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**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES January 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2006**  
P. O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662

*Don't miss the next EISCC meeting!! The title is "Social Service Needs in the Cities of Bellevue, Kirkland, and Redmond" We are honored to have the Human Services Managers from the three cities as our February speakers. They will share their views of the human services needs for their cities. In addition, Alex O'Reilly will bring the needs assessment done every two years by Bellevue for the Eastside. Come and get the straight scoop on current needs and be able to plan your congregation or agency's future work with real data.*

*The meeting is February 14<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon at First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue  
1717 Bellevue Way in the Chapel Lounge*

WELCOME: Chairman Rabbi James Mirel opened the meeting at 12:02 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge of First Presbyterian Church. Prayer was given by Karen Mae Smith.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS were made by 19 members and two guests.

MINUTES: (Catherine Swadley 425-392-7753) The minutes were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat McDermott reported that disbursements for the month of December exceeded receipts by \$1,525. Cash balances decreased to a month-end total of \$100,273. All payments due Catholic Community Services have been made. Our contract with Hopelink has not yet been finalized. Because of this fact EISCC has not been invoiced for any services provided by Hopelink. EISCC's relationship with Hopelink began on 9/01/05. The financial statement is printed after the minutes.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS: Steve Roberts (206-295-7803) reported that the shelter is presently at United Methodist Church of Redmond and will move February 1st to St Luke's Lutheran of Bellevue. (Tent City 4 will also be at that location.) Also a brief report was given on the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.

PROGRAM: "Hands-On Services in the Community" was introduced by Sally Wing and presented by Marilyn Soderquest (206-246-5150) of "Friend to Friend" and Denny Hancock (206-915-2073) of "Mama's Hands."

Since its beginning in 1974 "Friend to Friend" has trained 300 volunteers annually to visit lonely persons in nursing and retirement homes two times a month.

"Mama's Hands" volunteers help with professional staff at two shelters in North Bend. The "Houses of Hope" shelter up to 36 women and children who are victims of domestic violence. This agency also aids homeless teenagers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Brian Anderson announced that the Emergency Feeding Program is

sponsoring a "Share the Dream" program featuring Pastor Pat Wright and the Total Experience Choir on Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Seattle.

Hopelink announced that 1339 children were helped during the holiday season.

The Executive Committee announced that the Religious Coalition for Equality will lobby in Olympia for HB #2661 (the Anti-Discrimination Bill) on January 23rd.

The Street Count of Homeless people in the Bellevue, Kirkland, and Redmond area will be held on January 27 from 2:00 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. Contact Steve Roberts at 206-295-7803.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. after prayer by Bill Wassburg.

Catherine Swadley, Co-Secretary

**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS  
COUNCIL  
ACTIVITY REPORT - ALL FUNDS  
DECEMBER  
2005**

	For the Month	Year to Date
<b>Congregations for the Homeless</b>		
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	100,126.80	65,989.89
<b>Receipts</b>		
Contributions from Congregations (Sch 1)	591.67	11,466.31
City and County Grants (Sch 2)	875.00	66,660.75
ESAP and FEMA Grants	0.00	0.00
United Way Grants & Designations	1,423.11	21,206.42
Other Contributions (Sch 3)	2,400.00	7,679.68
Interest Income	170.89	1,033.08
Other (Sch 4)	0.00	212.38
Total Receipts	5,460.67	108,258.62
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Catholic Community Services	6,956.83	71,386.83
Other (Sch 5)	60.17	4,291.21
Total Disbursements	7,017.00	75,678.04
<b>Ending Fund Balance - includes Nadine Shannon Memorial Fund Balance of \$4,296.00</b>	98,570.47	98,570.47
<b>General Fund EISSC</b>		
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	1,671.47	1,635.49
<b>Receipts</b>		
Dues (Sch 6)	30.00	785.00
Interest	1.11	11.17
Other	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	31.11	796.17



<b>Disbursements</b>		
Copies & Postage - Mminutes	0.00	375.52
Other (Sch 7)	0.00	353.56
Total Disbursements	0.00	729.08
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	1,702.58	1,702.58

Total Beginning Fund Balance	101,798.27	67,625.38
Total Receipts	5,491.78	109,054.79
Total Disbursements	-7,017.00	-76,407.12
Total Ending Fund Balance	100,273.05	100,273.05
<b>Cash Balances</b>		
WAMU - Checking	3,464.40	
WAMU - Savings	96,808.65	
Total	100,273.05	

**From:** Wayne Spohn

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MINUTES OF THE  
EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MEETING  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: APRIL WILL BE THE LAST MONTH WE WILL SNAIL MAIL EISCC MINUTES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE RECEIVING MINUTES, SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO JOANNE NOW AT [WAYTANDJ@COMCAST.NET](mailto:WAYTANDJ@COMCAST.NET) A FEW COPIES OF THE MINUTES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT REGULAR EISCC MEETINGS. THINK OF THE TREES, MONEY AND VOLUNTEER TIME WE WILL SAVE! □**

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2006 at noon in the Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE. The topics will be "Healthy Start" and the "Emergency Feeding Program".

WELCOME: Chairman Rabbi Jim Mirel (425-603-9677) opened the meeting at 12:05 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge of First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. The opening prayer was given by Sandy Lewis.

MINUTES: (Catherine Swadley, 425-392-7753) The minutes were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat McDermott (425-643-7759) reported that the receipts in January exceeded disbursements by \$24,481. Cash balances increased to a month-end total of \$124,755. A payment of \$54,000 to Hopelink will be made in February bringing EISCC current.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS were made by 35 persons.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY REPORT was given by Joy Pocasangre (425-747-0877). She suggested that EISCC members log on to the web site of Washington Association of Churches: [www.thewac.org](http://www.thewac.org) for legislative information issues of "Ending Hunger", "Expanding Housing" and "Extending Health Care." For the issue of "Separation of Church and State" see web site: [www.urj.org](http://www.urj.org).

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS: Steve Roberts (206-295-7803) reported that Congregations for the Homeless is presently at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Bellevue along with Tent City 4. CFH will move to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Renton in March. Ten new life coaches are available. Rock Creek Brewing has made a contribution. A housing director for transitional housing is needed.

PROGRAM: Steve Roberts introduced speakers for "Social Service Needs in the Cities of Bellevue, Kirkland, and Redmond." Alex O'Reilly and Emily Leslie (425-452-6884) reported for the City of Bellevue. Sharon Anderson (425-828-1218) represented the City of Kirkland. Colleen Kelly (425-556-2423) represented the City of Redmond. They all serve on the Eastside Human Services Forum which considers the high cost of housing, health care, job losses and need for living wages, homelessness, early childhood education, and help for immigrants. Help for immigrant needs can be provided by Eastside Refugee and Immigration Coalition (ERIC). The contact person is Debbie Lacy (425-587-3320). Faith congregations may also ask the Bellevue School District to indicate how volunteers can help. (First Presbyterian Church volunteers provided school supplies and helped rebuild the Stevens School.)



CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS: The Spirit of Peace United Church of Christ (Issaquah, 425-392-6570) "new beginning" and pastor search was described by Catherine Swadley (425-392-7753). The Cross of Christ Lutheran (425-746-7300) congregation's many mission projects were described by Pat McDermott (425-643-7759).

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Barbara Whistler, (425-556-5106) representing Assistance League reported on the Eastside sponsorship of "Operation School Bell" and "Survival Kits for Abuse Victims." Women's Justice Center and Share and Care House (206-764-4849) stores furniture for abused women on Eastside at First Presbyterian Church (Bellevue, 425-454-3082). Eastgate Congregational Church (425-746-2411) has scheduled a Gospel Jazz Concert for February 26th.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. after prayer by Catherine Swadley.

Catherine Swadley, co-secretary

## CALENDAR

April: "Tent City 4" moderated by Rabbi Jim Mirel.

