

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662  
JANUARY 13, 2004

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 10, 2004, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. "EISCC Mission Statement, Vision Planning, and Accomplishments." Coordinated by Lloyd Van Vactor. Chapel Lounge (Room 315, entered through upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Vice-Chairperson Lloyd Van Vactor (425-885-6993) opened the meeting with prayer by Karen Mae Smith (425-644-2064) at 12:05 p.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2004, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. There were 23 members and guests present.

PROGRAM. "Emergency Feeding Programs on the Eastside." Hopelink. Jennifer Cole-Wilson (425) 943-7555. Hopelink has six food banks in North and East King County, which have evening and senior food banks. From January to November, they served 58,000 households, 2000 - 2200 each week. Three meals per day for six days, for each family member, are provided twice each month. There are targeted food drives, for example, tuna and rice. They are moving toward a holistic approach, including signing people up for the state food bank program; and inquiring about income and residence, in order to refer to other resources. Nutrition programs in some centers are run by volunteers, who hand out recipes. Clients speak 15 different languages, and have many dietary needs, based on health, religion, and culture. Sources of funding include food donations, which have decreased by 15% from 2002, despite an increased population of seniors and people exhausting unemployment benefits. Donations may be made to Hopelink or to specific programs (92% of donations). A free Rota-Care medical clinic is available every Saturday. For people who lack insurance, there is a dental clinic in Bothell on three weekends and Bellevue on one weekend each month.

Emergency Feeding Program. Catherine Hillard. (425) 391-1196. The program is sponsored by Church Council of Greater Seattle and Black United Clergy for Action. They provide nutritional food, including food to meet special dietary needs, such as diabetic, low salt, liquid high-calorie, Asian, and vegetarian. There are 36 distribution centers, in churches, six on the Eastside, including First Congregational, Overlake Park Presbyterian, St. Andrew's Lutheran, in Bellevue; Kirkland Congregational; Inglewood Presbyterian, Bothell; and Redmond First Methodist. Teen snack packs are available at Youth Eastside Services and Friends of Youth. Referrals are made by any of 200 social agencies; and referrals are made to others on the EISCC emergency services list. Demand last year was fairly level, with more seniors and Hispanics. The program

is funded by cities, which collect information about zip code, income, and ages. Ways to contribute include food-of-the-month; specific food items, such as tuna and macaroni; and food bags on site at many agencies.

Catholic Community Services. Linda Verbel. (425) 284-2211. A hot meal program is prepared by volunteers five days per week in the Crossroads Community Center in Bellevue, serving 75 people per night, including seniors and Eastern European immigrants, for whom referral resources are available. A similar program in Issaquah, located on Sunset Way near the fire station, serves 35 people per night, mostly single, in a family atmosphere. They do not collect demographic information, but sometimes spot check to ensure Bellevue or Issaquah residents. Children can participate as volunteers.

Other meal programs include a hot meal on Thursday night at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Bellevue; a weekly Hispanic meal at the North Bellevue Senior Center; a weekly lunch at St. Louise Catholic Church, Bellevue; and a twice-monthly lunch in Carnation. In response to a question, it was noted that Northwest Harvest provides food East of the mountains and in Seattle.

City Ministries, City Church, Kirkland. Joel Pike. (425) 881-0366. Perishable food is provided, from grocery stores, bakeries, etc., with no requirements. Three refrigerated trucks distribute to 35 outlets on the Eastside and in Seattle. The program started in 1992 with distribution from a bakery, and now reaches 20,000 or more persons each week. Every Saturday, 20 - 30 churches pick up food from the Redmond warehouse/distribution center (which has coolers and freezers). There are no requirements to be part of a church, although people are invited to pray if they want. There are also clothing and home furnishing pickups. Their strategy includes distribution to individuals and families, networking and partnering with churches, and training other ministries with a seminar program.

EISCC EASTSIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND ANNUAL REPORT. Jennifer Cole-Wilson, Hopelink (425) 943-7555. In 2003, \$34,615 assisted 331 households with rent (first month or eviction prevention), water (to avert disconnection), prescriptions (necessary); and utilities (avert electric or gas disconnection). Other needs included medical/dental bills and education and storage costs. Fourteen congregations donated \$22,282. These congregations were: Aldersgate United Methodist, Bellevue Christian, Church of the Resurrection, Cross of Christ Lutheran, Eastshore Unitarian, Eastside Friends Meeting, First Presbyterian, Grace Lutheran, Holy Cross Lutheran, Overlake Park Presbyterian, St. Andrew's Lutheran, St. Louise Catholic, St. Margaret's Thrift Shop, and St. Madeleine Sophie.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT. Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Dr. Gretchen Gundrum, Pastoral Associate. (425) 454-9536. Gundrum assists people with chronic illnesses. She has worked at

Harborview Medical Center and teaches at the Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry. She oversees the parish social concerns commission, which has an annual services day, basically a "band-aid" approach, which it is trying to expand to longer-term service. The parish offers opportunities like Habitat for Humanity, and is looking at more systemic change, including reaching out and educating people; and serving in home, parish, and community. The parish school includes making sandwiches for Crossroads in their social justice work; bringing in athletic shoes for children, which they took to First Place School. Other groups within the parish do outreach, including Crossroads meals, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, to provide temporary assistance. There is interest in travel, such as mission trips to Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic, to build houses and churches.

Legislative Report. (Joy Pocasangre (425) 747-0877, and Sally Wing (425) 747-5924).

A handout was provided on the legislative agenda of the Washington Association of Churches, which includes a fair and equitable tax system, adequate support for human services, welfare policies that lift families out of poverty, and access to health care. Another handout provided information about a Western Washington Legislative Briefing later this month. Members were urged to use the legislative hot line to contact legislators. (1-800-562-6000)

MINUTES. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Minutes of the December 9, 2003, meeting were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Nadine Bentsen, 425-747-1543) (attached). Seventeen congregations and agencies have paid dues. Expenses have included printing and postage for minutes. Contributions have included United Way funding for Congregations for the Homeless. Balance on hand is \$70,384.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Congregations for the Homeless. (Nadine Shannon, (425) 746-6019. Shannon and Louise Wong have reviewed treasurer's reports. Thirty men were served in December. For the year, there were 6606 bednights, and 18,000+ meals served.

Van Vactor announced Martin Luther King Day programs, including Christian, Jewish, and Buddhist sponsorship of a walk.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m., following closing prayer by Van Vactor.

