure have been mailed.

OTHER BUSINESS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Please share Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council information with your clergy and your Social Action or Outreach committees.

2. Brief written notices of events 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.

3. Newcomer packets are available from Betty Spohn, Membership Chair (451-3651). She also has extra copies of Council minutes, brochures, and the Strengthening the Family booklet.

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). EISCC administrative costs are less than one per cent in providing a cost-effective, professionally run, community-based service, which includes meals, shelter, and employment case management.

6. The Pacific Northwest Multicultural Conference on Spirituality and Recovery: Healing racism, addiction & abuse, will be held March 19-22, 1997, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Seattle. Registration: \$75; low income, \$40; ministers' workshop, \$40. Information: Presbyterian Counseling, 564 NE Ravenna Blvd., Seattle, WA 98115. (206) 527-2266.

7. Economic Justice Forum. A breakfast forum at Seattle University will be held on Wednesday, June 4, 1997, 7:15-8:30 a.m., Casey Building, 5th Floor Commons. 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.

8. Bellevue Youth Initiative anticipates survey results for grades 7, 9, and 11 in Bellevue schools April 9, 1997. This survey, described during the December, 1996, EISCC program by Rob Beem, Senior Planner for the City of Bellevue, seeks information on external assets such as family communication, useful community roles for youth, and adult role models; and internal assets such as school performance, values such as honesty and responsibility, and self-esteem. That date will mark the beginning of a youth initiative program in Bellevue and Seattle, according to Pam Toelle (746-8659), representative to the Collaborative Leadership Provider Group.

9. Prayer service for persons affected by HIV/AIDS continues to be presented on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 9460 NE 14th Street, Bellevue, at 7:30 p.m. Information: 454-9536.

10. Schedule of programs for Odyssey (Channel 15, 4:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday - Friday) was presented. Sally Wing (747-5924) urged members to write to the Eastside Journal, Bellevue City Council, or TCI to request expansion of the local schedule.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

April 8, 1997. "Faces of unemployment."

May 13, 1997. Youth Advocacy Survey Followup.

June 10, 1997. With Grace Training Foundation (job skills training for women).

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Activity Report - All funds

For month ended January 31, 1997

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

February, 1997

To: Members of Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council

From: Sally Wing, Co-Secretary

WHAT FUTURE PROGRAMS WOULD YOU LIKE?

EISCC Executive Committee suggests several possible programs. Please bring your response to the March EISCC meeting, mail it to EISCC at the above address, fax to (206) 746-0462, or telephone Sally Wing, Co-Secretary (747-5924).

In which of these programs are you interested in having more information?

WA Low Income Housing Network ____

Values: Aspen Declaration, with Richard Englund ____

Cultural Diversity ____

YWCA Working Wardrobe ____

PFLAG Project Open Mind as part of dialogue presentation ____

Refugee resettlement ____

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Eastside Literacy Council ____

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MINUTES, MARCH 11, 1997

NEXT PROGRAM: "Faces of unemployment." Jim Palmer, First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, support group for unemployed persons; employment services of Congregations for the Homeless; Leo Hymas, Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council Employment Task Force; and Donn Franklin, housing program at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. April 8, 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 and other lay persons. Please provide brief announcements in writing.

Please complete and return the survey enclosed in the minutes.

Voting members: please note enclosure of proposed revisions to the EISCC constitution and bylaws, on which a vote will be taken in May. Be sure to share these with your congregation.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Geoff Ethelston opened the meeting with prayer at 12:05 p.m., March 11, 1997, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Thirty-one persons were present.

MINUTES of the February 11, 1997, meeting were approved as printed. (Sally Wing, 747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached). Grants have been received from the cities of Bellevue and Kirkland. No bill has been received from Catholic Community Services for Congregations for the Homeless. The treasurer's report was accepted.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. Housing & Homelessness Programs.

Eric Brown (746-1699) and Dale Nienow provided information on St. Andrew's Housing Group. In partnership with other non-profit organizations, they build and manage permanent housing for such persons as single parents with children and victims of catastrophic illness. Their goal is to provide quality housing, in a safe and secure physical place, to enable people to remain on the Eastside and be involved in the community. They now house about 100 people, having completed a 14-unit apartment complex in Issaquah and a 24-unit complex in Factoria. They are currently constructing 51 town home apartments in Klahanie, for occupancy in March, 1998, in partnership with InterIm Community Development Associates, which has

previously worked in the International District in Seattle. The group continues to seek partnerships to work on future development. Referrals have been made by A Coalition for Regional Housing and social service agencies, as well as through newspaper advertisements and community meetings.

Kal LeMaster (643-1008) presented information about Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit, non-denominational Christian housing ministry, which began in Georgia, and has expanded from the original seven congregations in this area. Their current project, Overlake Park Town Homes, near the Overlake Park Presbyterian Church, includes ten units, which are occupied by persons who commit 500 hours of "sweat equity," in addition to volunteer labor and donations from the community. Thanks were extended to Marilyn Canfield, Habitat representative to EISCC.

In describing Congregations for the Homeless, Nadine Bentsen indicated benefits to host and supporting congregations, including the opportunity to listen to the men who are provided overnight housing on a rotating basis in local congregations. The program served 137 men during 1996, resulting in employment for 67%. There were 17,484 meals served and 5,828 bed nights provided. Terry Kimber has coordinated eleven Latter Day Saints congregations to serve meals to the men in the program. (For further information, call Nadine Shannon, 746-6019.)

Donn Franklin, Episcopal Church of the Resurrection (746-7796), noted that 20 affordable units are being built on the church property, of which eight are already occupied.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Legislation. Joy Pocasangre (747-0877) reported on Eastside Clergy Day, March 6, in Olympia, which included briefings by legislative representatives and members of the House. She thanked First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, for use of its bus. She also reported on a Washington Interfaith Alliance meeting concerning Religious Right opposition toward lesbian and gay persons. She announced that Friday, March 20, 1997 will be Church Advocacy 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) proposed an anti-discrimination statement for the EISCC bylaws.

Newsletter. Betty Spohn (451-3651) reported that the newsletter and the revised EISCC brochure have been mailed.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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6. Economic Justice Forum. A breakfast forum at Seattle University will be held on Wednesday, June 4, 1997, 7:15-8:30 a.m., Casey Building, 5th Floor Commons. 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.
7. Prayer service for persons affected by HIV/AIDS continues to be presented on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 9460 NE 14th Street, Bellevue, at 7:30 p.m. Information: 454-9536.
8. Congregations for Kids will hold a back to school tour on Wednesday, April 9, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Highland Covenant Church, to visit Stevenson Elementary School and Highland Middle School, and conclude with lunch. For reservations, call Pam Toelle (746-8659).
9. Art Sullivan of ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) (861-3677) requested representation for a citizen advisory board, which reviews proposed projects and coordinates community education and outreach.