May: "Committee to End Homelessness" by Bill Bloch

June: "End of Life Issues" with Donna Oiland of Evergreen Hospice

July: "Panel on Mental Health Services"—NAMI and others

September: "Congregations for the Homeless"

<b>EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL</b>		
<b>ACTIVITY REPORT - ALL FUNDS</b>		
<b>JANUARY 2006</b>	For the	Year to
	Month	Date
<b>Congregations for the Homeless</b>		
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	98,570.47	98,570.47
<b>Receipts</b>		
Contributions from Congregations (Sch 1)	4,525.00	4,525.00
City and County Grants (Sch 2)	15,072.00	15,072.00
ESAP and FEMA Grants	2,466.00	2,466.00
United Way Grants & Designations	1,378.33	1,378.33
Other Contributions (Sch 3)	486.70	486.70
Interest Income	108.23	108.23
Other (Sch 4)	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>24,036.26</b>	<b>24,036.26</b>

<b>Disbursements</b>			
Catholic Community Services		0.00	0.00
Other (Sch 5)		0.00	0.00
Total Disbursements		0.00	0.00
<b>Ending Fund Balance - includes Nadine</b>		122,606.73	122,606.73
<b>Shannon Memorial Fund Balance of</b>		<b>\$4,446.00</b>	
<b>General Fund EISSC</b>			
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>		1,702.58	1,702.58
<b>Receipts</b>			
Dues (Sch 6)		445.00	445.00
Interest		0.46	0.46
Other		0.00	0.00
Total Receipts		445.46	445.46
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Copies & Postage - Mminutes		0.00	0.00
Other (Sch 7)		0.00	0.00
Total Disbursements		0.00	0.00
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>		2,148.04	2,148.04
<b>Total Beginning Fund Balance</b>		100,273.05	100,273.05
<b>Total Receipts</b>		24,481.72	24,481.72
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		0.00	0.00



Total Ending Fund Balance	124,754.77	124,754.77
<b>Cash Balances</b>		
WAMU - Checking	3,464.86	
WAMU - Savings	121,289.91	
Total	124,754.77	

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**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 14th, 2006 First Presbyterian Church**

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, April 11, 2006, "Tent City 4" in the Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue

**NOTICE:** This is the LAST mailing of the EISCC minutes by post. If you want to continue to receive the minutes, send JoAnne your email address NOW. We are looking forward to saving trees, money, and volunteer time! Thanks for your cooperation! [waytandj@comcast.net](mailto:waytandj@comcast.net)

**WELCOME:** Pro-Tem Chairman Rev. Richard Russell (425-746-2411) opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. (Rabbi Mirel was celebrating Purim) in the Chapel Lounge of First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. The opening prayer was given by Sally Wing (425-747-5924).

**MINUTES:** Catherine Swadley (425-392-7753) The minutes were corrected to say Pat McDermott represents "Christ the King Lutheran Church" and then they were approved.

**SELF INTRODUCTIONS:** Nineteen members and two guests introduced themselves.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pat McDermott (425-643-7759) reported that receipts for the month of February exceeded disbursements by \$34,586. Cash balances decreased to a month end total of \$90,168. EISCC's contract with Hopelink has now been finalized. February activity includes a payment to Hopelink for the period of 9/10/05 through 12/31/05 of \$47,336.00. Receipts included a large contribution from East Shore Unitarian congregation in the amount of \$8,505.80.

**CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS:** Steve Roberts (206-295-7803) reported that Congregations for the Homeless is presently full (with a waiting list). The men are housed at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Renton for March.

Congregations for the Homeless will move to Westminster Chapel in Bellevue for the month of April. There are now eight new life coaches. Recruiting for a 5 to 6 hour/wk Transitional Housing Manager is ongoing. Twenty-five spaces for transitional housing will soon be available to CFH. There is also a need for a part-time employment manager for 5 hrs/week.

**PROGRAM:** Steve Roberts introduced Keltie Rice and Brian Anderson. Keltie Rice (425-869-6440 Ext.318) explained the "Healthy Start" program. Its goal is strengthening young families. There are 389,000 young families in the county. They are presently serving 1600 parents in the age 22 or younger bracket who are parenting their first child. Weekly home visits plus group meetings and field trips help provide training, support, goal setting, and child immunizations. Eleven parent educators plus 37 volunteer parent mentors use the "Born to Learn" curriculum. The organizations that are involved are Friends of Youth and Center for Human Services in Shoreline. Participation by parents is voluntary. The cost is \$1300 per year to serve one family.

Brian Anderson (425-653-1652), administrator of the Emergency Feeding Program reported that EFP



provides bags of two days (three meals daily) of non-perishable foods to 60,000 individuals and families per year. Fourteen different types of packets include low-salt, diabetic, liquid and Hispanic. From the Seattle warehouse the bags are delivered to 80 sites and 200 Social Services agencies. St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Eastgate and Bellevue First Congregational are two of the Bellevue sites. Other churches can be sites as well as mosques and temples. There is an urgent need for 7-day Enfamil Formula.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS: Sonneva Wood (425-746-2406) of Eastside Friends Meeting reported that their 40-member congregation provides single-meal portions to several ailing members, meals for Tent City residents, and has removed noxious weeds from their 2 1/2 acre property.

Marilyn Rand (425-746-5249) reported on some of mission activities of the five wards of Redmond Stake and Redmond-Bellevue Stakes of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Packages have been sent to military servicemen and women, hygiene kits to Katrina hurricane victims, crochet strips for lepers, and quilts for Eastside Baby Corner.

TASK FORCE REPORTS: Joy Pocasangre (425-747-0877) of the Legislative Task Force urged attendees to use caution and read carefully petitions for referendums and initiatives prior to November's election. Washington Won't Discriminate is a statewide coalition.

Sally Wing of the Mental Health Task Force reminded attendees of the availability of the directory of *2005-2006 Directory of Multi-Faith Reconciling Congregations. Inclusive Faith Communities in Washington State, prepared by the Multifaith Alliance of Reconciling Communities, a program of Multi Faith Works.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Church of the Resurrection (425-746-0322) will hold a Garage Sale on April 13th to fund their "Hearts and Hammers" needy- house-repair project.

Volunteers for closing prayers are Rev. Russell for April and Sandy Owen for May.

CLOSING PRAYER: Marilyn Rands (425-746-5249) gave the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.  
Catherine Swadley, co-secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL			
ACTIVITY REPORT - ALL FUNDS			
FEBRUARY 2006		For the	Year to
		Month	Date
Congregations for the Homeless			
Beginning Fund Balance		122,606.73	98,570.47
Receipts			
Contributions from Congregations (Sch 1)		9,370.51	13,895.51
City and County Grants (Sch 2)		387.50	15,459.50

Other (Sch 7)	0.00	0.00
Total Disbursements	0.00	0.00
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	2,254.10	2,254.10
Total Beginning Fund Balance	124,754.77	100,273.05
Total Receipts	12,752.20	37,233.92
Total Disbursements	-47,339.00	-47,339.00
Total Ending Fund Balance	90,167.97	90,167.97
<b>Cash Balances</b>		
WAMU - Checking	3,129.92	
WAMU - Savings	87,038.05	
Total	90,167.97	



ESAP and FEMA Grants		0.00	2,466.00
United Way Grants & Designations		1,681.29	3,059.62
Other Contributions (Sch 3)		1,050.00	1,536.70
Interest Income		156.84	265.07
Other (Sch 4)		0.00	0.00
Total Receipts		12,646.14	36,682.40
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Hopelink		47,336.00	47,336.00
Other (Sch 5)		3.00	3.00
Total Disbursements		47,339.00	47,339.00
Ending Fund Balance - includes Nadine		87,913.87	87,913.87
Shannon Memorial Fund Balance of	\$4,446.00		
<b>General Fund EISSC</b>			
Beginning Fund Balance		2,148.04	1,702.58
<b>Receipts</b>			
Dues (Sch 6)		105.00	550.00
Interest		1.06	1.52
Other		0.00	0.00
Total Receipts		106.06	551.52
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Copies & Postage - Mminutes		0.00	0.00

**From:** Wayne Spohn  
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**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING**  
April 11th, 2006, First Presbyterian Church, Chapel Lounge

**NEXT MEETING; Tuesday, May 9th, 2006, "Committee to End Homelessness in Ten Years" in the Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.**

**WELCOME:** The meeting was called to order at 12:04 P.M. by Rabbi Jim Mirel. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Geoffrey Ethelston of Redeemer Episcopal Church of Kenmore.

