

## MINUTES OF THE EISCC JANUARY 9, 2001

### **NEXT MEETING: Noon February 13<sup>th</sup> First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue TOPIC: Community Resources: Public Safety and Security**

The meeting was called to order at noon by presiding co-chair Paul Hunsberger. Louise Wong gave the opening prayer. Members and guests present introduced themselves.

**Program:** Joy Pocasangre introduced the speaker, Nancy Amidei. Nancy described herself as a democracy advocate. She has lobbied in the United States Congress for children's issues, especially nutrition. She now volunteers as a lobbyist for children and families in Olympia and writes Policy Watch, a bulletin tracking bills in the legislative session. Every year about 2000 bills are introduced in Olympia; about 15% become law.

Ways to advocate for policy include participation in: Church Advocacy Day (February 7<sup>th</sup>), which is important because legislators see it as a moral message, not a "me" message; Human Services Advocacy Day (February 19<sup>th</sup>); and the Children's Budget Coalition (advocates every Thursday).

Advocating for human services is especially important this year because the legislature must cut from between \$400 million and \$1.1 billion from the budget. \$674 million of this amount is the money added to the budget by the initiatives passed by voters last November.

Call the toll free hotline in Olympia at 1-800-562-6000 to leave a message for your legislators. Nancy Amidei's email address is [AMIDEI@u.washington.edu](mailto:AMIDEI@u.washington.edu). You can sign up for Policy Watch at this address.

**Congregational Report:** Dorothy Scott discussed the Outreach Ministry at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. The church has run a Kids' Holiday Store at Christmas for families from the YWCA Family Village since 1993. Children pair up with St. Luke's youth and choose and wrap gifts. Each family also receives a grocery store certificate and gifts from the Giving Tree.

The church also has a Core Team Ministry which provides service to older adults. The team provides friendship, transportation, and sometimes light housekeeping tasks.

A course is offered for people who want to join the Prayer Ministry. Students learn over a two-year period to hold healing prayer sessions.

St. Luke's also participates in the Congregations for the Homeless program, the Monday night meals program at Crossroads Community Center, and has a Youth Ministry in summer when youth members work on such projects as Habitat for Humanity.

**Emergency Service Fund Report:** The report will be postponed until March. Jennifer Cole-Wilson was not present.

**Crisis Clinic Resource Line:** Pat O'Hara from the Crisis Clinic described this community resource. The Crisis Clinic is open 24 hours a day seven days a week. The number to call is 206-461-3222 or 1-800-244-5767. Lines are manned by volunteers in the daytime and paid staff at night. Volunteers receive 45-55 hours of training. The Clinic received 79,000 calls in 1999.

The Community Resource Line number is 206-461-3200 or 1-800-621-4636. This line is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Over 35,000 agencies are in the database.

The Teen Link Line is open from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM daily. This service is staffed by teens who are trained and supervised by clinic staff. The numbers are 206-461-4922 or 1-888-431-8336. This group also does suicide prevention presentations at schools.

The Clinic Resource Center publishes a directory, "Where to Turn" and "Where to Turn Plus". Training in Crisis Intervention and Using Community Resources are available. Call 206-461-3210. A Survivors of Suicides Support Group is sponsored by the Clinic. The website for the clinic is [www.crisisclinic.org](http://www.crisisclinic.org). Search by topics. The Clinic serves all of King County, and is funded by municipalities, the United Way, and donations.



**Minutes:** The minutes were approved with editorial corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** See the financial statement below. All EISCC member congregations and agencies need to pay dues. Second notices will go out in February.

**Task Forces:** The newsletter will be mailed before the next meeting. Sally Wing, 425-747-5924, is the editor.

Joy Pocasangre for the Legislative Task Force reminded us that Human Services Day is February 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Joy at [good4me@halycon.com](mailto:good4me@halycon.com) if you are interested in attending.

The Statewide Poverty Action Network is a journalists' online resource with information on poverty and inequality. Their website is [www.accessinfo.org](http://www.accessinfo.org). The email address is [span@fremontpublic.org](mailto:span@fremontpublic.org).

Nadine Shannon reported that Congregations for the Homeless has received a \$32,899 from the City of Bellevue.

Sally Wing announced that the next meeting of the Mental Health Task Force will be at 3:30 PM Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Grace Lutheran Church.

A six session course on World Religions is being offered by the Interfaith Council at Seattle University. The course runs from January 13<sup>th</sup> through June 9<sup>th</sup>. Call 206-522-7052 for information.

**Announcements:** Louise Wong announced that Toy's Café in Bellevue will contribute one half of their proceeds on Sundays in March to Congregations for the Homeless.

Geoff Ethelston said working families can call the hotline to see if they qualify for services, such as food assistance, medical assistance or child care subsidies. The number is 1-877-980-9131. The website is [www.wa.gov/workfirst/working\\_families](http://www.wa.gov/workfirst/working_families).

Tom Donnelly from Habitat for Humanity described the Snoqualmie Ridge Blitz Build to build 20 houses in two weeks in August. Twenty-five people will work on each house each day. Many volunteers are needed to make this happen. Call Tom at 425-828-4009 for information.

The meeting was adjourned after closing prayer by Paul Hunsberger.

JoAnne Way, Secretary

**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL**

Activity Report - All funds  
For month ended December 31, 2000

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Eastside Emergency Svc.Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning Dec., 1, 2000	\$1,325.71	74,662.54	502.28	105.25		76,595.78
Receipts:						
Dues	470.00					470.00
Contributions-Congregations		2,800.00				2,800.00
Contributions-individuals		50.00				50.00
United Way - grant		1,378.25				1,378.25
City of Redmond		1,250.00				1,250.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
ESAP & FEMA grants		908.00				908.00
Interest	2.27	411.56				413.83
Total receipts	472.27	6,797.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,270.08
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm Svc., -Oct.2000 svc.		9,554.00				9,554.00
Bank endorsement stamp	18.30	18.30				36.60
Postage & copies	18.81	11.67				30.48
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
Total disbursements	37.11	9,583.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,621.08
Ending balances - Dec. 31, 2000	\$1,760.87	71,876.38	502.28	105.25	0.00	74,244.78
Cash balances - Dec. 31, 2000						
Checking						6,168.76
Money Market savings						73,618.52
Total						\$79,787.28

## MINUTES OF THE EISCC FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2001

**NEXT MEETING: MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2001  
NOON: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BELLEVUE  
TOPIC: RECONCILIATION AND MEDIATION SERVICES**

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Paul Hunsberger. Sally Wing gave the opening prayer.

Members and guests present introduced themselves.

**Program:** Kathy Barker, Fire Education Coordinator for the Bellevue Fire Department, said the most common location for house fires is the kitchen. Candle fires are also common. Seventy per cent of fires are caused by carelessness.

Kathy runs the Fall Prevention Program for the Fire Department. Three quarters of the calls the fire department goes on are not fire related; many of these are falls. Last year the Fire Department transported over 600 people to hospitals after falls. Often falls are caused by environmental factors, such as loose rugs or dangling cords.

The Fall Prevention Program is an attempt to make homes safer. Citizens can call the Fire Department for a safety assessment if someone over 65 falls in the home. The Department can provide safety equipment, such as shower chairs, transfer benches and night lights.

