



Newsletter

February 2012

Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33rd Ave NE Seattle
 Every Sunday → 10:00 a.m. St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
 Feb 12, Mar 11 → 6:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle

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

Marriage Equality Imminent in Washington State!

By Leo N. Egashira

The fast-moving and likely passage of marriage equality legislation this year was many years in the making, mainly through the tireless efforts of Catholic State Senator Ed Murray (D-Seattle), but was spurred into overdrive by Catholic Governor Christine Gregoire's (D) strong support for such legislation at a press conference in Olympia on January 4, 2012.

The developments in Olympia [as well as a similar situation in Maryland with Catholic Governor Martin O'Malley (D) pushing for marriage equality] will be among the topics covered in DignityUSA's 1st Quarter 2012 QV, with reprints of speech transcripts and articles listed below.

To read Governor Gregoire's ground-breaking speech: <http://www.governor.wa.gov/news/news-view.asp?pressRelease=1828&newsType=1>.

To view a "You Tube" video of the speech: http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=LJu6MA_wF7o#!.

On January 5th, a DignityUSA letter applauding Gov. Gregoire was co-signed by Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke, DignityUSA Board of Directors Paula Lavalley (Kirkland) and Leo Egashira (Seattle), and former President Pat Roche (Kirkland): <http://www.dignityusa.org/content/dignityusa-applauds-washington-governor-gregoire-leadership-marriage-equality>.

Finally, a major article titled "American Catholics and Marriage Equality" appeared in the January 20th issue of the Seattle Gay News. Both Marianne Duddy-Burke and Leo Egashira are quoted extensively in this through, analytical piece: http://www.sgn.org/sgnnews40_03/page4.cfm.

Upcoming Events of Interest

- Feb 4, Sat: 1st Quarter Brunch
(See invitation immediately below)
- Feb 12, Sun: Regular Dignity Mass
- Feb 26, Sun: Dignity at St. Ignatius Mass
- Mar 6, Tue: Volunteer Night at Food Lifeline
- Mar 11, Sun: Regular Dignity Mass
- Mar 14, Wed: Dignity Board Meeting
- May 18-20 2012 Western Regional Call To Action Conference, Portland, OR
(See page 3)

Dignity/Seattle 1st Quarter Brunch

Saturday, February 4, 12:30 p.m.
 Julia's in Wallingford
 4401 Wallingford Ave N
 206/295-4895 (D/S organizer #)

To all Dignity Members and Friends of Dignity,

In celebration of all who have birthdays or anniversaries in January through March 2012; members, guests, and friends are all invited to enjoy brunch Saturday, February 4th at 12:30pm. Check out Julia's website for menus: <http://juliasrestaurantseattle.com/menu.htm>

You should have received a "Punchbowl" invitation via e-mail. RSVP via Punchbowl. If you did not receive an invitation, please contact Dignity/Seattle 206/659-5519. We look forward to visiting with all of you in this new year. Thank you and wishing you a wonderful new year.

The Dignity/Seattle Board

Board Members & Contact Info

2011—2012 Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Paula Hills	Vice President
Delia Vita	Treasurer
Denise Arceneaux	Secretary, Liturgy
Alan Scott	At large, Social

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Paula Lavallee	Secretary
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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.

D/Seattle Board Meeting Minutes January 11, 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 October 5, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted.

President's report: (Paula Lavallee)

On Tuesday, January 24th at 6:00 p.m., there will be a leadership call regarding the presider policy for those accused of child sexual abuse.

Vice President's report (Paula Hills)

Paula H. distributed the word changes to the Roman Catholic missal for the Board to review and comment upon. Preliminarily, the Board will not go with the word changes. Neither will Philip Knowles or Gary Southerton.

Treasurer's report—January 11, 2012: (Delia Vita)

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance:	\$4,858.99
Deposits	
Collection October	180.00
Collection November	120.00
Collection December	110.00
Donation from Member	1,200.00
Collection January	120.00
DignityUSA	20.00
Total Deposits	\$1,750.00
Sub-Total	\$6,608.99

Expenses

Liturgy stipend (Sept/Nov/Jan)	\$90.00
Newsletter mailing & printing (Oct/Nov)	75.43
Rent—RUMC (Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan)	400.00
PO Box Rental, one year	116.00
DUSA Membership Fee Scholarship	50.00
Total Expenses	\$731.43
Ending Balance	\$5,877.56

Scholarship fund for yearly membership	\$50.00
Dignity National Convention 2013 Fund	\$593.00
Total Available Funds	\$5,234.56

Savings Acct.

