



Newsletter

August—September 2015

Resumption of liturgies after summer break

Dignity Liturgy Schedule: 2nd Sundays

September 13, October 11, November 8

Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33rd Ave NE Seattle

After a Successful Summer . . . Join us this Fall!



Convention 2015 in Seattle:

(above) 2015 attendees who were also here during the 1983 Seattle Convention.

(left) People enjoying clear blue skies and views of Mt. Rainier on the fundraising cruise.

More detailed write-ups of the Convention will be in the DignityUSA publication Third Quarter 2015 "QV."

Also, photos inside of Pride Breakfast and Summer Picnic. Thanks for making this our most active summer ever!



Don't miss these upcoming events in September:

Sunday, September 13, 6:00 p.m.
Dignity/Seattle liturgy

Resumption of monthly liturgies after summer break.
Ravenna United Methodist Church, 5751-33rd Ave NE

Sunday, September 20, 2:00 p.m.
Potluck & Annual Membership Meeting

718 W Halladay St, Queen Anne Hill
2:00 p.m. potluck
3:00 p.m. board reports, Q&A, election results
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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

DignityUSA Board Member from Seattle

Leo Egashira	At-large, Publications Comm.
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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 8, 2015 (*preliminary*, edited for publication)

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. at Delia Vita's house. Dignity prayer was read. Board members present: Paula Lavallee, Paula Hills, Delia Vita, Alan Scott, and Laure Hauge.

M/M/S/C: To approve the May 5, 2015 meeting minutes as amended.

Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

May 6, 2015—July 7, 2015

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance: \$5,331.73

Deposits:

Donation to Pride Breakfast	\$275.00
Breakfast & Raffle Donation	2,284.00
Breakfast hall deposit refund	100.00

Total Deposits: \$2,569.00

Sub-Total: \$7,990.73

Expenses:

Rent— RUMC for June-July	200.00
Liturgy stipend for June	30.00
DUSA Convention scholarship	273.00

Sub-Total General Expenses: \$ 503.74

Pride Breakfast Expenses:	
PB — Printing Tickets	8.37
PB — Mailing and Supplies	39.20
PB — Printing Supplies	59.07
PB — Food	157.73
PB — SGN Advertising	100.00

Sub-Total Pride Breakfast Expenses: \$ 364.37

Convention Expenses from Restricted Funds:

One-page ad in Convention Program	\$ 500.00
Purple T-Shirts	63.17
Convention Scholarship (net)	141.26

Sub-Ttl Conv Exp from Restricted Funds: \$ 704.43

Total Expenses: \$1,572.54

Ending Balance \$5,856.73

Dignity/Seattle 2015 Convention Fund \$704.43

Total Available Funds: \$6,418.19

Restricted Funds beginning balance: \$ 704.43

Less Conv Exp from Restricted Funds: 704.43

Restricted Fund Ending Balance: \$ 0.00

Total Available Funds: \$6,418.19

Savings Acct.

Beginning Balance \$1,610.52

Interest income 0.13

Ending Balance \$1,610.65

M/M/S/C: To accept the July 7, 2015 financial report as amended.

Committee Reports:

Liturgy Committee:

- No presider was present in June.
- Decision was made to cancel the July and August Liturgies. Paula L. will send an e-mail notifying of the cancellation and that the liturgies will resume in September.

Social Committee: (Alan Scott and Delia Vita)

- Seven attendees enjoyed the Second Quarter Brunch at McMenamin's Restaurant on May 16th.
- Invitations for the Annual Summer Picnic on Saturday, July 25 were e-mailed. Recommendation was made to resend the invitation as many may have missed it because of the Pride Breakfast and DUSA Convention.

Membership Committee:

- Welcome made to new members and looking to attract additional younger members.

