January 1, 2025 EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL PO Box 662 Bellevue, WA 98009-0662 www.eiscc.net eastsideinterfaith@gmail.com

re: 2025 EISCC participation

Dear Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council member:

2025 Membership Please support us again in 2025. Annual membership is \$45 for congregations, \$30 for agencies or individuals. 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. Meeting access also available by Zoom. 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** - 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. This school year C4K is helping around 2600 students with backpacks and school supplies for home use since the district is now providing supplies in the classroom. Led by volunteers, C4K is the only organization in Bellevue to provide these for students in kindergarten through high school whom the district determines need them the most. Since Congregations for Kids' first Good Start Back to School project in 1996, over 39.950 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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Congregation Member \$45. Agency Member \$30

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