



## Announcements & Upcoming Events

### Dignity/Seattle Board Elections Nominations Due August 19

It is that time of the year again: Board elections. We have three seats with terms expiring this year. If you are a member of Dignity and are interested in joining the board of directors, please contact us at [Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com](mailto:Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com) by August 19. Ballots will be in the mail to all current members by the end of August.

### Preparing School Backpacks for Mary's Place Saturday, August 19, 9:30 a.m. Church of Scientology, 300 W Harrison, Seattle

Come join us in preparing backpacks to donate to Mary's Place, whose mission states, "Empowering homeless women, children, and families to reclaim their lives by providing shelter, nourishment, resources, healing and hope in a safe community." We will be working with other groups to provide school backpacks for homeless school children. Dignity/Seattle is donating flash drives for high school students. Filling the backpacks will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday August 19 at the Church of Scientology. Please let us know if you can help by contacting us at [Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com](mailto:Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com).

### Dignity/Seattle Volunteer Night at Food Lifeline Tuesday, August 22, 6:00—8:00 p.m. 815 S 96th St (South Park), Seattle

Food Lifeline volunteer night has been moved from August 1 to Tuesday, August 22. Please respond to let us know if you can join us: [Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com](mailto:Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com).

### Dignity/Seattle Annual Membership Meeting Sunday, September 24, 2:00 p.m. 718 W Halladay St (Queen Anne), Seattle

Please mark your calendars now: The Annual membership meeting for Dignity/Seattle will be held on Sunday, September 24 at 2:00 p.m. at Delia's home. Detailed information will be forthcoming via e-mail.

# Newsletter

## August—September 2017

### Dignity Liturgy Schedule: 2nd Sundays

On Summer Break: Will resume in September

Location, date and time will be announced

## Busy Summer!

Pride Week Breakfast, June 24: Pp. 3-4



DUSA's Boston Conference, July 6-9: Pp. 5-7



Summer Picnic, August 4: Page 8



## Board Members & Contact Info

### Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Paula Hills	Vice-President, Liturgy Comm.
Delia Vita	Treasurer, Social Comm.
Alan Scott	Secretary, Social Comm.
Laure Hauge	At-large

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We provide a safe environment for people to reconcile our God-given gifts of sexual orientation and our Catholic faith through gay-affirming liturgies. Being part of the Dignity/Seattle family means claiming ownership of our faith and living up to the responsibilities of that ownership.

### Dignity/Seattle Board Meeting Minutes July 20, 2017 (edited for publication)

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. at Delia Vita's house. Dignity prayer was read. Board members Paula Lavallee, Paula Hills, Delia Vita, Alan Scott, and Laure Hauge were present.

**M/S/C:** To approve the May 4, 2017 meeting minutes.

### Treasurer's report (Delia Vita) May 5, 2017—July 20, 2017

#### Checking Acct.

**Beginning Balance:** \$5,979.00

#### **Deposits**

Donation to Pride Breakfast	390.00
Pride Breakfast tickets	1,183.00
Raffle tickets	681.00
Hall deposit refund	100.00

**Total Deposits** \$2,354.00

**Sub-Total:** \$8,333.00

#### **Expenses:**

Rent— RUMC for June & July	200.00
Stipend liturgy for June	40.00
Post Office Box rental	160.00

**Sub-total General Expenses:** \$ 400.00

#### **Pride Breakfast Expenses:**

Printing tickets	4.38
Postage	31.36
Supplies & decorations	25.72
Food	97.84
SGN advertising	100.00

**Sub-total Pride Breakfast Expenses** \$259.30

**Total Expenses** \$659.30

**Ending Balance:** \$7,673.70

Restricted Funds Convention 2017: \$ 699.63  
**Total Available Funds:** \$6,974.07

#### Savings Acct.

**Beginning Balance** \$1,611.44  
Interest income 0.06  
**Ending Balance** \$1,611.50

**M/S/C:** To accept the July 20, 2017 financial report as amended.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Liturgy Committee: (Paula Hills)

- Presider Gary S. is being paid for June.

Social Committee: (Alan Scott & Delia Vita)

- Invitations for the Annual Summer Picnic on August 5 were e-mailed.
- Alan will handle provisioning.