**MINUTES:** Catherine Swadley (425-392-7753) The minutes were approved after being corrected to say "Pat McDermott represents Christ the King Lutheran Church".

**SELF-INTRODUCTIONS:** Sixteen members and four guests introduced themselves.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pat McDermott (425-643-7759) reported that disbursements exceeded receipts for March by \$11,323. Cash balances decreased to a month end total of \$78,845. March activity included two payments to Hopelink. Receipts for the prior month included a large contribution from East Shore Unitarian Church in the amount of \$8,505.80. This should have been directed to the Hopelink administered Eastside Emergency Services Fund. Consequently a check for that amount was written to Hopelink in March. Received after this report was printed were contributions of \$10,000 from First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue and \$5,000 from Westminster Chapel for the Congregations For the Homeless.

**CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS:** Steve Roberts (206-295-7803) reported that the CFH shelter is presently at Westminster Chapel. Eleven life coaches are currently coaching 22 men. There are 30 in the shelter. The shelter will move to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church on May 1st. The financial condition is positive. There are expectations that a drop-in Women's Shelter will be opened at Bellevue First Congregational Church and will be run by Y.W.C.A.



**PROGRAM:** "Tent City 4" was presented by Bruce Thomas, Patsy Collier, Kerry Husman and Scott Morrow. They told the story of SHAREWHEEL which manages 15 shelters and two Tent Cities. This organization has been self-managed since 1990. Tent City rules state "No drugs or alcohol" and residents can come and go as they please. There have been no criminal incidents. Five persons comprise the Executive Committee and two persons on security duty at all times. Bus tickets, dumpsters, evening meals and portable toilets are all provided. Pallets are laid for flooring for resident's own tents.

Thirty-nine different Eastside churches have provided toiletries and meals to residents at various times. Tent City 4 was first located in Bothell for 90 days, then Kirkland Congregational UCC, followed by Northshore United Church of Christ in Woodinville, and Temple B'nai Torah in Bellevue. Presently Tent City 4 is located at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Bellevue. Communities are notified before their moves. Many residents are employed. They may live in Tent City for up to 100 days. Because 58 persons have died without shelter in the greater Seattle area last year, the shelters and Tent Cities are a vital service to homeless persons.

**TASK FORCE REPORTS:** Joy Pocasangre reported that Father Roy Bourgeois will

speak about "Closing of the 'School of the Americas'" on May 3rd at 4 p.m. at Seattle University and then at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Seattle. There is pending U.S. Congressional legislation to close the School of the Americas. Rep. Dave Reichert has been asked to be a sponsor for this bill and then vote for its passage. The Congressional Legislative Hotline is 1-800-562-6000.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The United Methodist Women of First Methodist Church of

Bellevue is hosting a concert by harpist-singer, Bronn Journey, on Friday, May 5th at 7:30 p.m.

Karen Mae Smith offered to lend a video on "Tolerance" put out by Southern Poverty Law Center.

Pat Bowman announced that the League of Women Voters has identified 803 registered hate groups in the United States.

Hopelink is providing an information table on Tuesday, May 23rd from 11a.m. to 4p.m. in front of Circuit City at Crossroads Center in Bellevue.

The annual Bellevue Crop Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Bellevue First Congregational Church. Contact Nancy Bent at 425-



957-4756. Hopelink and Church World Service hunger projects will receive the funds.

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m. following the reading of Psalm 117 by Rabbi Mirel.

Catherine Swadley, Secretary

<b>EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL</b>		
<b>ACTIVITY REPORT - ALL FUNDS</b>		
<b>MARCH 2006</b>	For the	Year to
	Month	Date
<b>Congregations for the Homeless</b>		
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	87,913.87	98,570.47
<b>Receipts</b>		
Contributions from Congregations (Sch 1)	10,224.54	24,120.05
City and County Grants (Sch 2)	0.00	15,459.50
ESAP and FEMA Grants	616.50	3,082.50
United Way Grants & Designations	1,468.33	4,527.95
Other Contributions (Sch 3)	0.00	1,536.70
Interest Income	96.88	361.95
Other (Sch 4)	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>12,406.25</b>	<b>49,088.65</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Hopelink	23,668.00	71,004.00
Other (Sch 5)	172.06	175.06
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>23,840.06</b>	<b>71,179.06</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance - includes</b>	<b>76,480.06</b>	<b>76,480.06</b>



Nadine					
Shannon Memorial Fund Balance of		\$4,446.00			
General Fund EISSC					
Beginning Fund Balance		2,254.10		1,702.58	
Receipts					
Dues (Sch 6)		125.00		675.00	
Interest		0.86		2.38	
Other		0.00		0.00	
Total Receipts		125.86		677.38	
Disbursements					
Copies & Postage - Mminutes		0.00		0.00	
Other (Sch 7)		15.00		15.00	
Total Disbursements		15.00		15.00	
Ending Fund Balance		2,364.96		2,364.96	
Total Beginning Fund Balance		90,167.97		100,273.05	
Total Receipts		12,532.11		49,766.03	
Total Disbursements		23,855.06		-71,194.06	
Total Ending Fund Balance		78,845.02		78,845.02	
Cash Balances					
WAMU - Checking		3,274.92			
WAMU - Savings		75,570.10			
Total		78,845.02			

**From:** Wayne Spohn  
**Date:** 5/31/2006 7:45:36 AM  
**Subject:** FW: EISCC May minutes, April financials and CforH material

## **MINUTES OF THE MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MEETING**

**NEXT MEETING:** Noon Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006, in the Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue. "Congregations for the Homeless" is the topic.

**WELCOME:** Chairperson Rabbi Jim Mirel opened the meeting with prayer at 12:05 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Chapel Lounge.

**SELF INTRODUCTIONS** were given by <sup>17</sup>~~twelve~~ members and two guests.

**MINUTES:** Catherine Swadley (425-392-7753). The minutes for the April meeting were approved as printed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Steve Roberts (206-295-7803) presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Treasurer Pat McDermott (425-643-7759). Receipts for the month of April exceeded disbursements by \$4,696. Cash balances increased to a month end total of \$81,532. Cash balances should be consistently between \$70,000 and \$80,000. Our monthly payment to Hopelink was written on May 1st so it does not show in the current statements.

**CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS:** Steve Roberts (206-295-7803) reported that CFH moved the first of May to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. Life coaching has resulted in sixteen men being ready to move to transitional housing spaces on June 1. Each of these sixteen men will have a Life Coach for six months. The eventual CFH goal is to have 25 spaces of housing available. More spaces will then be open for homeless men in CFH program. This is all the result of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. On June 1 the CFH will move to Christ the King Lutheran Church.

**PROGRAM:** Steve Roberts introduced the topic of the day, "Homelessness and the Eastside." Bill Block (206-205-5506), Ten Year Plan Director, gave King County homelessness statistics. There are 8300 homeless persons in King County any given night (preliminary 2006 number). 27% are homeless children under the age of 17 in shelters. Forty of the chronic homeless are the highest users of the Sobering Center. Homelessness is a regional issue. Transition of these persons to housing is the best solution. Treating addictions is important and an ongoing solution. Passage Point program provides help for women being released from jail. Thirty percent of homeless are veterans. Now that financial support for those persons leaving foster care has been extended to age 21, the number of homeless may reduced. Having two evictions prevents many persons from being accepted as renters.

