



# Newsletter

## August 2012

### 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) |
| Aug. 12, Sep. 9                 | → 6:00 p.m.                  | Dignity/Seattle         |

A pancake breakfast following St. Ignatius Mass is held every 4th Sunday (August 26th), a shared fellowship with our host congregation, Ravenna UMC.

### Summer Picnic & BBQ August 4



To all Dignity Members and Friends of Dignity,

Please join us for a summer barbeque at 3pm Saturday afternoon August 4, 2012 at the lower Woodland Park Shelter 7 to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries that occur in July, August, or September. Dinner is planned for around 4pm. Dignity will be providing the hotdogs and hamburgers including meatless alternatives, buns, and condiments. Attendees are asked to bring a dish according to the yearly quarter in which their birthday or anniversary falls: first quarter - desert, second - side dish, third - salad, and fourth - beverage. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in Seattle's parks. In addition to a potluck item and any folding chairs, you may also wish to bring an outdoor game including your favorite frisbee, croquet mallet, or badminton racket for possible mini tournaments.

The shelter is located just off Aurora Ave to the east near Green Lake. Alternatively you can get to shelter #7 from West Green Lake Way N. by driving up the small road by the tennis courts and dog park, near the Aqua center at the southwest corner of the lake. The shelter together with its nearby parking should be easy to find. Check the lower half of Seattle's park website map for shelter 7: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/images/maps/picnics/Woodland4-7.pdf>

You should have received a "Punchbowl" invitation via e-mail. If you did not receive an invitation, please e-mail Dignity/Seattle at [Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com](mailto:Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com) or call 206-659-5519.

### Upcoming Events of Interest

#### Aug 12, Sun: Sisters' Flower March

Please join I Stand With The Sisters on Sunday, August 12 at 12:30 p.m. for The Flower March in support of U.S. Catholic Sisters and their lived gospel values. This symbolic march of solidarity will begin at Louisa Boren Look-out Park (one block north of Volunteer Park on 15th Ave E & E Garfield St. in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood.) After 2.4 miles (approx. one hour) the march will culminate at St. James Cathedral. If that's too far or long, one 15-person trailing van will be available, or you can join us enroute or at the Cathedral.

Please bring flowers to represent every Sister who has touched your life. Signs, banners, your voices, and enthusiasm are also welcome. Let's show the sisters we're with them! Information, [www.istandwiththesisters.org](http://www.istandwiththesisters.org), connect with us on Facebook, or contact Lisa Visintainer [svisintain@aol.com](mailto:svisintain@aol.com) or (206) 369-4842

#### Aug. 21 (Tue) and 22 (Wed): New Ways Ministry Sister Jeannine Gramick & Frank DeBernardo host town meetings on Marriage Equality. Olympia on Tuesday; Seattle on Wednesday (See flyer p3)

### Dignity/Seattle Elections

Nominations are now open for positions on the Dignity/Seattle Board of Directors. There are two open positions this year. Anyone wishing to nominate him or herself or who have questions about the positions can contact Dignity/Seattle at [dignity.seattle@gmail.com](mailto:dignity.seattle@gmail.com) Nominations are open until August 24, 2012.

Elections will take place at our annual membership meeting. Please save the date of Sept.30 for the meeting. More information will be coming.

## Board Members & Contact Info

### Dignity/Seattle Board Members

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

### DignityUSA Board Member from Seattle

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.

### Dignity/Seattle Board Minutes, July 9, 2012

(Edited for publication)

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. at Delia Vita's house. Dignity prayer was read. All board members were present. Minutes were read.

