



Newsletter

May 2008



Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church	5751-33 rd Ave NE	Seattle
Every Sunday	→ 10:30 a.m.	St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
May 11, June 8	→ 6:00 p.m.	Dignity/Seattle

Upcoming Events of Interest

Call to Action-Western Washington presents:

**Michael Morwood discusses his new book:
*From Sand to Solid Ground***

Saturday, May 10, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Seattle First Baptist Church
1111 Harvard Ave (at Seneca, Capitol Hill, Seattle)
Cost: \$30. *Bring lunch; snacks & beverages provided.*



Internationally known speaker, author, and retreat director from Australia, Michael is currently touring the United States. Back by popular demand, this will be Michael's third visit with us. Michael answers questions of faith for Progressive Christians as presented in his latest book, *From Sand to Solid Ground*.

Many adult Christians eventually find themselves questioning what they once believed were the "essentials" of Christian faith. They find themselves caught in a domino effect: If I no longer believe this, then what about that . . . and so on. Adult faith depends on how we can identify the "solid ground" on which to stand and recognize the "sand" for what it is. How can we recognize the essential teachings of Jesus in an ever-changing world? How can we create the "church" we want to experience? Michael Morwood's website: <http://www.morwood.org>.

A registration form can be downloaded from: http://www.ctaww.org/coming_events.htm. For more information, please contact: Tom and Betty Hill 360/357-6207, tombethill@comcast.net.

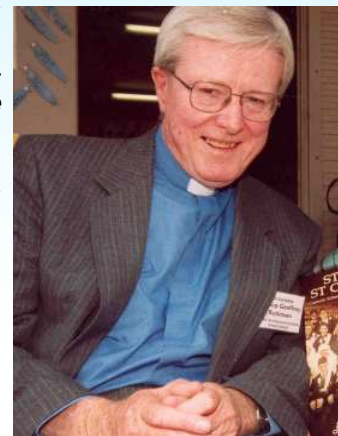
Call to Action-Western Washington, the local chapter of the nationwide church reform group, is sponsoring both Michael Morwood and Bishop Robinson on their Seattle visits. Information on CTA-WW: www.ctaww.org. ▼

Call to Action-Western Washington presents:

**Bishop Geoffrey Robinson Confronts
Power and Sex in the Catholic Church**

Saturday, June 7, 7:00 p.m.
Roosevelt High School, 1410 NE 66th, Seattle
Cost: \$10 (or as you are able).

Catholic Bishop Geoffrey Robinson of Sydney, Australia, will discuss his book, *Confronting Power and Sex in the Catholic Church* in Seattle next month. Bishop Robinson is the first contemporary bishop in good standing to suggest revising the Church's monarchical governance, an anti-Scriptural and anachronistic misuse of power. Going back to the Bible and, above all, to the teaching of Jesus, he presents an approach to sexual morality that is profound, compassionate, and people-centered. He stresses the priority of the hierarchy of holiness over the hierarchy of power and offers nothing less than a vision for church of the third millennium.



His book electrified Australia and will be available for \$25 (tax included). ▼

Last-minute Event Notification:

Dinner Get-together for Rich Lannon
Friday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.
Super China Buffet, 15323 Westminister Way N
Shoreline, WA 98133 206-417-9908
(near Sears, west of Aurora Ave N & N 155th St)

Rich was Dignity/Seattle's Music Director for several years until he moved to Juneau, Alaska. He also designed our logo used in this Newsletter. He's here for a visit and would love to see all his Dignity/Seattle friends. RSVP to Paul Allen paulallenus@gmail.com by May 8.

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, April 9, 2008

(Edited. For complete minutes, see Secretary)
Meeting was called to order at 6:07 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 January 16, 2008 meeting minutes as submitted.

President's report: (Paula Lavallee)

DignityUSA is requesting all Chapter presidents participate in a teleconference call every quarter in order for each chapter to give an update as to what's going. Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke, also gave an update. There are there new chapters starting up throughout the US. A lot of chapters are combining with Integrity.

Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance:	\$2383.79
Deposits:	
Collection February'08:	95.00
Collection March'08:	135.00
Total Collection:	230.00
Individual Donation:	40.00
From DignityUSA:	35.00
Total Donation:	75.00
Total Deposit:	\$2688.79
Ending Balance:	\$2837.48



Expenses:

Newsletter printing/ mailing February:	\$40.54
Newsletter printing/ mailing March:	29.21
Newsletter printing/ mailing April:	42.62
SGN ad:	90.00
Phone:	125.53
Rent: RUMC:	225.00
PO Box Rental:	108.00
Liturgy: Presider's stipend:	60.00
Total Expenses:	\$720.90
Ending Balance:	\$1967.89

Savings Acct..

Beginning Balance:	\$1596.69
Interest income	1.17
Ending Balance:	\$1597.86

- The Scholarship fund still currently has \$250.00.
 - Delia Vita will send "Thank You" letters to donors for tax purposes and to express D/Seattle's appreciation.
- M/M/S/C:** To accept financial report as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social Committee: (Alan Scott and Delia V.)