Arthur Sullivan (425-861-3677) is the director of ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) and facilitator of its Eastside Advisory Council. He extended an invitation for people to serve on each Homeless Committee of the 14 Eastside cities. Housing needs for homeless single adults (both male and female), and youth are critical. A drop-in center for single homeless women will open soon at Bellevue First Congregational Church. Friends of Youth are anxious to have their shelter open seven nights per week rather than five nights. Six units of transitional housing have been available at NE 8th and 190th in Bellevue and will be increased to 30 units. A report to the public about transitonal housing is expected on June 15th.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Registration for the May 17<sup>th</sup> Annual CROP Walk, will be at Bellevue First Congregational Church. The funds will be used for local food banks and the Church World Service.

Kathleen Barry announced the Interfaith Council of Friends of Youth will meet Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8 p.m. at 16225 NE 87th St., Redmond.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. all are invited to the joint choir concert of Bellevue First Congregational and the Lake Washington Methodist Church.

Members of five churches fixed five houses in The Church of the Resurrection's annual "Hearts and Hammers" project.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Karen Mae Smith gave the closing prayer.

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

Catherine Swadley, Co-Secretary.

<b>EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL</b>		
<b>ACTIVITY REPORT - ALL FUNDS</b>		
<b>APRIL 2006'</b>	<b>For the Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Congregations for the Homeless</b>		
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>76,480.06</b>	<b>98,570.47</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Contributions from Congregations (Sch 1)	1,869.30	25,989.35
City and County Grants (Sch 2)	0.00	15,459.50
ESAP and FEMA Grants	616.50	3,699.00
United Way Grants & Designations	1,378.33	5,906.28
Other Contributions (Sch 3)	1,080.00	2,616.70
Interest Income	107.37	469.32
Other (Sch 4)	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>5,051.50</b>	<b>54,140.15</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Hopelink	0.00	71,004.00
Other (Sch 5)	0.00	175.06

Total Disbursements		81,531.56	71,179.06
Ending Fund Balance - includes Nadine		76,480.06	81,531.56
Shannon Memorial Fund Balance of	\$4,446.00		
<b>General Fund EISSC</b>			
Beginning Fund Balance		2,364.96	1,702.58
<b>Receipts</b>			
Dues (Sch 6)		0.00	675.00
Interest		0.67	3.05
Other		0.00	0.00
Total Receipts		0.67	678.05
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Copies & Postage - Mminutes		0.00	0.00
Other (Sch 7)		355.55	370.55
Total Disbursements		355.55	370.00
			55.00
Ending Fund Balance		2,010.08	2,010.08
Total Beginning Fund Balance		78,845.02	100,273.05
Total Receipts		5,052.17	54,818.20
Total Disbursements		-355.55	-71,549.64
Total Ending Fund Balance		83,541.64	83,541.61
<b>Cash Balances</b>			
WAMU - Checking		2,920.04	



WAMU - Savings	80,621.60
Total	83,541.64

### IAC WORK PLAN

On April 3, 2006, the Interagency Council held an all day retreat. The goal of the retreat was to identify those areas in which the IAC would concentrate its major work efforts during the balance of 2006, with a focus on those areas where the expertise and resources of the IAC members will be particularly useful in achieving the goals of CEHKC. The following is a summary of the topics to be addressed. (Note: addressing disproportionality is a critical issue that will be woven through all workplans, rather than developing a separate workplan on this topic).

1. **Coordinate/Prioritize/Increase Funding:** Identify strategies to generate state and local revenue, engage the general public, philanthropies and suburban cities, identify best use of existing resources to achieve results/fill critical gaps, including "rationalizing" resources and services. Recommend priority uses for future funding rounds.
2. **Discharge Planning:** Identify the role of the criminal justice system, health care system, and foster care system in the creation/prevention of homelessness. Forge/strengthen partnerships and create programs to ensure that people aren't discharged into homelessness. (Note: Several mental health and criminal justice discharge initiatives are already in progress).
3. **Coordinated Entry:** Restructure the system by which people access services/housing to be more streamlined, efficient and user-friendly with as much consolidation of information and application activity as feasible. (Note: Work has begun on coordination of outreach workers, creation of coordinated services through Connections, and consideration of expansion of Plymouth Housing Group's coordinated entry system).
4. **Landlord/Service Provider Partnership Project:** Create a framework for landlords and service providers in which landlords can relax current barriers to housing people exiting homelessness in return assurances of supportive services/response to tenant issues and similar protections. (Note: This may involve expansion of United Way's existing Ready to Rent program to mirror the scale and scope of Portland's Fresh Start).
5. **Shelter to Housing Transition Plan:** Identify how and when to move our housing and homeless response away from a reliance on emergency shelter and transitional housing and towards a permanent/permanent supportive housing model. (Note: A task force is currently preparing recommendations to submit to the IAC).
6. **Outcomes/Goals:** Identify the appropriate outcomes and indicators by which we will measure progress in implementing the Ten-Year Plan and create a "dashboard report" so that we can effectively track progress on a frequent and regular basis. (Note: There are a number of measurement tools being put in place, the difficult issue is setting priorities among populations with differing needs and barriers).

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In addition, CEH staff and CEH population committees and other workgroups and partners will continue with certain special projects that are already in place, or other activities that do not require substantial IAC involvement. Examples of these activities include:

- Supporting consumer involvement
- Gathering and analyzing data to inform decisions



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**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006, "Mental Illness: How Does it Affect You and Your Congregation?", in the Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.**

**WELCOME:** Chairperson Rabbi Jim Mirel opened the meeting at 12:05 PM at the First Presbyterian Church Chapel Lounge. Prayer was given by Sandy Lewis.

**SELF INTRODUCTIONS** were given by 21 members and 8 guests.

**MINUTES:** Catherine Swadley (425-392-7753). The minutes for the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as printed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pat McDermott (425-643-7759) reported that there have been no changes in cash balances.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Rev. Rick Russell (425-746-2411) will be chairman. Marilyn Rands and Sally Wing volunteered to serve on the committee. The committee will report with a slate of candidates on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**PROGRAM:** "Congregations for the Homeless." Steve Roberts (206-295-7803), president of the Congregations for the Homeless board, introduced the speakers.

Pat McDermott, treasurer, (425-643-7759), presented graphs that showed that the average number of men being served has increased over the 10 years to 25 per night with 7462 bednights in 2005. The managers are providing more services with the funds per man. Haircut services were added in 2003, nursing services in 2004, and life coaching in 2005. Funding sources include corporate donations, United Way contributions, ESAP and FEMA, city and county funds, and



congregational and individual contributions. The board forecasts that congregations will increase their contributions to accommodate for inflation in each of the next three years. The total cost of the program is \$280,000/year with many in-kind services provided by congregations.

David Jones Bowling, program manager (425-749-8369) reported that more men have joined the program because of the program changes and the possibility of getting housing. Some men take other residents to their job sites. A prayer group has begun. Hopelink policies have been adopted. The coordination with congregations in providing welcome and food is most helpful. Mr. Bowling evaluates each applicant and visits the shelter site 2 to 3 times a week. Requirements for residency are being drug and alcohol free, having an Eastside connection, and six months of state residency.

Paul Tomlinson leads the Life Coaching Program. This program provides a pathway for the men towards independent living by featuring one-on-one contacts. The coaches help the men with goal setting, employment counseling, and preparation for independent living. Hopelink Family Development Manager Bruce Forman trained the volunteer coaches. Phase Two of this program will be "Revising the Training Program." Phase Three will be using a new 12-hour training with defined expectations. Financial (credit repair) and computer classes will be provided. More coaches will be recruited. The program will be expanded to after-care in housing. Twenty men have already been coached.

Bruce Forman, the Hopelink Family Development Manager, used a solution-based model with resources in training the coaches. Coaches must maintain boundaries with the five men each coaches.