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March, 1997

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MINUTES, APRIL 8, 1997

NEXT PROGRAM: "It's About Time for Kids." Rob Beem, City of Bellevue, will lead discussion on recent Youth Advocacy Survey, and present recommendations on working with youth. Tuesday, May 13, 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, persons who work with youth, and other lay persons. Please provide brief announcements in writing.

Voting members: please note proposed revisions to the EISCC constitution and bylaws, on which a vote will be taken.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Bev Goucher opened the meeting with prayer at 12:05 p.m., April 8, 1997, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Twenty-eight persons were present.

MINUTES of the March 11, 1997, meeting were approved as printed. (Sally Wing, 747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 747-2977) (Attached). Catholic Community Services has been paid for January and February services for Congregations for the Homeless. The organization has been registered with the Secretary of State, through attorney Terry Lukens. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Impact of welfare reform was noted by Geoff Ethelston, Co-Chairperson, and Joy Pocasangre, Legislative Task Force Chair. Tony Lee, lobbyist for Fair Budget Action, is predicting an increase in homelessness and hunger as a result of Federal Welfare Reform. He asked members to document results for the legislature, and to call legislators and Governor Locke. The plan of former Governor Lowry, not limiting welfare, has been registered with the U.S. Government, and will take effect if no other plan has been adopted by July. Nadine Shannon noted that the average stay on welfare on the Eastside is two and one-half years.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. Richard Glenn and Linda McClenahan, representing Eastside Mental Health, announced a new Open Door program for outpatient chemical dependency treatment, and reminded participants of other mental health services.

PROGRAM. "Faces of unemployment" was presented by Jim Palmer (747-2977), First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue; Leo Hymas (392-3855), Latter Day Saints, Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council

Employment Task Force; Sam Nazario (562-6877), Case Manager, Congregations for the Homeless; and Donn Franklin 746-7796), Episcopal Church of the Resurrection.

An employment support group will be maintained at First Presbyterian Church, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., although attendance is currently low.

Employment services, coordinated by the LDS church, are offered at no cost to those who either list or seek jobs. Job listings are updated weekly through the Renton office of the LDS Jobs Network (220 S. 3rd St., Renton, 682-3363 or 1-800-453-3860, ext. 3368). Seventy-five per cent of those interviewed during the past two years are now employed. Instructional videotapes include resumes, job applications, and interviewing. The service is available each Thursday evening, 7:30 p.m., LDS church, 14536 Main Street (just west of 148th Ave. SE), Bellevue.

Congregations for the Homeless assists persons in the program, during their two-month or sometimes longer stay, to write resumes and business plans. Congregations are encouraged to develop temporary jobs. Catholic Community Services also helps homeless families.

A non-profit foundation has been formed with a separate board and an on-site administrator to provide affordable housing for the elderly in Cambridge Court on three acres of the Church of the Resurrection property, with the aid of low-cost loans from the State and the City. Twenty units, one-story duplexes and triplexes, all occupied, include one-, two-, and three-bedroom homes.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Legislation. Joy Pocasangre (747-0877) shared an article from the Freedom Writer Magazine on the separation of church and state, written by the Rev. Richard P. Morse, Lake Washington Christian Church, Kirkland. She also shared the text of Initiative 677 to prohibit job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Congregations for the Homeless. Nadine Shannon (746-6019) encouraged financial contributions from congregations to meet the \$95,800 budget. More than one support congregation is encouraged for each host congregation.

CONSTITUTION/BYLAWS REVISION. Amendments were proposed and adopted to the draft bylaws mailed to members.

MSC to insert in Article II, (new) Section I, of the Constitution, "believe that we," in the first line between "Council" and "are guided."

MSC to insert in Bylaws Article II, numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 between "assume" and "responsibilites" "agreed-upon" and to delete "as assigned."

MSC to substitute in Bylaws Article II, number 4, "each" for "every."

MSC to adopt the document as amended for approval at the May 13 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

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NOTE: THIS IS A DRAFT. PLEASE DISCUSS WITH YOUR CONGREGATION AND BE PREPARED TO VOTE AT THE MAY 13, 1997 MEETING.

Proposed changes include: substitution of mission statement for purpose (or both could be included); inclusion of anti-discrimination clause; transfer from bylaws to constitution of section concerning associate members; and duties of officers (bylaws).

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
CONSTITUTION

Amended 3-13-90, 3-14-95, 5-13-97

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section I. The name of the organization shall be the Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC).

ARTICLE II. --PURPOSE

Section I. --The purpose of the EISCC is to provide a means of communication between Eastside congregations and the community in the field of social concerns. --It will provide a means for developing cooperative interaction between congregations. --The Council will endeavor to promote activities relating to human needs. Member congregations will also participate in various activities, including celebrations and opportunities for dialogue, to improve community awareness and service.

Section I. Mission Statement.

We, Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council, are guided by the moving of God's spirit in our community to work together in a spirit of caring and celebration. We honor and respect each others' religious heritages, welcome and pray for each other, and share information about pressing community needs.

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.

Section II. No part of the net earnings of this organization shall ever inure to or for the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make distributions and payments in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it was formed.

Section III. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Section IV. Our anti-discrimination policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, sex, color, age, national origin, political ideology, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, handicap, or other protected characteristic.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section I. Membership in EISCC is on a voluntary basis. Membership is open to all Eastside congregations incorporated as "non-profit religious organizations" under the laws of Washington State. Membership shall be by congregational action. A roster of member congregations shall be established at the September meeting and maintained throughout the year.

Section II. Each member congregation shall select two (2) voting representatives, preferably one clergy and one lay representative.

Section III. Each member congregation shall pay annual dues to EISCC in the contribute-an-amount to be determined by the membership annually to EISCC, prior to the January meeting. The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31. Congregations in good standing are those which have paid their current dues.

ARTICLE IV. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

1. Associate memberships may be extended to constituent groups in the areas of social and health services whose philosophies are consistent with the purposes of the EISCC.

2. Associate members shall have voice but not vote.

3. Associate members shall pay annual dues to EISCC in an amount to be determined by the membership annually, prior to the January meeting, upon application and thereafter to cover administrative costs.

4. Associate members shall receive the monthly mailings of the EISCC.

ARTICLE IV_V. OFFICERS

Section I. The officers of the EISCC shall be Chairperson, Past Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and-Treasurer, and Delegate-at-Large, and these shall constitute the Executive Committee. Officers shall be members of congregations in good standing. Offices of Chairperson and Secretary may be held jointly by more than one person.

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 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. ~~Change-of-Treasurer-will-follow-a-review-of-financial-records-by-an outside-independent-auditor-or-a-person-designated-or-appointed-by the-EISCC-Chairperson-at-the-time-of-the-change.~~

Section III. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy within the term of an officer, the unexpired term shall be filled by appointment of the Chairperson from the remaining members of the EISCC, subject to confirmation by the membership.

| ARTICLE V.VI MEETINGS

Section I. EISCC will meet monthly regularly every month, except during the month of August. The Annual Meeting shall be the October meeting.

