



# Newsletter

October 2009

## Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church	5751-33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave NE	Seattle
Every Sunday	→	10:00 a.m. St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
Oct 11, Nov 8	→	6:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle

**A pancake breakfast following St. Ignatius Mass is held every 4th Sunday (Oct. 25th), a shared fellowship with our host congregation, Ravenna UMC.**

## Dignity/Seattle President's Report for 2008—2009

This was a busy year for Dignity/Seattle. Our roster stands at 23 active members. This is down by five from last year. This year, during our meetings, the board of directors started a discussion on the direction of our chapter and what we can do to increase membership. This discussion is being taken to the membership at the annual meeting. We have also invited all those on our social list to join in on this discussion. We hope to find new ways to get people involved and wanting to join.

We have continued meeting for liturgy on the second Sunday of each month. Fr. Philip Knowles has been our main presider, with lay-led liturgies filling in when he is not available. The invitation to join Fr. Philip's parish of St. Ignatius has remained open and a few members have attended. Most major feasts of the year have included an invitation to join St. Ignatius and Ravenna United Methodist for a combined ecumenical celebration. We also tried attending mass en masse at St. Benedict's Sunday evening mass. Thank you to Paula H, Mike and Marc for providing great music to help us in our celebrations. Also, thanks to Jim R. for continuing to provide us with delicious snacks during our social hour. And thanks to Denise for coordinating the presiders.

Our quarterly birthday/anniversary celebrations continued this year and were very popular. We have had these celebrations at the local restaurants that have supported our Pride Week Raffle, gathering at Mae's Phinney Ridge Café, Julia's, and The Rosebud. We are looking for new places where we can gather and hopefully get them to then donate to the raffle next year. We are open to any suggestions.

We celebrated our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 18th at the Rock Salt Restaurant on Lake Union. A great time was had by the members, past members and friends who attended. A silent auction to benefit DignityUSA raised several hundred dollars.

Dignity/Seattle was one of seven chapters nationwide to hold a vigil to protest the Vatican's opposition to the UN's call for decriminalization of homosexuality. Seattle's vigil was led by Leo Egashira. Leo and Pat Roche spoke and

Paula H. led the music. The vigil was attended by many and received great media attention including live and late news coverage by KIRO-TV, KING-TV and KCPQ-TV, a same day story published by The Seattle Times and the Seattle Gay News published Leo's speech and a photo. Great job, Leo. Thanks for all your work on organizing this.

We celebrated our 21st Pride Week Breakfast in June, netting proceeds of \$2309. We donated \$800 each to MultiFaith Works and Bailey-Boushay House. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this breakfast a success.

The DignityUSA National Convention was held in San Francisco on July 2-5, 2009. Ten Seattle members attended. There were some really great workshops, liturgies, activities, and parties. It was a good time for networking, seeing old friends and celebrating DignityUSA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Pat Roche was recognized and honored as a past DignityUSA President. Mike and Marc lent their talents in the choir. Tish and I led a children's craft workshop and I had the great honor of being one of the presiders during the Eucharistic Liturgy. The next national convention will be in 2011 in Washington, DC on the Fourth of July weekend.

We lost a great friend, member and benefactor this year when Bob Mitchell passed away on August 15. We will miss his quiet presence and support.

I would like to thank our board of directors - Denise, Delia, Alan and Mike for your leadership and commitment. And a very special thanks to Leo for continuing to be our newsletter editor and keeping us all aware of what is happening locally and nationally in the gay community.

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

Paula Lavalley  
President, Dignity/Seattle

**Dignity Seattle  
Treasurer's Report  
10/1/08 to 09/26/09**

**Checking account**

**Beginning Balance** 9/24/08 **\$3,331.83**

Monthly Collection	\$1,016.00	
Donation from members & friends	1470.00	
35th Year Anniversary dinner/dance	1150.00	
PW Breakfast & Raffle	2570.00	
PW Hall Deposit Refund	100.00	
Membership	50.00	
Silent Auction	288.00	
		<u>6644.00</u>
		<u>9975.83</u>

