



Newsletter

September 2008

Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33rd Ave NE Seattle
 Every Sunday → 10:30 a.m. St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
 Sept 14, October 12 → 6:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle

Another reason to attend St. Ignatius: A pancake breakfast following Mass is held every 4th Sunday--a shared fellowship with our host congregation, Ravenna UMC.

Upcoming Events of Interest

Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 11th, 6:00 p.m.
 Delia's home on Queen Anne. 206/282-7146

Board Election Ballots Due Sept. 26

A letter, candidacy statement and absentee ballot were mailed to all current Dignity/Seattle members on September 4th. If you have not received yours, please contact Jim at weston16@cablespeed.com or call 206/324-1008.

Two positions are open for the upcoming term, and there are three candidates: Denise Arceneaux, Michael Linden and Jim Rankin. Thank you for offering your services!

Editor's Note: After the ballots were mailed, Jim Rankin sent the following: *"I plan to resign my position on the board for the coming term. My name is on the absentee ballot. I am hopeful that Michael will be elected. I hope you will put this the Newsletter."*

If you cannot attend the Annual Membership Meeting (next item) on Sept. 27th to vote in person, please make sure that your absentee ballot is **received** by Sept. 26th.

Annual Membership Meeting & Potluck

Saturday, September 27th, 5:00—7:00 p.m.
 Ravenna United Methodist Church

The meeting will begin with a potluck meal, after which we will hear reports from the board, have an open discussion and hold the election. This is a chance to meet those of us you might not know and hear the officers give a summary of their work and the state of the chapter as we head into a fiscal year, which begins October 1st. **We urge you to attend, as we need a quorum present.**

Northwest AIDS Walk

Saturday, October 4th, 9:00 a.m.
 Volunteer Park, Seattle

www.lifelongevents.org/site/PageServer



Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavalley	President
Jim Rankin	Vice President
Denise Arceneaux	Secretary (Liturgy chair)
Delia Vita	Treasurer (Social co-chair)
Alan Scott	At large (Social co-chair)

DignityUSA Board Member from Seattle

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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/VancouverBC/Dignité

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Sunday, September 7th, Evening. Preparing & serving dinner for "Friends of Life Society" at Diamond Centre, 1459 Barclay St. (West End) Vancouver.

Monday, September 15th, 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting at Kevin S & Don M's. 604/874-3428.

Saturday-Sunday, September 27-28th, Dignity/Canada Annual House of Delegates Meeting in Toronto.

Date to be announced

Dignity/Seattle's 35th Anniversary Party!

We are making plans for a blow-out bash sometime between mid-October and early November. Invitations will be mailed weeks prior to the event, once the date has been set.

Letter to the Editor and Request for Prayers

September 3, 2008

Dear Leo:

We have postponed the Board Meeting until next week, partly due to the fact that I've had to wait by the phone for a possible call from my Dad who is 85. He evacuated like everyone else out of New Orleans, and is staying at my brother's friend's house in Mandeville—across the lake from N.O. Very fortunately, he is staying in a place with a generator. They can't go back to N.O. until Thursday. My Dad might have to wait longer since he is living in subsidized housing and they might not be "open" until later; he will have to call.

Do you have friends in N.O.? Thankfully they dodged a bullet and the levees held this time. Let's hope that Ike and Josephine won't hit N.O. as well. You might want to include in your newsletter a prayer of Thanks to the Gods above—Oh that's right; there is only one God!—for dodging this bullet. Like I told Paula, I don't think we are all emotionally or financially prepared for a mass exodus out of N.O., though if my Dad needs help, I will do as best I can.

Thanks,
Denise

Dignity/Seattle's Quarterly Birthday Celebration

August 9, 2008 at Mae's Café on Phinney Ridge

At the dining table inside and on the sidewalk outside



Silent Auction at Dignity/Seattle's 35th Anniversary Celebration?

Leo E. is interested in organizing a silent auction fundraiser at the 35th Anniversary Party in October or November to benefit the important work of DignityUSA. Are there a half dozen Dignity/Seattle members who are willing to make gift baskets or provide services that people can bid upon? We already have a couple items to auction, but we sure could use more. Please contact Legashira@yahoo.com or 206/723-4759.