

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL (EISCC)
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA, 98009
MINUTES OF THE 1-8-02 COUNCIL MEETING

Next Meeting: February 12, 2002, noon to 1:30 p.m., Bellevue First Presbyterian Church, Chapel Lounge. Chair: Lloyd Van Vactor, 425-885-6993. Program: "Senior Services/Opportunities on the Eastside." Please invite your clergy, staff, and social outreach commissioners.

OPENING & INTRODUCTIONS

EISCC Co-Chair Lloyd Van Vactor opened the meeting with a prayer by Karen Mae Smith. All introduced themselves.

CONGREGATION REPORT

Overlake Park Presbyterian: Al Bagley (425-885-0913) reported on the church's successful February 2001 peace program, which will be repeated in February 2002.

Muslim Community Islamic Center (14700 Main Street, Bellevue): Fazl Hassan (425-746-0398) reported on this Islamic Center. It also has a small Medina Academy at the old Redmond School House. Most members are from India and Pakistan. There is a fund for unfortunate people. Visitors are welcome at all services, which are conducted daily at noon, 3 p.m., 4:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Fridays there are services at 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

PROGRAM: CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS (CFH)

Nadine Shannon, chair of the CFH program, introduced its history. It was started in 1993. It is the only program for homeless men on the Eastside. Many temporarily homeless men would not have made it without CFH. It meets their 3 fundamental needs: housing, meals, and counseling. Professional counseling and full-time on-site management are contracted out to Eastside Catholic Community Services (CCS). Mail and voice mail are accessible at CCS. Clothing, bus tickets, haircuts, and medical help are also provided.

Patricia Kuderer of Sacred Heart Catholic reported that as a support congregation in November 2001, Sacred Heart involved 240 volunteers, including youth and Brownies. A menu plan provided variety. Live classical music was provided extemporaneously. Sometimes situations require out-of-the-box thinking.

Marilyn Haymond of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Bellevue Stake (LDS) reported that as a liaison of support services for LDS, she was on site every night during LDS months and was often thanked for the provisions. The program is an excellent example of people helping people, who when able turn around and help other people. If there is extra food, she takes it to Hopelink.

Jim Palmer, Treasurer of EISCC and CFH, reported on what it costs to run the program. The majority of the cost pays for CCS staffing. We operate out of a post office box. We have a \$2 million liability insurance coverage. The budget was \$117,000 for 2001, and \$123,000 for 2002. We provided about 6,000 bed nights in 2001. The average cost was therefore \$20 per person per day for housing, 3 meals, and professional counseling and on-site management for 365 days a year. This is possible due to the generous gift of time, food, and facilities from congregations. Last year, total collections were \$131,000, total expenses \$118,000, to a surplus of about \$13,000.

EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND REPORT (ESF)

Jennifer Cole-Wilson of Hopelink reported on gifts to the ESF and its usage. 194 households were assisted in the last quarter of 2001.

MINUTES

The December minutes were approved as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Palmer reported on financial activities for December and reminded delegates that dues are due. A detailed financial report is included as part of these minutes.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

The **Newsletter** will go to press in January. Sally Wing reminded delegates of the **legislative** hotline number of 1-800-562-6000. February 6 is **Church Advocacy Day**. Many social services are at risk of budget cuts. Those interested in receiving Nancy Amidei's Policy Watch legislative e-newsletter should send an email to amidei@u.washington.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 18-25 is Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Christian-Hindu Dialogue day is January 19.

ADJOURNMENT

Van Vactor adjourned the meeting after a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Louise Wong, Secretary Pro Tem.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds
For month ended Dec. 31, 2001

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Eastside Emergency Svc.Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning Dec. 1, 2001	\$1,283.90	57,984.02	502.28	105.25	0.00	\$59,875.45
Receipts:						
Dues	525.00					525.00
Contributions-Congregations		7,109.88				7,109.88
Contributions-individuals		625.00				625.00
United Way - grant		1,378.25				1,378.25
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
ESAP & FEMA grants						0.00
Interest	0.79	167.84				168.63
Total receipts	525.79	9,280.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,806.76
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Svc., -Owe for Nov-Dec svc.		0.00				0.00
						0.00
Postage & copies	114.14	25.13				139.27
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
Total disbursements	114.14	25.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	139.27
Ending balances - Dec. 31, 2001	\$1,695.55	67,239.86	502.28	105.25	0.00	\$69,542.94
Cash balances - Dec. 31, 2001						
Checking - VVA Mutual						229.00
Money Market savings						69,313.94
Total						\$69,542.94

MINUTES OF THE EISCC MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2002

Opening & Introductions:

EISCC Co-Chair Lloyd Van Vactor opened the meeting and Louise Wong gave the opening prayer. All attending introduced themselves.

Agency Presentations: Dr. Sally Wing coordinated a panel discussion on Eastside Senior Services and Opportunities:

Jan Nestler, coordinator of Eastside Adult Day Services, (425) 867-1799, extension 11 said their goal is to provide a safe, caring and affordable environment to encourage and celebrate each person's integrity, individuality and independence where they can experience a sense of purpose, meaning and joy. They operate Adult Day Care, Health Services Respite Care for families, Occupational Therapy, Social Services, Therapeutic Activities and manage Contract and Fund Services.

Ruth Van de Carr, Overlake Hospital Senior Care/Connections, (425) 688-5802, states their goal is to help Eastside Seniors manage their own health care. They have Caregivers Programs & Support groups, a newsletter and Respite Care Guide, a Directory of In-Home Services, Education programs and Mental Health Counseling.

Mark Avni, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), (206) 694-6787. They recruit senior volunteers to "make a difference" and provide for their travel, insurance and mileage reimbursement.

Cathy Wiederhold, Director City of Bellevue Parks and Community Services, (425) 452-7681. They provide Active Adult Programs, Lunch Programs, Exercise and Dance Classes and activities in the Bellevue-Kirkland area. Scholarships are available.

Congregational Reports:

Karen Mae Smith, St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church, (425) 644-2064 gave a report on their many 2001 Outreach Projects. This year they will focus Taskforces to address Human Dignity and Poverty Issues. Adult & Children's Projects are Faith Formation, Family, Community Life and Education.

Task Force and Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Jim Palmer, (425) 747-2977 reported we have \$77,839.99 in the bank.

Newsletter Editor, Dr. Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924 is working on the next Newsletter. She handed out a Resource List for Eastside Senior Services and Opportunities.

Legislation Task Force, Joy Pocasangre, (425) 747-0877 gave handout on "The Prospects for Tax Reform" and requested we call our legislatures, senators and government representatives.

Congregations for the Homeless, Nadine Shannon, (425) 746-6019 reported we have 30 people in the project for Homeless Men now. This has been a successful project.

Mental Health Task Force, Dr. Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924 handed out a very extensive list of Community Resources for persons with Mental Illness.

Announcements and Other Business:

Louise Wong announced that Habitat for Humanities plans to build two houses on Snoqualmie Ridge starting 9-11-02.

Mark Hoover, LDS Family History Center, E-Mail: mhoover@bestnet.com, handed out an invitation to their Family History Fair June 1, 2002, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Redmond Family History Center, 10115 172nd Ave NE. They will have classes and computers available for your genealogy research.

