



# Newsletter

## Fourth Quarter, 2022



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### President's Report for 2021-2022

Our roster is down to 16 members. Over the past couple of years we have lost some who have passed and some who have just disappeared and have not responded to inquiries from the board.

Electronic voting for our board has continued to work well with all but two people responding this year. This seems to be the best way to hold our elections. Our annual Christmas party was held via zoom. It was nice to see everyone on the screen and feel some connection. One great thing about virtual gatherings is the range of people who can join who would not be able to in person. The board continued to meet via zoom and email, but for the most part our chapter was very quiet again this year. We decided to cancel the Pride Breakfast as we were unsure of what the pandemic conditions would be. We were able to have our annual picnic. We again met at Magnolia Park where about a dozen people gathered. We were so involved with catching up with each other and enjoying the beautiful day that we forgot to stop and take a picture. Thanks again to our BBQ chef extraordinaire, Tom S.

We experienced sadness again this year when we learned from long time member Jim Rankin's family that he had passed from his long fight with health difficulties. We remember Jim and all his years of service to our community. Rest in peace, Jim.

In the past our chapter has supported Food Lifeline and Mary's Place. We gave financially to Food Lifeline from our Pride Breakfast revenues, and also volunteered in their warehouse repacking bulk food. COVID put an end to the volunteering, but they are now reopening their warehouse to volunteers. If you are interested in working a few hours let me know. For Mary's Place we have contributed to their backpack program, donating the flash drives for the older kids and helping to stuff the backpacks. This year they said they had the supplies and

were looking for gift cards to give the families so they can go out and buy new school clothes and food. Our chapter donated 15 \$20 gift cards to Mary's Place this year.

As our area continues to reopen from the pandemic, we are interested in any activities you may be interested in our chapter pursuing, either live or virtually. If you have any ideas of activities or events, please contact us via email at [dignity.seattle@gmail.com](mailto:dignity.seattle@gmail.com). Next year, in October, we will celebrate our chapter's 50th anniversary. We are interested in learning how you would like to celebrate this milestone. Please let us know if you have any thoughts on this.

DignityUSA held our 25th National Conference in San Diego this past July. Four members represented Dignity/Seattle. The speakers and workshops were wonderful. You can watch the videos of these by going to Dignity-USA's website and their YouTube page. The National Membership meeting will be held virtually on Nov. 12 at 11 am Pacific time. You can register to attend by going to [DignityUSA.org](http://DignityUSA.org)

I would like to thank our board of directors - Delia, Alan, Laure and Paula H for their continued leadership and commitment. Thanks to Leo for continuing to be our newsletter editor and keeping us all aware of what is happening locally and nationally in our community. Thanks also to Alan for keeping our website ([www.dignityseattle.org](http://www.dignityseattle.org)) current, and thanks Delia for keeping our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/DignityofSeattle](http://www.facebook.com/DignityofSeattle)) up and current.

I thank all our members, friends and supporters for your support. I look forward to a new year and new opportunities for Dignity/Seattle to grow and thrive. Hope to see all of you at our events during the year – either virtually or in person.

In Peace,  
Paula Lavalley, President, Dignity/Seattle

*The annual Treasurer's Report is on p.4*

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, October 30, 9:30 a.m., Inclusive Catholic Community Mass.** See p.3

**Saturday, November 12, 11:00 a.m. DignityUSA National Virtual Membership Meeting.** Register at [dignityusa.org](http://dignityusa.org)

**Early December, TBA. Dignity/Seattle Holiday Party.** Watch for an e-mail announcement in November

## Board Members & Contact Info

### Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Paula Hills	Vice-President
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 29, 2022

A Zoom meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.. Board members Paula Lavallee, Paula Hills, Delia Vita, Alan Scott, and Laure Hauge were present. The November 16, 2021 board meeting minutes were read by Alan and approved by all.

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

In addition to the typical junk and businesses offering advertising services inquiries were received from visitors requesting information on a local mass. Several inquiring individuals were added to the social list. A newly formed "Inclusive Church Group" offered Dignity/Seattle participation in the Group as well as an invitation for an upcoming picnic.

#### Vice President's report (Paula Hills)

Nothing to report

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

The website appears current despite being contacted by DignityUSA regarding Logan Bear's retirement and need to transfer the website to a different provider. A suggestion was made to contact Darby of DignityUSA operations to discuss the future website status and recommendations for providers.

#### Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita) November 17, 2021 –July 29, 2022

#### Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance: \$3,218.41

Deposits:

11/15/21 Donation from members & friends	40.00
12/17/21 Donation from members & friends	30.00
02/11/22 Donation from board member	600.00
07/29/22 Donation from member for picnic	50.00

**Total Deposits: \$ 720.00**

**Sub-Total: \$3,938.41**

#### Expenses:

General Expenses:

11/16/21 Membership fee for one member	60.00
04/25/22 Picnic Site	45.00
06/09/22 PO Box Rental	258.00

**Sub-Total General Expenses: \$363.00**

Transfer to Savings 5.00

**Ending Balance: \$3,570.41**

#### Savings Acct.

Beginning Balance: \$1,618.08

Interest income \$0.04

Transfer from checking (5.00)

**Ending Balance: \$1,623.12**

**M/M/S/C:** To accept the July 29, 2022 financial report.

#### Old Business:

None to report.

#### New Business:

- Elections: Paula H. and Laure have expiring terms so there are two open positions. Paula L. will announce the open nominations by email by August 1. Nominations close August 13. Voting will begin August 22 and finish September 14 in time for this year's September 18 membership meeting.
- Student Backpack Program: The board had decided to once again support the Student Backpack Program for the homeless at Mary's Place. Backpacks, lunch boxes, and gift cards are the request this year prior to the August 5 deadline. The board approved the purchase of fifteen \$20 Fred Meyer gift cards to be purchased by Paula L.
- The board received an invitation to join the newly formed Inclusive Church Committee. The board will need to decide on how to support or participate. Decision was made to not take on an organizing role.
- Summer Picnic 2022: This year's picnic has been scheduled for 3pm on Saturday, August 6 at Magnolia Park. Dignity/Seattle received a \$50 donation to offset the cost of this summer's picnic. Burgers and hot dogs together with condiments will be provided by Dignity/Seattle Student Backpack Program:
- National Convention Expense Partial Reimbursement: After a discussion the board decided to reimburse each of the four members who attended the San Diego National Convention \$200.

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- Dignity/Seattle 50 Year Anniversary: Planning will need to begin on Dignity/Seattle's 50 year anniversary in 2023.

The next board meeting will immediately follow the September 18 Membership Meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Alan Scott, Dignity/Seattle Secretary

### D/S 2022 Annual Membership Meeting

The 2022 Membership meeting was held on Sunday, September 18, 2022 beginning at 4:00 p.m. with six attendees.

Laure H. and Paula H. were unanimously reelected by the 14 of 17 total members that voted.

Delia V. presented the Treasurer's Report. The Report appears in the board meeting minutes for September 18, 2022.

The Membership meeting ended at approximately 4:45 p.m. and was followed by a board meeting.

### Dignity/Seattle Board Meeting minutes September 18, 2022

A board meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. on Zoom following the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting.

Board members Paula Lavallee, Paula Hills, Delia Vita, Alan Scott, and Laure Hauge were present.  
The July 29, 2022 board meeting minutes were read by Alan and approved by all.

**President's report: (Paula Lavallee)**  
Responded to several email inquiries.

**Vice President's report (Paula Hills)**  
Nothing to report

**Secretary's report (Alan Scott)**  
The website is functional.

**Annual Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)**  
See page 4 for full report

#### Old Business:

- Paula delivered the fifteen \$20 gift cards to Mary's Place in Bellevue.
- The "Inclusive Church Group" is now named the Seattle Inclusive Church Community. Future meetings will be the last Sunday of every month in the Green Lake area.
- The Annual Picnic went well with approximately a dozen attendees at the Magnolia Park. Board like

to consider returning to Magnolia Park for next summer.

#### New Business:

- Elections: Paula H. and Laure were unanimously elected
- Board Office Positions: Paula L. to remain as President, Paula H. as Vice President, Alan S. as Secretary, Delia V. as Treasurer and Laure H. board member at large.
- Holiday Party: Need to locate a place for this year's Holiday Party. Considering a restaurant with suitable parking that would be available the first or second weekend in December. Look for place likely restaurant. Decided not to assemble and mail a Christmas treat package.
- 3-Kings Party: Epiphany January gathering on Zoom discussed for 1st weekend in January.
- Dignity/Seattle 50 Year Anniversary: Thoughts were shared and discussed on Dignity/Seattle's 50-year anniversary in 2023.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Alan Scott, Dignity/Seattle Secretary



**Inclusive Catholic Community liturgy**  
**Sundays, Oct. 30 and Nov. 27, 9:30 a.m.**  
**3717-39th Ave S, Seattle (Mt. Baker area)**  
By Leo N. Egashira

I went to the second Inclusive Catholic Community liturgy on Sunday, September 25, 2022, in the Licton Springs neighborhood north of Green Lake. The beautiful, uplifting, women- and LGBTQ-inclusive liturgy was co-presided by Diane Whalen (Roman Catholic Women Priest) from Olympia and Fr. Chris, who flew in from Reno.