  
Sally Wing  
Secretary Pro Tem

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report-All Funds

for Month ended December 31, 2003

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Congregations for Homeless</u>	<u>Employment Job Fair</u>	<u>Cultural Div/Racism</u>	<u>Emergency Svc. Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund Balance, Beginning Dec. 1, 2003	\$686.43	\$65,050.04	\$502.28	\$105.25	\$0.00	\$66,344.00
<b>Receipts:</b>						
Dues	\$270.00					\$270.00
Contributions-congregations		\$1,166.66				\$1,166.66
Contributions-individual		\$1,000.00				\$1,000.00
United Way-Grant		\$1,378.25				\$1,378.25
United Way-"payout"		\$279.57				\$279.57
Interest	\$1.50	\$51.49				\$52.99
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$271.50</b>	<b>\$3,875.97</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,147.47</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>						
Copies & Postage-minutes	\$107.87					\$107.87
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$107.87</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$107.87</b>
<b>Ending Balance, Dec. 31, 2003</b>	<b>\$850.06</b>	<b>\$68,926.01</b>	<b>\$502.28</b>	<b>\$105.25</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$70,383.60</b>
Cash Balances-Dec. 31, 2003						
Checking-WA Mutual						\$3,184.63
WA Mutual Market Savings						\$67,198.97
						<b>\$70,383.60</b>

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FEBRUARY 10, 2004

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 9, 2004, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. "Family Connection Centers." (Coordinated by Nadine Bentsen). Chapel Lounge (Room 315, entered through upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Chairperson Rick Russell (425-746-2411) opened the meeting with prayer by Joy Pocasangre (425-747-0877) at 12:05 p.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2004, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. There were 15 members and guests present.

PROGRAM. EISCC Mission Statement, Vision Planning, and Accomplishments." Russell coordinated discussion on the mission and work of EISCC, beginning with reading of the Mission Statement, printed in the newsletter. Comments included recognition of limited participation, need for emphasis of interfaith nature of group, recommendation for more use of e-mail and telephone trees, and importance of sharing. [Russell's notes will be included with the minutes for further discussion.]

MINUTES. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Minutes of the January 13, 2004, meeting were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Nadine Bentsen, 425-747-1543) (attached). Bentsen proposed mailing a statement to Catholic Community Services each month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Information was provided about a Hopelink program of tax preparation, a forum on immigrants, the charter schools bill, Children's Alliance concern about Medicare premiums, Religious Task Force of the King County Alliance for Human Services, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill - Eastside support groups for mentally ill, and a parish program on caregiving. [Further information is available from the secretary.]

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m., following closing prayer by Diana Stice (425-557-9601).

  
Sally Wing  
Secretary Pro Tem

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
 Activity Report-All Funds  
 for Month Ending January 31,2004

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Congregations for the Homeless</u>	<u>Employment Job Fair</u>	<u>Cultural Div/Racism</u>	<u>Emergency Svc. Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund balance, beginning January 1, 2004	<u>\$850.06</u>	<u>68,926.01</u>	<u>\$502.28</u>	<u>\$105.25</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$70,383.60</u>
<b>Receipts:</b>						
Contributions-congregations		\$1,421.66				
Contributions-individuals						
United Way-grant		\$1,378.17				
United Way-payout		\$283.85				
City of Bellevue						
City of Issaquah		\$875.00				
City of Kirkland						
City of Redmond		\$1,250.00				
City of Woodinville						
King County						
Dues	\$285.00					
Interest	\$0.60	\$70.01				
ESAP& FEMA offset						
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$285.60</b>	<b>\$5,278.69</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,564.29</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>						
Catholic Comm. Svc.-						
Copies & Postage-minutes	\$80.37					
Bulk Mailing	\$757.55					
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$837.92</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$837.92</b>
Ending balances,	<u>\$375.11</u>	<u>\$74,204.70</u>	<u>\$502.28</u>	<u>\$105.25</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$75,109.97</u>
<b>Cash balances</b>						
Checking -WA Mutual						\$2,347.31
WA Mutual Money Market savings						<u>\$72,762.66</u>
Total						<u>\$75,109.97</u>

# In-House Brainstorming Report

Recorded at EISCC Meeting

February 11, 2004

What about the larger churches in Bellevue who do not participate?  
What about member congregations who do not send representatives to EISCC meetings?  
We need a handout for first-time speakers to clarify the expectations  
Let's encourage a broadening of the areas where services are conducted  
We value interfaith folk addressing social concerns  
We wonder about the low attendance at EISCC meetings  
How about a telephone tree?  
Are people too busy?  
There is a need for new folk in leadership positions  
When was the last time we consulted an Assessment of Community Needs?  
We focus on what we do best  
Is there something else, other than Congregations for the Homeless, which we need to be doing?  
What are the reasons for coming to meetings?  
We need to find ways to get the EISCC information to our congregations  
We can create a short newsletter article for our congregations  
We can use the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the EISCC newsletter as a publicity piece  
The Faith Community has a great amount of power for change  
It is good to come here to listen to the speakers and the congregational representatives  
The Emergency Services Program is important  
We can e-mail minutes to save money  
Our name (EISCC) is unwieldy  
We have a good newsletter  
We share our congregational stories  
We value the Mental Health Task Force  
NAMI is supported by our congregations  
Congregations for the Homeless is our strength  
We need new blood (Diana Stice, Joy Pocasangre, and Karen Mae Smith volunteered to call our congregations and encourage them to send their representatives to meetings)  
We should ask the clergy about where things are with outreach in their congregations  
We have financial needs (King County has cut its support for CFH by 50% and our insurance has increased dramatically)  
We need to support Nadine Shannon with Congregations for the Homeless  
We need more publicity in the newspapers  
Church Advocacy Day is valuable  
Let us know your e-mails if you want your minutes sent to you in this manner  
We share information with one another  
It is good to pay attention to how we do our mission  
It is good to hear from other congregations  
Having Task Forces is a valuable resource  
It is good to network around common congregational social service concerns  
New name might be Interfaith Congregations of the Eastside (ICE)  
Please show the Executive Committee on monthly agenda  
We could use a Logo

*Riv. Rick!*  
*This is the job of delegate*

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MARCH 9, 2004

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 13, 2004, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. "Interfaith Action on Social Concerns." (Coordinated by Lloyd Van Vactor). Chapel Lounge (Room 315, entered through upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue (entrance on west side of Bellevue Way, with elevator service to Chapel Lounge level).

WELCOME AND PRAYER. In the absence of both Chairperson Rick Russell and Vice-Chairperson Lloyd Van Vactor, Marilyn Haymond, Co-Secretary (425-641-1497) opened the meeting with prayer by Sonneva Wood (425-746-2406) at 12:08 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2004, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. There were 20 members and guests present.

PROGRAM. "Family Connection Centers." Nadine Bentsen (425-747-1543) coordinated the program. Debbie Gordon, Human Services Specialist (425-456-5615), observed that, of the district's 15,000 students, 17.3% are on free or reduced lunch because of low family income, and 66 different languages are spoken at home. Services include a conference on immigrant voices, to share information about needs and services.