NEXT MEETING:

March 12, 2002 at noon, Bellevue First Presbyterian Church Topic: Disaster Preparedness

Closing Prayer: Joy Pocasangre

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

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended Jan. 31, 2002

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Eastside Emergency Svc.Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning Jan. 1, 2002	<u>\$1,695.55</u>	<u>67,239.86</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$69,542.94</u>
Receipts:						
Dues	310.00					310.00
Contributions-Congregations	10.00	1,300.00				1,310.00
Contributions-individuals	20.50	18.68				39.18
United Way - grant		1,378.25				1,378.25
King County - 2001 grant		20,000.00				20,000.00
City of Kirkland -4th Qtr 2001 grant		2,258.00				2,258.00
City of Redmond- 4th Qtr 2001 grant		1,250.00				1,250.00
City of Issaquah - 4th Qtr 2001 grant		875.00				875.00
						0.00
						0.00
ESAP & FEMA grants		2,018.00				2,018.00
Interest	<u>1.45</u>	<u>65.92</u>				<u>67.37</u>
Total receipts	<u>341.95</u>	<u>29,163.85</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>29,505.80</u>
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Svc.,- Nov-Dec svc.		20,902.00				20,902.00
						0.00
Postage & copies	20.50	38.92				59.42
Bulk mailing - directory, etc.	247.33					247.33
						0.00
						<u>0.00</u>
Total disbursements	<u>267.83</u>	<u>20,940.92</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>21,208.75</u>
Ending balances - Jan. 31, 2002	<u>\$1,769.67</u>	<u>75,462.79</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$77,839.99</u>
Cash balances - Jan. 31, 2002						
Checking - WA Mutual						278.88
Money Market savings						<u>77,561.11</u>
Total						<u>\$77,839.99</u>

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE
February 12, 2002

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

Boys & Girls Clubs of King County (Redmond): (425) 836-9295
(free individual and family counseling)

Catholic Community Services/Family Center (East King County):
Intake (206) 328-5774
(sliding scale counseling for individuals, couples, & families)

Children's Hospital & Medical Center - Children's Bellevue: (425) 454-4644

Crisis Clinic: (206) 461-3222 or (866) 4CRISIS (866-427-4747)
Community Information line: (206) 461-3200 or (800) 621-4636 or
<www.crisisclinic.org>
Teens: 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.: (206) 461-4922 or (866) TEENLINK
(866-833-6465)

Crista Ministries/Crista Counseling (Kirkland): (206) 546-7215
(Christian counseling and guidance)

Family Services - Bellevue: (425) 453-7890
Redmond: (425) 869-6687

Friends of Youth: Carnation/Duvall: (425) 844-9669
Issaquah: (425) 392-6367
Snoqualmie: (425) 888-4151
(individual, family, & group counseling)

HOST Project (Homeless Outreach Stabilization & Transition)/King
County: (206) 464-6454, ext. 4028
(outreach to homeless, severely mentally ill adults)

Lutheran Community Services Northwest: (206) 694-5700 or
<www.lssnw.org>
(formerly Lutheran Social Services)

Lutheran Counseling Network/East King County: (425) 455-2960
(individual, family, & group counseling)

Mercer Island Youth and Family Services: (206) 236-3525
(counseling for youth, parents, & families)

NAMI-Eastside/National Alliance for the Mentally Ill - Eastside:
(425) 941-9099 or <www.nami-eastside.org>
National: (800) 950-6264 or <www.nami.org>

National Coalition of Mental Health Professionals & Consumers:
<www.thenationalcoalition.org>

National Depression Manic Depression Association (NDMDA): (800) 826-3632 or <www.ndmda.org>

Overlake Hospital Medical Center: (425) 688-5259
(support groups for stress management, mood disorders, & mental illness)

Presbyterian Counseling Service: (206) 527-2266 or
<www.pcscounseling.org>

Seattle Mental Health: Intake (206) 324-0206
(formerly Mentor Health Northwest)

WAMI/Washington Advocates for the Mentally Ill: (206) 783-WAMI-9264 or <www.behavenet.com/wami> or <www.nami-wami.com>

Youth Eastside Services: Bellevue: (425) 747-4937
Kirkland: (425) 827-4937
Redmond: (425) 869-6038

PUBLICATIONS

Christopher News Notes, The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017. (212) 759-4050. E-mail <tci@idt.net> Website <www.christophers.org>

Pathways to Promise, 5400 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, MO 63439. (314) 644-8400. <www.pathways2promise.org>

MINUTES OF THE EISCC MEETING HELD MARCH 12, 2002

Conducting: EISCC Co-Chair Paul Hunsberger

Opening Prayer: Emily Woodson, (206) 232-0222

Introductions: Introduction of all attending including Unitarian Congregation visitors from Romania.

Minutes of previous meeting were read & approved as mailed with only editorial corrections.

Agency Presentations: Marilyn Haymond coordinated the Program on "Disaster Preparedness".

Jo Ann Jordon, (425) 452-7923, of Bellevue Fire Department gave the first presentation. The focus was on Earthquake Disasters Preparedness because Washington State is the third highest threat in the U.S. in Earthquake Disaster probably. Further, of Disasters, Earthquakes are the most survivable. We survive by being prepared. She said do not run to a doorway because one-third of all injuries during an Earthquake are to leg bones. The most important to remember is **DROP** where you are, take **COVER** under something such as a table, **HOLD ON** to the table legs or anything reachable and **STAY IN PLACE** until the shaking stops! "What if" answers are: 1) If no table reachable in 3-4 seconds, sit with back against inside wall with no windows. 2) If on bus, hold on to seat in front of you and follow bus driver directions. 3) If in car, pull over and stop. Stay in car. 4) If on top of bridge, drive to end of bridge and then stop. 5) If in bed, stay there with covers over your head. Keep flashlight and shoes under bed to put on because of broken glass & then move outside after shaking stops. 6) If in bathroom, turn off water and sit down. If seated, stay put. Bathroom is the safest place in the building because it is small. 7) If small kids around, act calm. They do not know there is danger unless you become upset. If kids are at school, this is the safest place for them because they are trained as to what to do there. Give the school one hour before you drive to pick them up. 8) If on the phone, put it back on the hook. Do not call 911 to report an Earthquake - They know! Stay off the telephone for 3-5 hours unless there is a life-threatening emergency. 9) Disasters impact utilities. Know how to turn off gas, water & power. **What to do:** 1) Take care of your own needs first then those around you. 2) Prepare disaster supplies (the American Red Cross: "Family Disaster Supplies Kit" samples & brochures were passed around.) 3) Have a 72-hour kit of food, first aid supplies, water, and clothing readily available. 4) Develop a Family Reunion Plan such as where to meet and ask an out of state friend or relative to be your "family contact". After a disaster it is often easier to call long distance. Other family members should call this contact person and tell them where they are and to find out where you are. Share this information with your friends, neighbors, relatives, children's schools, and your employer. Everyone must know your contact's phone number.

David Swan, (425) 785-3297, of LDS Disaster Preparedness Services gave the second presentation. He said use local fire department materials and to make a list of possible local hazards such as fire, earthquake, flood, etc. Place a first aid kit in each car. Place a 24-hour food and warm clothing kit in each car in case you get stranded in the car. He handed out a recommended list of items for a 72-hour kit for your home. Items included where: the container, water, shelter, cooking equipment, fuel & lighting items, first aid kit items, hygiene items, clothing, fun items such as books, pens, pencils, games for children and other supplies such as cash and spare keys. This kit should be kept at home, near the door. In addition he said everyone should be prepared with six "Self-Reliance Steps": 1) Education, 2) Physical Health, 3) Employment, 4) Home Storage, 5) Resource Management, and 6) Spiritual, emotional and social skills.

