



Newsletter

October—November 2015

Happy Thanksgiving!

Dignity Liturgy Schedule: 2nd Sundays

October 11, November 8, December 13

Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33rd Ave NE Seattle

Editor's note: After four weeks of non-stop travel in Sept. and Oct., the editor broke his wrist in a bicycle fall, had an operation, and will have to be in a cast for two months. This delayed Newsletter was laid-out with one-fingered typing.

Christmas Potluck Celebration

Saturday, December 5, 4:00 p.m.
Ravenna United Methodist Church
5751 – 33rd Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105
Hosted by Dignity/Seattle

Dignity members and friends of Dignity are all invited to celebrate at Dignity/Seattle's Christmas dinner potluck at Ravenna UMC on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 4:00 p.m. Dignity will be providing a honey-baked ham as the main course, and attendees are asked to bring a dish according to the yearly quarter in which their birthday or anniversary falls (first quarter - non-alcoholic beverage, second - dessert, third - side dish, and fourth - salad). In support of "Toys for Tots," you are invited to bring an unwrapped toy for this Dignity/Seattle-sponsored collection. Additionally, Laure's decorative Christmas disco balls will be auctioned with proceeds going to the charity.

Entrance is through the side-door on NE 60th Street. The church requests that no alcoholic beverages be brought onto church property. Plenty of street parking exists all around.

RSVP to the e-mailed "Punchbowl" invitation, so that we can provide enough ham for all. Please direct any questions to Paula at 425-647-6476 or plandtish@aol.com.



Honor . . .
Veterans Day
November 11, 2015

Remember . . .
Transgender Day of Remembrance
November 20, 2015

Give Thanks . . .
Thanksgiving Day
November 26, 2015

Act . . .
World AIDS Day
December 1, 2015

Hope . . .
Season of Advent
November 29 - December 24



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Board Members & Contact Info

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Paula Hills	Vice-President, Liturgy Comm.
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.

Committee Reports:

Liturgy Committee:

- Gary Southerton will be presiding in October
- Two damaged checks needed for presider were reissued.

Membership Committee:

- Alan to send welcoming email message to renewing members.

New Business:

- Board positions to remain unchanged. Laure assigned as assistant treasurer in training.
- Holiday Party. Need to locate a place for this year's holiday party. Alan to contact RUMC to check on using the church. Preferred date December 5th beginning at 4pm. Paula volunteered to purchase the ham, and Laure to make Disco Balls. Toys and donations will be for the Toys For Tots program.
- Discussion was made on a possible move from the Ravenna United Methodist Church to another church location.
- Despite a low turnout for the bimonthly Food Lifeline Volunteer evening, decision was made to continue with this volunteer activity.

Next Board Meeting: Will be scheduled for sometime in January though an earlier board meeting in November is possible depending on issues that may arise.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.
 Respectfully submitted by
 Alan Scott, Secretary

Dignity/Seattle Board Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2015 (edited for publication)

Meeting was held as a conference call using FreeConferenceCalling.com and was called to order at 6:10 p.m. Dignity prayer was read.

All board members were on the call : Paula Lavallee, Paula Hills, Delia Vita, Alan Scott, and Laure Hauge.

M/M/S/C: To approve the July 8, 2015 meeting minutes.

Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

September 20, 2015—October 5, 2015

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance:	\$4,851.99
Deposits:	0.00
Sub-Total:	\$4,851.99

Expenses:

Rent- RUMC	100.00
Liturgy stipend for June	30.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 130.00
Ending Balance	\$4,721.99

Restricted Funds Convention 2017:	\$ 699.63
Total Available Funds:	\$4,022.36

Savings Acct.

Beginning Balance	\$1,610.76
Interest income	0.07
Ending Balance	\$1,610.83

M/M/S/C: To accept the Oct. 5, 2015 financial report.

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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. tepeyacvan-couver@gmail.com.)

For other monthly events such as potlucks and socials, please contact D/V/D via the contacts provided above.

President's Report for October 2014—September 2015

This report was presented at Dignity/Seattle's Annual Membership Meeting on September 20, 2015

Our roster stands at 23 active members. We picked up a few new members - a result I think of the DignityUSA National Convention that was held in Seattle in July.

We have continued to meet on the second Sunday of each month with Gary S continuing to preside for us. Attendance is still low and we are considering ways to get more people to come pray with us. Thank you to Paula H for taking over the responsibility for the overall coordination of the liturgy and for continuing to provide great music to help us in our celebrations.

Our quarterly birthday/anniversary celebrations continued this year. Our fourth quarter 2014 celebration was again a potluck and holiday party hosted by Ray (Thank You Ray for your hospitality). A large group gathered to celebrate. 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 2015 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. We had a great turn out on a cool, but beautiful Seattle summer day. Thanks to Alan for reserving a shelter and coordinating the food.

We have continued to volunteer at the Food Lifeline warehouse in Shoreline, helping to repack bulk food items into smaller packages for distribution at various Western Washington food banks. Six to eight members, friends and family met every other month. We are scheduled to continue this volunteer activity this year. Come join us - it is fun work for a good cause.