Valerie Stoury, Human Services Specialist (425-456-5342), stated that five part-time staff members serve the district's elementary schools, funded by a city grant, the Bellevue school district, the Bellevue Schools Foundation, and some Title I funds. Services include information and referral for families, and advocacy (transportation, school supplies, clothing, food, English classes, summer school, after-school activities). Family involvement is encouraged, including visiting classes and networking with each other.

Sue Hanlon, Bellevue School District Volunteer Coordinator for VIBES (Volunteers in Bellevue's Education System) (425-456-4454), trains and coordinates the work of 450 volunteers in the 27 Bellevue district schools, who provide such services as tutoring and reading to students.

Isobel Rostykus, VIBES volunteer (425-746-3682), has worked with individual students on a one-to-one basis.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT. Tom Shepard (425-454-2146) introduced a report on the First Congregational Church, whose outreach includes World Vision and two AIDS outreach teams. Michelle Allen-Kaehler (425-869-5243) described Bradford House, a community center for non-profit groups, scheduled through Sue Wright (425-454-5001).

MINUTES. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Minutes of the February 10, 2004, meeting were approved as printed.


TREASURER'S REPORT. (Nadine Bentsen, 425-747-1543) (attached). Bentsen noted that separate funds have been transferred into the general account.



ANNOUNCEMENTS. Janet Salm, United Way (206-349-3527), announced tax preparation assistance at Hopelink, 13812 Main Street, Bellevue, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Information was also provided about resources for suicide, including a National Alliance for the Mentally Ill - Eastside forum.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m., following closing prayer from the Celtic tradition by Geoff Ethelston (425-486-5665).

  
Sally Wing  
Secretary Pro Tem

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Activity Report-All Funds  
for Month Ending February 29, 2004

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Congregations for the Homeless</u>	<u>Employment Job Fair</u>	<u>Cultural Div/Racism</u>	<u>Emergency Svc. Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund balance, beginning Feb 1, 2004	\$382.44	74,120.00	\$502.28	\$105.25	\$0.00	\$75,109.97
<b>Receipts:</b>						
Contributions-congregations		\$600.00				\$600.00
Contributions-organizations		\$1,000.00				\$1,000.00
United Way-grant		\$1,378.17				\$1,378.17
United Way-payout		\$190.51				\$190.51
City of Bellevue		\$8,641.00				\$8,641.00
City of Kirkland		\$2,258.00				\$2,258.00
City of Redmond		\$200.00				\$200.00
King County		\$3,214.00				\$3,214.00
Dues	\$60.00					\$60.00
Interest	\$0.53	\$57.62				\$58.15
ESAP& FEMA offset						
Closing of Task Force Funds	\$607.53					
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$668.06</b>	<b>\$17,539.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$18,207.36</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>						
Catholic Comm. Svc.-						
Copies & Postage-minutes	\$58.22					\$58.22
Bulk Mailing						
Fidelity Bond		\$114.82				\$114.82
Filing Fee	\$10.00					\$10.00
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$68.22</b>	<b>\$114.82</b>	<b>\$502.28</b>	<b>\$105.25</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$790.57</b>
Ending balances, February 29, 2004	<u>\$982.28</u>	<u>\$91,544.48</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$92,526.76</u>
Cash balances						
Checking -WA Mutual						\$2,964.80
WA Mutual Money Market savings						<u>\$89,561.96</u>
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$92,526.76</b>

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 13, 2004, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. "More Effective Advocacy with Local Governments." (Coordinated by Geoff Ethelston and Sally Wing, for Religious Task Force of King County Alliance for Human Services). Chapel Lounge (Room 315, entered through upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue (entrance on west side of Bellevue Way, with elevator service to Chapel Lounge level).

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Chairperson Rick Russell (425-746-2411) opened the meeting with prayer by Sue Wuhrman (425-455-4236) at 12:10 p.m., Tuesday, April 13, 2004, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. There were 27 members and guests present.

PROGRAM. "Interfaith Expressions of Social Concerns." (coordinated by Lloyd Van Vactor, 425-885-6993)

Laura Capestany (206-571-3047), Sacred Heart Catholic Church. As an outcome of 9/11, Together We Build, the first interfaith build of Habitat for Humanity, was held in September 2002, with Jews, Christians, and Moslems; and a second build is planned for September 11, 2004, with participation by 14 congregations to build seven townhouses. The group will sponsor a Peace & Pizza night for youth and a luncheon, both on May 21, featuring Dr. Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. (Information from Capestany)

Avahn Ritthi Thiravito (425-481-6640), Buddhist Temple, Woodinville, has also lived in India and Thailand. He emphasized understanding of all religions, viewing others' suffering as one's own, using meditation to see clearly, and working together.

Rabbi Yohanna Kinberg (360-956-2926), a Moroccan Jew, graduate of Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, works through Temple B'nai Torah. She traced acts of loving kindness to loss of the temple in 70 C.E., opening services to the community in the 1800s, and today serving primarily immigrant populations. She offered prayer poems for peace and healing.

MINUTES. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Minutes of the March 9, 2004, meeting were approved as printed. Nineteen persons have requested that minutes be sent by e-mail.

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Nadine Bentsen, 425-747-1543) (attached). Bentsen noted that payment has been made to Catholic Community Services for November and December 2003 service to Congregations for the Homeless.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. E. J. Sugar (425-822-5695) announced the third annual Crop Walk on Saturday, May 15, 2004, registration at 9:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. 25% of proceeds will be divided between Hopelink and Emergency Feeding Program, 65% will be sent to Church World Service to provide food, shelter, and other services worldwide.

Good wishes were expressed to Nadine Shannon, who will be undergoing cancer treatment in Texas.

Kindering Center will have an open house on Saturday, May 22, 2004, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. (Information: 425-747-4004, ext. 4331)

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m., following closing prayer by Louise Wong (425-637-0822).

  
Sally Wing  
Secretary Pro Tem

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Activity Report-All Funds  
for Month End ing March 31, 2004

	General Fund	Congregations for the Homeless	Emergency Services Fund	Total
Fund balance e, Beginning March 1, 2004	<u>\$982.28</u>	91,544.48	\$0.00	<u>\$92,526.76</u>
<b>Receipts:</b>				
Contributions-congregations		\$2,433.32	\$50.00	
Contributions-individuals				
United Way-grant		\$1,378.17		
United Way-payout		\$174.08		
City of Bellevue				
City of Issaquah				
City of Kirkland				
City of Redmond				
City of Woodinville		\$375.00		
King County				
Interest	\$0.45	\$65.06		
Dues	\$170.00			
ESAP& FEMA offset				
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$170.45</b>	<b>\$4,425.63</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	
<b>Disbursements:</b>				
Emergency Service Fund Pass Through			\$50.00	
Catholic Comm. Svc.-				
Copies & Postage-minutes	\$67.50			
Bulk Mailing		\$32.91		
Trailer Repair		\$32.91	\$50.00	
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$67.50</b>	<b>\$32.91</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	
Ending balances,	<u>\$1,085.23</u>	<u>\$95,937.20</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$97,022.43</u>
Cash balances				
Checking -WA Mutual	\$2,814.84			
WA Mutual Money Market savings	<u>\$94,207.59</u>			
Total	<u>\$97,022.43</u>			

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MAY 11, 2004

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 8, 2004, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. "Services for Immigrant Families." Sister Amalia, St. Louise Catholic Church, and Janet Lozosky, Jewish Family Service. (Coordinated by Louise Wong) Chapel Lounge (Room 315, entered through upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue (entrance on west side of Bellevue Way, with elevator service to Chapel Lounge level).