Congregational Reports:

Tom Shepard, (425) 454-2146, of First Congregational Church in Bellevue reported on their outreach donations and accomplishments. They have an open chapel and garden. They have built Habitat for Humanity Homes in the past.

Task Force and Committee Reports:

Finance Committee, Jim Palmer, (425) 747-2977, reported we have \$84,409.91 in the bank.
Newsletter Editor, Dr. Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924, is working on the next Newsletter for June.
Congregations for the Homeless, Nadine Shannon, (425) 746-6019, reported all going well.
Mental Health Task Force, Dr. Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924, announced they are planning a program for the May 14th EISCC Meeting entitled: "Mental Health Care Issues".

Announcements and Other Business:

Diana Stice, First United Methodist, (425) 557-9601, announced a Crop Walk Program scheduled for Saturday, April 20th from 10-1:00 p.m. registration and starting point Bellevue First Presbyterian Church. 75% of funds go to Hope Link and 25% for local feeding programs.

NEXT MEETING:

April 9, 2002 at noon, Bellevue First Presbyterian Church. Topic: Safe Transition for Sexual Offenders presented by William Ridell, Executive Director of Providence House. All congregations are invited to bring guests.

Closing Prayer: Michelle Robertson, (425) 562-6858.

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

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended Feb. 28, 2002

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Eastside Emergency Svc.Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning Feb. 1, 2002	\$1,769.67	75,462.79	502.28	105.25	0.00	\$77,839.99
Receipts:						
Dues	30.00					30.00
Contributions-Congregations		1,000.00				1,000.00
Contributions-individuals		0.00				0.00
United Way - grant		1,378.25				1,378.25
City of Bellevue - 4th Qtr 2001 grant		8,224.00				8,224.00
United Way - payouts		577.22				577.22
St. Margaret's Gift Shop		2,000.00				2,000.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
ESAP & FEMA grants		1,009.00				1,009.00
Interest	3.99	136.94				140.93
Total receipts	33.99	14,325.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,359.40
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Svc.,- Jan.2002 svc.		9,491.00				9,491.00
						0.00
Postage & copies	77.86					77.86
Newsletter	220.62					220.62
						0.00
						0.00
Total disbursements	298.48	9,491.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,789.48
Ending balances - Feb. 28, 2002	\$1,505.18	80,297.20	502.28	105.25	0.00	\$82,409.91
<u>Cash balances - Feb 28, 2002</u>						
Checking - WA Mutual						502.39
Money Market savings						81,907.52
Total						<u>\$82,409.91</u>

MINUTES OF THE EISCC MEETING HELD APRIL 9, 2001

Conducting: Co-chair, Lloyd Van Vactor, (425) 885-6993

Opening Prayer by Dr. Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924

Introductions: All present introduced themselves. Special welcome to visitors

Minutes – The minutes were approved as mailed with editorial corrections.

Program: "Safe Transition for Sex Offenders" presented by William Ruddell, Executive Director of Providence House, (425) 653-1613. He introduced their Board of Directors and Mission Statement. Public safety is a primary priority of Providence House which contributes to community safety by utilizing group supervision, support and accountability in a structured environment. They maintain shared housing with six adult, low risk sex offenders in each unit. They are supervised by the Department of Corrections and registered with the King County Sheriff. Offenders in the program must be currently in treatment and have signed a contract to abide by the requirements and regulations of a shared housing unit. They have an attorney, clinical psychologist and risk management specialist on their board of directors. Dr. Dick Leon of the board of directors held a question and answer period on how churches can play a part in this effort. 1) Churches can help redeem broken lives. 2) Help create location for Providence Houses. 3) Provide a welcoming environment for offenders. 4) Provide financial support for the program. 5) Invite Providence House speakers to your congregation. 6) Be a host group for an offender. He said their efforts are to help humanize community relationships.

The next speaker was Victoria Roberts, (360) 753-1678, head of the Community Protection Unit, Department of Corrections, in Olympia. Her fact sheet was very informative. There are 16,298 sex offenders registered in Washington State with less than 20% under the Department of Corrections Supervision. In the five largest counties there are 276 offenders registered as transient with an additional 1,345 offenders registered but no longer residing at their address. In the last two years, their department has spent \$192,661 for housing; \$5,607 for transportation; \$17,020 for Treatment; \$4,518 for Medication; and \$14,699 for other (misc.) costs.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report - Jim Palmer, (425) 747-2977, said our cash balance in the bank is \$85,467.46. The Financial Activity Report at March 31, 2002 was distributed and reviewed.

Newsletter - Dr. Sally Wing, 425-747-5924, said the next issue will distribute in May or June. Congregation for the Homeless - Nadine Shannon, (425) 746-6019, said they are doing well.

Membership Committee - Please contact Betty Spohn, (425) 451-3651, for prospective members.

Mental Health Task Force - Dr. Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924, said they will present the next EISCC meeting, May 14th, entitled: "Mental Health Issues: Community Services".

Eastside Emergency Services Fund Quarterly Report - Jennifer Cole-Wilson, (425) 943-7559, said EISCC provided 100% of the \$7,872 funding, needed to meet their expenditures from 1-1-02 to 3-31-02. They served 106 households.

Announcements:

Million Mom March is set for Saturday, May 11th, 1:00-4:00 p.m., call (206) 769-WMMM.

Nadine Shannon announced Free Financial Management Classes by Hopelink, (425) 943-7577.

May 11th is National Mail Carrier's food drive in King County.

Alex O'Riley, (425) 452-2824, Human Services, City of Bellevue handed out a survey regarding refugees arriving in Bellevue. They need this information for planning.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Geoffrey Ethelston, (425) 486-5665.

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

NEXT MEETING:

May 14, 2002 at Noon, Bellevue First Presbyterian Church. Topic: "Mental Health Issues: Community Services" coordinated by Dr. Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924. All congregations are invited to bring guests.

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Activity Report - All funds

For month ended March 31, 2002

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Fund balance, beginning Mar. 1, 2002	<u>\$1,505.18</u>	<u>80,297.20</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	\$82,409.91
Receipts:						\$0.00
Dues	210.00					\$210.00
Contributions-Congregations		1,362.84				\$1,362.84
Contributions-individuals		0.00				\$0.00
United Way - grant		1,378.25				\$1,378.25
ESAP & FEMA grants						
Interest	<u>1.72</u>	<u>114.74</u>				\$116.46
Total receipts	<u>211.72</u>	<u>2,855.83</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,067.55</u>
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Svc., - Owe Feb.&Mar. svc.						0.00
Postage & copies						0.00
Registration fee - WA Sec. of State	10.00					10.00
Total disbursements	<u>10.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>
Ending balances - March 31, 2002	<u>\$1,706.90</u>	<u>83,153.03</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$85,467.46</u>
Cash balances - March 31, 2002						
Checking - WA Mutual						494.11
Money Market savings						<u>84,973.35</u>
Total						<u>\$85,467.46</u>

MINUTES OF THE EISCC MEETING HELD May 14, 2002

Conducting: Co-chair, Paul Hunsberger, (425) 454-1556.

Prayer & Response by Louise Wong, (425) 637-0822, "The gift I have received, I will give as a gift".

Introductions: All present introduced themselves.

