



# Newsletter

## November 2005

### Dignity/Seattle Liturgy

*Reminder*

Liturgy is at 6:00 p.m. every 2nd Sunday: November 13, Dec. 11  
Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE Seattle

## Upcoming Events

**Sister Jeannine Gramick**  
**"In Good Conscience" film & discussion**  
**Tuesday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard (@ Seneca)**

Sr. Jeannine Gramick, a Catholic nun, has paid a heavy price for her 30-plus years ministry to abolish discrimination against lesbian and gay people, to promote reconciliation and dialogue between them and church hierarchy, and to amend Catholicism's hostility and neglect toward gay and lesbian Catholics. She has improved thousands of lives--healing people and families fractured by fear, misunderstanding and hate.

Ordered by the Vatican to abandon her pastoral ministry to the lesbian and gay community and then silenced by her religious order from discussing why, she responded: *"I choose not to collaborate in my own oppression by restricting a basic human right, ... To me this is a matter of conscience."*

"In Good Conscience: Sister Jeannine Gramick's Journey of Faith" is a remarkable cinema verite portrait tracking this gentle revolutionary as she takes on the Vatican with humility and humor. We travel with Sister Jeannine throughout the US and even to Rome, the historical seat of the Catholic Church, as she bravely continues to speak out about the injustices and discrimination faced by the GLBT community.

Suggested offering: \$5 - \$10. No one turned away. Refreshments follow presentation.

Sponsored by: Call To Action Western Washington and The St. Joan of Arc Trust Endorsed by: PFLAG of Seattle, PFLAG of Bellevue, PFLAG of Olympia, Multifaith Works of Seattle, Triangles of Olympia and Dignity/Seattle.

**World AIDS Day Benefit Luncheon**  
**Thursday, December 1, 12:00 noon**  
**Wash. St. Convention Center, Ballroom A**

This benefit luncheon for Multifaith Works will showcase the mission and service of Multifaith Works to people living with AIDS, MS or other life threatening illnesses over the past 17 years. Guest speaker will be Dr. Charles Garfield, Founder of the Shanti National Training Institute, San Francisco. To learn more about Dr. Garfield, please peruse Multifaith Works' newsletter at [www.multifaith.org](http://www.multifaith.org). For information and registration, please contact Gary Southerton at 206.324.1520 x229 or [gary@multifaith.org](mailto:gary@multifaith.org).

**Dignity/Seattle Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Delia's home (Queen Anne Hill)**

All members are welcome to attend and participate in Board Meetings. For further information and directions, contact Delia at 206/282-7146.

### Dignity/Vancouver BC/Dignite

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

Monday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting at Gerry W's. 604/435-1950.

Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. 7:30 p.m. Liturgy & worship at Don & Kevin's. 604/874-3428.

Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. 7:30 p.m. Potluck supper at Vincent W's. 604/325-1554.

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***No Dues Policy: Membership in Dignity/Seattle and DignityUSA is free. Join today!***  
***Information*** <<http://www.DignitySeattle.org/>> and <<http://www.dignityusa.org/>>

## Official Business

### Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Jim Rankin	President
Steve Kearney	Vice-Pres., Social Chair
Denise Arceneaux	Secretary, Liturgy Chair
Delia Vita	Treasurer
Paula Lavallee	At-large, Membership Chair

### DignityUSA Board Members from Seattle

Paula Lavallee	Secretary
Leo Egashira	At-large, Communications

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### Board Minutes Summary, October 6, 2005

(Edited for publication.)

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. at Delia Vita's home. Dignity prayer was said. All board members were present.

Meeting minutes from June 7, 2005 were read.  
**M/M/S/C:** To approve the minutes as submitted.

#### Old Business

- After discussing the disbursement of funds from the Pride Breakfast, we decided to donate \$850 to Verbena and Multifaith Works and keep \$791 for ourselves to give us one year's projected budgeted expenses.
- Treasurer's End of Year Report printed separately in the next column.

#### New Business

- After discussion, Board members were assigned to the following posts by consensus: Jim Rankin: President; Steve Kearney: Vice-President; Denise Arceneaux: Secretary; Delia Vita: Treasurer; Paula Lavallee: At large.
- Assignment of work: Delia and Jim R. will pick up the mail. Denise agreed to monitor the phone calls and direct all press to Leo, if possible. Paula L. will contact national and get the website updated. Jim R. agreed to be cosigner of bank signature card and will go to the bank with Delia V. to have the signatures transferred.
- Assignment of committees: Steve Kearney agreed to continue his work on the Social Committee. Paula L. said she would be willing to send a letter to each member on their anniversary date to see if they want to continue to be a member as part of her work on the Membership Committee. Denise A. agreed to continue to her work on the Liturgy committee.

The Board decided that we should contact Pastor Crystal of RUMC and ask her to preside (or co-preside with Paula L.) for us on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Denise A. agreed to do the contacting.

- Seattle Gay News ad: The Board agreed to place a monthly ad on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month in the SGN. This will cost \$30 a month.
- Gift to Jim Weston: A dinner gift certificate check of \$50 was written out to Jim Weston in appreciation for his work on the Board.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Delia Vita's.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.  
 Respectfully submitted by  
 Denise Arceneaux, Secretary

## Dignity/Seattle's 2004 - 2005 Treasurer's Year-End Report

Presented Sept. 24, 2005 by Delia Vita

<b>Checking Account</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance 9/15/04</b>	<b>\$973.48</b>
Deposits:	
Collection donation	\$1865.00
Donation from members/friends	\$330.00
Membership DignityUSA	\$316.00
Pride Week Breakfast	\$2714.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$5225.00</b>
Operating Expenses	
Admin.: PO Box rental	\$76.00
Admin.: Telephone	\$325.32
Admin.: Supplies	\$40.47
Advertising: SGN	\$46.25
Liturgy: Presider's stipend	\$150.00
Membership Renewal to DignityUSA	\$45.00
Newsletter printing	\$278.98
Newsletter mailing	\$117.30
PW Breakfast: Verbena	\$850.00
PW Breakfast: Multifaith Works	\$850.00
PW Breakfast: Food/rent/advertising	\$222.69
Rent: Ravenna United Methodist	\$900.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3902.01</b>
<b>Ending Balance 9/24/05</b>	<b>\$2296.47</b>
<b>Savings Account</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance 9/14/04</b>	<b>\$1924.40</b>
Interest Income	\$2.88
Adjustment	\$156.00
<b>Ending Balance 9/24/05</b>	<b>\$2083.28</b>