



# Newsletter

November 2006

## Dignity/Seattle Liturgy

*Reminder*

Liturgy is at 6:00 p.m. every 2nd Sunday: Nov. 12, Dec. 10  
Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE Seattle

### Dignity/Seattle's 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Party & Auction for DignityUSA

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.  
Ravenna United Methodist Church

Please join the Dignity/Seattle community as we celebrate 33 years of service and witness to GLBT Catholics in the region. Food and beverages will be provided by Dignity/Seattle; dinner will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. In addition, to help amplify the voice of DignityUSA, there will be a raffle & silent auction to benefit the national organization. RSVP to Paula at 425/821-8618 by Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Scripture & Marriage Equality

*An in-depth look at how we interpret Jewish and Christian Scripture in the context of same-sex marriage. Sponsored by the Religious Coalition for Equality*

Wednesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.  
Bellevue Christian Church, 10808 SE 28<sup>th</sup> St  
Cost: Only \$7.50 for lunch!

Keynote speakers, panel discussions, and workshops discuss how Scripture can be applied in support of marriage equality. To download a 5-page brochure with registration forms: <http://www.religiouscoalition-wa.org/downloads/ColloquyBrochure.pdf>

Presentations also occurred in Kennewick, Spokane and Everett in October. Future presentations will be in Olympia, Thursday, Nov. 9, and in Vancouver WA, Friday, Nov. 10. For further information, contact the Religious Coalition for Equality: 206-930-6253 or [info@religiouscoalition-wa.org](mailto:info@religiouscoalition-wa.org)

*Call to Action Western Washington presents*

### Patricia Fresen, Catholic Bishop

*The Long Walk To Freedom: A Woman Bishop Speaks*

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m.  
Seattle First Baptist Church  
1111 Harvard Ave (at Seneca)

*Freewill donations of \$20 are suggested*

### Liturgy

Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m.  
Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
911 Stewart St

Dr. Patricia Fresen is Roman Catholic theologian from South Africa and was ordained a priest in August 2003. Even more intriguing is that she was a Dominican nun there for 44 years until she was forced to recant on her ordination or resign. What is unique about her story is her perspective on the connection between discrimination based on race and based on sex, and the destructive effects of both. She currently serves as the Formation Director of the international Roman Catholic Womenpriests Program, which started in Germany and Austria, but which now has its largest membership in the United States and Canada.

Dr. Fresen is one of three such ordained women in the world and she was instrumental in the ordinations this summer in both Zurich and Pittsburgh. This is a controversial topic for some Catholics but a topic, nonetheless, that must be addressed and understood. Her presentation should be both inspiring and enlightening. For more information, please go to: [www.ctaww.org](http://www.ctaww.org).

Note: Bishop Fresen will also speak in Olympia WA:  
Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
Capitol Way at 19<sup>th</sup> Ave, Olympia

# 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
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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.

## Board Minutes Summary, October 3, 2006

(Edited: For complete minutes, see Secretary)  
Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. at Delia Vita's home. Dignity prayer was said. All board members were present, except for Steve Kearney.

Minutes were read.

**M/M/S/C:** To approve the minutes as submitted.

## Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

### Checking Acct.

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$2,056.06</b>
Collections August	157.40
Collections September	332.00
Donation	30.00
Total Deposits	<b>\$519.40</b>
Sub-total	\$2,575.46

### Expenses

Admin: PO Box rental	80.00
Telephone August	74.00
Meeting, supplies, gifts, misc.	14.57
Advertising: SGN August	60.00
Liturgy: Presider's stipend	30.00
Newsletter printing/ mailing	78.45
Rent: RUMC Sept-Oct	150.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$487.02</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$2,088.44</b>

### Savings Acct.

Beginning Balance	\$2,087.27
Interest income	0.61
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$2,087.88</b>

**M/M/S/C:** To accept financial report as submitted.

Due to an inquiry by a chapter member at the Membership Meeting, Delia reported that two years ago on Oct. 5, 2004, after DignityUSA implemented the "no membership dues" policy, the Board agreed to liquidate the John Peterson Scholarship fund for membership financial assistance of \$345, \$200 of which was allocated to Dignity/Seattle and \$145 of which was donated to DignityUSA.

### Old Business:

- Anniversary/Fundraising Party on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Paula has already sent out invitations via e-mail. Jim R. will prepare spaghetti & meat sauce. Delia will prepare a ham. Most items will be picked up at Costco. For dessert, a big cake will be picked up from Costco. Paula will get some tablecloths. Other plans will be made over the phone or e-mail before the date.
- Silent Auction to occur during the Fundraising party: Will solicit donations from merchants and Board members told to look among their things as well for possible auction items.

### New Business:

- The Board decided to keep Board positions the same: (See banner above left)
- We discussed potential disbursement of funds as was recommended by a member at the Membership meeting and decided to continue the discussion at the next Board meeting.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at Delia Vita's house at 7:00 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Denise Arceneaux

## Dignity/Vancouver BC/Dignité

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

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

Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Worship liturgy with Michele Birch-Conery at Gerry W's. 604/435-1950.

Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. 5:00 p.m. Preparing & serving Dinner for members of "Friend for Life Society" at Diamond Centre, 1459 Barclay St., in Vancouver's West End).