Program: "Mental Health Issues: Community Support" was coordinated and introduced by Dr. Sally Wing, (425) 747-5927. A panel discussion was held focusing on answers to the following questions: (1) What information do congregations need to respond to mental illness issues? (2) What would be helpful for congregation members to know in dealing with the mentally ill? (3) What can congregations do to show support and remove stigma? Panel members were Beth Hammonds, clinical department manager, Seattle Mental Health in Bellevue, (425) 602-4400 extension 1401; Sue Wuhrman, (NAMI) National Alliance for the Mentally Ill - Eastside, (425) 455-4236; Carol Green, a NAMI consumer; and Cassandra Jackson, Director of Northwest Counseling Institute, an outpatient therapy program for seniors, adults and children which is a part of Adult Community Support, Seattle Mental Health.

Beth Hammonds said they have 6 case managers and a caseload of 75-80, they provide many long term-care, residential homes for 5 persons each. Their funding is from Medicare through King County. They provide medications (donated by vendors), educational and health wellness forums, \$2.00 lunches, school base programs, mentors, outings, picnics and a buddy system society. They need volunteers.

Sue Wuhrman said they need churches to purchase appropriate journals and books on mental illness for their libraries. They need prayers for strength, understanding and the ability to cope for those with mental illness. They teach family classes on mental health in a monthly forum. They need volunteers and free space in churches for their meetings, forums and activities. She introduced Carol Green.

Carol Green spoke as a receiver of church services, food, free medication. She said it is most important for the church to let her contribute and participate.

Cassandra Jackson said they administer shelter plus care programs for the homeless which are HUD funded. They have more demand for housing than supply. They maintain a suicide crisis line.

Congregational Reports:

Rev. Geoffrey Ethelston, Church of The Redeemer, Kenmore, (425) 486-5665 explained Pentecost as a major holiday and the birthday of the church. It is held 50 days after Easter.

Joy Pocasangre, Temple B'Nai Torah, (425) 603-9677 explained the Jewish Shavu-ot holiday. It is held 7 weeks after Passover. They have a week of feasts, celebrations, and read the Book of Ruth.

Emily Woodson, Emmanuel Episcopal, Mercer Island, (206) 232-0222 reported that their donation funds are growing. They are happy to contribute to EISCC projects. They are participating in Habitat for Humanity and Congregations for the Homeless. They had a project to deliver supplies to tent city.

Reports:Minutes - The minutes were approved as mailed with editorial corrections. *Gay L. Ross, Secretary* (425) 313-7593.

Treasurer's Report - Jim Palmer, (425) 747-2977, said our bills are paid and we are currently in negotiations with Catholic Community Services.

Newsletter - Dr. Sally Wing, 425-747-5924, said the next issue will be distributed the first of June.

Congregation for the Homeless - Nadine Shannon, (425) 746-6019, said they are doing well.

Membership Committee - Please contact Betty Spohn, (425) 451-3651, for prospective members.

Mental Health Task Force - Dr. Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924, invited all to their meetings.

Prayer: Jim Palmer, (425) 747-2977.

NEXT MEETING:

June 11, 2002 at noon, Bellevue First Presbyterian Church. Nominations will be held for next year's EISCC officers. Program will be the introduction of EISCC members, coordinated by Carol Meisels, (425) 277-5005. Each attendee will be allowed five minutes in introduce themselves to a small group consisting of approximately six members and guests. Please choose from the following topics and come prepared to introduce yourself: (1) Your involvement in EISCC, your church and your community; (2) your business or profession; (3) your personal faith journey; (4) your background and where you are from; (5) what makes you, yourself; (6) something interesting about yourself, your family, and/or your experiences.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended April 30, 2002

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Eastside Emergency Svc.Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning Apr. 1, 2002	<u>\$1,706.90</u>	<u>83,153.03</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	\$85,467.46
Receipts:						\$0.00
Dues	20.00					\$20.00
Contributions-Congregations		166.67				\$166.67
Contributions-individuals		300.00				\$300.00
United Way - grant		1,378.25				\$1,378.25
United Way pay-outs		136.75				\$136.75
City of Kirkland		2,258.00				\$2,258.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
ESAP & FEMA grants		2,018.00				\$2,018.00
Interest	<u>0.82</u>	<u>105.53</u>				\$106.35
Total receipts	<u>20.82</u>	<u>6,363.20</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,384.02</u>
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Svc.,- Feb.&Mar. svc.		19,383.00				19,383.00
Postage & copies	98.98					98.98
PO box rental	55.00					55.00
Total disbursements	<u>153.98</u>	<u>19,383.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>19,536.98</u>
Ending balances - April 30, 2002	<u>\$1,573.74</u>	<u>70,133.23</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$72,314.50</u>
Cash balances - April 30, 2002						
Checking - WA Mutual						375.95
Money Market savings						<u>71,938.55</u>
Total						<u>\$72,314.50</u>

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC)
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009
Minutes of the Council Meeting held 6-11-02

Conducting:
Opening Prayer:
Introductions:

Co-chair, Lloyd Van Vactor (425) 885-6993
Co-chair, Paul Hunsberger, (425) 454-1556.
All present introduced themselves

Program: Habitat for Humanity was coordinated and introduced by Louise Wong, (425) 637-0822. She gave a report on the events of the last 12 months. A pamphlet introducing: Building on Faith Week – September 8, 2002 to September 15, 2002 was handed out. For more information contact Habitat for Humanity at (425) 869-6007 or use the website: www.habitatekc.org.

Diana Ultican, (206) 369-3444, is coordinator for a multi-faith projected coalition for Habitat for Humanity, put together for their build this last year. These are the first recognized Christian, Jewish and Muslim multi-faith homes built in the United States. Their premise is that all God's children deserve a place to live at an affordable price. They will build several more homes on the Issaquah ridge soon. The pamphlet: "Together We Build a World Community" was handed out and discussed. For more information on Habitat for Humanity contact the website: www.togetherwebuild.org.

Lloyd Van Vactor, (425) 885-6993, handed out an invitation to the "Building on Faith Prayer Breakfast" to be held Thursday, June 27th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 9460 NE 14th St, Bellevue. He invited all to: 1) Join with fellow Eastside congregations to pray for families faced with housing needs, 2) Hear the dramatic story of how a Habitat homeowner's family has been positively impacted over the last 8 years, 3) Celebrate the success of other lay and clergy whose lives and congregations have been changed, and 4) Put your faith into action and make Habitat a ministry for you.

Reports:

EISCC Minutes of May 14th by Gay L. Ross, (425) 313-7593, were approved as mailed with editorial corrections.
Treasurer's Report reviewed. C.C.S. was contacted regarding their renewal. Jim Palmer, (425) 747-2977.
Mental Health Task Force Resource List was distributed by Dr. Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924.

Election of Nominating Committee:

Nadine Shannon, (425) 746-6019. Tom Shepard, (425) 454-2146, and Emily Woodson, (206) 232-0222, have already been contacted. When Carol Meisels, (425) 277-5005, was asked if she could serve on the nominating committee, she accepted. All three were nominated to be on the nominating committee for the election of EISCC officers for next year by Nadine Shannon and seconded by David Ross, (425) 313-7593. All approved.

Introduction of EISCC Members:

Carol Meisels, (425) 277-5005. All those attending were divided into 3 groups to introduce themselves. (See attached page for notes on Get-to-know-you Group Activity).

Closing Prayer

Carol Meisels, (425) 277-5005.

Adjournment

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council is: "Congregations who, respecting each other's religious heritage, are networking for the common good in a spirit of partnership."

Next Meeting: July 9, 2002. Topic: "Head Start" by Heather Duncan, of Sherwood Forest Elementary School Head Start and Kara Zordel, a Head Start Social and Family Support Worker.

