

# Newsletter

## October 2011



### 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. 9, Nov. 13	→	6:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle

A pancake breakfast following St. Ignatius Mass is held every 4th Sunday (Oct. 23rd), a shared fellowship with our host congregation, Ravenna UMC.

## President's Report for 2010-2011

It's been another quiet year for Dignity/Seattle. Our roster stands at 18 active members. This is down by 2 from last year (Mike and Marc moved out of state). The board of directors has continued to look at ways to increase membership. We hope to find new ways to get people involved and wanting to join.

Our second Sunday of each month meeting for liturgy continues. Fr. Philip Knowles has continued as our main presider. We have had many new visitors over the year. Some return, some do not. We have joined Fr. Philip's parish of St. Ignatius on the fourth Sunday of each month. We have been warmly welcomed. Most major feasts of the year have included an invitation to join St. Ignatius and Ravenna United Methodist for a combined ecumenical celebration. Several of us joined a great Easter celebration with the three communities. We purchased new Spirit and Song music books this year and have enjoyed learning new songs. Thank you to Paula H. for continuing to provide 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 overall coordination of the liturgy and presid-ers.

Our quarterly birthday/anniversary celebrations continued this year and were well attended. Our fourth quarter 2010 celebration was our second annual potluck and holiday party at Marc and Mike's house. The first and second quarters were celebrated at local restaurants, and in the third quarter we met at Woodland Park for our second annual picnic. No rain this year! It was a warm and gorgeous Seattle summer day. Thanks to Alan for reserving a shelter and to Tom S. and Alan - our barbecuing chefs extraordinaire.

We celebrated our 23rd Pride Week Breakfast in June netting proceeds of almost \$1800 – same as last year. We donated \$600 each to MultiFaith Works (which is now Rosehedge/Multifaith Works) and Bailey-Boushay House. The remainder we put into a convention scholarship fund to help get our members to the DignityUSA National Convention in 2013. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this breakfast another success.

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

DignityUSA voted to have the 2015 National Convention in Seattle. This will require some volunteer work from all of you to help make Seattle shine for our fellow members. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out on the planning.

I would like to thank our board of directors - Denise, Delia, Alan and Paula H 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 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 a good year.

Paula Lavalley  
President, Dignity/Seattle

## 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 Members from Seattle

Paula Lavallee	Secretary
Leo N. Egashira	Publications Chair

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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 responsi-



## Dignity/Seattle Annual Membership Meeting Minutes, September 25, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. at Ravenna United Methodist Church in the parlor. A quorum was present.

Paula Lavallee passed out the President's report (reprinted on p.1) and DignityUSA's position on child sexual abusers as leaders and presiders for the members to read. We decided last year to work at Food Lifeline and we've moved the volunteer day to the first Tuesday of the month every other month. The Board has also discussed the possibility of doing work with the Lambert House but we cannot have anyone under 24 work for them. Paula L. will continue to do research into it. We received "Thank You" notes from Rosehedge and Bailey Boushay for the \$600 we made and sent to each from Pancake breakfast proceeds. We kept the remainder of the money made for our Chapter earmarking it for a scholarship for the Minneapolis convention in 2013. We want as many people as possible going to the Convention since we are hosting the 2015 Convention and there is still work to be done for that. We're still working on getting a hotel for the 2015 Convention.

Delia Vita passed out the Treasurer's report (see the full report on p.3). Overall we didn't spend too much. Our donations are up from last year and our collections are also up.

It was suggested that we go to Rosehedge with fliers at least a month before Pride breakfast to get more people to attend.

It was also suggested that we hand out information about Dignity after Mass to people.

Paula L. talked about DignityUSA's rewriting the policy about child sexual abusers as leaders and presiders. We read the policy and discussed it further. There will be a Leadership phone call in the next few weeks from chapter leaders during which the new policy will be discussed. Paula L. said she's open to further feedback before the call.

Tish Charette gave the following report on the balloting: Paula Lavallee received 16 votes, Delia Vita received 16 votes, and Alan Scott received 16 votes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted by:  
Denise Arceneaux

## Dignity Seattle Treasurer's Report 09/26/10 to 09/25/11

### Checking Account

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>9/26/10</b>	<b>\$3,956.61</b>
<b>Deposits</b>		
Collection		1680.00
Donation from members & friends		1355.00
Dignity USA Membership		60.00
PW Breakfast & Raffle		2375.00
PW Hall Deposit Refund		100.00
		0.00
	Total Deposit	<u>5570.00</u>
	Sub-Total	<u>9526.61</u>

### Expenses

#### Operations:

PO Box Rental	64.00
Liturgy Expenses	497.44
Liturgy- Stipend	270.00
Newsletter Printing/Mailing	413.96
Web Design-Annual Fee	10.00
Rent-RUMC	1300.00
Membership Dues Renewal to DignityUSA	50.00
Summer Picnic/Christmas Dinner	218.27
Election Committee Mailing Expense	11.94

#### PW Breakfast Expenses/Donation

PW Breakfast-Food	188.78
PW Breakfast Supplies/mailling/solicitation letters	143.23
PW Breakfast Advertisement (SGN)	100.00
PW Breakfast-Hall Rent	200.00
PW Breakfast-Donation Rosehedge Multifaith Works	600.00
PW Breakfast-Donation Bailey Boushay	600.00