WELCOME AND PRAYER. In the absence of both Chairperson Rick Russell and Vice Chairperson Lloyd Van Vactor, Betty Spohn (425-451-3651) opened the meeting with prayer by Jean Ethelston (425-486-5665) at 12:05 p.m., Tuesday, May 11, 2004, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. There were 19 members and guests present.

PROGRAM. "More Effective Advocacy with Local Governments." Sally Wing (425-747-5924), chair, and Geoff Ethelston (425-486-3651), presenter. The King County Alliance for Human Services was formed to work toward more stable funding for community health and human services. Its Religious Leaders Task Force, which meets in both South and North King County (the latter in Bellevue, on the first Thursday, at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church), has as its mission, "to provide a public voice with and on behalf of those of our neighbors who, due to economic, physical, or other circumstances, are not able to meet their most basic needs." The Task Force encourages the King County Council to maintain human service funding. There was considerable discussion about Tent City 4, which is currently seeking county space for homeless persons, and has been offered space by two congregations in Bothell. There is also a national effort to end homelessness in ten years.

MSC that EISCC have representation on the Religious Task Force.

EASTSIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND. (Jennifer Cole-Wilson, (425-943-7559), Hopelink, reported total donations from three EISCC congregations and St. Margaret's Thrift Shop of \$4,575 between January 1 and March 31, 2004; and expenditures of \$8,106, for rent, prescriptions, water, medical, gasoline, and garbage. The largest group of recipients were single mothers with children. There is more short-term case management, e.g., budgeting. There was a request for a list of congregations who contributed during the year, and for an annual report in both English and Spanish to be sent to all Bellevue

congregations. Cole-Wilson noted that children in the North End are similarly assisted by local organizations.

Cole-Wilson noted that Congregations for Kids sponsors Good Start Back to School, supplying children in Bellevue schools with backpacks and school supplies; and that Hopelink serves children outside of the Bellevue School District or who are otherwise not served. Further information on Congregations for Kids, which includes faith communities and the Bellevue School District, is available from Nancy Jacobs (425-883-6406). She announced a summer reading program, which also includes activities, with further information available from Anna (425-943-7558).

MINUTES. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Minutes of the April 13, 2004, meeting were approved as corrected.

On page 1, under Program, a third paragraph (second speaker) was added: "Rizwan Nasar (425-702-8023), Children of Abraham, a Muslim from Pakistan, attended Catholic school during sixth grade, has Catholic and Protestant friends, and has participated in the Together We Build Habitat for Humanity project. He viewed interaction with others, which includes knowing neighbors and helping them, as the most important feature of the Muslim religion. He pointed out that every Muslim is taxed to help the poor."

On page 2, Treasurer's report, the words "in early April" were added to the final sentence.

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Louise Wong, 425-637-0822) (attached). Wong noted that \$40,000 has been reserved for Catholic Community Services service to Congregations for the Homeless, resulting in a less than optimal balance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Eastside Friends Meeting (Sonneva Wood, 425-746-2406) requested volunteers for a candlelight vigil for the International Day of Peace on Tuesday, September 21.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m., following closing prayer by Karen Mae Smith (425-644-2064).

  
Sally Wing  
Secretary Pro Tem

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
 Activity Report-All Funds  
 For month ending April 30, 2004

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Congregations for the Homeless</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund Balance, beginning April 1, 2004	\$1,085.23	\$95,937.20	\$97,022.43
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Contributions-congregations		\$333.34	\$333.34
Contributions-individuals			
United Way-grant		\$1,378.17	\$1,378.17
United Way-payout		\$244.35	\$244.35
City of Bellevue			
City of Issaquah			
City of Kirkland			
City of Redmond			
City of Woodinville			
King County			
Dues	\$195.00		\$195.00
Interest	\$2.78	\$73.20	\$75.98
ESAP offset		\$1,133.10	\$1,133.10
FEMA offset		\$1,255.16	\$1,255.16
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$197.78</b>	<b>\$4,417.32</b>	<b>\$4,615.10</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>			
Catholic Comm. Svc.-Nov & Dec		\$20,465.26	\$20,465.26
Copies & Postage-minutes	\$49.76		\$49.76
Bulk Mailing			
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$49.76</b>	<b>\$20,465.26</b>	<b>\$20,515.02</b>
Ending balances,	<u>\$1,233.25</u>	<u>\$79,889.26</u>	<u>\$81,122.51</u>
Cash balances			
Checking -WA Mutual			\$68,931.65
WA Mutual Money Market savings			\$12,190.86
Total			\$81,122.51

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662  
JUNE 8, 2004

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WELCOME AND PRAYER. Because of the late arrival of Chairperson Rick Russell and the absence of Vice Chairperson Lloyd Van Vactor, Marilyn Haymond (425-641-1497) opened the meeting with prayer by Carol Meisels (425-277-5005) at 12:05 p.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2004, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. There were 27 members and guests present.

PROGRAM. "Services for Immigrant Families." Louise Wong, chair (425-637-0822).

Kevin Henry, Cultural Diversity Coordinator, City of Bellevue (425-452-7886), noted that the City of Bellevue is 27% non-white, and that 56 languages are spoken in Bellevue schools. He expects diversity to increase and recommends year-round artwork, speakers, and brochures. He works with human service providers to assist in connecting with ethnic communities, and presents media workshops to enable communication. Voices of Diversity radio programs are broadcast on KBCS 91.3 FM. ESL and weekly citizenship classes are coordinated by volunteers. Summer programs will include a Strawberry Festival and a 24-hour relay fundraiser for youth activities. Website, which provides access to e-mail on specific subjects: <<http://ci.bellevue.wa.us/diversity.asp>>

Jeannette Lozovsky, Director, Refugee Services, Jewish Family Services (425-643-2221). The 112-year old agency serves the whole community at no cost to recipients and includes eight different languages among staff members. They help refugees and immigrants to hear that they're welcome, and to become independent, providing English classes for parents and children, citizenship classes, and aid in obtaining employment. Host families are assigned to families of newcomers. She anticipates a possible federal requirement for family members/sponsors for immigrants. Their new address is 15821 NE 8th St., # 210, Bellevue, 98008. Website: <<http://jfsseattle.org>>

Sister Amalia Camacho, CSJP, St. Louise Catholic Church (425-747-4450), reported a recent ethnic fair with 20 different food booths. The congregation has provided assistance with transportation, food, shelter, and psychological counseling. Services include a leadership center; and referrals to St. Vincent de Paul, Hopelink, Kindering Center, and Catholic Community Services.