Sterling Bentsen (425-747-1543) [s.bentsen@comcast.net](mailto:s.bentsen@comcast.net) is a Life Coach and volunteer Director of Housing of 38 units for CFH under DASH and Section 8 Federal programs.

Steve Roberts (206-295-7803) directs funding for CFH from cities, counties and state. HB2060 provided 12 beds for the program. HB 2163 provided some funds for supportive services. The board is asking for some of the 100 Section 8 vouchers available. A Drop-In Center for single women will open at Bellevue First Congregational Church in September. Congregations for the Homeless will move in July to St. Thomas Episcopal in Medina. The program will need up to thirty life coaches by Fall 2006.

Louise Wong (425-637-0822) wrote grants for funds from five cities with two year increases expected. The largest donations are received from Bellevue, King County and churches. Training funds for Life Coaching were requested from United Way. Many congregations provide shelter and food plus money.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Joy Pocasangre (425-747-0877), Legislature and Policy Chairman, reported [letjusticeroll.org](http://letjusticeroll.org) is the web site of the Washington Association of Churches. It provides information on raising the minimum wage. Information on the Darfur crisis is available at [www.savedarfur.org](http://www.savedarfur.org).

ADJOURNMENT was at 1:35 p.m. after a report on Tent City 4 status and prayer by Rev. Lloyd Van Vactor (425-885-6993).

Catherine Swadley, secretary



EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Minutes of the July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Meeting

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006, "End of Life Issues," in the Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue**  
**Topic: Conversations before the Crisis: Hospice**

**WELCOME:** Chairperson Rabbi Jim Mirel opened the meeting at 12:01 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Chapel Lounge. Psalm 90 was read by Rabbi Mirel.

**SELF INTRODUCTIONS** were made by 38 members and guests.

**MINUTES:** Catherine Swadley (425-392-7753) The minutes of the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as printed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pat McDermott (425-643-7759) reported that receipts for the month of June exceeded disbursements by \$46,098. Cash balances increased to a month end total of \$90,838. Contributions from Congregations and other major contributions are listed in the financial report. Since the report was printed, an additional \$8000 contribution was received from United Way. A list of congregations and agencies who have paid annual dues was provided to attendees.

**CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS:** Steve Roberts (206-295-7803) reported that there are 30 men in the shelter and there is a waiting list. The board is hopeful that a state grant will be received soon. This state grant will subsidize 12 beds of transitional housing, and CFH is requesting funding for an additional 16 units. The shelter will move in August to Overlake Presbyterian Church. A new class to train volunteer male life coaches will begin in September. Mr. Roberts is available to talk to congregations about this program.

**PROGRAM:** Sally Wing introduced the speakers on the topic "Mental Illness: How Does it Affect You and Your Congregation".

Brian Cruess of Catholic Community Services (206-328-5410) [BrianC@ccsww.org](mailto:BrianC@ccsww.org) reported that Catholic Community Services is second only to the Department of Human Services in providing social services to this county. Counseling for single adults, families, pre-marriage and drug and alcohol problems is provided. The Bellevue office is located at 12828 Northup Way, Suite 100. He also works out of Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Sammamish. Many persons have adjustment issues, suffering depression and anxiety after becoming homeless, divorced, widowed, or injured. Referrals are also made to other agencies. Services are covered by Medicaid for children but not adults. Fees are \$85/hr with some adjustments possible.

Sherry Brown (425-885-6265) of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) explained that physical disorders of the brain affect both a person's actions and feelings. One in four families are affected with mental illnesses. Treatment and recovery are their goal for each applicant. NAMI began services on the Eastside three years ago. Federal evaluation gave its services an "D" (along with many other states), so the staff has a goal to raise that grade. Its two programs are named "In Our Own Voice" (support groups for families) and HERO House.

Erica Horn (425-885-6264) reported that HERO House opened 12/05/05 in the North Creek Shopping Center, 14230 NE 21st St., Bellevue, and is funded by the Dept. of Social Health Services. This is a clubhouse, "like a church," for the mentally ill as are other clubhouses planned by the International Association For Clubhouse Development. The belief is that mentally ill persons deserve a right to a place for affirmation, affiliation and support. The 45 members and three staff own their clubhouse which has free membership. An average of eleven persons come daily with a goal of 20 attendees. There are kitchen and business units with meals provided at \$2 per meal. Social events and employment transitional support are also available.

Sally Wing (425-747-5924) (in the absence of Bill Hobson) explained that NAMI plans to build a four-story apartment building for mentally-ill persons.

David Stewart (cell 206-491-4608) of Seattle Mental Health reported that the Seattle area already has 362 apartments funded and available in a program called "Housing First," which means that residents are housed before drug/alcohol recovery. "Recovery, Inc." is a self-help group program.

HOPELINK QUARTERLY REPORT ON THE EASTSIDE was given by Rochelle Clayton-Strunk. During 2005 Emergency Services Fund for low-income residents (425-943-7559) served 110 families of 275 persons. Many of these persons had been served before and had become homeless. During the last six months -- January 2006 to June 2006 -- 131 households of 303 persons were served. All contributions for Eastside Emergency Services that are sent to HOPELINK should have EESF written on the memo line of the check.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rev. Rick Russell reported that some acceptances for officer positions have been received. A complete report from the committee is due in September.

ANNOUNCEMENT/SHARING: Eastside Friends Meeting will again sponsor the 2006 International Day of Peace Candlelight Vigil on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the Bellevue Community College campus. One hundred ninety countries observe this day. For other information call Linda Ellsworth (425-865-9368). This group asked EISCC to be a sponsor for this event. Karen Mae Smith moved and the motion was seconded and passed that EISCC sponsor the International Day of Peace.

SHARE/WHEEL is being charged \$250/day by the City of Woodinville for code violations as reported by Rev. Lloyd Van Vactor. The Tent City 4 residents will move to First Lutheran Church in Bothell on August 12th.

Acres of Diamonds (a shelter for single moms and their children) expects to build an expansion.

Bellevue First Methodist Church has refurbished its homeless shelter and houses two persons at present.

Joy Pocasangre (425-747-0877) reported that there will be a slide show in Spanish on September 16<sup>th</sup> at New Hope Ministries.

Brian Anderson of Emergency Feeding Fund announced there will be a Food Drive on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Bellevue First Congregational is sponsoring a youth group project in Yakima at the present time.

ALL MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO SUBMIT IDEAS FOR FUTURE EISCC PROGRAMS AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

CLOSING PRAYER: Rabbi Mirel gave the benediction at 1:25 p.m.

Catherine Swadley, Co-Secretary



**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL**  
**ACTIVITY REPORT - ALL FUNDS**  
**JUNE 2006**

	For the Month	Year to Date
<b>Congregations for the Homeless</b>		
Beginning Fund Balance	82,699.73	98,570.47
<b>Receipts</b>		
Contributions from Congregations (Sch 1)	3,441.67	32,372.69
City and County Grants (Sch 2)	9,305.00	30,427.50
ESAP and FEMA Grants	0.00	4,315.50
United Way Grants & Designations	1,378.33	9,660.73
Other Contributions (Sch 3)	3,550.00	7,491.70
Interest Income	181.21	750.90
Other (Sch 4)	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	17,856.21	85,019.02
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Hopelink	11,834.00	94,672.00
Other (Sch 5)	0.00	195.55
Total Disbursements	11,834.00	94,867.55
Ending Fund Balance - includes Nadine	88,721.94	88,721.94
Shannon Memorial Fund Balance of	\$4,446.00	

<b>General Fund EISSC</b>		
Beginning Fund Balance	2,040.69	1,702.58
<b>Receipts</b>		
Dues (Sch 6)	75.00	830.00
Interest	0.69	4.35
Other	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	75.69	834.35
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Copies & Postage - Minutes	0.00	0.00
Other (Sch 7)	0.00	420.55
Total Disbursements	0.00	420.55
Ending Fund Balance	2,116.38	2,116.38

Total Beginning Fund Balance	84,740.42	100,273.05
Total Receipts	17,931.90	85,853.37
Total Disbursements	-11,834.00	-95,288.10
Total Ending Fund Balance	90,838.32	90,838.32
<b>Cash Balances</b>		
WAMU - Checking	87,655.47	
WAMU - Savings	3,182.85	
Total	90,838.32	

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## MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MEETING

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 12 noon, Member Social Service agencies presentation of "Winter and Holiday Needs". Light refreshments available.

