

EISCC UPDATE  
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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.

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TENTATIVE EISCC WINTER/SPRING PROGRAM SCHEDULE

February 10, 1998. Legislative issues.

March 10, 1998. Literacy programs.

April 14, 1998. Developing youths' assets.

May 12, 1998. Response to welfare reform.

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL  
MISSION STATEMENT

We, Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council, believe that we are guided by the moving of God's spirit in our community to work together in a spirit of caring and celebration. We honor and respect each others' religious heritages, welcome and pray for each other, and share information about pressing community needs.

We provide a forum to educate, advocate, initiate, coordinate, support, and, through task forces and other means, work for the common good of the Eastside community to address human needs and improve the quality of life.

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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 and youth are especially welcome.

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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.



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), in the Chapel Lounge (Room 315, former sanctuary, entered through the upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), of the First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue. 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.

For information on membership, call Betty Spohn, Membership Chair (425) 451-3651.

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 is in its fourth year of providing shelter, three meals daily, and employment assistance for homeless men on the Eastside. to return them to being members of the community. The program has served 538 men since September, 1993, at a cost of \$13.76 per client per night.

Host congregations, who provide facilities for a month, are assisted by support congregations and other volunteers with financial and volunteer support. We contract with Catholic Community Services to manage the program.

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

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

Catholic Community Services (425) 643-1937  
Eastside Mental Health (425) 641-2999, ext. 339  
Jewish Family Services (206) 461-3240  
Salvation Army (425) 454-4568  
Multi-Service Centers of North & East King County  
Bellevue (425) 747-4826  
Bothell (425) 382-9704  
Carnation (425) 333-4163  
Kirkland (425) 889-7880  
Redmond (425) 882-0241



## HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

## "VOICES OF DIVERSITY" RADIO PROGRAM

**Representative:** Pam Toelle,  
(425) 746-8659

A talk radio show featuring city of Bellevue programs on diversity and other diversity issues is presented on KKMO-AM (1360), 9:00 - 10:00 p.m. on Mondays. Information: Kevin Henry, Diversity Coordinator, City of Bellevue Parks Department, P.O. Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009. (425) 637-7886. Fax: (425) 688-2814.

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.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Without you, EISCC could not accomplish its tasks. You, your time, your energy, and your money all help to maintain Congregations for the Homeless, Project Home-Made Soups, the employment task force, legislation task force, collaborative leadership, and other programs. Contact the EISCC address or task force chairs.

## WALK-IN CLINIC

RotaCare Clinic is a free walk-in clinic provided every Saturday morning at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 411 - 156th Avenue NE, Bellevue. (425) 746-7300. The clinic, sponsored by Eastside Rotarians and volunteer health care workers works with social service agencies to provide follow up care and care for chronic illness.

## 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).

## CHRISTMAS IN APRIL \* EASTSIDE

Christmas in April, in partnership with the community, provides rehabilitation for homes of low-income homeowners, particularly those who are elderly and disabled.

Volunteer labor and donated materials are used to provide comprehensive home repair services on the last Saturday in April, to enable 10 Eastside recipients to maintain their own homes in 1998. The program, which began in 1988, has rehabilitated 31,300 homes nationally, including 4500 homes in 1997.

Information: Christmas in April \* Eastside, P.O. Box 124, Medina, WA 98039-0124. (425) 455-0179. You can participate by identifying such homeowners, donating building materials, or as a congregation sponsoring a house and a team of 20 - 35 volunteers.

## MULTIFAITH AIDS PROJECT OF SEATTLE (MAPS)

A regular newsletter, informative programs, resource listings, and opportunities to help others are provided by MAPS, 1729 Harvard Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122. (206) 324-1520.

## WHERE IS YOUR SACRED SITE?

A sacred site, as a zone of peace, was emphasized by our speaker in December, Ivanka Vana Jakic (253-984-2619), founder and president of the Zones of Peace International Foundation. She emphasized working together with others as individuals or groups for peace. You can learn more by inviting Ms. Jakic to your Adult Forum.



LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE

EMPLOYMENT TASK FORCE

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Chair: Joy Pocasangre, (425)  
747-0877

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

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.

Regular meeting: Thursday, 7:00 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. Information about the currently good job market is available at (206) 682-3363.

Persons seeking a job or employment upgrade are welcome at the weekly employment program, where job listings are available. They will receive assistance in planning a job search, interviewing and resume' writing.

Congregational representatives are encouraged to sponsor local candidates and to provide information to their congregations.

Services are open to all persons regardless of church affiliation, and are fully staffed and funded.

ST. ANDREW'S HOT MEAL PROGRAM

Meals are provided each Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. 2650 - 148th Avenue SE, Bellevue. (425) 746-2529. Persons in the south Bellevue area who are homeless or "working poor" are especially welcomed. No referral is necessary, and wheelchair access is available.

Volunteer groups from churches, private schools, clubs, and neighborhoods provide and serve meals.

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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:

Please send information about

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