GET-TO-KNOW-YOU GROUP ACTIVITY

6-11-02

GROUP 1:

DR. SALLY WING, Grace Lutheran Church: Sally is very active on the EISCC Executive Council and coordinated the EISCC program last month on Mental Health Issues: Community Services. She also serves EISCC on the Mental Health Task Force and edits the Newsletter. When she is not volunteering, she works as a psychologist.

PAUL HUNSBERGER, First United Methodist Church: Paul is a retired Navy chaplain. He is very active on the EISCC Executive Council and serves as EISCC Co-Chairperson.

CAROL MEISELS, Temple De Hirsch Sinai: Carol coordinated the introductions of members at this month's EISCC meeting. She divided our attendees into three groups for this very successful get-to-know-you group activity. She also gave the closing prayer. Carol graciously accepted appointment today to the new EISCC Nominating Committee for selection of 2003 EISCC officers.

BEVERLY GOUCHER, Mercer Island Emmanuel Episcopal Church: Beverly has served EISCC very well in the past as Co-Chairperson. Today she was substituting for Emily Woodson who usually attends.

PAT O'HARA, Crisis Clinic: Pat is a very active member of EISCC and serves on the Mental Health Task Force.

SUE WUHRMAN, First Presbyterian Church-Bellevue: Sue is a member in good standing of EISCC. She is trained as a nurse and is actively involved in NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Eastside).

GROUP 2:

REV. RICK RUSSELL, Eastgate Congregational UCC: Rev. Rick is the pastor of Eastgate UCC. They have about 65 members in their congregation. He has been an ordained minister for 20 years. His wife is also a pastor. They have 3 daughters and 2 granddaughters. He has returned to Seattle after working with churches elsewhere. God willing, they plan to be here for a very long time.

LOUISE WONG: Sacred Heart Catholic Church: Louise and her sister immigrated to the United States from Hong Kong in 1972, as students. They both attended the University of Washington and worked to support themselves and their family. After graduation, Louise worked 21 years for Puget Power as a CPA. She became a Christian in 1979 after taking the 9-month required introduction course for baptism. Louise is active on the EISCC Executive Council and Assistant Treasurer.

GAY LOUISE ROSS, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints-Renton North Stake: Gay was born in Weiser, Idaho and moved to California when her dad went overseas during WWII. She attended school in California and married her childhood sweetheart. They lived on the Port Hueneme Navel Base. After his discharge, they moved to Encino and Simi Valley, California where their 4 children were born. Additionally, she has lived in Montana, Utah and Washington. She has worked in Civil Service, as a bookkeeper with a CPA firm, and as secretary in legal & real estate offices. She has been active all her life in her church and is currently serving as Public Affairs Secretary. In this capacity, she is coordinating their 13 congregations in feeding the homeless men on the Eastside daily this month from June 16th until the 30th. She also volunteers for her church in serving their members in the Bellevue Temple each Wednesday. She is currently the EISCC Secretary.

DOROTHY SCOTT, St. Luke's Lutheran: Dorothy was born in North Dakota and received her education there, including North Dakota State and the University of Dakota. She entered the Army Nurse Corp & then returned to Fargo, North Dakota, where she married and had 3 children. She moved to Billings, Montana for 3 years then back to Seattle in 1951. Here, she worked for Public Health for 28 years as a nurse and retired 15 years ago. She was raised a Lutheran and is now an elder at St. Luke's Lutheran church.

JIM PALMER, First Presbyterian Church-Bellevue: Jim was born in Spokane, Washington, the last of 9 children. His mother was an immigrant from Norway at age 19. Jim married and went to school in Spokane, graduating in 1934 during the depression. He worked as a grease monkey and then joined the Navy where he never was in harm's way. After discharge, he went to the University of Washington on the GI Bill, graduated as a CPA and has worked in Seattle since 1949. Currently, he is the treasurer for Bridge Ministries and very capably serves EISCC as treasurer. He is active on the EISCC Executive Council. In July, 1999, he had heart problems during a 10-day tour to Greece, while on a boat in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. He was in a small hospital on the Island of Rhodes, but was able to finish his tour in a wheel chair with lots of special attention. He remembers his grandchildren met him at the airport with banners and a celebration!

GROUP 3:

NADINE SHANNON, St Margaret's Episcopal: Nadine was born and grew up in Southwest Colorado. She lived on a ranch there and was active in the Methodist Church. She has lived in the Seattle area for 35 years and has 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Her husband retired from the Army Corps of Engineers. She was active in PTA for many years, and was one of the main organizers of the Congregations for the Homeless program in this area. At present, she is the chairperson and a tireless worker for CFH. Nadine, a 20-year member of EISCC, is still very active on the EISCC Executive Council and serves EISCC on the Congregations for the Homeless Task Force.

LLOYD VAN VACTOR, Northshore United Church of Christ: Lloyd was born and grew up in western South Dakota. He also attended college there, followed by seminary at Yale Divinity School. He, his wife and 2 sons lived in the Philippines for 27 years while Lloyd was doing educational work. He has 4 grandchildren. Now retired, Lloyd stays busy and serves as the chaplain at Children's Hospital in Seattle, a job he says he finds very rewarding. Presently, he is very active on the EISCC Executive Council and serves as EISCC Co-Chairperson.

Ms. JOY POCASANGRE, Temple B'Nai Torah: Joy has been a member of the reformed Jewish faith all her life and is happy to discuss her beliefs with others. She has 4 children. Following her first husband's death, she later married a man from El Salvador. Now, "Children Studying El Salvador" is the name of her family's project (which travels to El Salvador annually to take a group of orphan children to get to know their own country). Joy is a member of the Social Action Committees of both Temple B'Nai Torah and Temple de Hirsch Sinai. She serves EISCC on the Legislative Task Force.

AL BAGLEY, Overlake Park Presbyterian Church: A native of Colorado, Al grew up in Pueblo and attended college there. He served in the Navy for 3 years during WWII and came to the state of Washington in 1958. He was with Boeing for 29 years. Since that time, peacemaking work has been a big part of his life and has taken him to various parts of the world including Central America, Kenya and Israel. He serves on the Peacemaking Committee of the Seattle Presbytery. The Bagleys have 4 children and 3 grandsons.

DAVID ROSS, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints-Renton North Stake: David was born in Salt Lake City, Utah but grew up in the Los Angeles area where he met his wife, Gay, in church when they were children. They have 4 children and 34 grandchildren. While his children were growing up, David was very involved in church and family activities, especially those related to youth and scouting. His present assignment with his church is that of Public Affairs Director, a job that brought him to EISCC. He is in the process of retiring from his real estate brokerage and land development business in Utah.