The next liturgy will be on Sunday, October 30, at 9:30 a.m. at 3717-39th Ave S in Seattle's Mt. Baker neighborhood. If you have difficulty finding Ginny's home, please call her at 206-819-4331. Theresa Gregory, RCWP, a long-time Dignity/Seattle friend, will be the presider. She'd love to see you there! The following liturgy will be on Sunday, November 27, at 9:30 a.m., same location.

The Inclusive Catholic Community welcomes and encourages Dignity/Seattle's participation! Please join!



**Dignity Seattle  
Treasurer's Report  
10/1/21-9/17/22**

	2021	2022
<b>Checking Account</b>		
Beginning Balance	3,522.90	3,218.41
Deposits		
Donation from members & friends	815.00	720.00
Total Deposit	815.00	720.00
Subtotal	4,337.90	3,938.41
Operations Expenses		
PO Box Rental	226.00	258.00
Membership fee	60.00	60.00
Summer Picnic/Christmas Gifts/	69.27	270.68
Summer Picnic Site Permit		45.00
Subtotal Operations Expenses	355.27	633.68
Special Events Expenses		
2022 National Convention Scholarship		800.00
Donation to Mary's Place-USB/Gift Cards	519.22	300.00
Donation to food lifeline	250.00	0.00
Subtotal Special Events Expenses	769.22	1,100.00
Total Expenses	1,124.49	1,733.68
Transfer to Savings		5.00
Ending balance	3,213.41	2,199.73
<b>Savings Account</b>		
Beginning Balance	1,622.76	1,618.08
Transfer to/from checking to savings	-5.00	5.00
Interest	0.32	0.06
Ending Balance	1,618.08	1,623.14

Submitted by: Delia C. Vita

Date: September 17, 2022





## Global Network of Rainbow Catholics Assembly, Mexico City, Sept. 10-15, 2022

By Leo N. Egashira



I attended the GNRC Assembly in Mexico City from Sunday, September 11 to Thursday, September 15, as part of the six-person U.S. contingent pictured below.

My experiences and emotions pretty well match with what others have expressed in the links provided (right column). Two things stand out: First, I was in the cultural and linguistic minority as one of the few non-Spanish (or bilingual) speakers, which made me much more empathetic to people who do not speak the dominant language. But often, the thoughts and emotions of Spanish-speakers came through in friendly body gestures and expressive eyes. That realization helped me navigate Mexico City successfully as I explored the area solo for one week after the Assembly. Second, the LGBTQ movement in Latin America is powered by the passions of younger people and women . . . quite different from the case in much of the U.S., Canada, and Europe. I hope we can learn how to energize more youth and more women to our calling and mission.

For more impressions of the Mexico City Assembly:

**GNRC Assembly Memories and Sharing.** Memories from the 4th Global Network of Rainbow Catholics Assembly are now online! [Click here to read Memories and Hopes from the 4th Assembly.](#)

DignityUSA hosted a joint online event where we shared some of the experience of the just-concluded GNRC Assembly with our communities! Those who participated in the Assembly, either online or in person, each spoke about a specific aspect of the Assembly. [Click here to watch the recording.](#)

New Ways Ministry's Robert Shine wrote about the Assembly's moving highlight: The LGBTQ-positive mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. [Read his account here.](#)



The six-person U.S. contingent, from left to right: Dwayne Fernandes, New Ways Ministries; Daniel Bender, Dignity/Chicago; DUSA Executive Director, Marianne Duddy-Burke; Leo Egashira, Dignity/Seattle; DignityUSA President, Meli Barber; and Bob Shine, New Ways Ministry.



Global Network of Rainbow Catholics Assembly attendees in front of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City, September 14, 2022.

A special, LGBTQ-inclusive Mass was offered at this "Mother Basilica of the Americas." The symbolism cannot be overstated. This was the highlight of our time in Mexico City!



Having a bit of fun on the Basilica grounds.

Let's see, I checked off much of my to-do list in this photo:

- ◇ Sombrero
- ◇ Mule
- ◇ Mexican flag
- ◇ Our Lady
- ◇ Pope JP2

Thanks to Meli Barber for taking this photo!