



# Newsletter

Dec. 2016 — Jan. 2017

## Dignity Liturgy Schedule: 2nd Sundays

December 11, January 8

Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE Seattle

## Christmas Party!

4:00 p.m. Saturday, December 3  
718 W Halladay St, Queen Anne

Dignity members and friends of Dignity are all invited to celebrate at Dignity/Seattle's Christmas dinner potluck at Delia's home on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 4:00 p.m. Dignity will be providing a Honey-Baked Ham as the main course and attendees are asked to bring a dish according to the yearly quarter in which their birthday or anniversary falls: Jan - Mar = side dish, Apr - Jun = salad, Jul - Sep = non-alcoholic beverage, Oct - Dec = dessert.

In support of "Toys for Tots," attendees are invited to bring an unwrapped toy for this Dignity/Seattle-sponsored collection. Additionally, Laure's decorative Christmas disco balls will be auctioned with proceeds going to the charity. Plenty of street parking exists all around.

E-mail invitations via "Punchbowl" were sent out earlier in November. If you did not receive an invitation but would like to join us in a fun evening with delicious food, please contact Alan at 206-295-4895. RSVPs are helpful for food planning purposes.



## Dignity/Seattle Volunteer Night at Food Lifeline

Dignity/Seattle members and friends volunteered at the new Food Lifeline Warehouse in South Park on Tuesday, November 15. During a tour of the immense facility, we learned that the extra space should allow Food Lifeline to increase their annual food distribution capability from the current 40 million pounds to over 100 million.

During the evening, we sorted almost 6,000 pounds of various frozen meat and meal products destined to food banks in Western Washington before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Dignity/Seattle will continue to support this worthwhile charitable organization by volunteering in the warehouse one night every two months.

Please look for announcements for the next volunteer night.

(Photo of Volunteer Night, as well as a related article, are on page 3.)

## 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 October 20, 2016 (edited for publication)

Meeting was called to order at 5:53 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/M/S/C:** To approve the July 12, 2016 meeting minutes.

#### President's report (Paula Lavallee)

Received a Google e-mail from the Gay Yellow Pages to renew Dignity/Seattle's listing. Assigned to Secretary to respond and confirm next year's listing.

#### Secretary's report (Alan Scott)

Received a Google-forwarded call from an individual interested in attending the liturgy. Directed the person to the October 9 liturgy at RUMC

#### Treasurer's report (Delia Vita)

Nothing to report as there were no changes beyond the annual report given at the September Membership meeting.

#### Committee Reports:

##### Liturgy Committee: (Paula Hills)

- Reported three new attendees at the October 9th liturgy at RUMC
- Gary Southerton will be available at the end of October following his return from vacation.

#### Old Business:

- Food Lifeline invited Dignity/Seattle board members to sit at the Honored Volunteers table during their Dress Down Hunger Auction on September 23. Pau-

la L. and Laure H. attended. They reported on the auction and the size of Food Lifeline's new facility in South Park.

- Discussed a number of dates for Dignity's next volunteer evening at the new Food Lifeline warehouse. Paula L. will contact Food Lifeline and set up a two-hour evening shift on either Nov. 15.
- Liturgy options are to be discussed in a meeting with Gary Southerton in November following his return from vacation. The board confirmed the November liturgy to be held November 13. Paula H. will contact Gary Southerton inviting him to preside.

#### New Business:

- Board positions to remain unchanged. Laure assigned as assistant treasurer in training.
- Paula L. was contacted by faith-based singer/songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine who is offering a concert for the community. Discussion followed on possibly holding a concert in conjunction with and in support of the Auburn First United Methodist Church youth ministry's mission trip. The Auburn First United Methodist Church will be voting to become an affirming church to allow full participation of GLBT members in the parish. Bobby Jo Valentine's schedule may allow a concert in January on either the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, or the 25<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Dignity National (western region) will be conducting a Leadership teleconference at 7:00 p.m. on November 1. All board members are invited to participate. Paula L. will email board members to solicit questions to be asked during the teleconference.
- Holiday Party. (See front page)

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.** at Delia's home.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Alan Scott, Secretary

## 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 information about other D/V events, please visit <http://dignitycanada.org/vancouver.html>.

## RIP: Craig Broome

Born June 4, 1940 in Pasadena, California  
Passed November 24, 2016 in Seattle Washington



Craig Broome (at left, above) and Tom Schwartz (right) were together for 16 years before Craig's passing while in hospice care. Craig had lung cancer, which when discovered about one month ago, had already spread and could not be effectively treated. Per Craig's request there will be no funeral. Plans are for his cremated remains to be spread at Laguna Beach, CA. Craig worked as a display person in the larger department stores in the Los Angeles area, and Donaldson's in Minneapolis. More recently had worked at Scan Design in Bellevue.

## Food Lifeline Allies Spearhead Tent & Sock Drive for Homeless this Winter

Richard and Sabrina from the Church of Scientology, one of the volunteer organizations who work with Dignity/Seattle at Food Lifeline, sent the following request to us:

"Well friends, it is time for another exciting drive. Please look this over and help us get this done. The winter is coming and the items below will help people survive better this season. This time we are funding two different activities.

"First, we are going to help supply Tent City Five with tents. This is a transition for homeless persons. Tent City will own the tents once we supply them and they will be used to house people during the winter. The residents at Tent City are working on getting resumes ready for their future employment and relocation. Tent City has a good success rate of getting people turned around and back into work and more permanent housing. We need financial donations for the tents, which will be of good quality tents and long-lasting.

"Second, we have another sock drive going. This will be for the Roy Street Shelter (which also has a great record getting homeless people into employment and housing). Additionally we will be supplying socks to Queen Anne Helpline and the Queen Anne Food Bank. The more monetary donations we receive, the more socks we can get."

If you can help, please make a donation via Dignity/Seattle at 206-659-5519 or [Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com](mailto:Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com).



*Dignity/Seattle Food Lifeline volunteers at the new South Park facility, November 15, 2016.*

### **Note after Food Lifeline's Dress Down Hunger Auction on September 23:**

Paula & Laure,

It's great to have you here tonight! We are so appreciative of Dignity/Seattle's dedication to our mission and for your leadership, too! You've made hundreds of thousands of meals possible over the years. Thank you!

Heather  
Food Lifeline