



Newsletter

October — November 2016

Dignity Liturgy Schedule: 2nd Sundays

October 9, November 13 (TBA)

Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33rd Ave NE Seattle

Dignity/Seattle's President's Report, 2015 - 2016

Our roster stands at 21 active members.

We continued to meet for liturgy on the second Sunday of each month through June. Gary S was unable to pre-side for us this year, so Paula H prepared and led services centered around prayer and discussion of the Sunday readings. Attendance has really dropped. There were a couple of times when Paula and I were the only attendees. Thank you to Paula for taking over the responsibility for coordination of the liturgy and for continuing to provide great music to help those in attendance to celebrate.

Our quarterly birthday/anniversary celebrations continued this year. Our fourth quarter 2015 celebration was a potluck and holiday party held at Ravenna UMC. We collected toys for Toys for Tots and Laure again donated some light balls she made that were auctioned off, with the money raised going to Toys for Tots. The first and second quarters of 2016 were celebrated at Julia's and McMenamins restaurants. These places were chosen in thanks for their support of our Pride raffle. The third quarter was once again our annual picnic at Woodland Park. Thank you to Alan for reserving a shelter and coordinating the food. Thank you to everyone who attended and celebrated with us.

We continued to volunteer at Food Lifeline until they closed the Shoreline warehouse in April. We helped to repack bulk food items into smaller packages for distribution at various Western Washington food banks. Six to eight members and friends met every other month to work. We are looking at moving our volunteer day to Saturday since the new warehouse is in south Seattle.

We celebrated our 28th Annual Pride Week Breakfast in June. Proceeds were a bit lower this year, but we were still able to donate \$650 each to CareTeams-a Program of Samaritan Center (the organization that took over Rosehedge and MultiFaith Works) and to Food Lifeline. The remainder we put into a convention scholarship fund to help get our members to the DignityUSA National Conference in Boston in 2017. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this breakfast another success.

This year we had the opportunity to help pack school backpacks for the children at Mary's Place. Our chapter purchased 50 flash drives that were put into the backpacks for the high school students. Working with other organizations we were able to pack and donate nearly 200 backpacks for the homeless children.

We really are in need of some serious discussion on the future of Dignity/Seattle. With our liturgy attendance down to practically nothing, and our social events also seeing dwindling attendance, we need to decide where we are, and where we need to go in the future. We cannot continue to just roll along. We need to seriously look at who and what we are and could or should be. These decisions cannot just be made by the board of directors. We need each and every member to get involved in the deliberations. We will be sending out information and opportunities to share in the coming months. Please get involved.

I would like to thank our board of directors for their continued leadership and commitment to Dignity/Seattle. Thank you Laure, Delia, Alan and Paula H. And of course, a very special thank you to Leo for continuing to be our newsletter editor and keeping us all aware of what is happening locally and nationally in our community.

I look forward to a new year and new opportunities for Dignity/Seattle. I welcome any suggestions or input from members and friends.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Lavalley,
President, Dignity/Seattle



Board Members & Contact Info

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Paula Hills	Vice-President, Liturgy 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.

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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).

October 8, Saturday, 11:00 a.m., Gathering at Vincent & Peter's. 604-325-1554.

November 5, Saturday, 3:00 p.m. Home liturgy / worship at Gerry & Cym's. 604-435-1959

For more information about more events, please contact D/V/D via the contacts provided above.

Requiescat in pace: George Lucas

Long-time former member and friend of Dignity/Seattle, George Lucas, passed away on Aug. 8. He was well known for his New Year's Eve Parties (it was his birthday, you know), hosting the chapter garage sales, his beautiful gardens and filling us all with stories of the early history of our chapter. One friend of the chapter said he met George 33 years ago at a Dignity/Seattle liturgy at St. Joseph. He said he was new to the city, knew no one,

but was made to feel very welcomed by George. No one can forget George's smile and love of story-telling.

George's service and veteran's burial occurred September 27 in Roslyn, Washington, his home town. Let us all keep George, his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers. I am sure the angels are laughing as he shares his stories with them now.