MINUTES. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Minutes of the May 11, 2004, meeting were approved as printed. Since 37 people have requested minutes by e-mail, they will be sent beginning with the July minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Nadine Bentsen, 425-747-1543) (attached). She noted a shortfall last year for Congregations for the Homeless because of increased expenses and reduction in grant funds. She urged congregations to seek grants and other contributions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Nadine Shannon was welcomed back from her medical trip to Texas.

Joy Pocasangre (425-747-0877) announced publication of her husband's book, Breaking Home Ties. She expressed concern about violation of separation of church and state in recent political messages.

According to Betty Spohn, Eastside Baby Corner (425-865-0234) needs toddler beds and crib bedding, and volunteers who sew or knit.

Karen Smith (425-644-2064) reported on the Religious Task Force of the King County Alliance, which is providing education about human services and information about Tent City for city officials and others, aided by numerous organizations and individuals in Bothell.

Eastside Friends Meeting (Sonneva Wood, 425-746-2406) requested volunteers to plan a candlelight vigil for the International Day of Peace on Tuesday, September 21.

OTHER BUSINESS. MSC to name a Nominating Committee, Emily Woodson, Dorothy Scott, and Karen Smith, to report in September.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m., following closing prayer by Betty Spohn (425-451-3651).

  
Sally Wing  
Secretary Pro Tem



EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
 Activity Report-All Funds  
 for Month Ending May 31,2004

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Congregations for the Homeless</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Fund balance, beginning May 1, 2004</b>	<u>\$1,233.25</u>	<u>79,889.26</u>	<u>\$81,122.51</u>
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Contributions-congregations		\$1,441.67	\$1,441.67
United Way-grant		\$1,378.17	\$1,378.17
City of Bellevue		\$8,641.00	\$8,641.00
City of Issaquah		\$875.00	\$875.00
City of Kirkland		\$2,258.00	\$2,258.00
City of Redmond		\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
City of Woodinville		\$375.00	\$375.00
Insurance Refund		\$420.00	\$420.00
Correction: from GF Dues to CFH(4/12)	(\$25.00)		
Dues	\$50.00		\$50.00
Interest	\$4.28	\$50.27	\$54.55
ESAP offset (Jan-April)		\$2,266.20	
FEMA offset (Jan-April)		\$2,510.32	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$54.28</b>	<b>\$21,515.63</b>	<b>\$21,569.91</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>			
Catholic Comm. Svc.- Jan -April		\$31,576.52	\$31,576.52
Copies & Postage-minutes	\$58.09		\$58.09
Bulk Mailing			
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$58.09</b>	<b>\$31,576.52</b>	<b>\$31,634.61</b>
<b>Ending balances, May 31, 2004</b>	<b><u>\$1,204.44</u></b>	<b><u>\$69,828.37</u></b>	<b><u>\$71,032.81</u></b>
Cash balances-May 31, 2004			
Checking -WA Mutual			\$2,837.05
WA Mutual Money Market savings			\$68,195.76
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$71,032.81</b>

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662  
JULY 13, 2004

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 14, 2004. "Human Side of Congregations for the Homeless." Chapel Lounge (Room 315, entered through upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (entrance on west side of Bellevue Way, with elevator service to Chapel Lounge level). EISCC will not meet in August.

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WELCOME AND PRAYER. Chairperson Rick Russell (425-746-2411) opened the meeting with prayer by Karen Mae Smith (425-644-2064) at 12:07 p.m., Tuesday, July 13, 2004, in the Chapel Lounge at First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by the 28 members and guests present.

PROGRAM. "Alternative Housing Programs on the Eastside." Sally Wing, chair (425-747-5924) All speakers expressed willingness to speak to congregations and other groups.

St. Andrew's Housing Group. Linda Hall, Executive Director (425-746-1699) described their permanent rental housing, and noted that they are looking at transitional housing and case management services. She presented a video of stories by program participants, which identify needs for congregations, elected officials, and others. Info: <www.sahg.org>

Habitat for Humanity East King County. Mary Martin, Resource Development Associate (425-869-6007) reported that affordable homes are being built in downtown Redmond and Snoqualmie Ridge, with 500 hours of "sweat equity" provided by clients who maintain the homes they have helped build. Their clients have 50% or less of median income, which includes 14% of the population. Of their clients, 54% are single mothers and 36% people of color. There are 141 children among their 53 homeowners. There is a family advocate for each family, and translators are provided. A Habitat Walk on Saturday, October 9, beginning at 8:30 a.m., will celebrate 16 years on the Eastside and raise funds for the Redmond Patterson Park Project. (information at <www.habitatkc.org>

Avondale Park, Catholic Community Services. Patty Bergrud, Lead Case Manager (425-284-2219) noted transitional housing at a former Coast Guard property, and case management by Hopelink, CCS, and Friends of Youth (who provide emergency shelter). Services also include case management and a home for single mothers. The long-term goal is permanent housing. Information: <www.ccsww.org>

A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH). Art Sullivan (425-861-3677) reported coordinated efforts of local governments, including 15 cities, to develop a housing trust fund, increase diversity of types of housing, communicate awareness of needs, and monitor adherence to contracts. Recent trends include very low income (below 30% of median) who are permanently employed. Innovations include mother-in-law apartments and housing above park & ride lots. His citizen advisory board seeks both specialized skills (including clergy) and people who care. The website provides further information. <www.archhousing.org>

MINUTES. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Minutes of the June 8, 2004, meeting were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Nadine Bentsen, 425-747-1543) (attached). Since the report was prepared, payment has been made to Catholic Community Services for services in May and June. Steve Roberts requested contributions to support these services to Congregations for the Homeless.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Sandy Lewis (425-562-1228) announced a resource fair, "Your Life ... Live It," at the North Bellevue Community Center, Wed., Aug. 25, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., at which Congregations for the Homeless will have an exhibit space.

Aileen Loranger, Parish Nurse at St. Thomas Episcopal Church (425-454-9541) provided information about parish nursing, a mostly voluntary position, for which training is available, to provide health advocacy and pastoral care.

Eastside Friends Meeting (Sonneva Wood, 425-746-2406) requested volunteers to plan a candlelight vigil for the International Day of Peace on Tuesday, September 21.

Shalom Bayit is a furniture warehouse in Redmond for domestic violence survivors.