The second presenter was Alex O'Reilly, an Associate Planner for the Human Services Department in Bellevue. The city has a Home Repair program available to help low to moderate-income residents. The low interest loans can be paid back when the house is sold. The maximum amount is \$13,500. Call 425-452-6884 for information.

There is also a program for renters. The department can arrange for major modifications to apartments for low income disabled tenants, with the permission of the landlord.

The King County Housing Stability Project has funds available to prevent eviction or foreclosure. This is a one-time only service. Call 206-461-3200 for information.

Alex also does a Human Services Needs Update every other year for the City of Bellevue. This year she will be doing a survey of faith communities.

Dan Mathieu is a Crime Prevention Officer for the Bellevue Police Department. He is a resource for the Block Watch Program, which encourages neighbors to look out for one another.

Dan recommends Operation I.D. Property which has been marked with an identifying number, such as a license number, is less likely to be stolen and harder to sell. Members of the Police Department will come to churches, synagogues, residences or businesses and give personal security presentations.

The most common crime in this area is the car prowler. Offenders must be caught many times before they actually go to jail. Use common sense to prevent crime. Most burglaries take place in the daytime when people are not home. Evening crimes are less common and more dangerous.

The Bellevue Police Department does not provide firearms training. Firearms in the home are a prime target for thieves. Officer Mathieu recommended pepper spray as a defensive tool for average citizens. Pepper spray is widely available and is legal in Washington.

**Congregational Reports:** Laura Capestany from Sacred Heart described her church's All Parish Service Day. Parishioners, many in family groups, worked at many different agencies for several hours on a Saturday. The day ended with a dinner for the volunteers. Sacred Heart is willing to help any congregation plan a Service Day.

Sherry Budd gave the congregational report for Northshore United Church of Christ. This congregation supports Hopelink and Christmas in April.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the last minute were approved with editorial corrections.



**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Palmer reported EISCC has \$74,886.27 in the bank account. See the detailed report below.

**Legislative Task Force:** Joy Pocasangre referred us to a website, [www.BJ.org/kh\\_00october/mtm.html](http://www.BJ.org/kh_00october/mtm.html) to get an excellent sermon.

Human Services Day is February 19<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully some EISCC members will be able to attend to advocate not cutting the budget for social services.

**Finance:** Louise Wong urged everyone to pay their dues.

**Newsletter:** Sally Wing reported that the newsletter has been mailed. (Ed. Note: Thanks to Terry Kimber for organizing the mailing party.)

**Employment Task Force:** Betsy Mathieu reported that 4500 people were placed in jobs last year.

**Mental Health Task Force:** This group will meet at 3:30 PM, Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran Church. Give Sally Wing your email address if you would like to keep up with the progress of this committee.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Tom Donnelly said Habitat has three projects going now. Twelve units are being built at Newcastle. Units are going to be constructed in Redmond in August or September. The largest project is the Snoqualmie Ridge Blitz Build, scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>. Several faith communities and Weyerhaeuser are sponsoring homes. Many volunteers are needed, not only for building but for support services such as food preparation, registration of volunteers, and staffing first aid stations. Go to [www.habitatkc.org](http://www.habitatkc.org) for more information. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older to help with construction.

Meeting adjourned after Paul Hunsberger gave the closing prayer.

*JoAnne Way, Secretary*

**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL**

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended January 31, 2001

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Eastside Emergency Svc.Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning Jan. 1, 2001	1,761	71,876	502	105		74,245
Receipts:						
Dues	150					150
Contributions-Congregations		1,327				1,327
Contributions-individuals						0
United Way - grant		1,378				1,378
City of Issaquah		875				875
City of Kirkland		2,258				2,258
King County		2,728				2,728
						0
						0
						0
ESAP & FEMA grants		908				908
Interest	1	201				202
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>9,674</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,826</b>
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Svc., Nov. 2000 svc.		9,096				9,096
Brochures	41	48				88
Postage & copies						0
						0
						0
						0
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>9,144</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,184</b>
Ending balances - Jan. 31, 2001	1,871	72,407	502	105	0	74,886
Cash balances - Jan. 31, 2001						
Checking						551.33
Money Market savings						74,334.94
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$74,886.27</b>

## MINUTES OF THE EISCC MEETING March 13<sup>th</sup> 2001

**NEXT MEETING: NOON APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BELLEVUE**  
**TOPIC: AVAILABLE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ON THE EASTSIDE**

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Lloyd VanVactor at 12:00PM. Members and guests present introduced themselves. Jim Palmer gave the opening prayer.

Sally Wing introduced the speakers.

Gail Pruitt described her work with the Victim Inclusion Project, Juvenile Services, King County Superior Court. We need to look at crime as an injury to people and the community. We need to strengthen community bonds; juveniles who feel connected to their community are less likely to offend.

The Victim Inclusion Project is a voluntary program, involving mostly property crimes. Participants are usually referred by judges or attorneys. Offenders need to feel remorse. They may correspond with their victims to apologize, or meet face to face. Different ways are used to reconcile victims and offenders.

Cathy Goldman described the Bellevue Neighborhood Mediation Program as a parent-teen mediation service funded by the city of Bellevue. Mediation is open to students in Bellevue schools and Bellevue residents. Most mediations are accomplished in two to four sessions. Teens are trained to co-mediate with adults.

Call 425-452-4091 for more information. Most callers are assigned to mediation within one week. At least 75% of participants leave with a mediated agreement.

**Emergency Services Fund Report:** Jennifer Cole-Wilson distributed the list of congregational contributors. The fund was used to help 653 households last year. Most common needs were auto fuel, utility payment assistance, rent (both to prevent eviction and to help with first and last month's payments), prescription drug and medical bills, and water. EISCC congregations were the source of 78% of the fund's income.

**Congregational Reports:** Geoff Ethelston from the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer described his church's outreach program, which receives 2.3% of the church's income. Butterfly, a thrift store in Bellevue, is one of their projects. Over the past ten years over \$412,000 has been distributed from the store. The Kenmore shelter program for homeless families receives gifts and food and gas vouchers from the church. Donations are also made to other agencies.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as mailed.

**Treasurer's Report:** We received \$160 in dues income last month. See the printed statement for details.

**Newsletter:** Copies of the current newsletter are available. The next issue will be published in May or June.

**Legislative Report:** Geoff Ethelston and Betty Smith went to the social services advocacy day in Olympia February 19<sup>th</sup>. Governor Locke spoke to the group. He would like the spending cap increased. People need to be better informed about initiatives and their effects on the state budget. Currently teachers' salaries and human services are competing for money. Contact your legislators on the hotline at 1-800-562-6000. Interpretive services are now available on the hotline.



**Congregations for the Homeless:** Louise Wong reported that the request for a grant for \$1000 from the CoHo Team of Windermere Agents has been approved. Also, Toy's Café in Bellevue is donating one half of their proceeds on Sundays in March to Congregations.

**Mental Health Task Force:** The next meeting of this group will be Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 PM at Grace Lutheran Church. The task force is exploring what information about mental health issues would be helpful to congregations. How do we inform people about resources? Call Sally Wing at 747-5924 or email her at [drswing@webtv.net](mailto:drswing@webtv.net) if you would like to join this group or have questions.