Old Business (all dealing with Pride Week Breakfast):

- 27th Annual Pride Breakfast Proceeds:
M/M/S/C: to divide the Pride week breakfast proceeds into \$700 for CareTeams—a Program of Samaritan Center, \$700 for Plymouth Healing Communities, and \$699.63 into the Dignity Convention Scholarship Fund.
- Discussion of insufficient electrical power to heat the Dignity-supplied electric griddles and coffee pot at the Parish Hall during the breakfast. Delia is tasked to contact Central Lutheran Church for recommendations on how to mitigate the power outages for next year's breakfast including discussion to possibly use the griddle at the church hall. Discussion continued on the lack of cleanliness of the church griddle and the cleanliness of the griddle following the Pride Breakfast in prior years.

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- In a change to prior years, this year's Pride Breakfast Tickets were collected by the greeter typically prior to seating and reconciled afterwards. Many who already had tickets waited needlessly at the ticket purchase desk. Better signage might help with the line at the purchase desk, as well as additional server staff to allow a dedicated greeter to collect tickets when seated. Collecting all the breakfast tickets should aid in getting a more accurate meal count.
- Music was determined not useful because of conversation and resulting noise level.

New Business:

- Picnic: Alan will get all of the food along with ice and grilling essentials. Delia will bring table coverings and tape. Expect to raise the Dignity/Seattle banner at the Shelter.
- Elections: Delia, Alan, and Paula L. have expiring terms so there are three open positions. The membership meeting is scheduled for September 20 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 21, with ballots to be mailed by August 24. Ballots returned by mail will need to be received by September 18 to be included in the count at the September 20 membership meeting.
- A number of persons helped with the Convention. Gift and thank you cards will be sent to those non-board volunteers donating time, expertise, and equipment to the Convention.

Next Board Meeting: October TBA

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Alan Scott, Secretary

Annual Membership Meeting, Potluck, and General Elections

Sunday, September 20, 2:00 p.m.

718 W Halladay St (Queen Anne Hill), Seattle

Dignity/Seattle's Annual Membership Meeting will occur on Sunday, September 20, at the home of Delia Vita on top of Queen Anne Hill. The meeting will commence at 2:00 p.m. with a potluck meal, followed at 3:00 by reports from the Board, discussion, and elections. Your attendance is important to achieve a quorum.

From Election Committee Chair Jim Weston: "We continue to face many challenges and opportunities in our church and society. We need your help to keep the chapter alive and hopefully more active than it has been. We are open to any suggestions that you may have and would like to hear them at the meeting. Please exercise your right as a member and attend our annual meeting and vote."

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1st & 3rd Sundays, 3:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Roman Catholic Women Priests. Our Lady of Guadalupe Tonantzín Community. The Listening Post, 382 Main St (off E Hastings St, Vancouver. tepeyacvan-couver@gmail.com.

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



The editor is surrounded by our colleagues from Dignity/Canada/Dignité at the DignityUSA Convention in Seattle

27th Annual Pride Week Breakfast on June 27 nets \$2,100!

Thanks to your generosity and hard work, Dignity/Seattle is happy to announce that proceeds from the 27th Annual Pride Week Breakfast will be donated to the following: \$700 for CareTeams—a Program of Samaritan Center, \$700 for Plymouth Healing Communities, and \$700 into the Dignity Convention Scholarship Fund.

Please patronize & thank the following prize donors:

- Handmade Quilt: Teri & Janet
- A day of sailing on the Distant Drum: Alan Scott
- Admission covers & Dinners for two: Jazz Alley
- \$25 Gift certificates: McMenamins
- \$50 Gift card: Dilletante
- \$50 Fogon Cucina: Justin Kuxhaus
- Admission to dinner & show: Teatro Zinzanni

Thank you for your in-kind and cash donations:

- ♦ QFC at Broadway Market
- ♦ Paula Hills
- ♦ Teri & Janet
- ♦ Tish & Paula
- ♦ Laure Hauge
- ♦ James Rankin
- ♦ German Rodriguez



Dignity/Seattle's Annual Summer Picnic

Dignity members and friends gathered at Seattle's Woodland Park on July 25 for the Annual Summer Picnic.



More Convention 2015 Memories and Photos



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↑ Past and present Caligari and Bushek Awardees, including our own Paula Lavallee, front center.

The three presidents at the main liturgy. Dignity/Seattle president Gary Southerton is in the center. ↓

