

**EISCC General Meeting Minutes**  
**September 10, 2024**  
**St. Margarets in Bellevue**

**Attending in person:** Elizabeth Dickinson, Faith Action Networks; Joyce Kidd-Miller, Bahai; Kevin & Katie Folkman, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Sammamish Valley; Susan Cozzens, Friends; Elizabeth Maupin, Spirit of Peace; Jeffrey Boyce and Bill Kirlin-Hackett, Episcopal Diocese of Western Washington; Pauline O-Hare; Tammy Waddell, Nourishing Networks; Gowiria Yousif, MAPS; (Need name) Hopelink Case Manager; Warren Marquardson, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Bellevue South; Diane Richards, St. Margarets Episcopal Church; Linda Hillesheim, Unity of Bellevue; Dave & Terry Young, JustServe.org; Farida Hakim, MCRC; Nadine Bentsen, Cross of Christ; Greg Collier and Kelly Spencer, Newport Presbyterian; Judy Buckmaster, Bellevue School District; Dietra Clayton, The Sophia Way,

**Via Zoom:** Art Mabbott, All Saints Episcopal; Malcom McLaurin; Lois Brandt, Newport Safe Parking; Ericka Belmontes, Bellevue Lifespring; Jack Roos, Newport Presbyterian; Michael Johnson, St. Louise, Bellevue; Amina Mbaye, Essentials First; Karina O'Malley, LWUMC; Brook Buckingham, City of Redmond Human Services; Tolt UCC Carnation; Rev. Charles Perry.

**Welcome: Linda Hillesheim**

**Opening Prayer; Elizabeth Maupin**

**Acknowledgment of Indigenous Lands**

**Self Introductions;**

**Secretary Report:** Kevin Folkman, minutes on website

**Treasurer Report:** Warren, financials on website

**Faith Action Network:** Recommends no vote on all initiatives in fall election October 10<sup>th</sup> event?

Eastside Human Services Forum: Linda Hillesheim, Issaquah-Sammamish Interfaith Coalition Zoom meeting about appropriate services for the unhoused in our communities, Tuesday September 10 at 3:30PM.

**Hopelink:**

**Sophia Way:** Goal to help 175 women, upcoming community brunch, October 9th; 15 year anniversary Dec 7<sup>th</sup>.

Porchlight, Sept 26 lunch meeting, awards.

Backpack meals for kids,

**EISCC Nominating Committee Presentation of 2024-25 Board Slate.** Election at Annual Meeting Thursday, October 10, at The Together Center, Redmond. Nominations for officers and board members are:

Past President: Linda Hillesheim (Unity of Bellevue)

President: Kevin Folkman (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Sammamish Valley)

President-elect: vacant for now

Co-secretaries: Susan Cozzens (Eastside Friends Meeting) and Pauline O'Hare (Bellevue First Congregational)

Treasurer: Warren Marquardson (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Bellevue South)

***As members at large:***

Khizer Sheriff, returning (Essentials First)

Allen Bolen (Porchlight)

David Bowling (Eastside Community Development Fund)

Ellen Weiss Phelps (Temple B'nai Torah)

**Suggested Changes to Bylaws** (Changes in **RED**):

First and second revisions:

**Article IV. Associate Memberships** ...

Section II. Associate Membership Voice Associate members shall be able to speak at meeting but will not be entitled to vote. An exception will be made for those Associate Members who have been elected to serve on the Board of Directors. Any Associate Member elected to serve on the Board shall be entitled to vote on Board business but shall not be entitled to vote on general membership issues. Associate Membership **may be up to four** [formerly "shall not constitute more than two"] members of the Board, **while maintaining a simple majority of faith-based directors.**

Third, fourth, fifth revisions:

**Article V. Board of Directors** ...

**Section II. Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of EISCC shall consist of the Executive Committee and **four to seven** [formerly up to four] other at-large directors. The at-large directors shall be either Congregation or Associate Members in good standing. There can be **up to four** [formerly "only two"] Associate Members on the Board, inclusive of any Associate Members on the Executive Committee **while maintaining a simple majority of faith-based directors.**

**SPOTLIGHT:** "JustServe.org FREE Website Service Linking Community Volunteer Needs with Volunteers" presented by Dave and Terry Young, local JustServe specialists.

Video link at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ssx4PKwAOZdolzT\\_sHfIZZUB2-0RxIZV/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ssx4PKwAOZdolzT_sHfIZZUB2-0RxIZV/view?usp=drive_link)

Presentation at:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1vf1YtAUxI65gtUsKAGRDEvZ0oc6uKbpE/edit?usp=drive\\_link&oid=116090690322381702449&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1vf1YtAUxI65gtUsKAGRDEvZ0oc6uKbpE/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=116090690322381702449&rtpof=true&sd=true)

**MAIN PRESENTATION TOPIC: "EXPANDING FAITH-BASED SAFE**

**PARKING/VEHICLE RESIDENCY OUTREACH IN EAST KING COUNTY"** with Rev.

Bill Kirlin-Hackett, Director of Interfaith Task Force on Homeless, and Rev. Jeffrey

Boyce, Missioner for the Unhoused for the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia.

Half of all homeless are living in their cars. Cost per person for safe parking, \$12 per night per person, vs \$120 per night per person. Rental vacancy rate along I5 corridor is less than 4%, effectively locking out those most in need of shelter. Safe parking does work, providing safety and meeting their higher needs. Working around local laws and regulations. Safe parking is clearly legal and appropriate.

Is insurance an issue? In Washington, basic insurance for faith based groups covers all activities that are part of their ministry. Elisabeth Maupin shared her own experience living in her car. Safe parking is a pathway to permanent housing. Knowing the law is critical to running a safe parking program. Nationwide, there is no evidence of any crime associated with safe parking and nearby schools.

**SPECIAL REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT: Tuesday, Sept. 10, 3:30 PM:** The Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith Coalition will hold an on-line Zoom meeting on the topic of what makes for useful and appropriate services to our unhoused neighbors.

**Contact:** Elisabeth Maupin, ISIC coordinator, [eli410maupin@gmail.com](mailto:eli410maupin@gmail.com) 206-478-3899 if you wish to attend as the number of participants is limited.