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August 27 backpack stuffing party at the Church of Scientology on Queen Anne. The Dignity/Seattle board approved funds for the purchase of 50 USB flash drives, while various church groups donated other school supplies for students in "Mary's Place," a homeless shelter for women and children.

In the photo (L-R) are Alan Scott and Paula Lavallee of Dignity/Seattle, and Richard and Sabrina, from the Church of Scientology, who Dignity volunteers know from our bimonthly work party at Food Lifeline. They coordinated the project and made certain all the various supplies were delivered on time and available on the table for Saturday's packing.



**Dignity Seattle
Treasurer's Report
9/20/15-9/25/16**

Checking Account		2015	2016
Beginning Balance, 9/20/15		\$ 5,573.31	\$4,851.99
Deposits			
Collection	90.00	0.00	
Donation from members & friends	2107.40	2005.00	
Donation to Toys for Tots	125.00	0.00	
PW Breakfast & Raffle	2284.00	2046.00	
PW Breakfast Hall Deposit Refund	100.00	0.00	
PW Breakfast Donation to D/S	275.00	255.00	
Membership Fee	50.00	100.00	
Bank Charges Refund	30.00	0.00	
Returned Check	-25.00	0.00	
Total Deposit	5036.40	4406.00	
Sub-Total	10,609.71	9257.99	
Expenses			
Operations:			
PO Box Rental	156.00	158.00	
Liturgy- Stipend	150.00	30.00	
Membership fee	100.00	100.00	
Rent-RUMC	1200.00	1200.00	
Summer Picnic/Christmas Dinner	154.65	120.03	
Supplies	52.95	0.00	
Donation to toys for tots	125.00	0.00	
Bank Services	12.00	0.00	
Outgoing Board Member Gift	50.00	0.00	
Subtotal Operation Expense	2000.60	1608.03	
Special Events			
Meeting/Dinner DUSA&DS Board (Natio	691.85	0	
National BM welcome gifts	122.73	0	
National Convention Scholarship	415.00	0	
National Convention Scholarship/AC	500.00	0	
National Convention Scholarship/Su	63.17	0	

Subtotal Special Events E)		1792.75	0
		2015	2016
PW Breakfast Expenses/Donation			
PW Breakfast-Food		157.73	113.63
PW Breakfast Supplies/mailling/solicitatic		106.64	130.55
PW Breakfast Advertisement (SGN)		100.00	100.00
PW Breakfast-Hall Rent		200.00	100.00
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Subtotal PWBreakfast Exp		564.37	444.18
* Note PW Breakfast-Hall Deposit Refu		-100.00	
		464.37	
Donation			
PW Breakfast Donation to Food LifeLine		700.00	655
PW Breakfast Donation to CareTeams		700.00	655
Subtotal PWBreakfast Don		1400.00	1310
Total Expenses		5757.72	3362.21
Ending balance		4,851.99	5,895.78
Restricted funds			
DS 2017 Convention Fund		699.63	699.63
Total Restricted funds		699.63	699.63
Total available unrestricted funds		\$4,152.36	\$5,196.15
Savings Account			
Beginning Balance, 9/28/14		\$1,609.87	\$1,610.76
Interest income		0.89	0.42
Transferred from checking			
Ending Balance		\$1,610.76	\$1,611.18



**Dignity/Seattle
Treasurer's report
General Membership Meeting
25-Sep-16**

Checking Account

Beginning Balance 7/12/16	\$7,440.81
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DEPOSIT

Donation	155.00
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Total Deposits	155.00
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Sub Total	7,595.81
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EXPENSES

Rent-RUMC, Aug & Septemeber	200.00
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Membership	50.00
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Picnic Food & Supplies	40.03
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PWB-Advertising	100.00
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PWB-Donation-FoodLifeLine	655.00
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PWB-Donation	655.00
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Total Expenses	1,700.03
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Ending Balance	5,895.78
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Restricted Funds Conv 2017	699.63
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Total Available Funds	5,196.15
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Savings Account

Beginning Balance 7/12/16	\$1,611.10
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Interest Income	0.08
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Ending Balance	1,611.18
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Submitted by:

Delia C. Vita-Treasurer
25-Sep-16