**Total Expenses** 4667.62

**Ending Balance** \$4,858.99

John Petersen-Membership Scholarship Fund	100.00
2013 National Convention Scholarship Fund	593.00

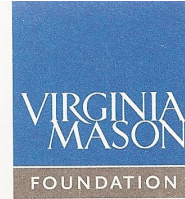
**Total Available Balance** \$4,165.99

### Savings Account

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>9/26/10</b>	<b>\$1,601.10</b>
Interest income		0.98
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<u><u>\$1,602.08</u></u>



Virginia Mason Foundation  
Virginia Mason Medical Center  
Benaroya Research Institute  
Bailey-Boushay House



July 26, 2011

Ms. Paula Lavallee  
President  
Dignity/Seattle  
PO Box 20325  
Seattle, WA 98102-1325

Dear Ms. Lavallee,

Thank you for Dignity/Seattle's donation of \$600.00, received on Monday, July 25, 2011, to Bailey-Boushay House which represents donations from the Pride Week Breakfast. Your support of our work enables us to be there for patients whenever they need us.

Your ongoing commitment is helping to provide end-of-life care and recuperative care patients with AIDS, cancer, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and other acute illnesses. Additionally our Chronic Care management program allows us to provide daily care and medication management for individuals living with HIV/AIDS, many of whom struggle with a multitude of other challenges such as mental illness, homelessness and/or addiction.

We believe that every person deserves respect and dignity. Our staff and volunteers are dedicated to the understanding of each patient's needs and desires, providing nurturing and nonjudgmental care to all of our patients. Bailey-Boushay House is a place where our patients can feel safe and be a part of a community of people who care about one another.

Thank you for your willingness to support our efforts.

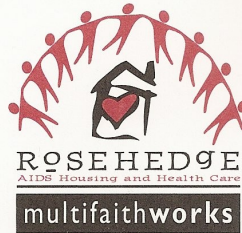
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael K. VanDerhoef".

Michael K. VanDerhoef  
President  
Virginia Mason Foundation

*P.S. Please retain this letter for IRS reporting purposes. Bailey-Boushay House did not furnish any goods or services, in whole or in part, for the gift received.*





July 19, 2011

Dignity/Seattle  
Attn. Paula Lavallee, President  
PO Box 20325  
Seattle, WA 98102-1325

Dear Paula and friends,

WOW!! On behalf of all of us here at **Rosehedge/Multifaith Works**, thank you for your recent \$600 contribution! That's a lot of pancakes. Your ongoing support allows us to continue providing transformative supportive services for some of the most vulnerable men and women in our community.

As you know, **Rosehedge/Multifaith Works** provides more than just a roof overhead and a safe environment for the people who come to us for help, we provide a *home*. The diversity in life experiences, health status, daily schedules and general likes and dislikes are meshed together with a common theme of family and respect.

Your partnership in this means the men and women we serve experience a life with the warmth of genuine compassion.

Again, with sincerest thanks,

Arthur G. Padilla  
Executive Director  
arthur@rosehedge.org

*"Transformative and compassionate support for living"*

**Your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. Save this letter for tax purposes.**

Date contribution was received: 7/18/2011      Amount: \$600      Our tax ID # is 91-1532298.  
Please consult a tax advisor regarding the deductibility of this gift.  
No goods or services were provided in exchange for this gift.

**Thank you again for your support!**



## Michael Morwood in Seattle

### *Lost in Translation, Reclaiming the Radical Message of Jesus*

**Saturday, October 8, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**St Mark's Cathedral, Bloedel Hall, 1245 10th Ave E**  
**\$45 fee includes lunch**

"How institutional theology and correct thinking triumphed over the divine presence manifested in Jesus and how we are being challenged to correct it. . . . To focus on Jesus, we focus on a human reality, on human experience, and the insights of someone living that experience. We can then bring that reality, experience and the insights to our living and our questioning today."

—Michael Morwood

This will be Michael's fourth visit with Call To Action—Western Washington and he has been a popular presenter. He has over 30 years experience in retreat, education, and parish ministries in Australia plus several additional years in the United States.

Michael has written several books, including "Tomorrow's Catholics," "Is Jesus God? Finding Our Faith," "God is Near," "Praying a New Story," and "From Sand to Solid Ground."

To find out more about the workshop, please go to his website: [www.morwood.org](http://www.morwood.org) and look under *Christ, whatever happened to Jesus?*

To register, please contact CTA—Western Washington: [www.ctaww.org/coming\\_events.htm](http://www.ctaww.org/coming_events.htm) or call 360-357-6207.

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Saturday, Oct. 1st, 9:30 a.m. Sorting (and disposing) of archival materials at Vancouver GLBT Archives. Contact Kevin S. 604-874-3428.

Monday, Oct. 3rd, 7:30 p.m. Business meeting at Vincent W's. 604-325-1554

Monday, Oct. 10th, Canadian Thanksgiving Day.

Saturday, Oct 29th, 6:00 p.m. Liturgy & Potluck Social. Halloween celebration—costume optional. Gerry W's. 604-435-1950.