OTHER BUSINESS. The Nominating Committee (Emily Woodson, Dorothy Scott, and Karen Smith) requested assistance in filling secretary and treasurer positions.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m., following closing prayer by Rick Russell.

  
Sally Wing  
Secretary Pro Tem

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 12, 2004. "Winter and Holiday Needs of Social Service Agencies." Note: the meeting will be held from 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. A finger food luncheon will be provided by the Executive Committee. Chapel Lounge (Room 315, entered through upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (entrance on west side of Bellevue Way, with elevator service to Chapel Lounge level).

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WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Lloyd Van Vactor (425-885-6993) opened the meeting with prayer by Geoff Ethelston (425-486-5665) at 12:02 p.m., Tuesday, September 14, 2004, in the Chapel Lounge at First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by the members and guests present.

REFLECTIONS on the life of Nadine Shannon, who was instrumental in developing Congregations for the Homeless, were offered by Dorothy Shindler (425-455-1864) and Steve Roberts (206-295-7803).

PROGRAM. "The Human Side of Congregations for the Homeless." Steve Roberts, Chairperson, presented highlights of the eleven-year history of the program, which in 2004 has provided 6800 bednights and 21,000 meals to 125 individual men, some for four or five months. During the history of the program, more than 700 men have been served. There are 12 host congregations, one of which has requested replacement, and 24 support congregations. New features of the program include weekly job and career counseling with a resource person; and weekly medical services by a nurse practitioner, supplemented by parish nurses and referrals to RotaCare or hospital emergency rooms. Some congregations have provided showers and washers and dryers. Life coaching teams have been helping with the transition to transitional and permanent housing.

Dan Velez, who has been a staff member since 1998, was previously a client, who shares his experience with clients. Through prayer and Bible reading, he came to appreciate the source of his trust, and has been giving back to a program he appreciates.

Dave Mullin, a current client, has found in Congregations for the Homeless breathing space, mutual support, and willingness to police each other if necessary. He noted that, "clean body, clean spirit, clean clothes, there isn't anything you can't do." He played his guitar and sang a song he had composed.

Steve Roberts, noting the stigma of homelessness, also noted the need for life coaches, for which training will be offered at the Woodinville Alliance Church (425-486-0367) beginning September 23. He also requested counters for the One Night Count of the Homeless, Friday morning, October 22, beginning at 2:00 a.m., at First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, with training and breakfast provided (206-461-3777). He has been able to locate a site for transitional housing, but not for a permanent shelter.

Ann Olds, Catholic Community Services, noted a growing population of single homeless women, and lack funding for a program.

EISCC EASTSIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND. The quarterly report was presented by Betty Spohn (425-451-3651), as prepared by Rochelle Clayton at Hopelink (425-943-7559), who is replacing Jennifer Cole-Wilson, in providing that service. Expenditures included eviction prevention and first month's rent, prescriptions, avoidance of water disconnection, and payment of other bills. Financial assistance was provided to 109 households. EISCC members provided 14% of the \$12,255.32 expended between April 1 and August 31. Spohn emphasized that gifts directed to Hopelink must specify EISCC Eastside Emergency Services Fund in order to be credited to this fund.

MINUTES. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Minutes of the July 13, 2004 meeting were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Louise Wong, 425-637-0822) (attached). The report for July and August showed \$27,045.70 received for Congregations for the Homeless, including city, county, United Way, and St. Margaret's Thrift Shop grants; and \$20,964.01 disbursed, primarily for services provided by Catholic Community Services in May and June. Expenditures from the general fund were \$101.90 for copying and postage. Auditors have been paid \$920.00 for an annual review.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Karen Mae Smith (425-644-2064) presented the committee report from herself, Emily Woodson, and Dorothy Scott. These persons are nominated: Chairperson, Rabbi James Mirel, Temple B'nai Torah; Vice-Chairperson, Joy Pecosangre, Temple De Hirsch Sinai; Co-Secretary, JoAnne Way, East Shore Unitarian; Co-Secretary (nomination needed); Treasurer, Pat McDermott, Christ the King Lutheran; and Assistant Treasurer (nomination needed). Election will be held in October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Lloyd Van Vactor (425-885-6993) reported that Tent City 4 is located in Woodinville at land in a relatively isolated area for a future city park, after community opposition to location at the Northshore United Church of Christ/Congregational, with continuing opposition directed toward the City Council. Twenty organizations, including congregations in Redmond and Woodinville, are providing food and volunteers have built an on-site shower and lavatories.

Day of Professional Appraisals will be held at First United Methodist Church, Saturday, October 2, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. A fee of \$15.00 will be charged for two appraisals and lunch. An antique sale will follow. (Information: Diana Stice, 425-557-9601)

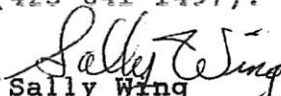
"Children and Giraffes: Tall Orders in Development, Birth to Five Year Olds - What Parents Need to Know" is a free workshop on early childhood development and school readiness sponsored by Families and Children Early Support (FACES). It will be presented Saturday, October 23, Senior Center, 352 Kirkland Avenue, Kirkland; and Saturday, October 30, Redmond Senior Center, 8703 - 160th Avenue NE, Redmond. Registration is one week prior to each workshop, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. with refreshments, followed by workshop sessions between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Some child care is available for pre-registrants. Information: 425-452-2824.

Eastside Human Services Forum. Bev Jacobson (425-455-2524) announced a breakfast meeting in Issaquah on Thursday, October 14, presenting candidates for legislative districts 5, 41, 45, and 48.

OTHER BUSINESS. Legislative Task Force. Joy Pocasangre (425-747-0877) announced a series of sessions on "A Citizen's Belief: A Balanced Approach to Life and Politics" on four Wednesday evenings at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, October 6, 13, 20, and 27. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. before the first and last sessions, all of which will be held from 7:15 - 8:45 p.m. Speakers will be Rabbi Daniel A. Weiner, Temple De Hirsch Sinai, and Dean Robert V. Taylor, St. Mark's Cathedral. Information: 425-454-5085.

A forum for candidates for the 8th Congressional District will be held on Thursday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. In view of our non-profit status, EISCC will not participate as an organization.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m., following closing prayer by Marilyn Haymond (425-641-1497).

  
Sally Wing  
Secretary Pro Tem

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662  
OCTOBER 12, 2004

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 9, 2004. "Winter and Holiday Needs of Social Service Agencies." Note: the meeting will be held from 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. Dessert will be provided by the Executive Committee, and beverages will be available. Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (Room 315, entered through upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE, or elevator service to Chapel Lounge level from lower parking lot.

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WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Rick Russell (425-746-2411) opened the meeting with prayer at 12:12 p.m., Tuesday, October 12, 2004, in the Chapel Lounge at First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by the 34 members and guests present.

