

11 Online Participants
33 In person Participants

EISCC General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 10, 2023, Noon-1:30 PM

- ✦ **Welcome and Opening Prayer** by Elizabeth Maupin with inspiration from Indigenous Peoples and The Koran;
- ✦ **Forty-four attendees** introduced themselves and were asked to enter their name, organization, and contact in the chat or on the sign-in sheet;
- ✦ **Minutes** from previous meeting considered and comments asked for; none were given and the minutes were accepted;
- ✦ **Link to join Eastside Interfaith** <http://eiscc.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-EISCC-dues-letter-Jan-2023.pdf>
- ✦ **Brief reports:**
 - **EISCC Treasury report:** currently \$166,000 in the bank, \$155,000 of which is marked for Congregations 4 Kids; approx. \$10,000 unrestricted funds. For details see http://eiscc.net/?page_id=69
 - **Congregations4Kids:** <http://congregations4kids.org/> Please take a moment to look at this subagency of EISCC which has been serving Bellevue School District students for 28 years. Questions/comments: bnjacobs@frontier.com. Linda H shared on Nancy's behalf that reports indicate backpacks are being used throughout the schools as well as materials available for home use.
 - **Eastside Human Services Forum:** <http://eastsideforum.org> strategic planning continues; Linda H serves as our liaison.
 - **Faith Action Network:** Elizabeth Dickinson is sharing a PowerPoint with Linda H which will be made available to all. The WA Low Income Housing Alliance needs your advocacy for rent stabilization. Another opportunity: Monday, October 16 there will be a policy discussion on the WA Youth Mental Health Crisis. <https://fanwa.org/> Check-out the website for more information.
 - **Nourishing Networks:** Tammy Waddell emphasized the importance of Human Networking;
 - Khizer Sheriff presented the following **Slate of officers** to be voted on. President: Rev. Dr. Mark Griffith; Past President: Linda Hillesheim; Treasurer: Warren Marquardson; Secretary: open; At large: Farida Hakim, Khizer Sheriff, Elizabeth Maupin. There was a unanimous vote to elect all as presented. Elizabeth Maupin indicated she would be leaving the board due to career opportunities.
- ✦ **Main Presentation: Centro Cultural Mexicano: Empowering and Connecting Communities through Art and Culture** with co-founders Angie Hinojos, Executive Director and Carlos Jimenez, Director of Community Engagement. <https://www.centroculturalmexicano.org/>
 - Working to Empower the Latino community
 - Basic Needs to stabilize families
 - Education to create opportunities and develop leadership skills
 - Support for small businesses to create pathways to generational wealth;
 - Art and Culture opportunities, activities and events
 - Provide Advocacy locally and across WA state
 - See website for upcoming events—open to all

✚ Announcements

- Hopelink Annual Luncheon, Monday, October 16, see website for details
- FAN East King County Cluster Meeting Oct 25, 6:30-8:00 pm, Newport Presbyterian Church, Please RSVP to help us plan: East King County Gathering of FAN Advocates; <https://fanwa.org/2023/08/18/fan-cluster-meetings-begin/>
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bridging-the-gap-addressing-housing-disparities-in-east-king-county-tickets-701226024917?aff=oddtcreator>
- Bridge Ministries 2nd Annual Tabletop Conference: Faith Communities and Disabilities, October 24th at Holy Spirit Lutheran in Kirkland;
- Aldersgate United Methodist is hosting **Trunk or Treat**, Saturday, October 28th, 10 am – Noon.
- A Platefull is also looking for 65 turkeys for the holiday season; Contact Lisa at info@aplatefull.org
- **Dia De Muertos**, November 1, 6-8 pm at Centro Cultural Mexicano in Redmond
- **Backpack Meals for Kids**, a sub-agency of EISCC, is looking for board members; received a grant from Holy Cross Lutheran Church; currently serving students in BSD: 800 K-12 students/week and 200 preschoolers/week.
- **Multi-Faith Coalition, Disrupting School to Prison Pipeline**, with Rabbi Rosenbaum, Sunday, October 29th, 7-9 pm, virtual; for more information, contact Rabbi Rosenbaum@h-nt.org

✚ Closing Prayer by Rev. Dr. Mark Griffith

EISCC BOARD MEMBERS 2023-2024—President: Rev. Dr. Mark Griffith, St. Luke's Lutheran Church; Past President and Eastside Human Services Forum Rep: Linda Hillesheim, Unity of Bellevue; Treasurer: Warren Marquardson, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Secretary: OPEN; At Large Members: Outreach: Farida Hakim, Islamic Center of Eastside Mosque and the Muslim Association of Puget Sound Mosque; Khizer Sherriff, Essentials First;

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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 heritage, 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 those living in the Eastside communities.