Section II. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson with not less than ten (10) days notice of time, place and agenda being made to the congregational representatives.

Section III. A quorum shall be constituted when one-third (1/3) of the member congregations are represented.

Section IV. Actions and voting procedures of meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order except in the case where the EISCC addresses issues of social concern with recommendation for local congregation or community policy or action. In this case, the Procedures contained in the Bylaws shall be followed.

| ARTICLE VI.VII. COMMITTEES

Section I. Standing committees and task forces will be appointed by the Chairperson, as required, to perform tasks of the EISCC.

| ARTICLE VII.VIII. 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 VIII.IX DISSOLUTION

Section I. In the event of the dissolution of the EISCC, any assets remaining after the payment of all its obligations shall be distributed to another organization or organizations then tax exempt as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC RECOMMENDATION AND ACTION

The following procedures for public recommendation and action outline steps designed to encourage broad study, discussion of alternatives and consensus building prior to a vote of EISCC representatives and the reporting of their action.

1. Issue is raised by local congregation, social agency, or EISCC subcommittee at a regularly scheduled meeting. Alternative courses of action are considered. Where anticipated, a description of the issue to be discussed should be included in a meeting notice.

2. A proposed study statement is drafted and submitted to local congregations for discussion and action prior to the next meeting. (This statement is not for public release.)

3. Local congregations individually act upon the proposed study statement.

4. At the next EISCC meeting, the proposed statement is discussed, language tightened, amended and voted upon by EISCC representatives. A quorum being present, two-thirds (2/3) of the representatives assenting shall constitute approval.

5. Public release of the final statement should include the following:

a) A "Disclaimer" stating that the statement represents the thinking of the EISCC board of local congregational representatives and does not imply official endorsement of the specific congregations or denominational bodies.

b) A tally of the final vote indicating "for," "against" and "abstain."

6. When any issue requires urgent response by EISCC, a proposal may be presented to the council at a regular meeting. The proposal will be discussed, language tightened, amended as appropriate, and voted upon by the EISCC representatives. A unanimous assent of those present and voting shall be required for approval. Any release shall carry a notice that due to time constraints, the congregations have not yet voted upon this issue.

7. When any issue requires urgent response by the EISCC, but the draft proposal fails to receive unanimous consent of those present and voting, the officers may meet to draft a proposal which shall be sent to members with a notice of meeting, the date of said meeting to be no less than ten (10) days from the date of posting. The proposal shall be discussed and acted upon as described in Bylaws Article I, # 4. Any release shall carry a notice that due to time constraints the congregations have not yet voted upon this issue.

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

-----1---Associate-memberships-may-be-extended-to-constituent-groups in-the-areas-of-social-and-health-services-whose-philosophies-are consistent-with-the-purposes-of-the-EISCC-

-----2---Associate-members-shall-have-voice-but-not-vote-

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

-----4---Associate-members-shall-receive-the-monthly-mailings-of-the EISCC-

| ARTICLE II. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee, and shall, in conjunction with other members of the Executive Committee, manage the affairs of the Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council. The Chairperson shall attend meetings of the Executive Committee and assume responsibilities as assigned. The Chairperson is an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

2. The Vice-Chairperson shall assume responsibilities of the Chair in the event of the Chair's absence or inability to serve. The Vice-Chairperson shall attend meetings of the Executive Committee and assume responsibilities as assigned.

3. The Secretary shall record attendance at Council meetings and keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee, and distribute them to members and associate members. The Secretary will maintain a file of minutes and correspondence, as well as printed information from members and guests, and write thank you notes to speakers. The Secretary shall maintain a current monthly mailing list and bulk mailing list and make between two and four bulk mailings each year. The Secretary shall attend meetings of the Executive Committee and assume responsibilities as assigned.

4. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Council, disburse funds according to action of the Council or the Executive Committee, and provide a written financial statement at every Council meeting. The Treasurer shall bill and account for dues paid by each Member and Associate Member. The Treasurer shall attend meetings of the Executive Committee and assume responsibilities as assigned. Change of Treasurer will follow a review of financial records by an outside independent auditor or a person designated or appointed by the EISCC chairperson at the time of the change.

5. The Delegate-at-Large shall assume responsibility for depositing current receipts and other duties as assigned by the Chairperson. The Delegate-at-Large shall attend meetings of the Executive Committee and assume responsibilities as assigned.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, JUNE 10, 1997

NEXT PROGRAM: "Family Development Program, Multi-Service Centers."
Speaker: Shelley Noble. Tuesday, July 8, 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, persons who work with youth, and other lay persons. Please provide brief announcements in writing.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Bev Goucher (206-232-1030) opened the meeting with prayer by Pam Toelle at 12:05 p.m., June 10, 1997, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Twenty persons were present.

MINUTES of the May 13, 1997, meeting were approved as printed. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (Attached). Balance at the end of May was \$19,442. The cities of Bellevue, Kirkland, and Issaquah made first-quarter payments to Congregations for the Homeless. Catholic Community Services has been paid \$6,872 for services in April. With a grant of \$500 from St. Margaret's Thrift Shop, dried beans and dehydrated potatoes were purchased for Project Home-Made Soups. The treasurer's report was accepted.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. "With Grace Training Foundation: Teaching Women Job Skills." (206-323-7541) Janet McCully, co-founder, and Christie Saito, staff member, presented information about their training program. Local supporters include St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Medina, which has provided funds, and Overlake Park Presbyterian Church, which has provided space. The program has trained mostly women in Snohomish, Pierce, and King counties, in a 75-hour course which emphasizes non-verbal communication, personal presentation, and self-marketing. With Grace also trains trainers. In 1996, 224 participants completed training. Most referrals come from the Department of Social & Health Services and the Department of Employment Security. With changes happening in welfare, training funds have been cut back drastically. Congregations were encouraged to mentor a student or sponsor a class.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Collaborative Leadership. Pam Toelle (425-746-8659) provided a handout from the Search Institute on ideas for congregations to build external and internal assets in young people. She reported

that the Bellevue School District has applied for a grant to expand family connection centers, add a worker for immigrants, and fund social workers who had been cut from the budget. Information on Youth Initiative Forums is available from Sherri Mill (425-747-0934). Peggy Cox, VIBES coordinator for Bellevue Schools, has indicated need for kitchen tables among low-income families (425-455-6062 before July 22; 425-456-4154 after July 22).

Legislative Task Force. Joy Pocasangre (425-747-0877) requested signatures on a Declaration of Independence from Special Interest Money, sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons, Children's Defense Fund, Common Cause, and other organizations. She noted a thank you from the Children's Alliance regarding group homes in Bellevue, recently approved by the City Council.