The 1st Quarter birthday/anniversary social was held on March 1st at Julia's and attracted 24 people, all who had a good time. The Board's first selection for the next social is Rosebud, the second choice is Mae's. May 31st is first choice and June 7th is second choice.

Membership Committee: (Paula Lavallee)

Paula will bring the updated version of the brochures which she redid to the next meeting for approval. She will also bring the renewal reminder letters.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Public Health: See article P3, Col 2, bottom.
- 35th Anniversary Party: Delia called Anthony's and found out that menu items ranged from \$26 - \$34. She will also call McCormick's and Rock's to find out their prices. We are targeting dates after the 1st weekend in October.
- Pride Breakfast: Central Lutheran has been contacted about hall leasing on Saturday, June 28, but we haven't received a response from them. Letters to vendors are ready. Alan will print up the tickets and work with Jim R. Paula and Delia will complete the rest of the work. They will be mailed mid-May. Tickets need to be sent to Verbena, Multifaith and Ravenna. Laurie and Paula will take care of the food. German will buy the sausages. People will be recruited during the brunch.

Next Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at Delia's home. (tentative)

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



Dignity/Seattle Archives at University of Washington Library

Pat Roche, longtime member of Dignity/Seattle and past national president of Dignity/USA (1989-91), collected chapter newsletters and other memorabilia for many years.

Pat decided in 2006 to donate his collection to the University of Washington library, where it is now permanently housed in the Pacific Northwest GLBT Special Collection.

"Having these items safely and permanently housed at the University of Washington enables former and current chapter members to conveniently visit the collection. It also gives scholars access to the fascinating history of Dignity and the GLBT Catholic movement in Seattle," Pat noted.

Pat encourages others who may have Dignity/Seattle materials of historical interest to add to the collection by contacting the University of Washington Library – Suzallo Reference Division, P.O. Box 352900, Seattle, WA 98195-2900. The current contact person is Cass Hartnett cass@u.washington.edu (206) 685-9302. ▼

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Monday, May 5th. 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting at Gerry W's. 604/435-1950.

Monday, May 19th. Victoria Day Holiday in Canada.

Saturday, May 24th. 6:30 p.m. Worship liturgy & potluck supper at Rob & Arthur's. 604/438-7471.

GRAPE SALAD!

Many of you who attend monthly liturgy have enjoyed the grape salad Jim Rankin brings, and wanted to try out the simple recipe. Here it is!

From the Wagon Wheels Square Dance Club Cook Book, submitted by Gladys McElleney



2 lbs green grapes
2 lbs red grapes
Mix together and stir into grapes:
8 oz cream cheese (softened to room temperature.)
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp vanilla

20th Annual Pride Week Breakfast!

Saturday, June 28th, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
Central Lutheran Church, 1710-11th Ave
(on the east side of Cal Anderson Park, Seattle)

On Saturday morning of Gay Pride Weekend, June 28th, Dignity/Seattle will sponsor its 20th Annual Pride Week Breakfast at Central Lutheran Church, across the street from the new Cal Anderson Park. Breakfast is \$7, for all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee, tea, and juice. There will also be a raffle with many prizes, donated by local merchants and generous individuals, including grand prizes of a 3-night stay on the Oregon Coast and 4-nights in San Francisco. Raffle tickets are \$1.50 each or 5 for \$5.00. Breakfast and raffle tickets may be bought at the door.

Proceeds will benefit Multifaith Works (AIDS & life-threatening illness social services), Verbena (women's health services) and Dignity/Seattle. Over the years, Dignity has donated well over \$20,000 to these groups due to the success and popularity of the breakfast.

For more information, please call 206/282-7146, 425/821-8618 or visit www.DignitySeattle.org. Volunteers: We need servers and dishwashers Saturday morning. Please contact Paula at plandtish@aol.com if you or your friends are interested in helping out and having fun. ▼

Seattle-King County Public Health to conduct HIV survey and tests at Pride Week Breakfast

The Board of Dignity/Seattle has approved Seattle-King County Public Health's request to conduct HIV survey and testing during the Pride Week Breakfast.

Public Health will set up a discreet, mobile HIV-testing unit outside of Central Lutheran Church during the Breakfast. The study and testing program is geared towards men-who-have-sex-with-men. Staff will approach potential participants to determine eligibility, based on demographic and scientific protocols. People cannot sign up for the study themselves.

Men who are HIV+, HIV-, or unsure of their sero-status are all eligible. Participation in the project is confidential (no names will be asked) and voluntary. Participants will receive \$25 for taking the survey and \$25 for getting a rapid response HIV test. There are no injections and this is a one-time only participation.

The study is conducted in collaboration with the federal Center for Disease Control, as well as local and state health authorities. The study is a health survey to measure levels and trends in sexual and drug use risk behavior. Findings will be used to direct and improve local HIV prevention efforts and public health services. ▼