Beginning Balance:	\$1,602.08
Interest income	0.40
Ending Balance:	\$1,602.48

M/M/S/C: To accept the January 11, 2011 financial report as submitted.

Social Committee: (Alan Scott and Delia V.)

The Holiday Party was attended by 25 people. Alan sent Ray Curry a card from the Board. See "New Business" for details about February event & summer picnic..

Liturgy Committee: (Denise Arceneaux)

Gary Southerton presided in January. Philip Knowles will preside in February if he is available. Denise intends to alternate them when possible.

Membership Committee:

Paula L. is still working on the fliers

Old Business:

- Volunteer Opportunities: Nights for Food Lifeline was changed to the first Tuesday of odd-numbered months. There were 5 of us last volunteer night.
- 2015 Convention: 2 people from the National Committee will be flying in soon and staying one night at the Renaissance and Sheraton to research hotels.

New Business:

- First Quarter Brunch: The Board decided on February 4th at Julia's in Wallingford..
- Picnic: Discussed tentative dates in July and August.
- Leo sent out an e-mail asking us to get involved in Marriage Equality. The Board is not willing to take the initiative in this matter but is willing to help where it can.

The next Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wed., March 14th at 6:00 p.m. at Delia Vita's house.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
 Respectfully submitted by
 Denise Arceneaux

Bill Lewis, former member, passes.*Reprinted from Seattle Times' obituary, Jan. 9, 2012*

Eugene (Bill) Lewis of SeaTac, WA, son of John and Katherine Lewis, deceased, died on Friday, Dec 30, 2011 in an auto accident in California. Born on Oct 14, 1939 in Bellingham, WA, Bill was a Catholic priest for 25 years and retired from the WAC as a massage therapist. Bill's greatest treasures were his family and friends. He is survived by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Kay and Harry Tocce of San Jose, Liz and Bob Beiner of San Diego, eight nieces and nephews, and by his many friends especially from Normandy Park Congregational Church, UCC. Bill's memorial [was held] at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Seahurst, WA on Thursday, Jan 12.

Dignity/Vancouver BC/Dignité

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Monday, February 6, 7:30 p.m. Business meeting at Dennis L-H's. Burnaby. 604/430-3466

Friday, February 17, 7:30 p.m. Worship liturgy at Dennis B's. 604/669-3677.

Saturday, February 25, 7:30 p.m. Potluck social & supper at Gerry's. 604/435-1950.

2012 Western Regional Call To Action Conference: Portland

Sponsored by **Call To Action Northwest Oregon**

Dates: **Friday—Sunday, May 18—20, 2012**

Place: **Double Tree Hotel, Lloyd Center**

Theme: **The Hope and the Dream Live On: Vatican II at Fifty**

You are invited to join us for this inspirational and educational weekend, meant to strengthen and ignite your FAITH. Join with others who share your hopes for the future of the Catholic Church.

- Hear internationally known speakers including **Miriam Therese Winter, Fran Ferder, John Heagle and Roy Bourgeois** address the ways in which we allow the Spirit to guide us in living the vision of Vatican II.
- Listen as local ministers describe their experiences of living the model of a more collegial community responding to the signs of our times.
- Share meals and conversations with other conference attendees.
- Participate in a joyful Eucharistic celebration honoring our call to be the Church in our world!

Check the website for the full conference schedule and registration information. www.cta-nw-oregon.com
 Registration is now available. Early registration before February 29 will be discounted.

Conference fees:

Early bird (before Feb. 29) - \$170 (\$50 discount)

March 1 – 31 - \$200 (\$20 discount)

After April 1 - \$220

Registration includes 3 Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast.

To reserve hotel rooms at the DoubleTree, call 503-281-6111; toll free 800-996-0510; or go to www.cta-nw-oregon.com, 2012 Regional CTA Conference and click on DoubleTree Hotel link. Room rates start at \$109 per night. Mention the CTA conference.

Transportation: TriMet's MAX Light Rail from airport to Lloyd Center/NE 11th Avenue stop.