BETTY SPOHN, Newport Presbyterian Church: Betty was born and grew up in Kansas. She and her husband came to Washington State in 1956 when his first duty station in the Navy was Whidbey Island Naval Air Station. They loved the area, and despite a number of moves, have now lived in the Bellevue area for 36 years. Betty enjoys her work on her church's Mission Committee. She was especially active working with refugee families sponsored by her church and still keeps in touch with several families. She enjoys long walks, gardening, her time in the desert and travel. She is active on the EISCC Executive Council and the Membership Committee.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended May 31, 2002

	General <u>Fund</u>	Congregations <u>for Homeless</u>	Employment <u>Job Fair</u>	Cultural <u>Div/Racism</u>	Eastside Emergency <u>Svc.Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund balance, beginning May. 1, 2002	<u>\$1,573.74</u>	<u>70,133.23</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	\$72,314.50
Receipts:						\$0.00
Dues	0.00					\$0.00
Contributions-Congregations		1,916.67				\$1,916.67
Contributions-individuals		0.00				\$0.00
United Way - grant		1,378.25				\$1,378.25
United Way pay-outs		270.30				\$270.30
City of Bellevue		8,438.50				\$8,438.50
City of Issaquah		875.00				\$875.00
City of Redmond		1,250.00				\$1,250.00
ESAP & FEMA grants		1,009.00				\$1,009.00
Interest	<u>0.09</u>	<u>100.75</u>				\$100.84
Total receipts	<u>0.09</u>	<u>15,238.47</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15,238.56</u>
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Svc.,- April svc.		10,755.00				10,755.00
Postage & copies	36.09					36.09
Fidelity bond		114.82				114.82
Total disbursements	<u>36.09</u>	<u>10,869.82</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,905.91</u>
Ending balances - May 31, 2002	<u>\$1,537.74</u>	<u>74,501.88</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$76,647.15</u>
Cash balances - May 31, 2002						
Checking - WA Mutual						429.13
Money Market savings						<u>76,218.02</u>
Total						<u>\$76,647.15</u>

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC)
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009
Minutes of the Council Meeting held 7-09-02

Conducting & Opening Prayer (Psalms 19:14)

Co-chair, Paul Hunsberger, (425) 454-1556.

Introductions: (All present introduced themselves) Dorothy Shindler, Nadine Shannon, Betty Spohn, Jim Palmer, and Dr. Sally Wing were honored as the longest attendees.

Program: Head Start presented by Bellevue School District.

Heather Duncan is a Head Start Family Support Specialist at Sherwood Forest Elementary School. They have pre-school programs during the normal school year for children 3-4 years old from low-income families, families receiving public assistance grants, and children in foster care. Low-income families are defined as having annual income of \$17,650 for 4 in the family and \$14,350 for 3 in the family. This program includes free bus transportation for sessions 8:30 a.m. to noon and noon to 3:30 p.m. plus free snacks and a nutritional meal. They support their families by referrals to food banks, housing, and community services. They also have nominal health and nutritional services for older children and home-based counseling, job training and employment programs for families. For more information contact Heather Duncan at (425) 456-5766 or heather.duncan@bsd405.com, or contact Nicole Lindwall, Stevenson Head Start Center Coordinator at (425) 456-6062 or nicole.lindwall@bsd405.com.

Kara Zordel is a Head Start Family Advocate and Social Worker based at Stevenson Elementary School Head Start, (425) 456-6057 or kara.Zordel@bsd405.com. She runs a year-round, full day childcare program from 6:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. This is a subsidized program using \$10 coupons plus co-pay amounts depending on the parent's ability. Government Funds are limited to children born in the USA or U.S. Citizens. Those who do not qualify for the funded program, can use the childcare services for \$600 per month. Also the school district has scholarship programs to help families just over the minimum income limits. These families can make a co-payment from \$10 to \$340, depending upon their need. Head Start provides breakfast, lunch, 2 snacks and transportation to school and doctors. They offer services for children from newborn to 5 years old. They need volunteers to give one-on-one attention to the children in the program, and as interpreters for Spanish, French, Korean, Russian, and Vietnamese children.

Congregational Reports:

Jim Palmer, First Presbyterian Church, (425) 688-0433, handed out a report on their community outreach program. He stressed three programs which focus on raising people out of poverty. These are: (1) KidREACH which tutors at-risk children 2 nights a week. They need volunteers as tutors, substitute tutors, prayer partners, or nutritious snack providers. Contact Sheryle Nelson at (425) 885-0223. (2) Talk Time Classes for adults who speak English as a second language. This program teaches basic conversational English for life situations. They need volunteers, contact Patty Hirz at (425) 746-8224. (3) Eastside Academy gives at-risk high school students a safe and loving environment to learn and gain hope and skills for the future. Tutors are needed in history, language, science, math and the arts.

Louise Wong, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, (425) 637-0822, said St. Louise Catholic School also has similar after-school programs for children.

JoAnne Way, East Shore Unitarian Church, (425) 747-3031, said they have funds available to help needy children. Write need and requests to Bob Lewis, c/o East Shore Unitarian Church, 12700 SE 32nd, Bellevue, WA 98005. They try to fill needs not covered by an agency or DSHS.

Reports:

EISCC Minutes of June 11th were approved as mailed.

Gay L. Ross, (425) 313-7593.

Finance Committee report reviewed, we have a very comfortable balance.

Jim Palmer, (425) 747-2977.

Newsletter has been mailed & received. Our appreciation for her hard work and efforts to Dr. Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924.

Legislation Task Force – Volunteers are needed for voter registration for coming Elections. Joy Pocasangre, (425) 746-6019.

Congregations for the Homeless – Thanks to Jim Palmer for the annual audit and review. Nadine Shannon, (425) 746-6019.

Membership Committee – If you cannot attend EISCC Meetings, please send a substitute. Betty Spohn, (425) 451-3651.

Mental Health Task Force – October is Mental Health Month, please pass coming events to Dr. Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924.

Eastside Emergency Services Fund Quarterly Report was handed out and reviewed by Jennifer Cole-Wilson, (425) 943-7555, Hopelink. Total expenditure for 120 households served was \$11,316. Total Gifts to the fund during the quarter were \$10,216. They are in need of books for children and youth delivered to Hopelink, 14812 Main St, Bellevue, WA.

Announcements:

No August EISCC Meeting, the next meeting will be held **September 10, 2002**.

The Nominating Committee will report at the September 10, 2002 meeting.

Closing Prayer in Unison (Genesis 31:49)
Spoken Benediction

Co-chair, Paul Hunsberger, (425) 454-1556.
Betty Spohn, (425) 451-3651.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended June 30, 2002

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Eastside Emergency Svc.Fund	Total
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Receipts:						\$0.00
Dues	0.00					\$0.00
Contributions-Congregations		466.67				\$466.67
Contributions-individuals		0.00				\$0.00
United Way - grant		1,378.25				\$1,378.25
King County		2,262.00				\$2,262.00
Episcopal Charities		6,150.00				\$6,150.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
Interest	<u>0.76</u>	<u>118.68</u>				\$119.44
Total receipts	<u>0.76</u>	<u>10,375.60</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,376.36</u>
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Svc.,- owe May-June svc		0.00				0.00
Postage & copies	88.18					88.18
Newsletter	235.33					235.33
Auditors - review 2001		795.00				795.00
Total disbursements	<u>323.51</u>	<u>795.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,118.51</u>
Ending balances - June 30, 2002	<u>\$1,214.99</u>	<u>84,082.48</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$85,905.00</u>
Cash balances - June 30, 2002						
Checking - WA Mutual						211.38
Money Market savings						<u>85,693.62</u>
Total						<u>\$85,905.00</u>

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC)
Minutes OF Council Meeting held 9-10-02

NEXT MEETING: October 8, 2002 from noon until 2:00 p.m.

LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED

PROGRAM: "Holiday Giving & Service Opportunities"

Presented by Eastside Service Agencies

Conducting: Co-chair, Lloyd Van Vactor (425) 885-6993
Opening Prayer: Co-chair, Paul Hunsberger, (425) 454-1556
Introductions: All present introduced themselves

Program: Friends of Youth coordinated by Nadine Shannon, (425) 746-6019

Kevin Henry, (425) 452-4100, City of Bellevue, Parks & Community Services, Cultural Diversity Program Coordinator, said their main goal is to bring ethnic peoples together. He said our strength is in our diversity. Their outreach is through focus groups. They encourage all EISCC members and their congregations to attend ethnic events and become involved in the City of Bellevue Cultural Diversity Programs. A list of programs and events was handed out. They have informed speakers, groups and "Living Voices" available for church presentations. Living Voice Productions are one-actor plays focusing on racial and historical themes.

Troi Coram, (425) 869-6490, extension 315, is the manager of Friends of Youth Emergency Shelters and Street Outreach Programs. They are a large agency with 19 sites. She works with needy youth and young adults, ages 11 to 17. They are, or are at risk to be, runaways or homeless. Their agency has counseling services and group therapy. They have case managers to help meet basic needs of finding food, shelter, clothing, and employment. They have volunteers opportunities with their outreach programs, shelters, and teen feed services.

Committee and Task Force Reports:

Minutes of 7-09-02 by Gay Ross, (425) 313-7593, were approved as printed.
Finance Committee, Jim Palmer, (425) 747-2977, reviewed monthly report.
Newsletter Editor, Dr. Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924, thanked all for help.
Legislation Task Force, Betty Spohn, (425) 451-3651 reminded us to vote.
Congregations for the Homeless, Nadine Shannon, (425) 746-6019, said they are in need of twin sheets dropped off to Bellevue Catholic Community Services.

Membership Committee, Betty Spohn, (425) 451-3651, requested that we please invite guests for agency presentations in October and November.

Mental Health Task Force, Dr. Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924, handed out the semi-annual report for Hopelink Emergency Services.

Nominating Committee Report by Chairperson, Emily Woodson, (206) 232-0222. The new chairman is Rev. Rick Russell, (425) 746-2411. The new delegate at large is Dorothy Scott, (425) 453-1425. All other officers will remain the same as last year. Carol Meisels, (425) 277-5005, moved to accept the nominating committee report and new officers, Nadine Shannon seconded and all agreed.

Other Business:

Nadine Shannon, (425) 746-6019, reported on the Muslim Meeting she attended and said that Habitat for Humanity Interfaith build has been launched.

Closing Prayer:

Nadine Shannon, (425) 746-6019

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, OCTOBER 8, 2002

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, NOVEMBER 12, 2002, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. AGENCY HOLIDAY NEEDS, PART II. 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.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Paul Hunsberger (425-454-1556) opened the meeting with prayer by Nadine Shannon (425-746-6019) at 12:09 p.m., October 8, 2002, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Hunsberger thanked Betty Spohn, Marilyn Haymond, and the rest of the Executive Committee for preparing the luncheon meeting.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. AGENCY HOLIDAY NEEDS, PART I.

Salvation Army. Bob Giuliano (425-827-1930). The agency hopes to move to Crossroads Park next year. They provide emergency financial aid such as food, shelter, utilities, and clothing. During the holidays they prepare Christmas baskets and have an adopt-a-family program. They provide grocery vouchers and a Toy 'n Joy shop for children up to 12 for families at 125% or less of the federal poverty level. Sharing Trees, adopt-a-family, bell-ringing, and meal service are volunteer opportunities.

Seattle Mental Health. Carolyn Anderson (206-324-2243). They serve severely mentally ill persons, and persons with grief and stress-related issues. Serving the entire King County area, they have two offices in Bellevue and one in Redmond, and last year served 3000 persons on the Eastside. Ninety-eight per cent of their clients are on Medicare or Medicaid assistance. In order to recognize all cultures and faiths, they are seeking \$25 gift certificates from stores for groceries, gifts for children, etc.

Eastside Baby Corner. Karen Ridlon (425-865-0234). They provide everything children through age 12 need, distributing items through 50 local agencies, a total last year of \$3.3 million. Current needs for children include diapers, baby food, infant sweater, children's socks and underwear, children's sweatshirts and pants.

Habitat for Humanity. Aliya Nylander (425-869-6007). They provide homes year-round, based on contributions from churches, organizations, and individuals of all faiths working together. They recommend as a gift alternative, donating home furnishings in memory or honor of someone.

Hopelink. Jennifer Cole-Wilson (425-943-7555). They hold food banks weekly, as well as for holidays, and have a gift room for selection of presents. Last year they served 1300 families. Rota-Care continues to provide medical services on Saturdays between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts.

Emergency Feeding Program. Catherine Hillard (425-391-1196). They provide year-round nutritional food for emergency situations, such as unemployment, at 37 distribution sites in King County, including six on the Eastside. Food packs, a two-day supply of food, include special dietary needs. Gifts can be made through a "Food of the Month Club."

Multifaith Works. Bev Coco (206-324-1520, ext. 221). The agency, which began with service to AIDS patients, offers housing, emotional spiritual support, and educational outreach. An AIDS care team program trains teams of 12-14 persons for hands-on care. They sponsor houses for low-income persons and for patients with multiple sclerosis. Part of their program is the Multifaith Alliance of Reconciling Communities, bridging faith communities with the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered/questioning community. Volunteers and food donations are needed for a Christmas dinner.

Jewish Family Service. Carol Mullen (206-861-3176). Based in Seattle, they offer basic social services, emergency financial assistance, and a food bank. On the Eastside, they provide a multi-ethnic center and counseling, as well as a monthly food bank. Gifts for a gift matching program can include gift certificates, toiletries, Chanukah candles and menorahs.

Agencies unable to send representatives were Catholic Community Services (425-562-6864) and Youth Eastside Services (425-747-4937).

LEGISLATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT. Joy Pocasangre (425-747-0877). She provided information about a rally for human services in King County, and budget hearings. She will seek further information about scheduled lobby days in Olympia in 2003.

Geoff Ethelston (425-486-5665) noted that King County expects to cut 50% in human services next year, and reduce funding to zero in three years. He requested calls to King County Council members to seek State legislation for other resources.

MINUTES. (Gay Ross, 425-313-7593) Minutes of the September 10, 2002, meeting were approved with these corrections:

Mental Health Task Force. Dr. Sally Wing (425-747-5924) invited persons to join the e-mail distribution list.

EISCC Eastside Emergency Services quarterly report, prepared by Jennifer Cole-Wilson, was distributed by Betty Spohn.

Nominating Committee Report. Emily Woodson (206-232-0222), chairperson, nominated the Rev. Rick Russell as chairperson. All other officers were renominated, including Dorothy Scott, delegate at large. [Rest of paragraph as printed.]

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (attached). Balance on hand, as of September 30, is \$79,316.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. These officers were elected by a unanimous ballot:

The Rev. Rick Russell, chairperson
The Rev. Lloyd Van Vactor, vice-chairperson
Gay Ross and Marilyn Haymond, co-secretaries
Jim Palmer, treasurer
Louise Wong, assistant treasurer
Dorothy Scott, delegate at large.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Eastside Crop Walk plans were announced by E. J. Sugar (425-822-5695). Proceeds of the walk, to be held May 17, 2003, will include 25% for local hunger needs and 75% to Church World Service. An organizational meeting will be held October 15 and recruiting in the spring. Information: (206) 714-8783 or <bellevuecropwalk@mindspring.com>


Eastside Friends Meeting, according to Jeanne Buse, is considering purchase of the PBS videotape, "Bringing Down a Dictator," showing how the Milosevic regime was brought down by a nonviolent student movement. Member congregations are invited to schedule the video, accompanied by a discussion leader. Information: Linda Ellsworth (425-865-9368) or <sandboa51@msn.com>

Mission to Seafarers, formerly Episcopal Maritime Ministry, has been reorganized as a nondenominational agency, and is seeking financial support, according to Emily Woodson. More than 300 mission stations throughout the world serve seafarers. Information: (206-748-0347).

