

## EISCC NEWSLETTER

Editor: Sally Wing, (747-5924)

Publication is three or four times yearly. Please give us information about coming events in your congregation, task force, or organization that are open to others in the community. Letters to the editor are also welcome. Send your items to the address above or to the Editor, Sally Wing, P.O. Box 5556, Bellevue, WA 98006-0056. 747-5924. Fax: 746-0462.

## HIV/AIDS TASK FORCE

Chair: Diana Roger (277-6528).

The Task Force is working with the Multifaith AIDS Project (MAPS) of Seattle, to avoid duplication of effort. MAPS provides housing and pastoral care for persons with AIDS, and education for the community.

HEALING SERVICE FOR  
PERSONS AFFECTED BY AIDS

Sacred Heart Church AIDS Outreach invites persons affected by AIDS to a healing service at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month, at the church, 9640 NE 14th Street, Bellevue. For information, call 451-1775.

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY TASK FORCE

Chair: Betty Smith (643-2221)

The Task Force will work with Kevin Henry, Cultural Diversity Coordinator for the City of Bellevue, to plan an early fall workshop for congregations and social agencies.

Language classes and tutoring for citizenship are offered at the Eastside Multi-Ethnic Center, 1811 - 156th Ave. NE, Bellevue (643-2221).

## EMPLOYMENT TASK FORCE

Chairs: Dale & Dollie Latimer (455-7360  
(2ay) or 455-5688 (evening))

Regular meeting: Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Room 11/13, Latter Day Saints church, 14536 Main Street (just west of 148th Avenue SE), Bellevue.

Persons looking for a job or for employment upgrade are welcome at the weekly employment program, where job listings are available.

Skilled person are invited to make presentations on interviewing, resume' writing, entry level jobs. Human resource managers are invited to provide information on hiring techniques and recruiting methods.

## COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

Representative: Pam Toelle, 746-8659

Quarterly meetings seek communication among the religious community, City of Bellevue, Bellevue School District, and human service agencies, working to help children and families at risk. Such services may include day care, English as a Second Language classes, transportation, and improvement of service delivery. A collaborative project at Ivanhoe School is anticipated in 1997.

## EXPENDITURE GUIDELINES

At the July 11, meeting of Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council, members approved guidelines for expenditure of task force funds:

1. No fees (except minimal) are paid to speakers at EISCC or Task Force meetings.
2. Expenditures must be consistent with EISCC constitution/bylaws and with Task Force/Committee purpose.
3. Funds must be available.

## FAITH AND VALUES TASK FORCE

Chair: Bill Graden, 641-5674

This Task Force has provided regular listings of programs available on Viacom Cable Channel 15, Faith and Values Channel, Monday through Friday, 4:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Considerable letter-writing to Viacom has resulted in this coverage.

Additional goals of the Task Force include inclusion of the Faith and Values Channel schedule in newspaper television listings, and extension of programming. You can help by writing to the Journal-American and to Viacom.

MULTI-SERVICE CENTER PROVIDES  
ONGOING ASSISTANCE

According to Shelly Noble, Bellevue Multi-Service Center (747-4826), there is a continuing need for emergency funds. Checks may be made payable to Bellevue Multi-Service Center, designated for EISCC Emergency Service Fund.

Donations to the Emergency Service Fund during the first half of 1995 were \$33,602.14. Expenditures were \$20,904.85, for rent, electric and heating bills, water, gasoline for automobiles, motel (emergency), prescriptions, and safety equipment.

## MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Betty Spohn (451-3651)

Please let us know if we have correctly updated mailing lists for the minutes, this newsletter, and other mailings. The committee has recently sent invitations to congregations which have not been participating in Board meetings. We particularly encourage clergy to attend, since each congregation is entitled to both clergy and lay delegates.

## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

To: Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council  
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone Number .....

Congregation/Agency .....

Congregation member: \$20 \_\_\_\_

Agency member: \$10 \_\_\_\_

Newsletter only: \$5 \_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer for .....

Please send information \_\_\_\_



# EASTSIDE

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## SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

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

### FALL MEETING CALENDAR

September 12. "Gang resistance:  
Education and training. Bellevue  
Detective Dan Matthews.

October 10. Annual meeting.  
Election of officers. Task Force  
reports. Bring finger food to share.

November 14. Strengthening the Family  
Task Force.

### CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Information: Nadine Shannon (746-6019)

Regular meeting: 3rd Tuesday, 12 noon,  
Temple DeHirsch Sinai, 556 - 124th  
Avenue NE, Bellevue.

The Task Force will soon begin its  
third year of providing shelter, three  
meals per day, and social services for  
up to 30 homeless men at congregational  
facilities. Host congregations provide  
facilities for a month, and are assisted  
by support congregations with financial  
and volunteer support. Catholic  
Community Services provides social  
services.

Of the \$100,000 annual budget, 40%  
must come from local congregations, to  
supplement grant and other funding.  
Volunteer support is also needed for  
smaller host congregations.

When making contributions to United  
Way for this program, please write in  
EISCC Congregations for the Homeless.

### LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE

Chair: Joy Pocasangre, 747-0877

Co-chair: Jeanne Lamont, 869-7903

Purpose of the Task Force is to bring  
local, state, and national issues to the  
attention of the interfaith community.  
Activities include annual participation  
in Church Advocacy Day in Olympia and  
liaison with Washington Association of  
Churches and other advocacy groups.

The Task Force would like to work  
with persons interested in specific  
issues, e.g., children's rights, aging,  
poverty, to follow up and present their  
findings.

The Task Force recently sent a letter  
to Washington State Senators Slade  
Gorton and Patty Murray requesting both  
responsible fiscal management and a  
social safety net for children.

### EISCC 1994-1995 OFFICERS

Nadine Shannon, Chairperson (746-6019)  
Joy Pocasangre, Vice Chairperson  
(747-0877)

Nadine Bentsen, Treasurer (747-1543)  
Bill Graden (641-5674) and Betty Spohn  
(451-3651), Co-Secretaries.

A nominating committee will soon  
submit a slate of officers, to be  
elected at the October 10 meeting and  
take office in November. Please notify  
Sally Wing (747-5924) to make a  
nomination or to seek information.

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## WELCOME TO EASTSIDE INTERFAITH

Welcome, visitors and members, to  
Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns  
Council (EISCC). The Council provides  
an exchange of information among  
Eastside congregations, in order to  
improve the quality of life for all on  
the Eastside. We trust that EISCC was  
called into being and is guided by the  
moving of God's spirit in our community.  
EISCC encourages interfaith dialogue.

Membership is voluntary, open to all  
Eastside congregations of all faiths and  
creeds. There are currently 42 member  
churches and social agencies. Member  
congregations currently contribute  
\$20.00 annually to EISCC and select two  
voting delegates (clergy and/or lay).  
(Dues will be increased for 1996,  
because of increasing costs.)

Associate members are social and  
health service programs whose purposes  
and activities are consistent with the  
purposes of EISCC. Each pays a fee of  
\$10.00 annually, and has voice but does  
not vote.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday  
of each month (except August), 12:00  
noon - 1:30 p.m. (bring your sack lunch;  
beverages are available), at the Rock  
Room of the First Presbyterian Church,  
1720 - 100th Ave. NE, Bellevue. At each  
meeting, community representatives  
present information about resources and  
programs; and congregations, agencies,  
and task forces share information and  
ideas.

Priority issues are: housing/home-  
lessness; employment; HIV/AIDS;  
strengthening the family; hunger;  
cultural diversity; and health care/  
mental health. The Council publishes  
annually an Emergency Services  
Directory, which is distributed to  
congregations and agencies.

For information on membership, call  
Betty Spohn, Membership Chair (451-  
3651), or Nadine Shannon, Chairperson  
(746-6019).

### FINANCE TASK FORCE: STEWARD OF FUNDS

Chair: Nadine Bentsen, Treasurer  
(747-1543)

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns  
Council budget includes both a general  
fund and a separate fund for each task  
force, which the treasurer reports at  
each month's general meeting.

The general fund includes operating  
expenses: printing and postage for  
minutes, newsletter, Human Services  
Directory, and brochures; incorporation  
filing fee; mailing permit; Post Office  
box rental; and office supplies. Rising  
costs are likely to result in a request  
for a dues increase in 1996.

Each task force has funds specifi-  
cally donated to accomplish its  
purposes. Both grants and donations are  
essential to maintain Congregations for  
the Homeless, which has the largest  
budget, based on high expenses.

Current activities of the Finance  
Task Force include fund-raising and  
grant writing for Congregations for the  
Homeless.

Volunteers are needed to assist the  
treasurer in preparing the budget and  
seeking additional sources of funds.