**Announcements:** Louise Wong said Sacred Heart Catholic Church will hold an all-parish day on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome.

Tom Donnelly from Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers for the Blitz Build in August at Snoqualmie Ridge. This project anticipates using 5-8 thousand volunteers! They will be starting a cardboard drive soon. Cardboard is one component of the insulation used in the buildings.

Sally Wing said a Muslim group in Bellevue is planning construction of a new mosque. Currently this group holds prayer meetings the first and third Friday of the month in the Lake Hills Club House from 8-10:00 PM. There will be a hearing Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> in Bellevue City Hall. Go to the Eastside Journal website at [www.eastsidejournal.com](http://www.eastsidejournal.com) and "search archives" for more information.

There will be a sunrise service at 6:00AM Easter morning in the Bellevue downtown park. First Presbyterian Church is sponsoring the service.

*JoAnne Way, Secretary*

#### EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended February 28, 2001

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Eastside Emergency Svc.Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning Feb. 1, 2001	1,871.45	72,407.29	502.28	105.25		74,886.27
Receipts:						
Dues	160.00					160.00
Contributions-Congregations		250.00				250.00
Contributions-individuals		200.00				200.00
United Way - grant		1,378.25				1,378.25
City of Bellevue		6,871.00				6,871.00
United Way "payouts"		244.08				244.08
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
ESAP & FEMA grants		908.00				908.00
Interest	0.48	342.63				343.11
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>160.48</b>	<b>10,193.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,354.44</b>
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Svc., Dec. 2000 svc.		9,871.00				9,871.00
Filing fee - Sec. of State	10.00					10.00
Postage & copies	77.09	99.37				176.46
Newsletter	169.75					169.75
						0.00
						0.00
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>256.84</b>	<b>9,970.37</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,227.21</b>
<b>Ending balances - Feb. 28, 2001</b>	<b>1,775.09</b>	<b>72,630.88</b>	<b>502.28</b>	<b>105.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>75,013.50</b>

#### Cash balances - Feb. 28, 2001

Checking	582.60
Money Market savings	74,430.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,013.50</b>

## MINUTES OF THE EISCC APRIL 10, 2001

**NEXT MEETING: Noon May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2001**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue**  
**Topic: Mama's Hands**

The meeting was called to order by co-chair Paul Hunsberger. Sally Wing gave the opening prayer. Members and guests present introduced themselves.

**Program:** Nadine Shannon was the program moderator. Ron Hutchinson, Associate Director of Kirkland Interfaith Transitional Housing was the first speaker. KITH was founded in 1989, first providing housing in public apartments. The organization purchased a 12 -plex building, Salisbury Court, and later a 4 -plex Petter Court, funded by private donations. These units provide low cost housing, usually after tenants spend 12-24 months in transitional housing.

On April 28<sup>th</sup> the Church Council of Seattle will sponsor a conference on ending homelessness. Call Stephanie Hall at St. Mark's for further information. KITH will sponsor an Experience of Homelessness night on September 2<sup>nd</sup> as a fund- raiser and educational experience. Participants will sleep out in church parking lots. Educational materials will be provided.

Liz Mills from the YWCA Family Village said one the goals of the Village is to help people improve the quality of their lives. The Village was founded to assist families who were cycling in and out of the shelter system. There are three kinds of housing: emergency shelters, to be used for one-45 days; transitional housing, utilized for three-24 months; and affordable housing. There was a clear need for longer term housing than the shelters provided. The Village has 20 apartments, used by one or two parent households for 3-18 months. Family Village was opened in 1993. At that time most tenants were single mothers, often victims of domestic violence. Funds were available to send them to training programs. This is not the case today, with the Work First rules in effect. Welfare recipients must work 20 hours a week.

Tenants meet with a case manager weekly during their stay. Most then go on to permanent housing. The Y tracks people for one year.

Family Village provides employment services and childcare for residents, and also neighborhood non-residents.

Volunteers can help by contributing financially, holding drives for needed items to furnish the apartments, and helping clean and paint apartments.

Bob Riley described the Crossroads Housing program. Money for transitional housing is provided by donations from churches, foundations, and individuals. Staff from Catholic Community Services provides case management for tenants. This program serves families with minor children. With a total of seven units, Crossroads Housing has served 52 families at a cost of \$6600 per year per family. Tenants need to be working towards self -sufficiency. Rent is charged on a sliding scale. Minimum rent is \$25 a month.

Jan Dickerman described the transitional housing program administered by Hopelink. Families can stay for up to two years. The program pays attention to the needs of children, who often have issues with school, nutrition, and health care. Hopelink Place is the child care center at SE 6<sup>th</sup> and 102<sup>nd</sup>. Each family has an individual plan, which can include mental health counseling. Hopelink works with other agencies for job placement, etc.

Hopelink has 12 units in Redmond. Their child care center serves mostly homeless children.

Hopelink, Catholic Community Services, and Friends of Youth have formed the Eastside Housing Association. They are planning a complex of 52 units of emergency and transitional housing, including units for single men, single women, and families.

**Congregational Report:** Betty Smith reported on projects of Newport Presbyterian Church. The church supports the Emergency Feeding Program. Congregations for the Homeless, the First Avenue Service



Center, Habitat for Humanity, and Refugee Resettlement with donations and volunteers. Newport Presbyterian affirms the peacemaking emphasis of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

**Mental Health Task Force Report:** Pat O'Hara from Crisis clinic said there are many resources in King County. The Crisis Clinic has compiled reference books which can be purchased. Their web site is [www.crisisclinic.org](http://www.crisisclinic.org). Washington Advocates for the Mentally Ill publishes a state- wide directory, [Connections](#).

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as mailed.

**Treasurer's Report:** See written statement below.

**Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be published in May or June. Sally Wing is the editor.

**Congregations for the Homeless:** Nadine Shannon reported we received \$1000 from the promotion at Toy's Café.

**Membership:** Please notify Betty Spohn if you know of a Social Outreach person in a congregation not currently a member of EISCC.

**Announcements:** Gail Efroymson requested help finding a location for a HOST sponsored conference on homeless mentally ill adults on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Date and time are negotiable.

There will be a symposium on "Healing a Broken Spirit, Healing a Broken World" on Thursday April 26 at Seattle University. Call 206-525-1213.

Alex O'Reilly from the City of Bellevue Home Repairs Program is compiling the Bellevue Needs Update.

Diana Stice announced there will be a Fellowship of Reconciliation on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Redmond Library.

The meeting was adjourned after closing prayer by Paul Hunsberger.