#### **Old Business:** (Note: PB = Pride Breakfast)

- PB: 29th Annual Pride Breakfast Proceeds:  
**M/S/C:** To divide proceeds into \$650 for Care-Teams, a Program of Samaritan Center, \$650 for Lambert House, and \$549.70 for the Dignity Conference Scholarship Fund.
- PB: Discussed the effort of the volunteers in the kitchen and those serving the tables. All volunteers were essential to the success of the breakfast. Discussion continued on the lack of cleanliness of the church griddle again this year and the cleanliness of the griddle following Dignity/Seattle's cleanup.
- PB: The 30th Dignity/Seattle Pride Breakfast will be held next year. Discussion continued on ways to mark this milestone event.
- **M/S/C:** To allocate restricted funds to partially cover the cost of Seattle Chapter members to attend the 2017 National Conference in Boston. The reimbursement was supplemented by this year's Scholarship Fund for a total grant of \$250 to each of the four attendees to the Conference.
- Discussion by the board acknowledging Leo Egashira who won the 2017 National Conference Bushek award. Mention was made on the honor for this award to be granted in two consecutive conventions to Dignity/Seattle members.

#### **New Business:**

- Emails were received offering resources for transgender students and another from DrugRehab.org wanting a link on the Dignity/Seattle website to their service. The board decided not to approve the addition of links to these resources since the businesses or groups would need to be researched before approval.
- **M/S/C:** To approve up to \$100 from the general fund towards purchase of USB flash drives or other school supplies for putting together school backpacks for Mary's Place on August 19th.
- Picnic: Alan will get all of the food along with ice and grilling essentials.



- Elections: Delia, Alan, and Paula L. have expiring terms so there are three open positions. The membership meeting is scheduled for September 24 at Delia Vita's house at 3:00 p.m. with a potluck to precede the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Deadline for nominations is August 19, with ballots to be mailed by August 25. Ballots returned by mail will need to be received by September 20 to be included in the count at the September 24 membership meeting.
- The board discussed holding the September liturgy at either the Ravenna United Methodist Church or at the Broadview United Church of Christ. Discussed how the Dignity National Year of Jubilee could better fit members' needs. Thoughts included home liturgies, book discussions, and bible study. Considering another board meeting before the membership meeting to discuss and decide on liturgy replacement options to present to the membership.
- Need to delay the August Food Lifeline volunteer evening from the normal first Tuesday to a date later in the month. A number of the board members are unavailable the first Tuesday of August.

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 23, 2017, at Delia's home.** Primary agenda items will be the liturgy and elections.

## Dignity/Vancouver BC/Dignité



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1st & 3rd Sundays, 3:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Roman Catholic Women Priests. Our Lady of Guadalupe Tonantzin Community. The Listening Post, 382 Main St (off E Hastings St, Vancouver. [tepeyacvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:tepeyacvancouver@gmail.com).

For other monthly events such as potlucks and socials, please contact D/V/D via the contacts provided above.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted by:  
Alan Scott, Secretary

## Pride Week Breakfast, June 24, 2017

*Below: Our hard-working breakfast servers*





# Pride Breakfast Details

## Volunteers:

Alan, Becky, Delia, Gary, Jan, Janet, Jim M, Jim W, Jordan, Laure, Leo, Marnele, Paula H, Paula L, Rick, Robert, Sparkle, Teri, Tish, Trisha

## Donors

### Raffle Grand Prizes

- Handmade Quilt, made and donated by Teri Lapetino and Janet Voorhies
- Three-night stay at the "Pacific Suite" condominium, Lincoln City, OR, donated by Joe Weston
- Four-hour yacht cruise on the "Distant Drum" sailboat with snacks served aboard, donated by Alan Scott

### Raffle Prizes

- \$50 gift cards donated by Justin K. McMenamin's \$50 Gift Card  
Bartell's \$50 Gift Card
- Ten home-made pies donated by Mary of Care-Teams

### Cash donations

- Justin K
- James K
- German R & Ray C

### In-kind & other donations

- Coffee donated by Paula H
- 25-pound pancake mix & 3 huge jugs of syrup donated by Becky O
- Sausages donated by Teri & Janet
- \$100 gift card from QFC at Broadway Market, 417 Broadway E. 206-328-6920
- Table decorations by Paula and Tish

## Pride Week Breakfast Financials

### Donations

Cash	\$290.00
Paid breakfast tickets	1,183.00
Raffle tickets	681.00

**Total Donation \$2,154.00**

### Expenses

Hall rental	\$100.00
Supplies / decoration	25.72
Tickets / raffle	4.38
Postage	31.36
Food	97.84
Advertisement	100.00

**Total Expenses \$359.30**

**Subtotal \$1794.70**

QFC card 100.00

**Net \$1,894.70**







## 2017 Boston Conference

Five Dignity/Seattle members participated in the DignityUSA Conference in Boston, July 6-9, 2017: Paula L, Tish C, Laure H, James L, and Leo E.