**WELCOME:** Chairperson Rabbi Jim Mirel opened the meeting at 12:03 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Chapel Lounge.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Rev. Richard Russell gave the opening prayer.

**SELF INTRODUCTIONS** were given by 31 including three visitors.

**MINUTES:** the minutes of the July 11 meeting were corrected to read: "Treasurer's reported that receipts for the month of June exceeded disbursements by \$6,048." The 7/11/06 minutes were approved as corrected.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pat McDermott (425-643-7759) reported that receipts for the month of August exceeded disbursements by \$8,612. Cash balances increased to a month end total of \$12,255. Nothing unusual was noted for the month.

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"Life-Coaching" training begins September 12 at First Presbyterian Church and continues for four weeks. St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Medina has applied for a grant to buy a house for transitional housing. Bill Wassberg (E-mail: [williamwassberg@msn.com](mailto:williamwassberg@msn.com)) is the contact person.

**PROGRAM:** "Conversations Before the Crisis" was presented by Donna Oiland and Dave Wendleton. Ms. Oiland, spiritual care director of Evergreen Health Care, does outreach to congregations and ministerial groups. A recent program was entitled "Let's Talk About dying." An upcoming (Free) October 6 and 7th presentation is entitled, "The Sacred Art of Living" to be held at Evergreen Surgery and Physicians Center in Kirkland. To register call 425-899-3000 or Online: [www.evergreenhealthcare.org](http://www.evergreenhealthcare.org) <<http://www.evergreenhealthcare.org>>. (There is room for 100.)

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The slate presented was as follows: Co-presidents: Marilyn Rands and Rev. Richard Russell; Vice-President: Sally Wing; Treasurer: Pat McDermott; Assistant Treasurer: Louise Wong; Co-Secretaries: Bill Wassberg and Sister Susan Dewitt; Member at Large: Sandy Lewis; Nominating Committee: Sally Wing, Chr., Marilyn Rands, and Richard Russell.

SHARING: The Seattle Presbytery will have a meeting at Newport Presbyterian Church on November 4 entitled "Waging Peace."

"One Day of Peace" on September 21 will include a Peace Walk at 5:30 p.m. from the Eastgate Park and Ride to Bellevue Community College campus for the 7 p.m. International Day of Peace Candlelight Service.

An "Interfaith Service of Prayer for the Mentally Ill in Recovery and Understanding" will be held on Sat. 10/07 at 7 p.m. at St. Brandon Catholic Church, 10100 NE 192nd St., in Bothell.

Tent City 4, presently at the Unitarian Church in Woodinville, will next move to St. John's Episcopal Church in Kirkland.

"Together We Build", the IMAN group in connection with Habitat for Humanity, will build on Snoqualmie Ridge for two weeks of Sept. 18-30.

The "Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle and King County" is sponsoring a benefit concert featuring "The Total Experience Choir" on Sunday, 9/24 at 3 p.m. at the Damascus Baptist Church in Seattle (206.329.0300). On September 30th grocery stores will ask persons to buy a bag of non-perishable food to be given to Emergency Feeding Program.

Bellevue First Congregational Church expects to open its Drop-In Center for Women on December 1.

CLOSING PRAYER: Rev. Lloyd VanVactor gave the closing prayer at 1:33 p.m.

Catherine Swadley, Secretary



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Please note: I am new in this role of transmitting the EISCC notices, minutes and financials. Please let me know of any problems! Thank you, Sister Susan Dewitt.

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**CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS:** Steve Roberts (206-295-7803) reported that the Congregations for the Homeless is presently at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Bellevue. A grant to provide transitional housing is pending approval. First move-in of present shelter residents to the transitional housing is expected in September. A "Rent-buy-down" arrangement for three apartments will include \$400 "buy down" provided by First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue resulting in \$300 rental cost to each of the former shelter residents.

"Life-Coaching" training begins September 12 at First Presbyterian Church and continues for four weeks.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Medina has applied for a grant to buy a house for transitional housing. Bill Wassberg (E-mail: [williamwassberg@msn.com](mailto:williamwassberg@msn.com)) is the contact person.

**PROGRAM:** "Conversations Before the Crisis" was presented by Donna Oiland and Dave Wendleton. Ms. Oiland, spiritual care director of Evergreen Health Care, does outreach to congregations and ministerial groups. A recent program was entitled "Let's Talk About dying." An upcoming (Free) October 6 and 7th presentation is entitled, "The Sacred Art of Living" to be held at Evergreen Surgery and Physicians Center in Kirkland. To register call 425-899-3000 or Online: [www.evergreenhealthcare.org](http://www.evergreenhealthcare.org) <<http://www.evergreenhealthcare.org>>. (There is room for 100.)

Dave Wendleton (425.899.1046) explained that physicians are not involved in stating for the patient their Living Wills or wishes. A "Living Will" is not legally binding but helpful to a patient's caregiver and relatives. It allows the family to know the patient's wishes. "Comfort Care" means "pain-free and awake." The word "expiration" is used rather than the word "dying." A patient's "Directives" indicate what life-saving measures are desirable by the patient. (Only 20% of deaths in the Northwest are sudden.) "A good death" means "what is it for me (patient)?" Many persons wonder, "What is the best support we can give the dying person?" and "What can dying teach us?"

Medicare and physicians consider "terminally ill" as the patient having six months or less to live.

"Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care" is a legal document and names a spouse, partner, child, or legal guardian to make



decisions when a patient cannot do so. ("Non-ventilation" can be overruled by two physicians.)

POLST (Physician Order of Life-Care Procedures) (bright lime or green lists) may be posted on a patient's refrigerator. Physicians must agree so the family must discuss these orders with the physician. **MEDICS WILL HONOR THIS POSTING.** A patient can change his/her wishes at anytime—to ventilate or not.) A copy of the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care should be given to the doctor, hospital, son/daughter, spouse and church.

Hospice care may be given at Evergreen Health Care Center or at a patient's home.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** The slate is presented at the September meeting, voted on in October and offices taken in November.

The slate presented was as follows: Co-presidents: Marilyn Rands and Rev. Richard Russell; Vice-President: Sally Wing; Treasurer: Pat McDermott; Assistant Treasurer: Louise Wong; Co-Secretaries: Bill Wassberg and Sister Susan Dewitt; Member at Large: Sandy Lewis; Nominating Committee: Sally Wing, Chr., Marilyn Rands, and Richard Russell.

**SHARING:** The Seattle Presbytery will have a meeting at Newport Presbyterian Church on November 4 entitled "Waging Peace."

"One Day of Peace" on September 21 will include a Peace Walk at 5:30 p.m. from the Eastgate Park and Ride to Bellevue Community College campus for the 7 p.m. International Day of Peace Candlelight Service.

An "Interfaith Service of Prayer for the Mentally Ill in Recovery and Understanding" will be held on Sat. 10/07 at 7 p.m. at St. Brandon Catholic Church, 10100 NE 192nd St., in Bothell.

Tent City 4, presently at the Unitarian Church in Woodinville, will next move to St. John's Episcopal Church in Kirkland.

"Together We Build", the IMAN group in connection with Habitat for Humanity, will build on Snoqualmie Ridge for two weeks of Sept. 18-30.

The "Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle and King County" is sponsoring a benefit concert featuring "The Total Experience Choir" on Sunday, 9/24 at 3 p.m. at the Damascus Baptist Church in Seattle (206.329.0300). On September 30th grocery stores will ask persons to buy a bag of non-perishable food to be given to Emergency Feeding Program.