*JoAnne Way, Secretary*

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds  
For month ended March 31, 2001

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Eastside Emergency Svc.Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning March 1, 2001	1,775	72,631	502	105	0	75,014
Receipts:						
Dues	75					75
Contributions-Congregations		266				366
Contributions-individuals		200				200
United Way - grant		1,378				1,378
Toy's Restaurant		10				10
United Way "payouts"		30				30
						0
						0
						0
ESAP & FEMA grants		908				908
Interest	5	276				280
Total receipts	80	3,168	0	0	0	3,247
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm Svc -Jan 2001 svc		8,995				8,995
Postage & copies		20				20
						0
						0
Total disbursements	0	9,015	0	0	0	9,015
Ending balances - March 31, 2001	1,855	65,784	502	105	0	69,246
Cash balances - March 31, 2001						
Checking						605.38
Money Market savings						68,640.68
Total						\$69,246.06



## MINUTES OF THE EISCC MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2001

**NEXT MEETING: JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2001**  
**TOPIC: FRIEND TO FRIEND: ORGANIZING VISITS**  
**TO ISOLATED ADULTS**

Jim Palmer announced that Louise Wong is recovering from heart surgery. EISCC sends Louise our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Co-chair Lloyd Van Vactor called the meeting to order. He offered the opening prayer.

Members and guests present introduced themselves.

**Program:** Glenda Estes introduced the speaker, Dennis Hancock, who founded Mama's Hands. In December 1990 Denny started going to Seattle in a converted van with food and blankets for homeless people. One of his main goals is to reunite people on the street with their families. AT&T Wireless donated cell phones, and clients are encouraged to call their homes.

In 1995 Mama's Hands opened House of Hope in North Bend to house women and children in crisis. The House is modeled on the St. Martin De Porres Shelter in Chicago, a facility operated by nuns to assist women in crisis. Denny showed a video featuring the North Bend facility, which can accommodate 20 residents. Women can stay up to one year with no charge as long as they follow the house rules.

Mama's Hands involves many youth of the community to help distribute the food, and provide listeners for the homeless people who utilize the phones and the food. The Hancocks do not accept government funds; they rely on private donations and fund raisers.

**Mental Health Task Force:** Sally Wing said this group is considering what direction to take. The Task Force is seeking responses to a survey. Members at the meeting offered suggestions and shared resources. The Task Force may compile a directory of services, with input from Crisis Clinic and possibly the Church Council of Greater Seattle. Many congregations have lay ministries and/or congregational support groups to assist members. Are there congregations of the Eastside which would be interested in serving homeless mentally ill people, and in what capacity?

**Congregational Report:** Carol Meisels from Temple De Hirsch Sinai said her temple is building a new facility. This congregation has had speakers on gun control and a panel on domestic violence. They participate in Congregations for the Homeless, and support a shelter in Seattle for homeless women. Youth groups collect food for Northwest Harvest and hold a toy drive during the holidays. Carol described work with the Coalition for Justice, working with the black community in Seattle and the Pursuit of Peace movement, working for peace in the Middle East. Four temples are cooperating to buy land to build housing for the homeless.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as mailed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Palmer reported the Council is in excellent financial condition. See the written statement below.

**Newsletter:** Send any items for the newsletter to Sally Wing. She is working on the next issue.

**Congregations for the Homeless:** Nadine Shannon reported that they are working on grant requests.

**Legislative Task Force:** Joy Pocasangre said 30,000 eligible people will not be covered by the Washington State Basic Health Plan because funds are not available.

**Announcements:** Geoff Ethelston attended the Homeless Conference at St. Mark's Cathedral on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Participants planned further meetings to consider solutions.

The closing prayer was given by Lloyd Van Vactor.

*JoAnne Way, Secretary*

# EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended April 30, 2001

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Eastside Emergency Svc.Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning April 1, 2001	<u>1,855</u>	<u>66,784</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>69,246</u>
Receipts:						
Dues	75					75
Contributions-Congregations		800				800
Contributions-individuals		0				0
United Way - grant		1,378				1,378
CoHo Realty Foundation		1,000				1,000
United Way "payouts"		92				92
City of Bellevue		8,225				8,225
City of Kirkland		2,258				2,258
						0
						0
ESAP & FEMA grants		908				908
Interest	<u>3</u>	<u>261</u>				<u>264</u>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>78</u>	<u>14,923</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,001</u>
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Svc.,-Feb.2001 svc.		9,506				9,506
PO Box rental	28					28
Postage & copies		0				0
						0
						0
						0
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<u>28</u>	<u>9,506</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,534</u>
<b>Ending balances - April 30, 2001</b>	<u>1,905</u>	<u>72,201</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>74,714</u>
<u>Cash balances - April 30, 2001</u>						
Checking						582.92
Money Market savings						74,130.72
Total						<u>\$74,713.64</u>

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662  
MINUTES, JUNE 12, 2001

NEXT PROGRAM: Tuesday, July 10, 2001, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. "Muslim Presence on the Eastside." Speaker: Mr. Jawad Khaki, spokesperson for the Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim Community. 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.

Guests are welcome. If you cannot be present, please send an alternate. Clergy, youth representatives, and persons who work with youth or social ministry programs are especially invited. Please provide brief announcements in writing. Please include EISCC announcements in your congregational newsletter or bulletins, and share information with your clergy and your Social Action or Outreach committees.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Lloyd Van Vactor (425-454-1556) opened the meeting with prayer at 12:05 p.m., June 12, 2001, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Twenty-eight persons were present, including two visitors.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. "Friend to Friend: Organizing Visits to Isolated Adults." Ms. Ann Baumen Johnston (425-822-3584) described the program, which began in 1974, under the auspices of Church Council of Greater Seattle, which provides volunteer visitors to 250 nursing homes, retirement homes, care centers, and assisted living facilities in King, Kitsap, Snohomish, and Pierce counties. There have been 14,000 volunteers since the program started, more than 1,000 on the Eastside, who pledge to visit a friend for a year, after their interests have been matched with that person and they have been trained. Volunteers are sought through churches, company newsletters, and media announcements. Friend to Friend is completely supported by donations, primarily from individuals, and there is no charge to the person visited. The director, Marilyn Soderquist (206-246-5150), daughter of founder Joe Rust, is the only staff person. EISCC members are encouraged to volunteer as visitors or as Board members.

Congregations for Kids. Nancy Jacobs (425-883-6406) announced the sixth annual drive, Good Start Back to School, collecting school supplies and backpacks for children in Bellevue Public Schools. They provided assistance to 449 children last year. They anticipate participation by 21 congregations, as well as Kiwanis, Rotary, and St. Margaret's Thrift Shop. The organization also has sponsored Warm Coats for Kids in November for the past two years, collecting more than 1000 last year.



Congregational Reports. St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church, Bellevue. (Karen Mae Smith) Among congregational projects are small business loans in Ecuador, Peru, and Indonesia; participation in Habitat for Humanity, Eastside Baby Corner, Emergency Feeding Program, Congregations for Kids, and Congregations for the Homeless. They have contributed money and food to the St. Martin de Porres shelter, and supported AIDS projects.

Our Redeemer Episcopal Church, Kenmore. (Geoff Ethelston) Counseling by the Rev. John Ferguson links wisdom of the Bible with wisdom of Jungian psychology. The parish supports St. Mary Magdalene Church, the Butterfly Thrift Shop, and Hopelink shelter for families. They share worship space with the Greek Orthodox Holy Apostles Mission. Following the Church Council of Greater Seattle dialogue on homelessness, they have been looking for transitional housing space.