We celebrated our 27th Annual Pride Week Breakfast in June, netting proceeds of almost \$2100 - about the same as the last two years. We donated \$700 each to CareTeams-a Program of Samaritan Center (the organization that took over Rosehedge and MultiFaith Works) and to Plymouth Healing Communities (the organization where our presider Gary works). The remainder we put into a convention scholarship fund to help get our members to the DignityUSA National Convention in Boston in 2017. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this breakfast another success.

Just a couple of days after the breakfast, our chapter went to work to host the DignityUSA National Convention on the 4th of July weekend. The theme of the convention: God's Love: Enduring as the Mountains, Endless as the Sea was really emphasized with absolutely gorgeous weather that week (even though it was a bit hot for Seattle standards.) The five Seattle board mem-

bers were basically the local convention committee. Each member put in a lot of time and energy to prepare for the convention and were the ultimate hosts during the week. Leo did a great job of advertising and getting the word out about the convention to many of our friends and local organizations. A special thanks goes to Annah and Tish for all their support and assistance. Convention attendees' evaluations were very positive and expressed thanks to the chapter for all their work. Our chapter convention fund and money from an anonymous donor allowed us to help support 3 young members of our community attend the convention and make national connections. In all, the convention was a great success. Thanks to all who attended and helped in big and small ways.

I would like to thank our board of directors. A special thanks to Denise, who resigned from the board in October after many years as our secretary and Liturgy chair. Thanks Denise for your years of service. And thanks to Laure for stepping up to fill that empty spot on the board. A big thanks to Delia, Alan and Paula H for their continued leadership and commitment. And of course, 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 our 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 another good year.

Paula Lavalley, President, Dignity/Seattle



Dignity Seattle
Treasurer's Report
 9/28/14-9/20/15

	2014	2015
Checking Account		
Beginning Balance, 9/28/14	\$ 4,689.02	\$ 5,573.31
Deposits		
Collection	1000.00	90.00
Donation from members & friends	1200.00	2107.40
Donation to Toys for Tots	68.00	125.00
PW Breakfast & Raffle	2459.00	2284.00
PW Breakfast Hall Deposit Refund	0.00	100.00
PW Breakfast Donation to D/S	100.00	275.00
Membership Fee		50.00
PW Breakfast Donation to '15 Convention	50.00	0.00
40th Anniversary	995.00	0.00
Bank Charges Refund		30.00
Returned Check		-25.00
	Total Deposit	5872.00
	Sub-Total	10,609.71
Expenses		
Operations:		
PO Box Rental	148.00	156.00
Liturgy- Stipend	270.00	150.00
Membership fee	50.00	100.00
Rent-RUMC	1200.00	1200.00
Summer Picnic/Christmas Dinner	156.54	154.65
Supplies		52.95
Donation to toys for tots	68.00	125.00
Bank Services	105.00	12.00
Outgoing Board Member Gift		50.00
	Subtotal Operation Expenses	1997.54
		2000.60
Special Events		
40th Anniversary Printing Brochure	221.85	
40th Anniversary Hall Deposit	810.00	
40th Anniversary Miscellaneous	148.75	
Meeting/Dinner DUSA&DS Board Meeting Oct 3-5)		691.85
National BM welcome gifts		122.73
National Convention Scholarship		415.00
National Convention Scholarship/AD		500.00
National Convention Scholarship/Supplies		63.17
	Subtotal Special Events Expenses	1180.60
		1792.75
PW Breakfast Expenses/Donation		
PW Breakfast-Food	159.76	157.73
PW Breakfast Supplies/mailling/solicitation letters	69.81	106.64
PW Breakfast Advertisement (SGN)	75.00	100.00
PW Breakfast-Hall Rent	100.00	200.00
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	Subtotal PWBreakfast Expenses	404.57
		564.37
* Note PW Breakfast-Hall Deposit Refund		-100.00
	Total PWBreakfast Expenses	404.57
		464.37
PW Breakfast-Donation to Lifelong Aids	700.00	
PW Breakfast Donation to PrideAsia	700.00	
PW Breakfast Donation to Plymouth Healing Communities		700.00
PW Breakfast Donation to CareTeams		700.00
	Subtotal PWBreakfast Donation	1400.00
		1400.00
	Total Expenses	4982.71
		5757.72
Transferred to Savings	5.00	
Ending balance	5,573.31	4,851.99
Restricted funds		
DS 2015 Convention Fund	704.43	
DS 2017 Convention Fund		699.63
Total Restricted funds	704.43	699.63
Total available unrestricted funds	\$4,868.88	\$4,152.36
Savings Account		
Beginning Balance, 9/28/14	\$1,604.19	\$1,609.87
Interest income	0.68	0.89
Transferred from checking	5.00	
Ending Balance	\$1,609.87	\$1,610.76
Submitted by:	Delia C. Vita-Treasurer	20-Sep-15