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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
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re: **2023 EISCC participation**

Dear Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council member:

2023 Membership Please support us again in 2023. Annual membership is \$45 for congregations, \$30 for agencies. EISCC has no paid staff or employees - all funds go toward operations.

We Welcome Your Participation! Since the 1960's, EISCC has been a forum for Eastside faith communities and social service agencies to share concerns and provide solutions for the problems of the marginalized among us. EISCC also serves as a link for congregations to local government.

Monthly Meetings Attend our monthly (free) noon lunch meetings to report and share your work, needs and resources. Meetings continue on Zoom for now. Each member congregation may have two voting representatives. Learn of service opportunities for your group as you review agency presentations. EISCC.net has program information, meeting minutes, announcements, and emergency service contacts to help EISCC members help those in need access vital community services.

Sub-Agencies EISCC currently sponsors Congregations for Kids¹. EISCC also supports the Eastside Emergency Services Fund². Congregations for the Homeless, The Sophia Way, and Backpack Meals for Kids all started as sub-agencies of EISCC.

Thanks for your kind support and participation in EISCC!

Yours in service,

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council

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¹ **Congregations for Kids** - This coalition of local congregations, helped by Eastside businesses and community organizations, provides backpacks and/or school supplies annually for students from low income families within the Bellevue School District. Requests from the district this school year soared to 3649 students, 80% more than last year. Led by volunteers, it is the only organization in Bellevue to provide these for students in kindergarten through high school who the district determines need them the most. Since Congregations for Kids' first *Good Start Back to School* project in 1996, over 34,750 requests from the district have been filled. www.congregations4kids.org

² **Eastside Emergency Services Fund** - EISCC sponsors the Eastside Emergency Services Fund (EESF) through Hopelink, to help prevent homelessness by assisting with eviction prevention (rent), utility bills and prescription drug costs. EESF payments may be sent to Hopelink at 14812 Main Street, Bellevue, WA. 98007.

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Name of Congregation
or Agency_____

Individual representative _____

Address_____

Phone_____email_____

Congregation Member \$45. Agency Member \$30

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