MINUTES. (JoAnne Way, (425-747-3031) Minutes of the May 8, 2001, meeting were approved with editorial corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (attached). Balance on May 31 was \$72,333. Grants were received from United Way and the cities of Issaquah and Redmond. Contributions have also been received from congregations and individuals, as well as checks from Toy's Cafe and its customers, resulting from a promotion in March, for which thanks are given to Louise Wong. Payment has been made to Catholic Community Services for services to Congregations for the Homeless in March.

TASK FORCES. Newsletter (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924) is expected during the next two weeks.

Legislative (Joy Pocasangre, 425-747-0877). Members were urged to call the Legislative Hot Line (1-800-562-6000) to urge inclusion in the budget of vital human services and enrollment slots in the Basic Health Plan, which Children's Alliance has also supported. Pocasangre also urged people to request the Washington Association of Churches newsletter (206-625-9790 or <wac@thewac.org>

Mental Health. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924) asked potential members to join the e-mail mailing list <drswing@webtv.net>

NOMINATING COMMITTEE. MSC that Dorothy Shindler, Sonneva Wood, and Rich York serve as nominating committee members, with Betty Spohn as adviser. They are to submit their report in September, for election in October.

OTHER BUSINESS. None



ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. 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 and/or e-mail address of contact person and/or sponsoring organization.
2. Newcomer packets are available from Betty Spohn, Membership Chair (425-451-3651). She also has extra copies of Council minutes and brochures.
3. Contributions payable to Hopelink and designated for the "EISCC Eastside Emergency Services Fund" can be mailed to Hopelink, Bellevue Service Center, 14812 Main Street, Bellevue, WA 98007.
4. Contributions to United Way of King County, 107 Cherry Street, Seattle, WA 98104, can be designated for Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council or Congregations for the Homeless.
5. Habitat for Humanity will hold its Snoqualmie Ridge Blitz Build, to build 20 homes in 20 days, between August 6 and 18, 2001. Volunteers who wish to donate their skills are asked to contact Tom Donnelly, project manager (206-522-9788).
6. Hopelink (Jennifer Cole-Wilson, 425-943-7559) has requested used children's books for a summer reading program in August.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m., following closing prayer by Sonneva Wood.

  
Sally Wing  
Secretary Pro Tem

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

August. No meeting.

September 11. Possible presentation by a Buddhist monk.

October 9. First of two programs on agency needs. Election of officers.

# EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended May 31, 2001

	General	Congregations	Employment	Cultural	Eastside		
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>for Homeless</u>	<u>Job Fair</u>	<u>Div/Racism</u>	<u>Svc.Fund</u>		<u>Total</u>
Fund balance, beginning May 1, 2001	<u>1,905</u>	<u>72,201</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>74,714</u>
Receipts:							
Dues	10						10
Contributions-Congregations		290					290
Contributions-individuals		297					297
United Way - grant		1,378					1,378
Toy's Cafe		1,000					1,000
United Way "payouts"		549					549
City of Issaquah		875					875
City of Redmond		1,250					1,250
Toy's Cafe customers		60					60
							0
ESAP & FEMA grants		908					908
Interest	<u>1</u>	<u>251</u>					<u>251</u>
Total receipts	<u>11</u>	<u>6,858</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,869</u>
Disbursements:							
Catholic Comm. Svc.,-March, 2001 svc.		9,064					9,064
							0
Postage & copies	132	53					185
							0
							0
							0
Total disbursements	<u>132</u>	<u>9,117</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,249</u>
Ending balances - May 31, 2001	<u>1,784</u>	<u>69,942</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>72,333</u>

## Cash balances - May 31, 2001

Checking	1,342.73
Money Market savings	<u>70,990.73</u>
Total	<u>\$72,333.46</u>



## MINUTES OF THE EISCC JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> 2001

*NO AUGUST MEETING  
NEXT MEETING NOON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BELLEVUE  
TOPIC: A BUDDHIST PRESENCE ON THE EASTSIDE*

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Lloyd VanVactor. Dorothy Scott gave the opening prayer.

Members and guests present introduced themselves.

John Waltner from the Evergreen Mennonite Church gave the congregational report. The 50 members of this congregation share a commitment to both local and global issues. They work with the Mennonite Central Committee to provide layettes for foreign countries, and also for Eastside Baby Corner. A Mennonite disaster service helped people who suffered damage from the earthquake.

**Minutes** The minutes were approved as mailed.

**Treasurer's Report** Jim Palmer (425-747-2977) reported that we had more expenses than income last month, but we are in good financial shape. (See written report at the end of these minutes.)

**Newsletter** Sally Wing (425-747-5924) said the newsletter is at the printers. It will be in the mail soon.

**Legislative Task Force** Joy Pocasangre (425-747-0877) distributed a flyer expressing concern about the United States' government's attempts to influence the outcome of the upcoming elections in Nicaragua.

**Congregations for the Homeless** We are in the process of negotiating next year's contract with Catholic Community Services. The men will be at St. Thomas in July.

**Membership Committee** Betty Spohn (425-451-3651) said she would like more members on this committee. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

**Mental Health Task Force** Sally Wing said the next meeting of this group will be July 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM at Grace Lutheran Church. The Task Force is developing a list of resources.

**Program** Mr. Jawad Khaki, a spokesperson for the Shia Ithnasheri Muslim Association of the Northwest (IMAN) was the speaker. IMAN meets the first and third Friday evenings at the Lake Hills Community Club from 8-10:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to attend. A Sunday School for about 50 children has been active since 1989.

This Muslim community consists of over 100 families. IMAN helps with ceremonies, such as weddings and funerals. They have a program to help needy families regardless of religious beliefs with food drives and financial assistance.

The community has plans to build a mosque in Bellevue at Northup Way and 173<sup>rd</sup> St. They want to include classrooms, worship space, and parking places. Mr. Khaki stressed that the Muslims want to work with the surrounding community about traffic and noise concerns. The City of Bellevue is collecting comments and will be scheduling a hearing, possibly in November. Go to [www.iman-wa.org](http://www.iman-wa.org) for more details.

**Announcements** The Black Dollar Days Task Force will hold a march sometime in August.

Sue Wuhrman said NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) will hold a forum on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at Overlake Hospital.

The Peace and Justice Resource Center will hold a Book Sale July 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> at First Christian Church, Seattle.

Joy Pocasangre gave a reading.

Meeting was adjourned after Betty Spohn gave the closing prayer.

JoAnne Way, Secretary

### EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended June 30, 2001

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Eastside Emergency Svc.Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning June 1, 2001	<u>1,784.14</u>	<u>69,941.79</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>72,333.46</u>
Receipts:						
Dues	0 00					0.00
Contributions-Congregations		706 00				706.00
Contributions-individuals		333 50				333.50
United Way - grant		1,378 25				1,378.25
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
ESAP & FEMA grants		908 00				908.00
Interest	<u>4 21</u>	<u>233 42</u>				<u>237.63</u>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>4.21</u>	<u>3,559.17</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,563.38</u>
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Svc.,-April, 2001 svc.		9,544.00				9,544.00
Fidelity bond		114.82				114.82
Postage & copies	79 83	26 20				106.03
Auditor's review - Year 2000		795 00				795.00
						0.00
						0.00
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<u>79.83</u>	<u>10,480.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,559.85</u>
<b>Ending balances - June 30, 2001</b>	<u>1,708.52</u>	<u>63,020.94</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>65,336.99</u>
Cash balances - June 30, 2001						
Checking						345.09
Money Market savings						64,991.90
Total						<u>\$65,336.99</u>



## MINUTES OF THE EISCC SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

***NEXT MEETING NOON - 2: 00 PM OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2001***

***TOPIC: AGENCY PRESENTATIONS***

***LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED***

***FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***

***BELLEVUE***

The meeting was called to order by co-chair Lloyd Van Vactor.