PROGRAM. "Winter and Holiday Needs of Social Service Agencies." All agencies are seeking volunteer and financial assistance, as well as food, clothing, and gift cards for persons they serve.

Childrens' Response Center. Beverly Jacobson, Advisory Board Member (425-455-2524) (Agency: 425-688-5130). The agency works with children from birth to age 18 and their families who have been sexually assaulted or experienced other trauma. They provide legal advocacy, education, and awareness. Needs, which are year-round, include food, clothing, certificates for movies and other events, phone cards and cell phones. A silent and live auction will be held Saturday, November 13.

Emergency Feeding Program. Catherine Hillard, EastSide Coordinator (425-391-1196). Nutritional food is provided for emergencies on a referral basis from 150 King County agencies. There is a food-of-the-month club for donations of basic nutritional food items.

East King County Habitat for Humanity. Mary Martin, Resource Development (425-869-6007, ext. 233). A recent mini-blitz build was held at Snoqualmie Ridge, completing two more single-family homes. At Patterson Park the first five-unit building has been completed and occupied; three more buildings are planned. Alternative gift fairs and holiday gift cards can provide donations.

Hopelink. Rochelle Clayton (425-943-7559). This agency is the largest non-profit social service provider in North King County. They provide traditional holiday foods to low-income families, as well as new and unwrapped gifts, toys, and books, which are

collected between November 29 and December 15. Cash and non-perishable foods are requested, as well as gift certificates for clothing and other goods.

Jewish Family Service. Carol Mullen (206-461-3240). This 112-year old agency serves seniors, refugees, and disabled persons with emergency services, counseling, and home care. Their Multi-Ethnic Center currently works with the Hmong community and Russians. They provide a gift matching program for Hanukkah, mediation and conflict resolution, and education for interfaith couples.

Multifaith Works. Jonathan Cornforth, Care Team volunteer. (206-324-1520, ext 221). Services include five houses, mostly for persons living with AIDS. Care teams of eight to fifteen members work with partners who are living with AIDS. A Christmas dinner is planned for them and other persons in their homes. Shanti provides one-to-one counseling. The Multifaith Alliance of Reconciling Communities provides educational programs and a directory of congregations welcoming gay and lesbian persons.

Salvation Army Eastside Corps. Bob Guiliano, Social Services Case Worker (425-452-7300). Their new permanent location is 911 - 164th Avenue NE, Bellevue 98008-3518, in the Crossroads area. They provide preventive mental health services, rent and energy assistance, Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas meals and gifts for seniors and children in particular. Their Adopt-a-Family program provides toys and food. Their kettles provide employment.

Seattle Mental Health. Carolyn Anderson. (206-324-2243). This agency (formerly Eastside Mental Health and Mentor) provides help for people whose mental illness often results in other needs. Problems include suicide, as the second largest killer of teens, and severe depression among senior adults. They provide expressive therapy for seniors, and seek donations of toiletries, socks, gloves, and gift cards.

Youth Eastside Services. Barb Eguchi (425-747-4937) (not present). Services for youth include counseling and drop in groups. Volunteers are needed for gift wrapping the second and third weeks of December; and to serve as receptionists on weekday mornings or afternoons (training provided).

MINUTES. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Minutes of the September 14, 2004 meeting were approved as printed. There was one request for mailing minutes, for which postage was submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Nadine Bentsen, 425-747-1543) (these will again be attached, once technology has been perfected). Total in general fund is \$1,157.18, after receipt of \$1.37 in interest and \$25.00 in dues. Congregations for the Homeless received \$67.83 in interest and \$2,066.00 in memorial gifts for Nadine Shannon.



Credits were recorded for ESAP (Emergency Shelter Assistance Program - State) and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Assistance), which had been paid to Catholic Community Services. There were no receipts this month from King County or cities. Catholic Community Services has been paid for their services in July and August, leaving a balance in this fund of \$63,904.05.

OTHER BUSINESS: Nominating Committee. Karen Mae Smith (425-644-2064) presented the committee report from herself, Emily Woodson, and Dorothy Scott. MSC to cast a single ballot for these persons: Chairperson, Rabbi James Mirel; Vice-Chairperson, Joy Pocasangre; Co-Secretary, JoAnne Way; Co-Secretary, Catherine Swadley; and Treasurer, Pat McDermott.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.


Congregations for the Homeless and EISCC will sponsor a one-night count of homeless persons in Bellevue, Kirkland, and Redmond, Friday morning, October 22, beginning at 2:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Steve Roberts (206--295-7803) will coordinate. Geoff Ethelston (425-486-5665) will coordinate the count in Bothell and Shoreline.

The Religious Task Force of the King County Alliance for Human Services will provide testimony at hearings on the King County budget and request a long-term source of funding for human services, according to Geoff Ethelston.

Marilyn Rands (425-746-5249) noted that House of Hope, operated by Mamma's Hands in Woodinville, includes job training. (206-915-2073)

Thanks were expressed to the Executive Committee for the finger food luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m., following closing prayer by Rabbi Jim Mirel, incoming chairperson (425-603-9677).

  
Sally Wing  
Secretary Pro Tem

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662  
NOVEMBER 9, 2004

NEXT MEETING. Tuesday, December 14, 2004, 12:00 noon. "In Our Own Voice: Living with Mental Illness." Gregory Howard and other representatives from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill -Eastside (NAMI-Eastside). Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (Room 315, entered through upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE, or elevator service to Chapel Lounge level from lower parking lot.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Chairperson Rabbi Jim Mirel (425-603-9677) opened the meeting with prayer by Karen Mae Smith (425-644-2064) at 12:05 p.m., Tuesday, November 9, 2004, in the Chapel Lounge at First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by the members and guests present.

PROGRAM. "Winter and Holiday Needs of Social Service Agencies." All agencies are seeking volunteer and financial assistance, as well as food, clothing, and gift cards for persons they serve.

Bridge Ministries. Jack Roos (425-454-9846). A recommended website is [http://www.bridgeministries.org](#). The agency facilitates inclusion of persons with disabilities into the life of congregations by training ushers and fostering welcome. They recycle equipment, such as wheelchairs. They train facilitators of support groups, which number 16 Circles of Friends. For the past seven years on the fourth Sunday evening of each month a congregation hosts a gathering of people with disabilities, providing a meal and entertainment. There are two chaplains on the staff; and their speakers' bureau includes people with disabilities.

Catholic Community Services. Courtney Lyon, Volunteer Coordinator, East King County Family Center (425-284-2288; or 425-284-2211, Agency). The agency provides volunteer chore services, such as housework, laundry, and shopping; emergency support services, including meal and hotel vouchers; family support, including advocacy; homesharing; and counseling for adults and children. They provide support services for Congregations for the Homeless. They sponsor community meals in Bellevue and Issaquah five nights a week. Their transition housing program includes skills training for parenting and for the work force. Holiday programs include Shoe Boxes of Joy for low income persons and people with disabilities.

