

**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL (EISCC)**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 - Noon-1:30 PM (Pacific Time) - Virtual

Presenters: Nourishing Networks-Angela Phan; Jubilee Reach-Ken Carpenter; Backpack Meals for Kids-Rosemary Dunkle; Hopelink-Mike Hatada

Topic: Eastside Food Insecurities and Summer Plans

- **Opening Prayer – Pastor Lara Forbes, Saint Andrew’s Lutheran, Bellevue**
- **Self Introductions**
- **Reports (Treasurer, Congregation for Kids (CFK), Legislative)**
  - Visit <http://www.eastsideinterfaith.org> for Treasurer Report
  - From Nancy Jacobs of CFK: The number of students that the Bellevue School District has asked Congregations for Kids to provide backpacks and/or school supplies for during this summer’s Good Start Back to School project has soared to 3649. This is an 80% increase over the 2000+ that we provided these for this current school year. This increase brings unprecedented expenses, with the cost of the customized kits of supplies alone that are given each student now over \$36,000. Multiple cases of backpacks are also being ordered to meet this need. We are asking for monetary donations to help with the cost of kits and backpacks, as well as individual donations of backpacks. So far 15 congregations have said yes, compared to 18 last year. We need and welcome additional participants. Please contact me for more information – Nancy Jacobs, [bnjacobs@frontier.com](mailto:bnjacobs@frontier.com), or see our website, [www.congregations4kids.org](http://www.congregations4kids.org). Thanks for your support!
  - From Jean Harris (Aldersgate UMC), EISCC’s Legislative Liaison: Please contact reps and senators to support HB3836 and SB 2029 to eliminate corporal punishment in public schools
- **Presentations** were offered by:
  - Mike Hatada of Hopelink – [mhatada@hopelink.org](mailto:mhatada@hopelink.org)
  - Angela Phan of Nourishing Networks – [angphan@gmail.com](mailto:angphan@gmail.com)
  - Ken Carpenter of Jubilee Reach/Bellevue Presbyterian – [kencjubileereach.org](http://kencjubileereach.org)
  - Rosemary Dunkle for Backpack Meals for Kids - [rosebaisch@gmail.com](mailto:rosebaisch@gmail.com)
- **Presentation Notes and Announcements on Upcoming Events.**
  - See attached chat
- **Closing Prayer – Rev. Patty Ebner, First Congregational Church of Bellevue**

UPCOMING 2<sup>nd</sup> TUES. EISCC MTGS.: July 12, 2022 – Leadership Forum – Rev. Mark Griffith

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