The programming was inclusive, powerful and inspiring, as evidenced by these videos (most accessible via DignityUSA's Facebook page):

[Opening Ceremonies](#)

[Keynote Speaker, Dr. Pamela Lightsey](#)

[A Truly International Table, speakers from Brazil & Uganda](#)

[Membership Meeting](#)

[Panel Discussion: Personal Stories, Public Discourse and Social Change](#)

There is also an impressive [photo gallery](#) on the DignityUSA webpage.

Other highlights: Leo Egashira received DignityUSA's Michael Bushek Award for service and devotion. He served on the DignityUSA Board of Directors from 2004 to 2016. Coincidentally, Dignity/Seattle President Paula Lavallee was the honored recipient of the Bushek Award at the prior conference in Seattle in 2015. Paula was on the Boston Conference Committee and also one of the presiders at Saturday Liturgy.

It's not too early to start planning to participate in the 50th Anniversary Conference in Chicago in 2019!



Some of the Western U.S. attendees. Seated in front are four Seattle folks: James, Leo, Paula, and Tish. (Missing from the Seattle group is Laure.)





## 2017 Boston Conference

*During the Opening Ceremonies, Boston Conference co-chairs Lourdes Rodrigues and Philip White receive the Book of Intentions from the 2015 Seattle Convention representatives, Paula Lavalley and Laure Hauge.*

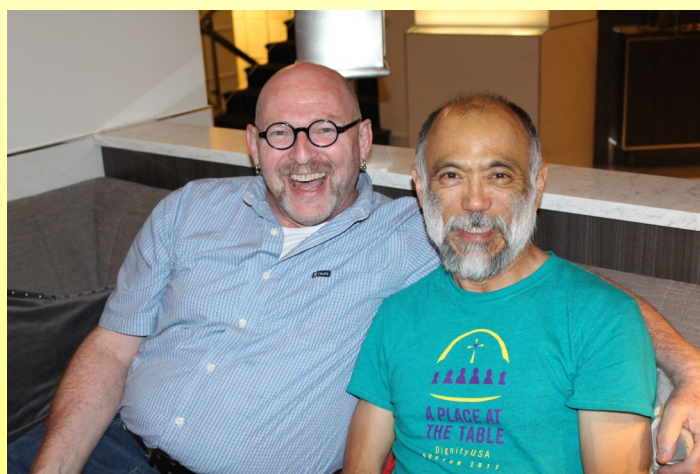
*Leo Egashira receiving the Michael Bushek Award from DignityUSA Vice-President Alice Knowles and President Lewis Tanner.*



*Liturgy presiders and homilist. Seattle's Paula Lavalley is in the center.*



## 2017 Boston Conference



*Clockwise from above:*

- Laure waiting to embark on the Boston Harbor Cruise
- Paula & Tish on the Boston Harbor Cruise
- James & Leo relaxing in the hotel lobby
- Gene (Honolulu) with Leo holding the Bushek Award
- Dancing the night away





## Dignity/Seattle's 2017 BBQ Potluck Picnic, August 5, 2017



### Write-up by Alan Scott

Seventeen members and guests enjoyed a wonderful picnic in the shade of a large tree on Becky's backyard lawn on Saturday afternoon, August 5th. Thank you Becky for sharing your very pleasant home and yard for this year's annual BBQ picnic. Dignity/Seattle's grill master Tom again cooked to perfection a bunch of burgers and dogs to feed the hungry crowd. Actually, famished better describes our hungry Leo who finally pedaled in, following the repair of a couple flat tires.

Little Eli (age 5) and Ashton (age 2) kept us all entertained. Paula, Laure, and Leo shared stories of this year's Boston National Convention including that of the tears and excitement when the Convention's Bushek award winner was announced. Congratulations Leo!

What had been a hot week turned into a very pleasant afternoon with friends in Becky's private backyard setting. Wishing everyone a peaceful and comfortable second half to the summer—the Dignity/Seattle Board



Tom and Annah