

EISCC NEWSLETTER

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TENTATIVE EISCC SUMMER/FALL
PROGRAM SCHEDULE

July 8, 1997. Family Development
Program, Multi-Service Centers.

August. No meeting.

September 9. Collaborative
after-school programs
for children.

October 14, Agency Holiday
Needs

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EISCC 1996-1997 OFFICERS

Geoff Ethelston, Co-Chair-
person (425) 486-5665

Beverly Goucher, Co-Chair-
person (206) 232-1030

Terry Kimber, Vice Chairperson
(425) 644-1729

Jim Palmer, Treasurer (425)
747-2977

Sally Wing, Co-Secretary (425)
747-5924

Betty Spohn, Co-Secretary
(425) 451-3651

Nadine Bentsen, Co-Secretary
(425) 747-1543

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CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Information: Nadine Shannon (425) 746-6019

Regular meeting: 3rd Tuesday, 12 noon - 1:30
p.m., Temple DeHirsch Sinai, 556 - 124th
Avenue NE, Bellevue.

The program provides shelter, three meals daily, and employment assistance for homeless men on the Eastside. to return them to being members of the community. The Boeing Employees Good Neighbor Fund has approved the program as a recipient of their Positive Designation program. We contract with Catholic Community Services to manage the program. We thank Randall Simmons, a member of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, for regular monthly support; and numerous volunteers for support of this four-year old program.

The Task Force is in its fourth year of providing shelter, three meals per day, and social services for homeless men at congregational facilities. Host congregations, who provide facilities for a month, are assisted by support congregations and other volunteers with financial and volunteer support.

When making contributions to United Way for this program, please write in EISCC Congregations for the Homeless. You may also send support directly to Congregations for the Homeless, P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662.

Homeless men may be referred to these Eastside agencies for screening:

Catholic Community Services (425) 643-1937

Eastside Mental Health (425) 828-1449

Jewish Family Services (425) 451-8512

Salvation Army (425) 454-4568

Multi-Service Centers of North & East King County

Bellevue (425) 747-4826

Bothell (206) 382-9704

Carnation (425) 333-4163

Kirkland (425) 889-7880

Redmond (425) 869-6000

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WELCOME TO EASTSIDE INTERFAITH

Welcome, visitors and members, to Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC). The Council provides a forum for exchange of information among Eastside congregations, and encourages interfaith dialogue.

Membership is voluntary, open to all Eastside congregations of all faiths. There are currently 48 member congregations and social agencies. Member congregations contribute \$25.00 annually to EISCC and select two voting delegates (clergy and/or lay).

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 provided), at the Rock Room of the First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue. (Upper entrance, 100th Avenue NE, north of NE 17th St.) At each meeting, community representatives present information about resources and programs, and congregations, agencies, and task forces share information and ideas. The Council publishes annually an Emergency Services Directory, which is distributed to congregations and agencies.

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE

Chair: Joy Pocasangre, (425) 747-0877

Purpose of the Task Force is education and advocacy for faith communities on federal, state, and local issues. Activities include annual participation in Church Advocacy Day in Olympia and liaison with Washington Association of Churches and other advocacy groups.

EISCC MEMBERSHIP: IS YOUR CONGREGATION REPRESENTED?

Chair: Betty Spohn (425) 451-3651

We invite Eastside congregations and agencies to visit regular meetings. Each congregation is entitled to both clergy and lay delegates. Congregational mission/outreach persons are especially welcome.

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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. (425) 747-5924. Fax: (425) 746-0462.

IS YOUR ZIP CODE CORRECT?

Postal Service rules require that we verify correctness of all zip codes on our mailing list. If yours is not correct, please notify Betty Spohn (425) 451-3651).

CULTURAL DIVERSITY TASK FORCE

Chair: Betty Smith (425) 643-2221

Information is available for congregational use from the chairperson.

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: \$25 ____

Agency member: \$10 ____

Newsletter only: \$5 ____

I would like to volunteer for

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Please send information about

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HEALING SERVICE FOR PERSONS AFFECTED BY AIDS

Sacred Heart Catholic Church AIDS Outreach invites persons affected by AIDS to a healing service at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at the church, 9640 NE 14th Street, Bellevue. For information, call (425) 454-9536.

HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE
LEADERSHIP

Representative: Pam Toelle,
(425) 746-8659

Congregations for Kids
Committee: Rev. Ann Lukens
(425) 454-9541, and Sherri
Mill, Co-chairpersons; Pam
Toelle, liaison.

The Task Force encourages
partnership among the
religious community, City of
Bellevue, Bellevue Public
Schools, and human service
providers, working together to
provide services to Bellevue
schoolchildren and their
families. Quarterly meetings
are held on the first
Wednesday from 1:00 - 3:00
p.m. in the Bellevue Public
Schools Board Room.

Congregations for Kids
plans a how-to workshop on
Wed., July 9, 7:30 - 9:00
p.m., Cross of Christ Lutheran
Church, Bellevue, 411 - 156th
Ave. NE, Bellevue. The
workshop will help to prepare
school supplies and clothing
for low income children, in
partnership with congregations
and the Bellevue Schools
Family Connection Centers.
Reservations: Pam Toelle (425)
746-8659 by Thurs., July 3.

Congregations for Kids will
also sponsor an ingathering of
supplies on August 18 - 19 at
Lake Hills Elementary School,
and a Children's Sabbath on
Sunday, October 19, at First
United Methodist Church of
Bellevue.

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EMPLOYMENT TASK FORCE

Chair: Leo Hymas: Fax/Phone
(425) 392-3855

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

A free job club is
available at the Renton LDS
employment office the first
Thursday of each month, 10:00
a.m. - 12:00 noon. Informa-
tion about the currently good
job market is available at
(206) 682-3363.

Persons looking for a job
or for employment upgrade are
welcome at the weekly employ-
ment program, where job
listings are available. They
will receive assistance in
interviewing and resume'
writing.

Congregational represen-
tatives are encouraged to
sponsor local candidates and
to provide information to
their congregations.

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FINANCE TASK FORCE:
STEWARDS OF FUNDS

Chair: Jim Palmer, Treasurer
(425) 747-2977

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.

Each task force has funds specifically 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.

Volunteers are needed to assist the treasurer in preparing the budget and seeking additional sources of funds. Development experience is not necessary; the Task Force will provide training.

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STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY

Contact person: Babs Pingree
(425) 454-5508)

The Task Force has developed a booklet, called "Strengthening the Family," copies of which are available from Betty Spohn (425) 451-3651.

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FAITH AND VALUES TASK FORCE

Chair:

This Task Force has accomplished its goal of obtaining Faith and Values programming (renamed Odyssey) on Cable Channel 15, Monday through Friday, 4:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

You can help accomplish additional goals of the Task Force, inclusion of the Odyssey Channel schedule in newspaper television listings, and extension of hours of programming, by continuing to write to the Eastside Journal and to TCI Cablevision.

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