Since the Islam Holy Month of Ramadan begins November 6, Paul Hunsberger encouraged prayer in member congregations.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m., following closing prayer by the Rev. Rick Russell.


Sally Wong
Secretary Pro Tem

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended Sept. 30, 2002

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Eastside Emergency Svc.Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning Sept. 1, 2002	<u>\$1,102.21</u>	<u>75,097.93</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	\$76,807.67
Receipts:						
Dues	0.00					\$0.00
Contributions-Congregations		266.67				\$266.67
Contributions-individuals		85.00				\$85.00
United Way - grant		1,378.25				\$1,378.25
King County - 2nd Qtr grant		2,262.00				\$2,262.00
United Way "write-ins"		111.26				\$111.26
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
Interest	<u>0.49</u>	<u>115.14</u>				\$115.63
Total receipts	<u>0.49</u>	<u>4,218.32</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,218.81</u>
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Svc.,- owe Aug.-Sept. svc		0.00				0.00
Postage & copies	0.00					0.00
						0.00
						0.00
Total disbursements	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Ending balances - Sept. 30, 2002	<u>\$1,102.70</u>	<u>79,316.25</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$81,026.48</u>
Cash balances - Sept. 30, 2002						
Checking - WA Mutual						405.59
Money Market savings						<u>80,620.89</u>
Total						<u>\$81,026.48</u>

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC)
Minutes of Council Meeting held 11-12-02

NEXT MEETING: December 10, 2002 at noon
PROGRAM: Habitat for Humanity Report,
plus update for Congregations for the Homeless

Conducting: Chairman, Rev. Rick Russell, (425) 746-2411
Opening Prayer: Karen Mae Smith, (425) 644-2064
Musical Presentation: Kim Cooney, (425) 643-2330 or (425) 643-1654
He is available (free of charge) for congregation meetings, memorial services and spiritual events.

Introductions: All present introduced themselves

Announcements: Rev. Rick Russell is conducting this meeting as our new Chairman.

Carol Meisels, (425) 244-5005, needs volunteers to stay overnight with the Homeless Shelter for Women, call (206) 323-8486 and leave a message for Jane Chasis.

Program: Agency Reports

Bridge Ministries, Rev. Bruce Knofel, (425) 828-1431 said they honor God-given dignity and giftedness of persons with physical and developmental disabilities. There have four key areas of ministry: (1) Work one on one to help persons contact with resources and form circle of friends. They have 320 volunteers and always can use more, especially during the holidays. (2) Work with area churches to include persons with disabilities within their congregations. (3) They have legal guardianship of 47 persons with developmental disabilities. They give them personal Christmas gifts. (4) They have day camp, Saturday dances, Walk and Rollathons, ferry-boat rides, and holiday food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Catholic Community Services, Michelle Robertson, (425) 562-6858, is the operations manager for Bellevue. Their major programs are Emergency housing services, Transitional housing units, Congregations for the Homeless Shelters, counseling services, and volunteer chore services for the elderly. They need volunteers to provide shoebox-size household items for distribution to the elderly and disabled individuals. Contact Chris Marie Kunzelman at (253) 859-7380 or e-mail chrismariek@ccsww.org.

Dept. of Social Health Services, a division of Children and family services and child welfare services, Dafnie Larsen, (425) 649-4103, said they need new clothing for all ages of children for gifts for children in foster care.

King County Community Affairs, Doug Wayland, (425) 869-0586, is the manager of United Way. They raised \$94.6 million last year for King County. These funds were distributed partner agencies for food and shelter, social support, physical and mental health services, education and training services.

Children Response Center, Gayle Zeller, (425) 488-5130, education coordinator said they serve King County for children who are victims of assaults and other events. They have four full-time social workers plus legal advocates. They do consultations, safety education for kids. They have volunteer opportunities for Holiday giving.

Evergreen Hospital, Donna Oiland, (425) 899-2398, coordinator for community outreach for spiritual training for end of life issues. They will provide a free workshop on March first at Evergreen Hospital at 10:00 a.m., lunch is provided.

Other Business:

Minutes of 10-8-02 were approved and seconded as mailed.

Treasurers Report, Jim Palmer, (425) 747-2977, reviewed monthly financial report.

Closing Prayer: Karen Mae Smith, (425) 644-2064

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC)
Minutes of Council Meeting held 12-12-02

NEXT MEETING: January 14, 2003 at noon PROGRAM: Services for Eastside Homeless Women

Conducting:

Chairman, Rev. Rick Russell, (425) 746-2411

Opening Prayer:

Dr. Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924

Program: Interfaith Habitat for Humanity, Jim Paget of Bellevue Christian, (425) 828-1654, (web site: Together we build.org), presented a news release video which represented a first time coalition of five religions working together to build four homes on Snoqualmie Ridge. He told of an Arabic prayer translated by a Jewish congregation and repeated by Christians who were working together with Buddhists and Hindus. The project was very successful due to generous donations and the involvement of 3500 families. This was a tremendous demonstration of successful interfaith involvement. We were challenged to each invite someone from a different religion into our home for dinner during this next year. The next build will be in Calcutta. They already have the land to build either a school, hospital or houses.

Reports: Nadine Shannon, (425) 746-6019, gave an update on Congregations for the Homeless. They have a new location and telephone number, (425) 284-2211. There were originally 12 post congregations providing overnight housing, now they have 12 post congregations plus 54 support congregations who prepare, deliver and serve meals each night. There are now 130 homeless men in the program.

Marilyn Haymond, (425) 641-1497, gave an example of how the program for feeding the eastside homeless men works. It has been very successful for their congregations. She donates the extra food to Hopelink and needy families.

Jim Palmer, (425) 747-2977, reported the cost of the program for Congregations for the Homeless. \$123,000 was spent for the year for personnel, site managers, and Catholic Community Services who provide screening, employment interviews, counseling, telephone access, bus tickets and gas for travel to employment interviews, clothing, and backpacks. Overhead for running the program is less than 1% of the total operating costs. Their objective is to remove homeless men from the street by getting them a job. 60 days is the maximum time for men in the program.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with editorial corrections.

Introductions of EISCC members: All present introduced themselves.

Treasurer's Report (see below) was accepted as presented.

Announcements and Other Business: (1) There will be a Legislative Briefing held in Bellevue on Saturday, February 1, 2003. Pre-registration is necessary. Send the \$10 fee plus your name, address, telephone, fax and e-mail information, your legislative district and congregation or organization affiliation to Washington Association of Churches, 419 Occidental Ave. S., Suite 201, Seattle, WA 98104-2886 by January 13th. Telephone (206) 625-9790, extension 11 or 17 or email Julie Watts (watts@thewac.org) or Taria Hino (hindo@thewac.org) for more information. (2) Sue Wuhrman, (425) 455-4236, said the Mental Health Task Force needs a church or free place for Recovery Incorporated to meet. (3) Nadine Shannon presented and gave appreciation to Dorothy Scott, (425) 453-1425, for her contributions to Congregations to the Homeless. She picks up the mail, photocopies and processes donation checks.

Closing Prayer:

Joy Pocasangre, (425) 747-0877