Nadine Shannon gave the opening prayer.

Members and guests present introduced themselves, and spoke briefly about their responses to the terrible tragedies in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania today.

**Program:** The Reverend Adhisila Bhikkhu from the Atammayatarama Buddhist Monastery in Woodinville spoke about "A Buddhist Presence on the Eastside." He had been taught to meditate at age seven by his father. After service in the Marine Corp and college, Adhisila (as he is now known) trained in several monasteries to become a Buddhist monk. He was ordained four years ago.

The Woodinville Thai Temple began last March. It is in a forest setting, which is important to Buddhist practice. There are three Thai monks and two Americans. They visit prisoners in jails, since there are often no counselors in prisons attuned to Asian inmates. The monks distribute books to religious seekers. They hold Sunday services at the American Legion in Shoreline and discussion groups on Wednesday nights. Everyone is welcome. They try to serve as a bridge between the traditional Buddhist practices and more western ways.

Lloyd recommended a book, "A New Religious America" by Diana Eck, which describes religions in this country "not as a melting pot, but a symphony orchestra."

**Congregational Report:** Sonneva Wood gave the report for the Eastside Friends' Meeting. Many congregants do social concerns work on their own in the community. The group as a whole is exploring the possibility of new projects, such as work in Stevenson Elementary School, counter-recruitment in high schools (other ways than military), lobbying presence in Olympia, and opposition to the death penalty.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as printed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Palmer said EISCC is in a good financial position. (See the detailed report below.)

**Newsletter:** Sally Wing reminded us copies of the newsletter are available. The next issue will come out in November. Contact Sally at 425-747-5924 if you have information to be included.

**Employment:** We are looking for someone to lead this committee.

**Congregations for the Homeless:** The program is currently housed at St. Madeleine Sophie. The committee meets the first Tuesday of the month.

**Mental Health Task Force:** Sally Wing is the contact person. This group is developing a "band-aid" packet of resource suggestions for coping with mental illness related situations. If you know of helpful resources contact Sally at 425-747-5924 or Pat O'Hara at the Crisis Clinic.

**Nominating Committee:** Sonneva Wood presented the slate assembled by the Nominating Committee. Nominees are: Co-chairs, Lloyd Van Vactor and Paul Hunsberger; Treasurer, Jim Palmer; Assistant Treasurer, Louise Wong; Secretaries, David and Gay Ross (writing minutes) and Marilyn Haymond (mailings); Delegate-at-Large, Dorothy Scott. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the report of the Nominating Committee.

**Announcements:** Heather McAleer reported on the Adelle Maxwell Child Care Center run by Hopelink. The Center is for low-income families, and cares for children from four weeks to five years, plus after school care. Most of the children are in single parent families. Fees are assessed on a sliding scale.

Rick Russell shared information about CROP Walk. CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program) Walk was started 50 years ago to feed hungry people all over the world, including the United States. There will be a Walk in Bellevue on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Up to 25% of the money raised by sponsors goes to local hunger projects. If you would like more information call Neil Howard, who can be reached through the First Methodist Church at 425-454-2059.

Geoff Ethelston is on the Nominating Committee for the Committee to end Homelessness in King County. He would like time at the October EISCC meeting to tell us more about this cause.

Betty Smith announced a Palestinian woman will be speaking at Newport Presbyterian on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

The closing prayer was given by Rick Russell.

*JoAnne Way, Secretary*

#### EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For two month period ended August 31, 2001

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Eastside Emergency Svc.Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning July 1, 2001	1,708.52	63,020.94	502.28	105.25	0.00	65,336.99
<b>Receipts:</b>						
Dues	50.00					50.00
Contributions-Congregations		1,950.00				1,950.00
Contributions-individuals	4.60	18.66				23.26
United Way - grant		2,756.50				2,756.50
United Way payouts		676.40				676.40
City of Kirkland		2,258.00				2,258.00
City of Redmond		1,250.00				1,250.00
Episcopal Charities		6,150.00				6,150.00
City of Bellevue		8,225.00				8,225.00
City of Issaquah		875.00				875.00
						0.00
ESAP & FEMA grants		1,816.00				1,816.00
Interest	1.99	333.75				335.74
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>56.59</u>	<u>26,309.31</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>26,365.90</u>
<b>Disbursements:</b>						
Catholic Comm. Svc., May-June, 2001 svc		19,242.00				19,242.00
						0.00
Postage & copies	104.94	86.66				191.60
Newsletter	236.76					236.76
Umbrella liability insurance		1,112.00				1,112.00
Trailer license tabs		22.50				22.50
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<u>341.70</u>	<u>20,463.16</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20,804.86</u>
<b>Ending balances - August 31, 2001</b>	<u>1,423.41</u>	<u>68,867.09</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>70,898.03</u>
<b>Cash balances - August 31, 2001</b>						
Checking						431.48
Money Market savings						70,466.55
<b>Total</b>						<u>\$70,898.03</u>



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## MINUTES OF THE EISCC OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2001

NEXT MEETING: Noon November <sup>13</sup>6, 2001

First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue

Topic: Agency Reports

Dessert will be served

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Lloyd Van Vactor.

Geoff Ethelston gave the opening prayer.

Guests and members introduced themselves.

**Program:** Kylee Qualls from HOST (Homeless Outreach Stabilization and Transition) made the first agency presentation. HOST works with difficult- to- reach homeless clients with the aim of connecting them with resources. They offer help with housing and mental health support. **Current needs include blankets, socks, underwear and fast food coupons.** Call Kylee at 425-254-0523, extension 104.

Jean Ann French said there will be a concert to benefit Habitat for Humanity on Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the City Church in Kirkland. She suggested **alternative giving** for the holidays. Contribute any amount to Habitat as a gift for someone, and a card will be sent to the person acknowledging the contribution. Also, alternative giving displays are available with cards listing the costs of various items needed for home construction. Call 425-869-6007 extension 233 for information.

Jennifer Cole-Wilson spoke about Hopelink. The six food banks run by Hopelink will have holiday food banks in November and December. **They need holiday foods, as well as staples.** Food collected now needs to last until spring collections. Hopelink also sponsors a holiday gift room where parents can get gifts for their children. **New unwrapped gifts are needed.** You can reach Hopelink at 425-943-7555.

Karen Ridlon from Eastside Baby Corner described the services provided to children up to age 12. \$2.4 million worth of equipment, clothing and gifts were given out in 2000. Anywhere from 35 to 52 agencies each week pick up supplies. **For the holidays the Corner needs toys, diapers, formula, car seats.** They have alternative giving cards available. **Volunteers are also needed to help package items.** Call Karen at 425-865-0234.