Bellevue First Congregational Church expects to open its Drop-In Center for Women on December 1.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Rev. Lloyd VanVactor gave the closing prayer at 1:33 p.m.

Catherine Swadley, Secretary

**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
ACTIVITY REPORT - ALL FUNDS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

	For the Month	Year to Date
<b>Congregations for the Homeless</b>		
Beginning Fund Balance	100,031.80	98,570.47
<b>Receipts</b>		
Contributions from Congregations (Sch 1)	2,761.23	36,592.26
City and County Grants (Sch 2)	0.00	49,010.50
ESAP and FEMA Grants	1,276.00	10,324.50
United Way Grants & Designations	3,011.22	22,483.05
Other Contributions (Sch 3)	0.00	8,814.92
Interest Income	242.36	1,361.22
Total Receipts	7,290.81	128,586.45
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Hopelink	10,695.00	129,035.00
Other (Sch 4)	35.75	1,530.06
Total Disbursements	10,730.75	130,565.06
Ending Fund Balance - Includes Nadine Shannon Memorial Fund Balance of	96,591.86	96,591.86
	<b>\$4,446.00</b>	
<b>General Fund EISSC</b>		
Beginning Fund Balance	2,222.75	1,702.58
<b>Receipts</b>		
Dues (Sch 5)	10.00	945.00
Interest	0.73	6.45
Other	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	10.73	951.45
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Copies & Postage - Minutes	0.00	0.00
Other (Sch 6)	0.00	420.55
Total Disbursements	0.00	420.55
Ending Fund Balance	2,233.48	2,233.48
Total Beginning Fund Balance	102,254.55	100,273.05
Total Receipts	7,301.54	129,537.90
Total Disbursements	-10,730.75	-130,985.61
Total Ending Fund Balance	<u>98,825.34</u>	<u>98,825.34</u>
<b>Cash Balances</b>		
WAMU - Checking	3,487.44	
WAMU - Savings	95,337.90	
Total	<u>98,825.34</u>	



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**NEXT EISCC MEETING, Tuesday, Nov. 14th:** Two-hour meeting at 12 noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14th in the Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue. More member social Service agencies will present "Winter and Holiday Needs." Desserts will be available.

**PLEASE BRING PAPER BAGS TO THE NOVEMBER EISCC MEETING for the Emergency Feeding Program.**

**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MEETING October 10, 2006**

**WELCOME:** Chairperson Rev. Richard Russell opened the meeting at 12:10 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Chapel Lounge.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Marilyn Rands of Church of Jesus Christ of LDS (425-746-5249) gave the opening prayer.

**MINUTES:** The September EISCC minutes were approved as printed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pat McDermott (425-643-7759) reported "Disbursements for the month of September exceeded receipts by \$3,429. Cash balances decreased to a month end total of \$98,825. Nothing unusual was noted for the month." Attached is the Month and Year-to-date Activity Report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. A voice vote accepted the report.

**CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS:** Sandy Lewis (425-562-6447) reported that 30 men are sheltered at present in the Congregations for the Homeless and will be moving from Woodinville Unitarian Church to St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in Kirkland in November.

**SELF-INTRODUCTIONS** were made by twenty-nine persons.

**PROGRAM:** "Social Service Agencies Winter and Holiday Needs."

**Salvation Army:** Captain Kelly Nolan (425-452-7300), E-mail: Kelly-nolan@usw.swarmy.org told of the need for Thanksgiving food items and toiletry items for senior and toys for children. There is also a need for bell ringers to collect fund in traditional kettles in front of many stores. "Bring a smile, a "Thank-you" and a willingness to ring a bell."

**Multi-Faith Works:** Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Housing Program Director, (206-324-1520) [www.multi-faithworks.org](http://www.multi-faithworks.org) told of the need for volunteers for the four programs for persons with AIDS-- Shanti ("one-on-one emotional support"); AIDS CARE TEAMS OF 3-6 persons who transport to medical appointments, grocery and meals. Six transitional houses (for up to 24 mos.) house 33 residents at present. Packages of household items are needed for those moving to permanent housing. Multifaith Alliance of Reconciling Communities publishes a directory of faith congregations that welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons to leadership and membership. Multi-Faith Works and Swedish Medical Center are co-sponsoring a workshop on Friday, 10/27 at Swedish Medical Center entitled "How Shall I Live, Knowing I Will Die?" featuring author Wayne Miller, therapist.

**Jewish Family Services:** Jennifer Moore (206-461-3240) told of need for volunteers to sort canned goods from the October food drive and Hanukah items for needy families.

**Hopelink:** Mark Brown (424-943-7555) (markb@hopelink.org) reported that unwrapped toy gifts are needed by 12/16 and many volunteers are needed for the Gift Store between 12/11 and 12/22, especially Spanish and Russian speakers. Call 425-943-7555 to arrange a volunteer shift.

**Emergency Feeding Program:** Brian Anderson (425-943-7555) reported that EFP needs ministry partners and volunteers for help with packing paper bags. Eastport Congregational Church holds mini-food drives every month. The Eastside warehouse is at St. Andrews Lutheran in Eastgate. PLEASE BRING PAPER BAGS TO THE NOVEMBER EISCC MEETING.

**Children's Response Center:** Michael Finet (425-467-3384) (finet@u.washington.edu) Serves child victims of abuse and other trauma. Needs include:  
volunteers for the advisory board of Prevention & Advocacy,  
supplies for the waiting room of toys, reading and coloring books,  
a TV set and a VCR  
a \$1000 grant for books for parents.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Co-Presidents: Marilyn Rands and Rev. Richard Russell; Vice-President: Sally Wing, Treasurer: Pat McDermott; Assistant Treasurer: Louise Wong; Co-Secretaries: Bill Wassberg and Sister Susan Dewitt; Member-at-Large: Sandy Lewis. The slate of officers were voted in by acclamation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING:** Unity Church of Bellevue is holding its annual Coat and Blanket Drive at present. Info: 425-445-7353 Legislative Task Force Chairman Joy Pocasangere urged all members to vote considering the concerns of immigrants. "Waging Peace" is the title of a program to be held Nov. 4 at Newport Presbyterian Church. Spirit of Peace United Church of Christ of Issaquah continues in sponsoring a six-session forum series on Progressive Christianity (www.spiritofpeaceucc.org) More at 11/01, 11/07 and 11/14. Marilyn Rands of LDS reminded all that the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at Pacific Science Center will end Jan. 7. Tickets are available at 1-877-377-1947 or www.pacificsciencecenter.org. The Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Executive Committee will meet 10/12 at Eastportgate Congregational Church fellowship hall at 10 a.m.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** The closing prayer was given by Sally Wing.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Catherine Swadley, Co-Secretary



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**Subject:** EISCC meeting December 12th and November minutes

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**NEXT EISCC MEETING: Tuesday, December 12, 2006, Noon to 1:30 pm.** "How Congregations Can Prepare for the 2007 Legislative Session", in the Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES**  
P. O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662  
November 14, 2006

**WELCOME:** Chairperson Marilyn Rand opened the meeting at 12:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church Lounge. Prayer was given by Rev. Richard Russell.

**MINUTES:** Bill Wassberg (425-649-9353). The minutes for the October 10, 2006 meeting were approved as printed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pat McDermott (425-643-7759) reported that Disbursements for the month of October exceeded receipts by \$8,108.43. Cash balances decreased to a month end total of \$90,716.91.

**SELF-INTRODUCTIONS** were made by 24 persons and 7 guests.

**CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS:** Steve Roberts (206-295-7803) reported that the shelter was full and several people are on the waiting list. Currently, the men are being housed at the 1st Congregational Church of Bellevue and that they will be moving to First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue in December. At present there are 15 Life Coaches working with 25 homeless men.