Strengthening the Family. Betty Spohn (425-451-3651) noted the availability of booklets prepared by the Task Force.

Congregations for the Homeless. Nadine Shannon (425-746-6019) provided information about costs of the program. For 1996, cost per person was \$16.44 per night for a safe, warm place to sleep, three meals daily, counseling as needed, and employment case management. Total cost for 60 nights was \$986.40.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Elected to prepare a slate of officers for the September meeting, to be voted on in October, were: Jim Palmer, Joy Pocasangre, Dorothy Shindler, Barbara Smith, and Betty Spohn. [The group elected Jim Palmer as chair.]

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Please share Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council information with your clergy and your Social Action or Outreach committees.
2. Brief written notices of events 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.
3. Newcomer packets are available from Betty Spohn, Membership Chair (425-451-3651). She also has extra copies of Council minutes, brochures, and the Strengthening the Family booklet.
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 (425-643-1937), Eastside Mental Health (425-641-1449, ext. 254), Jewish Family Services (425-451-8512), Salvation Army (425-454-4568), or Multi-Service Center (425-747-4826).

6. Prayer service for persons affected by HIV/AIDS continues to be presented on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 9460 NE 14th Street, Bellevue, at 7:30 p.m. Information: 425-454-9536.

7. The Odyssey channel presents faith and values programming Monday - Friday, between 4:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on TCI Channel 15.

8. Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry has begun an Institute for Ecumenical Theological Studies, a new ecumenical program geared to adult learners. For information, phone Dr. William L. Malcomson, Acting Director, (206) 296-5329.

9. Congregations for Kids will present a how-to-workshop for helping low-income children prepare for school on Wednesday, July 9, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 411 - 156th Ave. NE, Bellevue. Information and registration: Pam Toelle (425-746-8659) by Thursday, July 3. An ingathering will take place Monday, August 18 - Tuesday, August 19 at Lake Hills Elementary School; and a Children's Sabbath Sunday, October 19, 3:00 p.m., at First United Methodist.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

August. No meeting.

September 9. Collaborative after-school programs for children.

October 14. Agency presentations/displays about holiday season/-winter needs.

November 11. Congregational reports, especially outreach/social action programs and intergenerational programs.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended May 31, 1997

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Housing Task Force	Project H-M Soup	Total
Fund balance, beginning 5/1/97	1,290	14,326	502	105	69	500	16,792
Receipts:							
Dues	25						25
Contributions-Congregations		100					100
Contributions-individuals		55					55
City of Bellevue		7,348					7,348
City of Kirkland		2,258					2,258
City of Issaquah		250					250
							0
Interest	5	45					49
							0
Total receipts	30	10,056	0	0	0	0	10,085
Disbursements:							0
Catholic Comm.Service-April svc.		6,872					6,872
							0
Postage, copies	44	19					63
Beans & potatoes f/Home-made soups						500	500
							0
							0
							0
Total disbursements	44	6,891	0	0	0	500	7,436
Ending balances - May 31, 1997	1,275	17,491	502	105	69	0	19,442
<u>Cash balances - May 31, 1997</u>							
Checking							1,075.82
Savings							<u>18,366.43</u>
Total							19,442.25

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, JULY 8, 1997

NEXT PROGRAM: "Collaborative after-school programs for children."
Speakers: Joan Merritt and others. Tuesday, September 9, 1997,
12:00 noon, Rock Room, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way
NE, Bellevue.

Reminder: There will be no meeting in August.

If you cannot be present, please send an alternate. Clergy are always welcome, as well as youth representatives, persons who work with youth, and other lay persons. Please provide brief announcements in writing. Please include announcements from the meeting and from the newsletter in your congregational newsletter.

For the November 11 meeting, at which congregational reports will be presented, please choose one of these options for a five-minute presentation and one-page written handout:

- A. Intergenerational programs (response to youth survey).
- B. Impact of welfare reform on your congregational programs.
- C. Outreach to ethnic communities.
- D. Special outreach program of your congregation.
- E. Innovative outreach/social action program of your congregation.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Geoff Ethelston (425-486-5665) opened the meeting with prayer at 12:05 p.m., July 8, 1997, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Twenty-one persons were present.

MINUTES of the June 10, 1997, meeting were approved as printed. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (Attached). Balance at the end of June was \$28,149. Catholic Community Services has been paid \$7,504 for services in May. Congregations for the Homeless received a \$15,000 grant from Safeco Insurance Company and a \$600 Rice Bowl Grant from the Archdiocese of Seattle for the purchase of food. The treasurer's report was accepted.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

BRIEF REPORT: Terry Kimber (425-644-1729) described the 150th anniversary of the trek by the Latter Day Saints Church from Illinois to Utah. July 19 has been designated as a worldwide pioneer heritage day of community service for the 9.3 million member church. Local projects include restoration of the Issaquah cemetery and recreation of the original trek by wagon train.

Marilyn Canfield, Habitat for Humanity (869-6007) reported that former Coast Guard property in Redmond has been donated for housing. The Overlake Park town homes project, in which at least 19 congregations have been involved, will be completed in 1998.

PROGRAM. "Family Development Program: Moving Families out of Poverty" a new program of the Multi-Service Centers, was described by Shelley Noble. A long-term (two years) family systems emphasis will include crisis prevention, recognizing and affirming cultural differences, client responsibility, and partnership of families with the agency. Two family development specialists will each work with up to 25 "at-risk" families on-site, in their homes, and at other locations, and in partnership with other agencies, to assist them to create a healthy, thriving family unit. The agency will also continue to meet emergency needs, and will distribute flyers announcing the new program at food banks. Noble noted that a similar program has operated successfully in Iowa for 15 years.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Membership. Betty Spohn (425-451-3651) announced the availability of brochures, and requested those present to contact congregations who are not represented. Copies of the revised constitution and bylaws are available, as well as the Odyssey Channel 15 schedule for July - September.

Legislative Task Force. In the absence of the chair, Joy Pocasangre (425-747-0877), Jim Palmer announced that Pocasangre has expressed interest in running for the Bellevue School Board and plans to attend a workshop for persons interested in public office. Geoff Ethelston reported on a recent hearing regarding welfare reform issues, where anticipated difficulties were discussed.

Congregations for the Homeless. Nadine Shannon (425-746-6019) expressed thanks to Safeco for their recent grant. She has recently provided updated information for the City of Kirkland, expressing appreciation for their grant, noting service to 43 men from Kirkland during 1996 and 1997, at a cost of \$13.60 per night.

Human Services Collaborative Leadership. Pam Toelle (425-746-8659) announced a meeting September 17, 1 - 3 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Please share Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council information with your clergy and your Social Action or Outreach committees.

2. Brief written notices of events 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.

3. Newcomer packets are available from Betty Spohn, Membership Chair (425-451-3651). She also has extra copies of Council minutes, brochures, and the Strengthening the Family booklet.

