WHAT WE DO

- Raise consciousness about the existence of housing problems and needs of our elderly and low income residents in the northern suburbs.
- Work to achieve open communities where all persons are welcome regardless of race or religion.
- Gather and organize support for efforts which will meet the housing needs of our poorer citizens.
- Provide a resource center for civic and church groups, developers, elected officials, municipalities and citizens.
- Maintain information about both local and national housing issues, trends, problems and solutions. Speakers and panel presentations available.
- Sponsor Annual Fall Conferences, workshops, and speakers and publish NSIHC Newsletter three times yearly which cover housing issues, ideas, events and developments.
- Advocate subsidized senior and family housing, school recycling for subsidized housing and government assisted housing programs on local, state and federal levels.
- Support the North Suburban Housing Center established by the Council in 1977. Programs include:
  - Counseling and referral services for elderly, minority and low to moderate income persons with housing and housing related problems.
  - Monitoring compliance with fair housing laws.
  - Evanston Senior Housing Assistance Program.

NORTH SHORE INTERFAITH HOUSING COUNCIL MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONS
Am Yisrael, Northfield
Baha'is of Glencoe
Baha'is of Northfield Township
Baha'is of Wilmette
Baha'is of Winnetka
B'nai Torah Congregation, Highland Park
Christ Church, Winnetka
Community Church of Wilmette
Outreach Board
Congregation Am Shalom, Glencoe
Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, Glenview
Congregation Solei, Highland Park
First Congregation Church, U.C.C., Wilmette
First Presbyterian Church, Wilmette
Glencoe Union Church
Glenview Community Church
Glenview United Methodist Church
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Glenview
Immaculate Conception Parish, Highland Park
Lake Shore Unitarian Universalist Society, Wilmette
Lakeside Congregation for Reform Judaism, Highland Park
Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Northfield
New Trier Unitarian Society, Wilmette
Northfield Community Church
Northbrook United Methodist Church
North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe
North Shore Methodist Church, Glencoe
Our Lady of the Brook Parish Family, Northbrook
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glenview
Sacred Heart Church, Winnetka
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Wilmette
Saints Faith, Hope and Charity Parish, Winnetka
St. Francis Xavier Church, Wilmette
St. James the Less Episcopal Church, Northfield
St. John's Lutheran Church, Wilmette
St. Joseph's Church, Wilmette
Temple Jeremiah, Northfield
Trinity Church of the North Shore, Wilmette
Wilmette Lutheran Church
Winnetka Congregational Church
Winnetka Presbyterian Church

ORGANIZATIONS
Church Women United of Wilmette
Deerfield Senior Housing Corporation
Glencoe Human Relations Committee
Highland Park Human Relations Commission
League of Women Voters of Glencoe
League of Women Voters of Glenview
League of Women Voters of Highland Park
League of Women Voters of Northbrook
League of Women Voters of Winnetka
League of Women Voters of Winnetka-Northfield-Kenilworth
Northbrook Human Relations Commission
Northbrook Senior Citizens Council
North Shore Senior Center
Skokie Human Relations Commission
Wilmette Human Relations Committee
Winnetka Human Relations Committee

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HOW WE BEGAN

The North Shore Interfaith Housing Council began as a local response to housing needs on the North Shore. Clergy and lay people concerned about housing issues met in 1972 at the conference, "The Inclusive Community: Challenge to Church and Synagogue."

The creation of an inclusive society is the principal goal of the Council...a north suburban community open to people of all ages and income levels—regardless of race, religion or family composition.

The Council celebrated ten years of achievement in November, 1982. The existence of the Council affirms the belief that decent, adequate and affordable housing is a basic human need and right.

WHO WE ARE

The North Shore Interfaith Housing Council was founded in 1972 by eight Christian and Jewish congregations in five suburbs. The Council's membership has grown to 56 members, 40 religious congregations and 16 community groups from ten suburbs.

Increasing housing opportunities for the elderly, minority and low to moderate income persons is the top priority of the Housing Council.

The Council is the only coalition of civic and religious groups in the northern suburbs concerned about human welfare which focuses on the most basic human need—that of decent and affordable shelter.

WHERE WE'RE GOING

THE CHALLENGE OF THE 80's

A Task Force of Housing Council and Center members was formed to develop new concepts and models for solving the housing problems of north suburban elderly, low to moderate income and minority persons.

The Council and Center are implementing the following Task Force recommendations.

1. Develop a plan for the establishment of a not-for-profit housing development corporation which will purchase existing housing units and then rent them to low income people at affordable rents.

2. Work to establish a sponsored shared housing facility for 2 to 5 elderly which would be supported by private individuals and/or groups.

3. Promote the concept of home sharing as a way to help some people solve their housing problems.

4. Advocate the establishment of municipal not-for-profit corporations for the development of housing for low income people.

FUNDING

An initial grant from the Community Renewal Society helped establish the Council. Now self-supporting, the Council's funding comes from congregation and organization dues, an annual appeal for individual contributions, and a summer picnic at Ravinia.

COMMENT...

"We are creating a rigid pattern of one class communities particularly in the suburbs. Can you really be a good Christian or a good Jew and be part of a community in which there is no room for the poor, no room even for the working class? I say no!

No remedy will work without enlisting the support of the good people of suburbia. It is up to Christians and Jews, therefore, to challenge the suburban conscience. And there are groups and strategies which can serve as models like the North Shore Interfaith Housing Council on the North Shore."

John A. McDermott, Editor, The Chicago Reporter

"The religions here represented, from Judaism through Catholicism and Protestantism and Unitarianism to Baha'i, however broad the spectrum, are united in their understanding that intrinsic to religion is the interest in intrinsic good. So far as I know the faiths here represented, the character and integrity of religion itself is tested in each believer by the way people meet human need."

Dr. Martin E. Marty in an address to the N.S.I.H.C.