**M/M/S/C:** To approve the May 8, 2012 meeting minutes as submitted.

### Treasurer's report, July 9, 2012 (Delia Vita)

#### Checking Acct.

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance:</b>    | <b>\$5,463.56</b> |
| Deposits:                    |                   |
| Collection May/June:         | \$120.00          |
| Donation via DignityUSA:     | 70.00             |
| PW Breakfast/Raffle:         | 2350.25           |
| Donation to Convention fund: | 20.00             |
| <b>Total Deposits:</b>       | <b>\$2,560.25</b> |
| <b>Sub-Total:</b>            | <b>\$8,023.81</b> |

#### Expenses:

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| General Expenses:                   |        |
| Liturgy-Stipend (May/June):         | 60.00  |
| Rent – RUMC (June/July):            | 200.00 |
| Newsletter (May/June):              | 77.61  |
| Advertising SGN Pride Edition:      | 100.00 |
| Checking supplies:                  | 23.95  |
| PW Bkfst & Raffle Tickets Mailing:  | 22.88  |
| PW Solicitation Printing & Mailing: | 49.68  |
| PW Food:                            | 86.64  |

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| PW Advertisement:       | 50.00             |
| <b>Total Expenses :</b> | <b>\$670.76</b>   |
| <b>Ending Balance:</b>  | <b>\$7,353.05</b> |

- The Scholarship fund for yearly membership currently has \$50.00.

### Dignity National Convention 2013 Fund has \$613.00

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| <b>Total Available Funds:</b> | <b>\$6,690.05</b> |
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#### Savings Acct.

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance:</b> | <b>\$1,602.66</b> |
| <b>Interest income</b>    | <b>0.13</b>       |
| <b>Ending Balance:</b>    | <b>\$1,602.79</b> |

Proceeds from the PrideWeek Breakfast are as follows:

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Gross Proceeds: | \$2450.25 |
| Total Expenses: | 409.20    |
| Net Proceeds:   | \$2041.05 |

**M/M/S/C:** To give \$700 to Rosehedge Multifaith Works, \$700 to Bailey-Boushay and keep the balance (\$641.05) for Dignity/Seattle earmarking the money to subsidize people to go to the Minneapolis Convention.

**M/M/S/C:** To accept the July 9, 2012 financial report as amended.

#### Social Committee: (Alan Scott and Delia V.)

A small group of people showed up at the May 19<sup>th</sup> brunch.

#### Liturgy Committee: (Denise Arceneaux)

Philip Knowles presided in July. Gary Southerton will be asked to preside in August.

#### Old Business:

- Volunteer Opportunities: Food Lifeline got canceled for July. We haven't set up another day.
- Web Designer: Didn't find out anything about DignityUSA's system of web design.
- 2015 Convention: Contract was signed with the Renaissance. In the next few months we still need to give input to the National Committee for the theme and the logo.
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast: We need to think about an activity we can do to celebrate both events next year.

#### New Business:

Elections: Paula Hills and Denise Arceneaux are up for reelection. The membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m., following a potluck. Paula L. will contact Jim Weston about being Election Chair.

**The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Delia Vita's house.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Denise Arceneaux

# Catholics for Marriage Equality



**Jeannine Gramick, SL**

Sr. Jeannine is co-founder of New Ways Ministry, a Gay Positive Ministry of Advocacy and Justice for Lesbian, Gays, Bi-Sexual and Transgender (LGBT) Catholics that works as Bridge Builders to Gay and Lesbian people and the wider Church community



**Francis DeBernardo**

Executive Director  
New Ways Ministry

The evening will promote dialogue among Catholics. Complimentary copies of the booklet, Marriage Equality; a Positive Catholic Approach will be available. All are WELCOME!

**Building Bridges  
in the Community**

**Featured Speakers  
Jeannine Gramick, SL  
& Francis DeBernardo**

**Wed, Aug 22, 2012  
7-9 PM**

**St Mark's Episcopal Church  
Bloedel Hall (lower level)  
1245 10th Avenue E.  
Seattle, WA**

*Come and join  
in the  
conversation!*



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## Dignity/Vancouver BC/Dignité Happy Gay Pride Day!



Sunday, August 5th. Vancouver Gay Pride Parade  
Tuesday, August 7th, 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting at Gerry W's. 604-435-1950.  
Saturday, Sept. 1st. Potluck or picnic TBA.

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