4. Congregations for Kids will present an ingathering of school supplies Monday, August 18 - Tuesday, August 19 at Lake Hills Elementary School; and a Children's Sabbath Sunday, October 19, 3:00 p.m., at First United Methodist. Information: Pam Toelle (425-746-8659) by Thursday, July 3.

5. The Mid East Community Network provides workshops for persons assisting youth. Information: 425-869-0238

6. United Way now has a database, according to Faye Williamson (425-556-8326) on line, at an e-mail address of WWW.UW.KC.org.

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


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

October 14. Agency presentations/displays about holiday season/-winter needs.

November 11. Congregational reports, especially outreach/social action programs and intergenerational programs.

December 9. Avanka Vana Jakic, a Buddhist, from the former Yugoslavia and a member of the International Foundation Zones of Peace.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended June 30, 1997

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Housing Task Force		Total
Fund balance, beginning 6/1/97	1,275	17,491	502	105	69	0	19,442
Receipts:							
Dues	25						25
Contributions-Congregations		600					600
Contributions-individuals		50					50
Safeco grant		15,000					15,000
Rice Bowl grant - Arch.of Seattle		600					600
United Way payout		54					54
							0
Interest	4	48					53
							0
Total receipts	29	16,352	0	0	0	0	16,382
Disbursements:							0
Catholic Comm.Service-May svc.		7,504					7,504
Newsletter	76						76
Postage, copies	95						95
							0
							0
							0
							0
Total disbursements	171	7,504	0	0	0	0	7,675
Ending balances - June 30, 1997	1,134	26,339	502	105	69	0	28,149
<u>Cash balances - June 30, 1997</u>							
Checking							1,005.18
Savings							27,143.60
Total							28,148.78

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 9, 1997

NEXT PROGRAM: Agency presentations/displays about holiday season/winter needs. Tuesday, October 14, 1997, 12:00 noon, in the reception hall (former sanctuary, entered through the upper parking lot), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue. (Note that we will be meeting in a different room.) No reservations are needed for the finger food luncheon provided by the Executive Committee.

Officers for 1997-1998 will be elected.

Volunteers are needed to update the Emergency Services Directory for 1998-1999. Please contact Nadine Bentsen (425-747-1543).

If you cannot be present, please send an alternate. Clergy are always welcome, as well as youth representatives, persons who work with youth, and other lay persons. Please provide brief announcements in writing. Please include announcements from the meeting and from the newsletter in your congregational newsletter.

For the November 11 meeting, a two-hour meeting at which congregational reports will be presented, please choose one of these options for a five-minute presentation and one-page written handout:

- A. Intergenerational programs (response to youth survey).
- B. Impact of welfare reform on your congregational programs.
- C. Outreach to ethnic communities.
- D. Special outreach program of your congregation.
- E. Innovative outreach/social action program of your congregation.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Geoff Ethelston (425-486-5665) opened the meeting with prayer at 12:06 p.m., September 9, 1997, in the Rock Room at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Twenty-four persons were present.

MINUTES of the July 8, 1997, meeting were approved as printed. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (Attached). Balance at the end of August was \$33,364. Catholic Community Services has been paid \$7,404 for services in June. Grants have been received from the cities of Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, and Issaquah, as well as from United Way. The treasurer's report was accepted.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. Welcomed as new representatives were James Printz and Carol Meisels, Temple De Hirsch Sinai; Kwan Wong and Louise Wong, Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Lee Anne Horman, Bellevue Christian Church; and Michael Johnson, St. Louise Catholic Church.

PROGRAM. "Collaborative after-school programs for children." Speakers: Mark Gurtler, Boys and Girls Club (425-865-8434); Arlene Miletich (425-746-1104) and Darlyne Glaze (425-847-7089), Kids at the Crossroads; and Joan Merritt (425-746-5416), Hidden Village Project.

After-school programs for 35 - 40 elementary students each day are provided by the Boys and Girls Club, Kids at the Crossroads, and the Eastside Computer Center, by numerous volunteers, with United Way and City of Bellevue funding. Other emphases include leadership, self-esteem, and homework assistance. Sites include three elementary schools and a housing complex, all in East Bellevue. Three-quarters of the funding for five Americorps workers is provided by the national Ecumenical Program for Urban Service; the rest has been provided by Church Council of Greater Seattle. Funds are being sought for a part-time coordinator, a service currently provided by a volunteer.

NOMINATIONS OF 1997-1998 OFFICERS. A nominating committee, including Jim Palmer, Chair, Joy Pocasangre, Dorothy Shindler, Barbara Smith, and Betty Spohn, announced the slate of nominations for officers, to be elected at the October 14 meeting.

Chair	Beverly Goucher
Vice-Chair	Terry Kimber
Co-Secretary	Sally Wing
Co-Secretary	Michael Johnson
Treasurer	Jim Palmer
Delegate at Large	Dorothy Scott

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Legislative Task Force. Joy Pocasangre (425-747-0877) announced the Fox Amendment to HR 2267 (Federal legislation) to continue appropriations for the Legal Services Corporation, which provides services to homeless and elderly persons.

She thanked supporters for her candidacy for the Bellevue School Board, to which she was not appointed.

Congregations for the Homeless. Nadine Shannon (425-746-6019) reported an increased grant from the City of Kirkland. Congregations for the Homeless is the only Eastside program providing services to homeless men. She requested volunteers to assist in moving the trailer which contains bedding and personal belongings from one congregation to another at the beginning of each month.

Human Services Collaborative Leadership. Pam Toelle (425-746-8659) announced that 14 congregations participated in the August ingathering of school supplies, providing backpacks, lunchboxes, pencils, etc., for more than 80 families.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Please share Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council information with your clergy and your Social Action or Outreach committees.
2. Brief written notices of events 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.
3. Newcomer packets are available from Betty Spohn, Membership Chair (425-451-3651). She also has extra copies of Council minutes, brochures, and the Strengthening the Family booklet.
4. According to Nadine Shannon (425-746-6019), a representative of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) would like office space twice per week for six months. Congregations which have space are asked to call Shannon.
5. Tax relief for utility taxes paid by low income residents is offered by the City of Bellevue. Both homeowners and renters are eligible. For information, call Cathy or Barbara at (425) 452-5285.
6. The 1998 Multifaith Calendar is available from Multifaith Resources, P.O. Box 128, Wofford Heights, CA 93285-0128. 1-760-376-4691.
7. Economic Justice Forum, sponsored by the Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry, will present breakfasts on issues of social and economic justice at the Campion Tower on the Seattle University Campus. Speakers include: Nancy Amidei, Senior Lecturer at the University of Washington School of Social Work, Tuesday, November 18, 1997, 7:15 - 8:30 a.m.; Sunny Kobe Cook, President and CEO of Sleep Country, USA, Tuesday, March 17, 1998, 7:15 - 8:30 a.m.; and Mike Flynn, Publisher, Puget Sound Business Journal, Tuesday, May 19, 1998, 7:15 - 8:30 a.m. Cost for each breakfast is \$12 including parking. Reservations: Eddie Salazar, Economic Justice Forum, c/o School of Theology and Ministry, Seattle University, Seattle, WA 98122. (206) 296-5330.
8. Eastside Sexual Assault Center for Children seeks volunteers to enter its training program beginning Saturday, October 18. Information: Mary Ann Carlson, Volunteer Program Manager, 425-688-5130.