Catherine Hillard from the Emergency Feeding Program distributed the list of suggestions for "Food of the Month." She stressed that these are suggestions and other foods are welcome. **EFP needs both food and donations.** Catherine can be reached at 425-562-0698.

Beth Balderston described the Multi-Faith Works program helping people with AIDS and other life threatening illnesses. The newest project is a house in Seattle for MS (multiple sclerosis) victims. AIDS care teams consist of 7-12 volunteers who work together to support households dealing with AIDS. They would be happy to make a presentation to congregations to explain the program. Call Beth at 206-324-1520. **Some help is needed for the Holiday Dinner on December 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Bob Guiliano talked about the Salvation Army's emergency financial assistance program which is available year round. The Army runs a summer camp for children, distributes coats to the needy, and helps workers in disaster relief efforts. **They need Safeway certificates for their Thanksgiving boxes.** Call Bob at 425-827-1930.

**Carolyn Anderson (206-324-2243) said the Seattle Mental Health (Eastside) needs unwrapped gifts for families and children of all ages.** This organization has a Critical Incident Response Team to help people coping with trauma, such as earthquakes and the tragedies of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Minutes** The minutes were approved as mailed, with one editorial correction.

**Treasurer's Report** Jim Palmer said we received \$204.39 additional money from United Way, as our share of the restricted funds. See the financial report at the conclusion of the minutes.

**Election of Officers** Sonneva Woods presented the nominations for officers for 2001-2002. The proposed slate is: Co-chairs, Lloyd Van Vactor and Paul Hunsberger; Treasurer, Jim Palmer; Assistant Treasurer, Louise Wong; Secretary (minutes), Gay Ross; Secretary (mailings), Marilyn Haymond; Delegate- at-



Large, Dorothy Scott. No further nominations were received from the floor. The slate was unanimously accepted as proposed.

**Announcements** Sally Wing presented a "Band Aid Kit" containing resources for lay leaders, clergy, friends and families dealing with mental illness. These kits will be available for congregations.

Geoff Ethelston introduced Dr. Peter Strimer, member of the Nominating Committee for the Committee to End Homelessness in King County. Dr. Strimer told us that over half the beds for homeless people in King County are provided by the faith community. He stressed there has to be a regional response to the problem of homelessness. If you know someone with ability and commitment who would be a good addition to the committee, call Dr. Strimer at 206-323-0300 x217, or email him at [pstrimer@stuarks.org](mailto:pstrimer@stuarks.org).

Jennifer Cole-Wilson gave the quarterly report for the Eastside Emergency Services Fund. The fund assisted 192 families with rent and utility payments, auto expenses and other necessities. \$10,274 was spent last quarter.

Diana Stice invited everyone to a gourmet dinner and auction on October 19<sup>th</sup> to benefit United Methodist Women. Call 425-557-9601 for information. On Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM Joan Lawson from the United Nations Association will be a guest speaker at the Methodist Church.

Joy Pocasangre urged everyone to vote "no" on Initiative 747. She also said the Coalition for a Jewish Voice is planning an initiative to start an income tax.

Betty Smith reported that the meeting in Redmond last Saturday to learn more about Muslims was well attended.

Sally Wing said the next newsletter will be published sometime this fall. If you have items you would like included please contact Sally at 425-747-5924.

Closing prayer was offered by Diana Stice.

*JoAnne Way, Secretary*

#### EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended Sept. 30, 2001

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Eastside Emergency Svc.Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning Sept. 1, 2001	1,423.41	68,867.09	502.28	105.25	0.00	70,898.03
Receipts:						
Dues	25.00					25.00
Contributions-Congregations		350.00				350.00
Contributions-individuals		0.00				0.00
United Way - grant		1,378.25				1,378.25
United Way - add'l grant		204.39				204.39
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
ESAP & FEMA grants		0.00				0.00
Interest	0.18	199.78				199.96
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>25.18</b>	<b>2,132.42</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,157.60</b>
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Svc., owe for July-Sept.svc		0.00				0.00
						0.00
Postage & copies	0.00	0.00				0.00
						0.00
						0.00
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Ending balances - Sept. 30, 2001</b>	<b>1,448.59</b>	<b>70,999.51</b>	<b>502.28</b>	<b>105.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>73,055.63</b>
<u>Cash balances - Sept. 30, 2001</u>						
Checking - WA Mutual						431.66
Money Market savings						72,623.97
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$73,055.63</b>



**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL**

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended Oct. 31, 2001

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Fund balance, beginning Oct.t. 1, 2001	<u>\$1,448.59</u>	<u>70,999.51</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>		<u>\$73,055.63</u>
Receipts:							
Dues	100.00						100.00
Contributions-Congregations		1,925.00					1,925.00
Contributions-individuals		0.00					0.00
United Way - grant		1,378.25					1,378.25
United Way - pay-outs		574.89					574.89
City of Kirkland		2,258.00					2,258.00
City of Redmond		1,250.00					1,250.00
							0.00
							0.00
							0.00
							0.00
ESAP & FEMA grants		1,816.00					1,816.00
Interest	<u>1.29</u>	<u>151.62</u>					<u>152.91</u>
Total receipts	<u>101.29</u>	<u>9,353.76</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,455.05</u>
Disbursements:							
Catholic Comm. Svc.,-July & Aug. svc.		19,519.00					19,519.00
Luncheon supplies	26.78						26.78
Postage & copies	45.91						45.91
P.O. Box rental	27.50						27.50
Trailer maintenance		31.49					31.49
							<u>0.00</u>
Total disbursements	<u>100.19</u>	<u>19,550.49</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>19,650.68</u>
Ending balances - Oct. 31, 2001	<u>\$1,449.69</u>	<u>60,802.78</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$62,860.00</u>
Cash balances - Oct. 31, 2001							
Checking - WA Mutual							498.27
Money Market savings							62,361.73
Total							<u>\$62,860.00</u>

## MINUTES OF THE EISCC MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 13, 2001

**NEXT MEETING: December 11, 2001 at noon**  
**At the Bellevue First Presbyterian Church**  
**Topic: Employment Opportunities**

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair, Paul Hunsberger

**Opening Prayer** by Paul Hunsberger

### **Agency Presentations:**

Bellevue Police Department, Public Community Services Section presentation by Alisa Leavitt, 452-6971. Their community outreach program needs funding and sponsors for a Mobile Dental Unit to provide free dental services for residents and neighbors of five King County Housing Authority low-income housing complexes in east Bellevue, with a focus on youth ages 18 and younger. They will also hand out free toothpaste, toothbrushes and dental supplies. The operational cost of the mobile dental unit will be approximately \$800 per month. Volunteer Dentists and support personnel will operate the unit.

Bridge Ministries presentation by Donna Whitmore, 425-828-1431. They give assistance to people with physical and developmental disabilities. They provide group support and programs, job training and possibly jobs to meet the individual's situation. They need volunteers to help with a number of their programs: Medical equipment recycle (clean-up and repair), special birthday parties for each of the 47 individuals under their guardianship, Easter food baskets, annual Walk a-thon fund raiser, staffing their annual overnight outing, and a sponsor church for a Sunday evening in July to use their fellowship hall for from 60 to 120 Disabled and their caregivers. The church would provide the program and dinner.