**Expenses****Operations:**

PO Box Rental	112.00	
Telephone	558.70	
Advertisement (SGN)	330.00	
Liturgy-Celebrant Stipend	210.00	
Newsletter Printing/Mailing	572.30	
Gift to outgoing board member	58.39	
Annual Fee for Web design	18.00	
Rent-RUMC	1050.00	
Membership Dues Renewal to DUSA	100.00	3009.39

**PW Breakfast Expenses/Donation**

PW Breakfast-Food	165.38	
PW Breakfast Advertisement	75.00	
PW Breakfast-Hall Rent	200.00	
PW Breakfast-Donation Multifaith	800.00	
PW Breakfast-Donation Bailey Boushay	800.00	2040.38
PW Breakfast (08)-Pride Foundation	450.00	450.00

**Others** Donation- Sign at RUMC 100.00 100.00  
Anniversary Dance 1375.26 1375.26

**Total Expenses** **6975.03**

**Ending Balance** **\$3,000.80**

Scholarship Fund for the 2009 Dignity convention 450.00  
Scholarship Fund for yearly membership 200.00

**Total Available funds** **\$2,350.80**

**Savings Account**

**Beginning Balance** 9/24/08 **1598.80**

Interest income 1.61

**Ending Balance** **\$1,600.41**

**Submitted by: Delia Vita- Treasurer**

**Date: 09/26/09**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
September 26, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. at Ravenna United Methodist Church in the parlor. A quorum was present.

Paula Lavalley passed out the President's report for the members to read. She said that the Board is considering ways in which "new life" could be brought to the Chapter. She had sent out a questionnaire asking members about social activities, volunteer opportunities, etc. which we could participate in in order to do so.

Michael Linden brought up the idea of continuing to invite people to the Mass at St. Benedict's since people missed the network and camaraderie of the old "St. Joseph community." The "Mass en masse" at St. Benedict's will also be organized once every two months.

The membership decided to organize two different volunteer activities for the year. Paula will contact Sr. Bea regarding volunteer activities which we can do throughout the year.

The Board and membership also discussed having a quarterly brunch twice in a restaurant and twice as a potluck each year.

Paula then posed the question of how important membership is. She also proposed that the Chapter be involved in some way in support of Referendum 71.

The votes were counted and Paula Lavalley and Delia Vita received 15 votes while Alan Scott received 14 votes.

Delia Vita passed out the Treasurer's report for the members to read. She said that our average monthly collection is approximately \$85, down from \$145 last year.

The membership approved an increase in the amount we pay RUMC for rent each month from \$75 to \$100.

Delia thanked the Chapter's donors.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Denise Arceneaux

## Board Members & Contact Info

### Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Michael Linden	Vice-President
Delia Vita	Treasurer
Denise Arceneaux	Secretary
Alan Scott	Member, Social chair

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Leo Egashira At large (Publications)

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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.

## Upcoming Events of Note

### Next Dignity/Seattle Board Meeting:

Wednesday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Delia's.

### Call To Action—Western Washington's 10th Anniversary Celebration **Sold out!**

Sunday, November 22, 1:00 p.m.

Fare Start Restaurant, 7th & Virginia, Seattle

Cancellation waiting-list: Call Betty Hill at 360/357-6207 or e-mail [information@ctaolympia.org](mailto:information@ctaolympia.org)

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Friday, October 16, 7:30 p.m. Worship liturgy at Vincent W's. 604/325-1554.

Saturday, October 31, 6:00 p.m. Halloween Potluck Supper Social at Gerry W's. Costumes encouraged, but optional. 604/435-1950.

## Call To Action—Western Washington asks you to



Preserve the Domestic Partnership Law

WASHINGTON FAMILIES STANDING TOGETHER

[watst.org](http://watst.org)

Join Us at Traditions Café,  
5<sup>th</sup> and Columbia, Olympia  
Monday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.

Hear speaker Rev. Carol McKinley and State Representative Sam Hunt. Enter into the discussion of how we can help.

Call CTA-WW at 360/357-6207 for more information

**Dignity/Seattle**  
is one of many faith  
communities  
throughout the  
State of Washing-  
ton that endorses  
passage of  
Referendum 71

**Mail your ballots by  
Tuesday,  
November 3, 2009**