9. EISCC regularly receives announcements from other organizations, including Eastside Mental Health, interfaith Community Ministry Network, Multifaith AIDS Project, and Northwest AIDS Foundation. Please ask Sally Wing (425-747-5924) if you are interested in further information.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Sally Wing
Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

November 11. Congregational reports, especially outreach/social action programs and intergenerational programs.

December 9. Avanka Vana Jakic, a Buddhist, from the former Yugoslavia and a member of the International Foundation Zones of Peace, who will speak on the International Peace Movement.

January 13, 1998. How to meet needs of elderly persons in the community.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For two month period ended Aug. 31, 1997

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism Task Force	Housing Task Force	Total
Fund balance, beginning 7/1/97	1,134	26,339	502	105	69	28,149
Receipts:						
Dues	50					50
Contributions-Congregations		1,450				1,450
Contributions-individuals	25	450				475
City of Bellevue		7,348				7,348
City of Kirkland		2,258				2,258
City of Redmond, \$1,250; Issaquah \$250		1,500				1,500
United Way payouts		707				707
Interest	8	131				139
						0
Total receipts	83	13,844	0	0	0	13,927
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Service-June svc.		7,404				7,404
Liability insurance premium		988				988
Food & supplies		187				187
Postage & copies	7	19				27
Trailer tabs		106				106
						0
						0
Total disbursements	7	8,704	0	0	0	8,712
Ending balances - Aug. 31, 1997	1,209	31,479	502	105	69	33,364
<u>Cash balances - Aug. 31, 1997</u>						
Checking						951.22
Savings						32,412.73
Total						33,363.95

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, OCTOBER 14, 1997

NEXT PROGRAM: Congregational outreach/social action programs and intergenerational programs. Tuesday, November 11, 1997, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge (Room 315, former sanctuary, entered through the upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

Congregational representatives will present five-minute reports and a one-page written handout on one of these options:

- A. Intergenerational programs (response to youth survey).
- B. Impact of welfare reform on your congregational programs.
- C. Outreach to ethnic communities.
- D. Special outreach program of your congregation.
- E. Innovative outreach/social action program of your congregation.

If you cannot be present, please send an alternate. Clergy, youth representatives, persons who work with youth or social ministry programs, and other lay persons are welcome. Please provide brief announcements in writing. Please include announcements in your congregational newsletter.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Beverly Goucher (206-232-1030) opened the meeting with prayer by Terry Kimber at 12:05 p.m., October 14, 1997, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Thirty-one persons were present.

MINUTES of the September 9, 1997, meeting were approved as printed. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (Attached). Balance at the end of September was \$27,510. Catholic Community Services has not yet billed for services to Congregations for the Homeless in August and September. The treasurer's report was accepted.

ELECTION OF 1997-1998 OFFICERS. By unanimous vote, new officers were elected: Chair, Beverly Goucher; Vice-Chair, Terry Kimber; Co-Secretaries, Sally Wing and Michael Johnson; Treasurer, Jim Palmer; and Delegate at Large, Dorothy Scott.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. A finger food luncheon was provided by the Executive Committee.

PROGRAM. Holiday season and winter needs of Eastside Agencies.

Eastside Sexual Assault Center for Children: Mary Ann Carlson (425-

688-5130). Services include evaluation and treatment of children exposed to sexual assault and other traumatic experiences. They also provide professional education and community education. Holiday gifts and dinners are requested, as well as wrapped gifts for family members.

Emergency Feeding Program: Catherine Hillard (425-562-0698). Services include a weekend referral program and five distribution centers on the Eastside. Opportunities for donations include a food-of-the-month club for congregational donations, Halloween trick or tuna bags for children, and Christmas cards to recognize donations.

Habitat for Humanity: Jean French (425-869-6007). The fourth and fifth duplexes near Overlake Park Presbyterian Church are nearing completion. Redmond has donated 1.3 acres from the Federal government for 24 duplexes. Alternative giving options include cards recognizing monetary gifts.

Multi-Service Centers: Jennifer Cole-Wilson (425-747-4826). Services include food banks, which serve 500 families per week, and emergency assistance for heating, transportation, shelter, and other needs. Holiday needs include Holiday Baskets and gifts for families and children, especially teenagers.

Jewish Family Services: Carol Mullin (206-461-3240). Populations served include elderly refugees and disabled adults. Services include counseling, vocational guidance, family life education, emergency assistance, and a food bank. Bags were filled for the food bank at synagogues and temples during recent High Holy Days. For Hanukkah, which begins December 23, children will be matched with donor families. B'nai Brith offers a program called Operation Brotherhood which replaces workers with Jewish volunteers at Christmas and other Christian holidays.

Catholic Community Services' Volunteer Chore Services: Paul Beals (Amy Meal, 206-324-5247). Elderly and disabled are served by volunteers through a partnership with churches, synagogues, and civic groups.

Eastside Baby Corner: Karen Ridlon (425-865-0234). This all-volunteer nearly eight-year old program uses free space in Issaquah, providing to agencies everything needed by children from birth to age 12. Donations include diapers, layettes, shoes, clothes, cribs, birthday toys, and new baby presents. They currently need more storage space and may need assistance with utilities.

Youth Eastside Services: Barbara Hunter (425-747-4937). Serving children from ages six through eighteen, programs include school mentoring, anger management classes, support for survivors of sexual abuse, and counseling for youth coping with drugs or alcohol. They also host a drop-in group for gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Congregations for the Homeless. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977). Churches continue to support this housing program with facilities and food. Funds are also needed to support ongoing expenses for counseling and other services.

Employment. (Leo Hymas, 425-392-3855). Employers are actively seeking applicants, since there are currently more listings than applicants.

Legislative. (Joy Pocasangre, 425-747-0877). HR 2499, the charitable giving relief act, would permit deductions even if taxpayers do not itemize. The Progressive Legislative Action Network sends monthly information on request. A Teaching Tolerance magazine is available from the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Membership (Betty Spohn, 425-451-3651). Additional volunteers were requested for the committee, and current volunteers were thanked for regular phone calls.

Human Services Collaborative Leadership. (Pam Toelle 425-746-8659). This includes community, school, congregational, and agency representatives. Children's Sabbath will be considered further before taking action, although congregations may sponsor some weekend events.