King County East Office of the Division of Children and Family Services presentation by Carol Donaldson, 425-649-4154. They need volunteers to perform duties and tasks the social workers would like to do but do not have the time. These include: preparing the Life Books for Children, supervision for child-family visits where required by the courts, family sponsors for the "Holiday Giving Program", volunteers to wrap & deliver holiday gifts, provide transportation for children to medical or dental appointments, athletic games and practices and church (they will pay mileage at IRS rates). They have a desperate need for respite care volunteers to provide temporary substitutes for parents or foster caregivers needing a break.

Crisis Clinic presentation by Pat O'Hara, 206-461-3210 or [www.crisisclinic.org](http://www.crisisclinic.org). They have Caregiver Specialists and Disability Specialists on staff. They provide "Safe Harbor" and 211 programs. They have a referral program for food and services. They need help with Holiday Programs.

Eastside Children's Response Center Services for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress presentation by Mary Ann Carlson, 425-688-5130 or [www.ChildrensResponseCenter.org](http://www.ChildrensResponseCenter.org). They are located at the South Campus of Overlake Hospital in Bellevue. They serve children in crisis, ages 2-1/2 to 17 with counseling and other services. They need volunteers to adopt families for holiday gifts and meals.

Jewish Family Service presentation by Carol Mullin, 206-461-3240 or [jfle@jfsseattle.org](mailto:jfle@jfsseattle.org). They serve the Jewish community in the Greater Seattle Area. They have a Refugee program, Holiday gift and food bank programs and education programs.

**Minutes** – The minutes were approved as mailed with one date correction.

### **Reports:**

Treasurer's Report - Jim Palmer said we have \$62,860 in the Bank.

Newsletter - Dr. Sally Wing said she is now collecting materials for the next issue in January. Please contact her at 425-747-5924 with any items to include.



Congregation for the Homeless – Nadine Shannon said they are doing well.  
Membership Committee – Said they will report new members each month.  
Mental Health Task Force – Dr. Sally Wing said their next meeting is in January.

**Announcements:**

Nadine Shannon needs your congregation nominations for the "Best of Bellevue Panel".

Joy Pocosangre announced the Combined Interfaith Congregation Thanksgiving Program on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Temple B'nai Torah. All are welcome. Also "Tree of Life" has Book Club offerings for this month. Recommended book: "A New Religious America" by Diana L. Eck.

Al Bagley announced a meeting at 7:00 or 7:30 p.m. on November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Kirkland Library where he will give a report on his travel to Israel.

**Closing Prayer** by Louise Wong.

*Gay L. Ross, Secretary* – (425) 313-7593

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL (EISCC)  
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA, 98009  
MINUTES OF THE 12-11-01 COUNCIL MEETING

**Next Meeting:** January 8, 2002, noon to 1:30 p.m., Bellevue First Presbyterian Church, Chapel Lounge. Chair: Lloyd Van Vactor, 425-885-6993. Program: "Congregations for the Homeless". Please invite your clergy, staff, and social outreach commissioners.

OPENING & INTRODUCTIONS

EISCC Co-Chair Paul Hunsberger opened the meeting with a prayer. All introduced themselves.

CONGREGATION REPORT

Gary O'Neal of Bellevue First United Methodist reported that the church has a strong commitment to community services. O'Neal handed out a list of the services and mission activities the church is involved in, and briefly described some. He also elaborated on the history and operation of the church basement shelter for homeless families. It has one room plus access to kitchen, restroom, and showers. It was started 12 years ago and averages 3-4 families per year. Referral is through Catholic Community Services.

PROGRAM: "EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES"

Larry Clark, director of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints' (LDS) Renton Regional Employment Center (206-682-3363) reported on the purpose and operations of the LDS employment resource services, which serve 70,000 church members. The objective is self-reliance, because "the church cannot hope to save a man on Sunday if during the week it is a complacent witness to the crucifixion of his soul" (LDS President Gordon B. Hinckley). The service is open to the public.

Jody Deatry (425-392-5316) of Zetec, Inc. presented information on the free computer classes for single mothers that she conducts on 3 consecutive Saturdays, 6 times a year. Sarah LaChance of Hopelink (425-943-7555, [sarahl@hope-link.org](mailto:sarahl@hope-link.org)) performs the screening. Deatry, a software trainer and developer, teaches the class, named STAR (Skills Training And Resources), with the help of volunteer teaching aides and free use of the facilities and employees at Zetec.

MINUTES

The November minutes were approved with (1) editorial corrections; (2) corrections on the Crisis Clinic presentation, 2<sup>nd</sup> line: "They provide "Safe Harbor" and 211 programs" should be "Programs under development include Safe Harbor and "211" emergency call programs."

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Palmer reported that dues statements have been sent and urged delegates to work with their organizations on paying the dues early. Receipts for Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) were \$15,637 for November and expenses \$18,456. Individual contributions were over \$2,000. Cash reserve for CFH was \$57,984. A detailed report is included as part of these minutes.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

The **Newsletter** will be out in January. Sally Wing provided delegates with mental health checklists.



**Congregations for the Homeless:** Starting in January, monthly meetings will be at St. Luke's Lutheran library. The program is presently filled to capacity at First Presbyterian with LDS as support. November went well at First Congregation with Sacred Heart as support.

**Mental Health:** The task force will resume meeting January 29, 3 p.m., at Grace Lutheran. Delegates who want to be on the email list should inform Sally Wing (425-747-5924).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Committee to End Homelessness in King County:** Sponsors are being made founding members.

**Martin Luther King Day celebration:** Monday January 21, noon-3 p.m., Crossroads Shopping Center, Market Stage. Sponsored by City of Bellevue. Featuring guest speakers, musical performances, youth theatre, anti-violence exhibit, and community resource tables. To participate with a table call Callie Shanafelt, City of Bellevue Cultural Diversity Program, 425-452-7922.

### ADJOURNMENT

Hunsberger adjourned the meeting after a closing prayer by Sally Wing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Wong,

Secretary Pro Tem

*Louise Wong*

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Contributions-individuals		2,050.00				2,050.00
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United Way - pay-outs		34.80				34.80
City of Bellevue		8,225.00				8,225.00
City of Issaquah		875.00				875.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
ESAP & FEMA grants		1,816.00				1,816.00
Interest	0.69	155.23				155.92
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>25.69</b>	<b>15,637.24</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>15,662.93</b>
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Svc.,-Sept.&Oct. svc		18,456.00				18,456.00
Bulk mail permit	125.00					125.00
Postage & copies	52.43					52.43
Mental Health Task Force - supplies	14.05					14.05
						0.00
						0.00
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>191.48</b>	<b>18,456.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>18,647.48</b>
<b>Ending balances - Nov. 30, 2001</b>	<b>\$1,283.90</b>	<b>57,984.02</b>	<b>502.28</b>	<b>105.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$59,875.45</b>
Cash balances - Nov. 30, 2001						
Checking - WA Mutual						367.48
Money Market savings						59,507.97
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$59,875.45</b>