



# Newsletter

## December 2007

### Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE Seattle  
 Sundays at 10:00 a.m. -- St. Ignatius Community Liturgies  
 Second Sundays at 6:00 p.m. – Dignity/Seattle Liturgies

Every Sunday	→	10:00 a.m.	St. Ignatius
Dec. 9, Jan. 13	→	6:00 p.m.	Dignity/Seattle

### Dignity Brunch at Mae's, November 12



### Bring Food, Clothing, Cash Donations to Dignity Mass this Sunday, Dec. 9!

Our host community, Ravenna United Methodist Church, is collecting socks, extra coats and non-perishable food for those who are in need. If you can contribute any of these items, or would like to make a cash donation so that they can be purchased, please bring your gift to Mass and we will add to what RUMC is collecting.

### Christmas Eve Service at Ravenna

RUMC has invited Dignity/Seattle, St. Ignatius and anyone you know to their Ecumenical Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m., December 24, 2007. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending if you are able.

### Goodbye Pastor Dan!

With sadness we say goodbye to Pastor Dan Shelly. Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, was his last in the pulpit at RUMC. He is pursuing other expressions of his ministry, and we wish him best of luck. We will miss his friendly, open and welcoming presence at RUMC. Like his predecessor, Pastor Crystal, we hope to see him return often. During Advent and Christmas, James Davidson is serving as the interim minister.

→ 10:00 a.m. New Mass time for St. Ignatius in the Upstairs Chapel

← **Quarterly Dignity/Seattle Social Functions:**  
 Our first quarterly "Birthday Brunch" was a great success! Sixteen people showed up to eat, share and converse. Look for our next brunch in early 2008. If you have other ideas for fun social events, please contact Alan or Delia.

## Official Business

### Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	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

Leo Egashira	At large (Communications)
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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, November 7, 2007

(Edited: For complete minutes, see Secretary)  
 Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. at Delia Vita's house. Dignity prayer was read. All board members were present except for Alan Scott and Jim Rankin.

Minutes were read.

**M/M/S/C:** To approve the October 11, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

### Secretary's report (Denise Arceneaux)

Mary L called and indicated that she needs to carpool to services on Sunday.

### Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

Submitted November 17, 2007

#### Checking Acct.

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$835.58</b>
Collections--October	110.00
Donation by G.R.	100.00
John Peterson Fund from Savings	200.00
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>410.00</b>
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,245.58</b>

#### Expenses

October Newsletter	65.14
November Newsletter	38.96

Telephone	38.00
Advertising: SGN	30.00
Liturgy: Presider's stipend	30.00
Rent: RUMC	75.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$277.10</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$968.48</b>

#### Savings Acct.

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$1,795.92</b>
John Petersen Fund to Checking	200.00
Interest income	0.38
Adjustment	4.59
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$1,596.30</b>

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

#### Old Business:

- IRS form: Delia V. said she will obtain the required IRS form for the Chapter noted in the E-mail Paula L. forwarded to all the Board members. She will also fill it out in a timely fashion.
- Response to commentary by Leo about possibly sharing space with St. Ignatius E.C.C.: The Board decided to continue to table the issue.
- Reactivation of Membership Committee: Denise A. agreed to compose a letter as a renewal reminder for both Dignity/Seattle as well as DignityUSA for the membership to be used when the members are approaching their anniversary dates. Paula L. will look over the letter, make revisions as needed, and send it to someone on the Board who will handle renewal reminders. No lapsed membership notices are needed. The Board decided to continue to donate our Chapter dues to DignityUSA. Paula L. said that she will change the membership form because membership is no longer free and the address needs to be changed.

**No December Board Meeting: Next meeting on January 9 or 16, 2008.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
 Denise Arceneaux, Secretary

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Annual Advent Service in conjunction with Integrity/Vancouver (GLBT Anglicans): Date and time to be announced.