Odyssey schedule for TCI Channel 21 of Faith and Values programming was distributed. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924).

Newsletter. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Items and comments were requested.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Emergency Services Directory. Nadine Bentsen, (425-747-1543) will compile information obtained by volunteers who telephone those on the current list to provide update for 1998-1999. The directory has been given out with bags of food by the Emergency Feeding Program.

Geoff Ethelston was thanked for his services, most recently as co-chairperson.

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ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

December 9. Avanka Vana Jakic, a Buddhist, from the former Yugoslavia and a member of the International Foundation Zones of Peace, who will speak on the International Peace Movement.

January 13, 1998. Problems/Concerns of elderly persons in the community.

February 10, 1998. Legislative issues.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended Sept. 30, 1997

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Receipts:							
Dues							0
Contributions-Congregations		1,600					1,600
Contributions-individuals		300					300
ESAP & FEMA funds credit		751					751
							0
							0
							0
Interest	9	59					68
							0
Total receipts	9	2,710	0	0	0	0	2,719
Disbursements:							0
Catholic Comm. Service-July svc.		8,260					8,260
							0
Food & supplies		177					177
Postage & copies	98	38					137
							0
							0
							0
Total disbursements	98	8,475	0	0	0	0	8,573
Ending balances - Sept. 30, 1997	1,119	25,714	502	105	69	0	27,510
<u>Cash balances - Sept. 30, 1997</u>							
Checking							1,737.75
Savings							25,771.96
Total							27,509.71

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P.O. Box 5556
Bellevue, WA 98006-0056
(425) 747-5924
Fax (425) 746-0462
October 20, 1997

To: Committees/Task Forces

From: Sally Wing

Re: Eastside Interfaith Newsletter

I would like to publish the next issue of the newsletter during the middle part of January, 1998. In order to make it informative for the churches on our extended mailing list, I need your help. Would you please, by November 30, send me (by mail or fax or in person at the next EISCC meeting) answers to these questions.

Committee/Task Force name: _____

Chairperson/Contact person name & phone number: _____

Regular meeting date & location: _____

Purpose of committee/task force: _____

Current activities/accomplishments: _____

What would you like members of Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council to know about your committee/task force? What assistance would you like (volunteers, funding, etc.) ?

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, NOVEMBER 11, 1997

NEXT PROGRAM: "International Zones of Peace: A Buddhist Perspective on Interfaith Action to Promote Peace, Equality, and Respect." Avanka Vana Jakic, a Croatian (former Yugoslavia). Tom Gilmer will present information about Wiccans. Tuesday, December 9, 1997, 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge (Room 315, former sanctuary, entered through the upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

If you cannot be present, please send an alternate. Clergy, youth representatives, persons who work with youth or social ministry programs, and other lay persons are welcome. Please provide brief announcements in writing. Please include EISCC announcements in your congregational newsletter.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Chairperson Beverly Goucher (206-232-1030) opened the meeting with prayer by Alicia Martinez at 12:05 p.m., November 11, 1997, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Twenty-eight persons were present.

MINUTES of the October 14, 1997, meeting were approved as printed. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (Attached). Balance at the end of October was \$21,263. Catholic Community Services has been paid for services to Congregations for the Homeless in August. Project Home-Made Soups received a contribution of \$75. The treasurer's report was accepted.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. Art Sullivan, who works with A Regional Coalition for Housing, was present.

PROGRAM. Congregational outreach/social action programs and intergenerational programs. Congregational representatives were asked to present five-minute reports and a one-page written handout on intergenerational programs, impact of welfare reform on congregational programs, outreach to ethnic communities, special outreach programs, or innovative outreach/social action programs. Many congregations are also participating in Congregations for the Homeless, feeding programs, Habitat for Humanity, etc.

Grace Lutheran Church. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924) Youth and intergenerational programs have included "Christmas in July" to meet back-to-school needs of families that receive assistance from Overlake Service League. An innovative program is Club 24, a service of Columbia Lutheran Ministries which enables seniors to live at home by providing meals, housekeeping, home repairs, shopping and errands, and daily telephone calls. (206-547-2424)

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. (Anne Porter, 425-746-2529) A hot meal is provided free of charge three evenings each week, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Churches, schools, and other groups, with assistance from the City of Bellevue, are providing food, clean up, etc., for an average of about 20 - 25 people.

First Presbyterian Church. (Carol Furrer, 425-452-9920) Eastside Urban Academy, sponsored by Crista Ministries, serves 30 at-risk students with a high school program, lunches, and counseling.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. (Terry Kimber, 425-644-1729) Outreach to ethnic communities includes curriculum materials in several languages, and classes for learning Spanish or English. There are monthly worship services for speakers of Japanese and Russian. Local missionaries write articles for Russian, Chinese, and Spanish newspapers.

Temple B'nai Torah. (Joy Pocasangre, 425-747-0877) The Mitzvah Corps visits the sick, provides meals, and offers emergency child care.

First Congregational Church. (Diana Roger, 425-277-6528) Through Habitat for Humanity, the congregation is building three houses in Kenya. The congregation is also working with the Church of Mary Magdalene for homeless women in Seattle. The congregation is open and affirming, publicly welcoming gay and lesbian people, losing no more members than an initial three and welcoming more, has cosponsored an advertisement in the Seattle Gay News, and will submit an article for the interdenominational Open Hands.

Newport Presbyterian Church. (Betty Spohn, 425-451-3651) An annual Alternative Gifts for Christmas Fair includes a giving tree, for purchase of items for Multi-Service Center's Holiday Basket project. Gift certificates can be purchased for agencies including Emergency Feeding Program and Congregations for the Homeless. Items for sale by Habitat for Humanity and the Heifer Project are also available.

Eastshore Unitarian Church. (Gwen Lewis, 206-232-2414) Of the nation's work force, 15% is functionally illiterate and 25% is only marginally literate. Volunteer participation has helped to overcome literacy by tutoring through a Washington Mutual program (1-800-433-0121) and at Lake Washington's Kamiakin Middle School. Training for tutoring is available through Seattle Central Community College.

Overlake Park Presbyterian Church. (Al Bagley, 425-885-0913) As part of the Bellevue Schools' VIBES program, volunteer mentors are working at Sherwood Forest Elementary School one-on-one or in small groups. The congregation is also working with Bosnian refugees, now numbering 24 in an extended family, with the assistance of other Presbyterian congregations and St. Peter's United Methodist Church.

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. (Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019) Members serve two hot meals each month at Bellevue Community Center, work with Habitat for Humanity, and with Congregations for the Homeless. Since September, 1993, Congregations for the Homeless has served 538 men, in collaboration with churches, agencies, city governments, businesses, and service organizations. Cost per client per night of \$13.76 includes counseling and employment case management, in addition to food and housing.

