

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

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 - Noon-1:30 PM (Pacific Time) – Virtual

Presenters: James and Kristen Whitfield, Co-Founders, Be Culture

Topic: Racial Equity

- **Opening Prayer – Rev. Sandra Larson, Evergreen Mennonite Church**
- **Self Introductions**
- **Reports--**Visit <http://www.eastsideinterfaith.org> for Treasurer Report. See attached chat for update from Congregations for Kids.
- **Presentation of Slate of Officers for 2022-2023 – terms begin November 2022**
- **Be Culture Presentation - see attached**
- **Organizational Announcements (more info available in attached chat)**

*Contact Elizabeth M. to volunteer help for immigrants arriving from Texas

*East Side Human Services Forum is hosting a lunch and program addressing Permanent Supportive Housing on the Eastside on October 5, 2022.

*Old Friends Club provides respite care to those caring for people with dementia. Volunteers are asked to work one, 5 hour day, per week. They are also interested in sharing their model with other organizations/faith communities who would like to host supportive events. Contact Karen Koenig – karen@oldfriendsclub.org

*Susy Gonzales Pueschner (KCLS)--Bellevue Libraries are hosting welcoming centers which help newcomers, immigrants and refugees to get connected to resources of housing, census info, education, employment, health, immigration and legal matters. They continue to offer hotspots for laptop use as well as other supplies. Organizations/faith communities are encouraged to reach out if support is needed. King County Library Welcome Center <https://kcls.org/welcoming-center>

*Meals are desperately needed by The Sophia Way and Bethlehem House. Contact tammy@nourishingnetworks.net for more information.

*Nicky Sheriff, Executive Director of MCRC, announced their Thanksgiving event to occur on 11/22/2022 at 5:30 PM. Contact nicky@mrcseattle.org for more information.

*Congregations for the Homeless held their annual fundraising event and shared a beneficial video. For more information on this video, contact David Bowling at davidb@cfhomeless.org.

- **Closing Prayer – Rev. Patty Ebner, First Congregational Church of Bellevue**

Submitted By,
Rev. Patty Ebner
Acting President, EISCC

UPCOMING 2nd TUES. EISCC MTGS.: October 11, 2022 – Affordable Housing - who finances it? Who has oversight of it? Vouchers? Problems with those who are managing the property? Answers to these questions and more.

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EISCC Mission Statement--Members of Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC) believe 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 other's religious heritages, welcome and pray for each other, and share information about pressing community needs. We provide a forum to educate, advocate, initiate, coordinate, and support through task forces and other means, to work for the common good, and to address human needs and improve the quality of life of the citizens living in the Eastside communities.