**PROGRAM:** Agencies' Winter & Holiday Needs"

**Kinderling Center:** Joe Cunningham, (425-653-4321) e-mail: [joe.cunningham@kinderling.org](mailto:joe.cunningham@kinderling.org) . Kinderling Center takes care of infants and toddlers, ages birth to three, who are disabled, medically fragile or who are vulnerable because of abuse and neglect. He discussed various facets of their care and stated that in 2005 the Center served nearly 2,000 children and their families. Joe closed by sharing his "Wish List".

**Friends of Youth:** Kathleen Barry, (425-869-6490 x 308) e-mail: [kathleen@friendsof youth.org](mailto:kathleen@friendsof youth.org) [<mailto:kathleen@friendsof%20youth.org>](mailto:kathleen@friendsof%20youth.org) and Jami Drake, (425-869-6490 x 309) e-mail: [jami@friendsofyouth.org](mailto:jami@friendsofyouth.org) [<mailto:jami@friendsofyouth.org>](mailto:jami@friendsofyouth.org) talked on youth engaged in meaningful and enriching activities to equip them to make healthy choices. They serve children from birth to 23, mainly ages 9-20. They mentioned that they were still in need of Thanksgiving supplies and wrapping paper for Christmas.

**Eastside Baby Corner:** Karen Rubin, (425-865-9935) e-mail: [babycorn@gte.net](mailto:babycorn@gte.net) . Karen presented a brief overview on serving children from birth -12, focusing on infants. They are concerned that supplies will become low due to the recent floods.

**Crisis Clinic:** Mary Blalock, (206-461-3210) e-mail: [mblalock@crisisclinic.org](mailto:mblalock@crisisclinic.org) and Erica Straus-Bowers, (206-461-3210) e-mail: [estraus-bowers@crisisclinic.org](mailto:estraus-bowers@crisisclinic.org) . They told us about the new 211 emergency response number that is currently operating for resource and referral assistance 24 hours a day. They also mentioned needs for holiday feeding.

**Catholic Community Services:** Rachel Gerberding, (425-284-2237) e-mail: [rachelg@ccsww.org](mailto:rachelg@ccsww.org) Bryce Kennedy, (425-284-2237) e-mail: [brycek@ccsww.org](mailto:brycek@ccsww.org) . presented us with their "Shoeboxes of Joy" program. The program is about the joy of giving. It is built on the simple notion that each of us has a genuine desire to give to others...but we aren't sure how or what to give. Then they shared several examples of various shoeboxes. They also shared the adaptive family program for low income families that is sponsored by

Catholic Community Services.

Bridge Ministries: Jack Roos, (425-454-9846) e-mail: jhroos@juno.com . Bridge Ministries serves churches as they seek to fully involve persons with disabilities in their congregations by exploring with churches their unique opportunities for ministry to and with persons with disabilities.

Acres of Diamonds: Scott Baisch, (1-425-788-9999 or 206-696-1619 mobile) e-mail: scottb@acresofdiamonds.org . They serve homeless single women with interim and permanent housing. Recently they had 6 homeless women graduate from interim to permanent housing.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING:** Please jot down ideas and requests for future meetings. Include your name, phone number and e-mail if you can offer assistance.

Rev. Jim Scovil, Interim Pastor, reported that 1st Congregational Church of Bellevue has opened a drop-in center for homeless women that operates M-F/9AM-04PM. They have also added a clothes washer and dryer, as well as a shower for those stopping by.

Brian Anderson thanked everyone for bringing in paper bags for use in their emergency feeding program.

Joy Pocasangre talked about the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit and the importance of some of the newly discovered facts.

Sonneva Wood shared with us a program on Kairos: A Time to Speak, A Time to Act.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** The closing prayer was given by Rev. Jim Scovil.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

William W. Wassberg, Co-Secretary



**From:** Wayne Spohn

**Date:** 1/11/2007 9:13:38 AM

**Subject:** FW: EISCC Meeting Tues, Jan 9th, plus December minutes and financial rept

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**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, January 7, 2007, "Habitat for Humanity", in the Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES**

P. O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662  
December 12, 2006

**WELCOME:** Chairperson Rick Russell opened the meeting at 12:05 PM at the First Presbyterian Church Lounge. Prayer was given by Rev. Wes Howell.

**MINUTES:** Bill Wassberg (425-649-9353). The minutes for the November 14, 2006 meeting were approved as printed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pat McDermott (425-643-7759) reported that Disbursements for the month of October exceeded receipts by a little over 9,000.00. Cash balances at month end total about \$99,000.00.

**SELF-INTRODUCTIONS** were made by 17 persons and 6 guests.

**CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS:** Steve Roberts (206-295-7803) reported that the shelter was full and several people are on the waiting list. Currently, the men are being housed at the First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue and that they will be moving to Redmond United Methodist in January.

**EASTSIDE WOMEN'S CENTER:** Helen Leuzzi of First Congregational Church of Bellevue introduced Elizabeth Westburg of the YWCA and she presented an update of the grand opening of the Eastside Women's Center that opened on December 11, 2006 at First Congregational Church of Bellevue.

Elizabeth reported that on the first day 4 women enjoyed the facility. Steve Roberts and First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue have helped to furnish the Center and are currently providing a warm meal at noon. Other Churches are invited to assist by providing the noon meals. Elizabeth will be the contact point for the lunches and can be reached at 425-556-1347. The telephone number for the Eastside Women's Center is 425-241-8711.

**HOPE LINK:** Jennifer Knittle, e-mail: jenniferk@hope-link.org reported that their emergency feeding services at various locations on the Eastside was going well.

**PROGRAM: "2007 Legislative Issues"**

Church Council of Greater Seattle: Michael Ramos, (206-525-1213) e-mail: mramos@thechurchcouncil.org . Michael provided an overview on how all three groups work together in Olympia to accomplish their goals. Then he talked about "The Committee to End Homelessness in King County" which approved its Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in 2005. Michael then covered their 5-step plan in detail.

Jewish Federation: Zach Carstensen, (206-443-5400) e-mail: zach@jewishinseattle.org Zach continued the discussion on immigration and the work that is being performed on a State level. He also talked about the hole in the gun control law where private dealers are not required to perform a background check.

Lutheran Public Policy Office: David Coombs (206-852-8411) davidrcoombs@gmail.com David introduced Nick Barootian from his office. David talked about the improvements in the school breakfast program now that the co-pay requirement has been removed. It has been shown that the program has increased by 80% in King County alone. He continued by talking about the "Fair Share Bill" where if employers with 1,000 employees don't offer health care to all that the employer would be required to pay into a pool that will offer health care to those who are not covered. He closed with a brief overview on the Tax Exemption Reporting Bill that will be a documentation of all who currently have State tax exemptions.

The program closed with a question and answer period. Two items of note are:

- Lutheran Advocacy Day, Tuesday, February 27, 2007, 8:30 am-3:00 pm starting at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Olympia. Contact David Coombs at the telephone number or e-mail above for details.
- If you have a concern and wish to contact your State Representative, call 1-800-562-6000, The Legislative Hotline.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** The closing prayer was given by Rev. Jeff Lee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 PM.

William W. Wassberg, Co-Secretary

**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
ACTIVITY REPORT - ALL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2006**

	For the Month	Year to Date
<b>Congregations for the Homeless</b>		
Beginning Fund Balance	97,412.17	98,570.47
<b>Receipts</b>		
Contributions from Congregations (Sch 1)	1,241.67	38,967.27
City and County Grants (Sch 2)	875.00	66,661.00
ESAP and FEMA Grants	0.00	13,270.50
United Way Grants & Designations	1,590.29	27,407.34
Other Contributions (Sch 3)	280.00	9,169.92
Interest Income	275.06	2,018.75
Total Receipts	4,262.02	157,494.78
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Hopelink	10,695.00	161,120.00
Other (Sch 4)	0.00	3,966.06
Total Disbursements	10,695.00	165,086.06
Ending Fund Balance - Includes Nadine Shannon Memorial Fund Balance of	90,979.19	90,979.19
	<b>\$4,446.00</b>	