Bellevue Christian Church. (Barbara Smith, 425-883-7303) Members have assisted the feeding program at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Overlake Service League's food distribution and quilt-making and distribution, and monthly service at a Seattle teen shelter. The congregation is interested in dialogue toward "claiming the promise," a denominational program studying justice for gay and lesbian persons.

Temple De Hirsch Sinai. (Carol Meisels, 425-277-5005) Congregation members do a wide variety of volunteer service both in Seattle and on the Eastside, conducting a toy drive in December and collecting food all year for the Jewish Family Service. In addition to hosting Congregations for the Homeless one month each year, they house ten women each weeknight during the winter in Seattle. As members of the African American/Jewish Coalition for Justice, they host a Passover dinner and a December holiday celebration. They also house choir practice and a food bank for New Hope Baptist Church, whose facilities are being rebuilt after a fire. There is a monthly family intergenerational worship service, and an annual seniors' dinner, hosted by high school students.

St. Louise Catholic Church. (Alicia Martinez, 425-747-4450) Hispanic outreach includes English as a second language classes, educational and service programs, and a Spanish language mass attended by 800 people each week. They also do programs with Vietnamese and Eastern European persons. Through St. Vincent de Paul they provide energy and rent assistance, clothing, and furniture.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. (Nadine Bentsen, 425-747-1543) Programs include Kids at the Crossroads, which now has a coordinator. Intergenerational activities, entitled Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW) include music, a simple meal, junior high and high school confirmation classes, parent education, time for homework, and a brief worship service.

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Kenmore. (Rev. Geoff Ethelston, 425-486-5665) The congregation supports the Multi-Service Center shelter, and is engaged in dialogue about gay and lesbian issues.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Medina. (Bev Goucher, 206-232-1030) The Eastside chapter of Christmas in April, housed at the church, is gathering names of low-income elderly or disabled persons who need

help keeping up their homes. Volunteer contractors and subcontractors rehabilitated seven houses on the Eastside last year, and are preparing for a one-day event on April 25, 1998.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Legislative. (Joy Pocasangre, 425-747-0877). At present, 90,000 people in Washington are on the waiting list for the Basic Health Plan. Several events are planned for spring: Jewish Advocacy Training Day, Sunday, January 11, North End Jewish Community Center; Washington Association of Churches legislative workshop, Saturday, January 24, First Methodist Church, Des Moines; Clergy Advocacy Day, Wednesday, February 4 or Thursday, February 5, Olympia; and Jewish Advocacy Day and Church Advocacy Day, Thursday, February 19, Olympia.

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Newsletter. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Items and comments were requested.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Shelly Noble, Multi-Service Center (425-747-4826), commended congregations for their work. She noted the opening of a free medical clinic, and need for grocery store pickups on weekday mornings.

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ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

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Receipts:							
Dues	25						25
Contributions-Congregations		360				75	435
Contributions-individuals		200					200
ESAP & FEMA funds credit							0
							0
							0
							0
Interest	6	55					61
							0
Total receipts	31	615	0	0	0	75	721
Disbursements:							
Catholic Comm.Service-August svc.		6,911					6,911
							0
							0
Postage & copies	26	29					55
							0
							0
							0
Total disbursements	26	6,940	0	0	0	0	6,967
Ending balances - Oct. 31, 1997	1,123	19,389	502	105	69	75	21,263
<u>Cash balances - Oct. 31, 1997</u>							
Checking							1,676.55
Savings							19,586.86
Total							21,263.41

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, DECEMBER 9, 1997

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SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. "International Zones of Peace: A Buddhist Perspective on Interfaith Action to Promote Peace, Equality, and Respect" was presented by Ivanka Vana Jakic (253-874-2619), a Croatian (former Yugoslavia), founder and president of Zones of Peace International Foundation. She has resided in the United States for 20 years, and has worked as a social worker with refugees in India. The Foundation has a Board of Directors from five countries, as well as a local King County Board of Directors. She emphasized establishing and recognizing sacred sites to be preserved as local, national, and international zones of peace. Religious leaders have the responsibility to bring peace and reconciliation to the world, as a global family. Ms. Jakic's communications with world leaders, including Mother Teresa and the Dalai Lama, have emphasized seeing God in one another. She noted reference in all Scriptures to peace, which she believes begins with respect for each others' faiths and traditions.

Tom Gilmer presented information about British Traditional Wicca, which, among other pagan or earth religions, has continued to practice pre-Christian religious forms. Wiccans are recognized as having considerable training and as leading Sabbath services. Each person is expected to find his/her own truths, based on belief in a creator, and to serve others. They maintain secrecy about names of gods and goddesses, names of members, and meeting places. They do not proselytize and do not accept money for ministerial works. They worship in one another's homes and other places, where they create sacred space. A life-affirming religion, they are often misunderstood and persecuted by communities in which they live. Gilmer noted that Satanists are not considered part of their faith community, and that Wiccan beliefs do not include a devil.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Newsletter. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Items and comments were requested for January publication.

Legislative. (Joy Pocasangre, 425-747-0877). News items which she shared included the announcement that El Salvador is almost 99% landmine-free. Senator Slade Gorton has expressed support for the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Clergy will soon receive invitations to Clergy Advocacy Day, Wednesday, February 4, in Olympia. Also planned for spring is Jewish Advocacy Day and Church Advocacy Day, Thursday, February 19, in Olympia. Ms. Pocasangre will travel to El Salvador the end of December, fulfilling orphanage requests for medicines from physicians' samples and other donations.

Congregations for the Homeless. (Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019). Staff pictures were displayed.

Membership. (Betty Spohn, 425-451-3651). Appreciation was expressed for volunteers' reminder calls.

Finance. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977). He reminded members that the \$11,281 received from congregations for Congregations for the Homeless in 1997 was less than one-half of last year's receipts. Church contributions are essential to maintain the program.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

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5. Washington Association of Churches will sponsor the Western Washington Legislative Conference on Saturday, January 24, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church, Des Moines. The Rev. John Boonstra, WAC Executive Minister, will present the keynote address, for a program which includes legislative briefings and issue workshops. Registration: Washington Association of Churches, 419 Occidental Avenue South, Suite 201, Seattle, WA 98104-2886. (206-625-9790) Fee is \$20 before January 15, 1998, \$25 thereafter.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

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City of Kirkland		2,528					2,528
City of Redmond		1,250					1,250
United Way grant		2,874					2,874
United Way pay outs		130					130
Interest	9	43					52
Total receipts	85	19,024	0	0	0	0	19,109
Disbursements:							
Catholic Comm.Service-Sept. service		8,875					8,875
Mailing permit	85						85
Postage & copies	24						24
							0
							0
							0
Total disbursements	109	8,875	0	0	0	0	8,984
Ending balances - Nov. 30, 1997	1,099	29,538	502	105	69	75	31,389
Cash balances - Nov. 30, 1997							
Checking							1,568.49
Savings							29,820.01
Total							31,388.50

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