



# Newsletter

May 2005

## Dignity/Seattle Liturgy

*Reminder*

Liturgy is at 6:00 p.m. every 2nd Sunday: May 8, June 12  
Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE Seattle

## Busy Summer Ahead!

### Get Involved in Dignity/Seattle & DignityUSA

By Leo N. Egashira

See the "Upcoming Events" section immediately to the right of this column. After a hiatus, we've resumed community social gatherings apart from liturgy. Your support of such events will determine the frequency and type of Dignity/Seattle social events in the future. So, come on out and enjoy a fun, inexpensive dinner with friends, old and new!

Our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride Week Breakfast promises to bring the diverse gay Catholic community to work together in a celebration of pride and service. Every year, folks from St. Joseph's, other parishes and faith communities sell tickets and volunteer in the dining room or kitchen. Insider's advice: Pre-sales of tickets is the best method to gauge how successful we will be, so get selling!

DignityUSA's 17<sup>th</sup> biennial convention is now less than two months away. The deadline for registration without incurring late fees has been extended to **May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Two years ago, nearly a dozen Dignity/Seattle members attended the convention in Las Vegas. All of us who made the trip agreed what an awesome experience it was to be with hundreds of other Dignity members from around the country and abroad. July's convention promises to be just as fulfilling and enjoyable, if not moreso. Dignity/Seattle members should have received registration packets in April. Extra forms can be down-loaded via <[www.dignityusa.org](http://www.dignityusa.org)>.

Finally, please mail back DignityUSA ballots for the Board of Directors and President/Vice-President positions. They must be received at Dignity's Washington, D.C. office by the close of business, June 15.

Take ownership of your faith. Take ownership of your faith community. Volunteer, get involved, make your voice heard and work for justice.

## Upcoming Events

**Dignity's Memorial Day Weekend Dinner  
Sunday, May 29, 4:00 p.m.**

**Spaghetti Factory in Lynnwood**

Please join and bring friends to a Dignity/Seattle dinner, which will be held at Spaghetti Factory, 2509-196<sup>th</sup> St SW in Lynnwood (near Alderwood Mall). Full dinners are reasonably priced, \$7-12. Access from I-5, northbound or southbound, is the 196<sup>th</sup> St SW Exit. Please confirm reservations by calling 425/745-1270.

**Dignity/Seattle's 17<sup>th</sup> Pride Week Breakfast  
Saturday, June 25, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Central Lutheran Church, 11<sup>th</sup> & Howell**

Breakfast and raffle tickets for this fundraiser have been mailed out. Funds raised go to Multifaith Works (AIDS social service agency), Verbena (women's health center), and Dignity/Seattle. If you can assist in donating or procuring breakfast ingredients and raffle prizes, publicizing the event, work in the kitchen or dining hall, or need more tickets, please contact Dignity: 206/325-7314.

## Dignity/Vancouver BC

**Dignity/Vancouver BC 604/432-1230**

Saturday, May 12. 7:30 p.m. Liturgy at Dennis B's. 604/669-3677.

Saturday, May 28. 7:30 p.m. Potluck Supper at Lee's. 604/408-3442.

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**Reminder: Canadian & U.S. Three-day Weekends**

Canada's Victoria Day Weekend is May 21-23, one week before the U.S.'s Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-30.

## Official Business

### Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Jim Weston	President, Membership chair
Jim Rankin	Vice-Pres., Social co-chair
Denise Arceneaux	Secretary, Liturgy chair
Delia Vita	Treasurer, Special events chair
Paula Lavallee	At-large, D/USA Secretary
Steve Kearney	At-large, Social co-chair
--vacant position--	At-large

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### Board Minutes Summary, May 3, 2005

(Edited for publication.)

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. at Jim Weston's condo. Dignity prayer was said.

All board members present except Delia Vita.

M/M/S/C: To approve the minutes as submitted

#### President's report: (Jim Weston)

- Membership: Jim W. plans to send some members notification that they have lapsed per the "old" standards. ("New" standards are already mentioned in previous meetings and in the minutes.)
- Jim W. began notifying donors for Pride Week Breakfast Raffle such as QFC. His brother will donate a 4 day/night stay in San Francisco this year as well as 3 nights at the beach.

#### Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita via e-mail)

##### Checking Acct.

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$1046.28</b>
Deposits:	
March Collection:	70.00
April Collection:	120.00
Total Deposits:	<b>\$190.00</b>
Sub-total:	<b>\$1236.28</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
RUMC rent (April):	75.00
Telephone:	35.00
Liturgy stipend	30.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$1096.28</b>

##### Savings Acct.

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,561.22</b>
Interest income	0.42
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,561.64</b>

M/M/S/C: To accept financial report as submitted.

#### Committee Chairs' reports:

##### Social Committee: Jim Rankin

- Tickets printed for Breakfast and Raffle. Work party to number tickets and stuff envelopes scheduled for May 8 at RUMC. Potluck will follow work party.

##### Liturgy Committee: Denise Arceneaux

- Rev. Philip Knowles (American Catholic Church) scheduled to preside at Mass on May 8th. No one scheduled for June at this time.

#### Old Business

- Rewording of brochure: Brochure distributed after having been rewritten per previous instruction. The Board accepted the new brochure as submitted.
- Bylaws: Paula edited the bylaws and passed out the changes. Proposal was made to change the minimum no. of board members required from 7 to 3. Changes to bylaws to be discussed further at a future date.

#### New Business:

- Phone call requesting someone from D/S to host two people during the Folk Life Music Festival (May 27-29). No board member able to host.
- Marla of Dyke Community Activists called to invite D/S to a community dinner on May 7<sup>th</sup>. (She left no number by which to reach her and few details).
- Leo Egashira posed the question of whether we want to advertise again in the Multifaith Directory. We decided to do so and Jim W. to take care of the poor print from the previous advertisement.
- Sponsorship of National Convention: Decided to give \$75 toward sponsorship of the National Convention – not specific to any item listed on the Sponsorship list.
- GSBA 15<sup>th</sup> annual awards dinner: to be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Decided not to send anyone to the dinner.
- Announcement: Gay City University is offering workshops/classes on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Visit [gaycity.org](http://gaycity.org) for more information, if interested.
- Oasis (newsletter): We are still receiving newsletters from the Dignity Chapter in Palm Springs. They are doing well.
- Logistics for Pride Breakfast: Continued working out the logistics: Agreed to place \$60 ad in the SGN. Food donations to be made by the usual donors. Jim W, would like to be informed of any commercial entities which can donate prizes and food. The sandwich board setup was also negotiated.

#### Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Jim Weston's condo.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Denise Arceneaux, Secretary