Crisis Clinic. (206-461-3210, ext. 678). Although no speaker was present, Jeff Markwardt, resource specialist, hopes to attend EISCC meetings.

Eastside Baby Corner. <sup>Ridlon</sup> Karen ~~Rulon~~ (425-865-0234). An all-volunteer agency results in no overhead. Their more than 150 care provider partners work

with families, and can now order online. They are the last safety net, collecting and distributing items to their partner agencies that children use from birth to age 12. Items they collect and distribute include food, clothing, furniture, school supplies, and toys.

Puget Sound Blood Center. Leigh Chapman (425-462-4395). The agency needs 900 pints of blood each week, for the 90% of the population who will need blood during their lifetime. The need is critical during holidays and summer. There is a rare donor program for people of color, and a national register for bone marrow. Fewer than five per cent of the population donate blood.

MINUTES. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Minutes of the October 12, 2004 meeting were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Pat McDermott, 425-643-7759) (attached) Cities and counties gave their regular contributions at the end of the quarter. The Shannon Memorial. Fund has received \$4116 in contributions thus far.

#### OTHER BUSINESS.

Legislative Task Force. Joy Pocasangre (425-747-0877) announced that Representative Jennifer Dunn can be contacted at (206-275-3438) about forthcoming legislation for CAFTA (Central America Free Trade Association), which Pocasangre indicated implies outsourcing of jobs from the U. S., increased poverty, and illegal immigration.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Rochelle Clayton announced the Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition will provide multilingual resource guides on December 9. Information: Debbie Lacy (206-709-3948).

Sandy Lewis (425-562-1228) announced on behalf of Congregations for the Homeless that trailer problems have been taken care of, and that a host congregation for April will be announced soon.

Lloyd Van Vactor (425-885-6993) announced that Tent City 4 will be moving to St John Vianney Church in Kirkland from the relatively isolated property now being used in Woodinville. Their operation has been smooth despite protestors; and 27 faith communities have been involved in providing meals.

ADJOURNMENT. After an opportunity for personal, congregational, or community sharing by participants, the meeting was adjourned at about 1:20 p.m following closing prayer by Louise Wong (425-637- 0822).

Sally Wing  
Secretary Pro Tem

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December 14, 2004

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 11, 2005, 12:00 at 1:30 PM. "A Secret Revealed" by Beverly Jacobson and Dayle Zawaideh from Children's Response Center (425)455-2524 in the Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (Room 315) entered through upper parking lot on NE 17<sup>th</sup> Street, off 100<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Chairperson Rabbi James Mirel (425-603-9677) opened the meeting. Prayer was given by Rev. Rick Russell at 12:00 PM, Tuesday, December 14, 2004, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue.

MINUTES. (Catherine Swadley, 425-392-7753). Minutes of the November 11, 2004 meeting were approved as printed.

CONGREGATIONAL FOR THE HOMELESS REPORT was given by Steve Roberts saying that the trailer is presently located at First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. It is helpful that showers are available for the 22 men with space available for 26 men. Thanks were expressed for all persons and organizations that provided help with this project.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Pat McDermott, 425-743-7759) is attached. Receipts have exceeded disbursement for the month. An outside auditor will examine the books and report in February.

NEW MEMBER of EISCC is Mercer Island Lutheran Church.

WELCOME was extended to Mastan Heshmatpouv, a returning former (student) member.

PROGRAM. "In Our Own Voice: Living with Mental Illness." Gregory Howard of National Alliance for the Mentally Ill- Eastside (NAMI-Eastside) was introduced by Rev. Russell. Three goals of this group are: advocacy for more insurance coverage for the mentally ill, education about symptoms, and erasing the stigma. A NAMI video was shown. Two women, Laurie Scott and Sylvia Steed, told of their histories of diagnosis, treatment, and coping mechanisms as mentally-ill persons. Mr. Howard offered to bring this program to groups of at least 13 (high schools and clergy organizations) and will show the video. A bill setting guidelines for insurance coverage will be presented to the Washington legislature. There is a Redmond office—NAMI Family Resource Center in Redmond (425)885-6264 and a web site: [info@nami-eastside.org](mailto:info@nami-eastside.org).

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Lloyd Van Vector said that Tent City 4 has moved to St. John Vianny Catholic Church for 90 days. SHARE WHEEL is the supporting organization for 45 residents at present. The official homeless count on Eastside (Bellevue) was 131.

Michael Romas of Seattle Church Council (206)525-1213, Ext. 3950) reported that at noon on March 25<sup>th</sup> the Stations of the Cross will be presented with the help of St. Louise Catholic Church (425)455-1864. "Ending Homelessness" Planning Committee met on December 16, 2004.

Washington Association of Churches will hold legislative briefings in Seattle on February 5, 2005 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at St. John Lutheran Church. The contact is Rachel Lazzar, (206) 625-9790, Ext. 17 or web site—[thewac.org](http://thewac.org). A statewide Church Advocacy Day will be held in Olympia on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 PM, following closing prayer by Karen Mae Smith.

Catherine Swadley  
Secretary

	Month	Date
<b>Congregations for the Homeless</b>		
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	61,556.53	68,953.53
<b>Receipts</b>		
Contributions from Congregations (Sch 1)	716.67	12,033.34
City and County Grants (Sch 2)	14,546.25	63,051.75
ESAP and FEMA Grants	0.00	9,553.04
United Way Grants & Designations	2,927.78	16,571.73
Other Contributions (Sch 3)	80.00	10,520.00
Interest Income	54.65	630.49
Other (Sch 4)	66.03	674.25
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>18,391.38</b>	<b>113,034.60</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Catholic Community Services	0.00	98,480.04
Other (Sch 5)	-15.00	3,545.18
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>-15.00</b>	<b>102,025.22</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance - includes Nadine</b>	<b>79,962.91</b>	<b>79,962.91</b>
<b>Shannon Memorial Fund Balance of</b>	<b>\$4,196.00</b>	

<b>General Fund EISSC</b>		
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	1,110.14	1,457.81
<b>Receipts</b>		
Dues (Sch 6)	0.00	785.00
Interest	0.46	14.48
Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>799.48</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Copies & Postage - Mminutes	90.62	535.86
Other (Sch 7)	0.00	701.45
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>90.62</b>	<b>1,237.31</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,019.98</b>	<b>1,019.98</b>

<b>Total Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>62,666.67</b>	<b>70,411.34</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>18,391.84</b>	<b>113,834.08</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>-75.62</b>	<b>-103,262.53</b>
<b>Total Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>80,982.89</b>	<b>80,982.89</b>
<b>Cash Balances</b>		
WAMU - Checking	2,819.84	
WAMU - Savings	78,163.05	
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,982.89</b>	