

# Newsletter

## February 2010

### Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church	5751-33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave NE	Seattle
Every Sunday	→ 10:00 a.m.	St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
Feb 14, Mar 14	→ 6:00 p.m.	Dignity/Seattle

A pancake breakfast following Mass is held every 4th Sunday (February 24th), a shared fellowship with our host congregation, Ravenna UMC.

## Become Involved . . . And Make Things Happen!

### Dignity/Seattle gets a new phone number

The Dignity/Seattle Board of Directors decided to drop our Qwest line and move to Google Voice. We used the Qwest line only for messages and were getting rare calls. With Google Voice all messages are sent to our email account making it easier for the board to check for messages. The only drawback is that Dignity/Seattle will not be listed in the white pages, but we figured with the internet and other places we are listed, this would be okay and worth the over \$500 a year savings. The new number is 206-659-5519.

### Plans in the making

The Dignity/Seattle Board of Directors has been looking at different activities to help our community come together. Please look over the following and let us know if you are interested in participating in any of them. You can contact us at [Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com](mailto:Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com) or at our new phone number 206-659-5519. We are also open to any other suggestions.

### Volunteer Activity

During our membership meeting last September, we decided that we wanted to do a volunteer activity as a group. We have two different activities we are looking at and would like input from all of you as to whether you are interested in participating and which activity appeals to you. One is the Blessed Sacrament soup kitchen. This would be an early Sunday morning for cooking and noon time serving of the meal, then clean-up. The second option is working in the warehouse for Food Lifeline. This would be a Wednesday evening, 6-8, in Shoreline. Please let us know if you are interested in one or both activities.

### Spiritual Activity:

We have been invited to participate in a 6 week (during Lent) spiritual discussion group. St. Benedict Church is sponsoring a Faith-filled Study Group to promote faith sharing and Scripture groups. Higinio and Greg have volunteered to host a group of GLBT women and men in their home. The intent is to have 6 weeks of meetings beginning on or February 14th. Meetings will be on Sunday afternoons (finishing in time for the Dignity liturgy at 6 and St. Benedict liturgy at 7). Please let us know if you are interested in participating and we will put you in contact with Greg and Higinio.

### Social Activity:

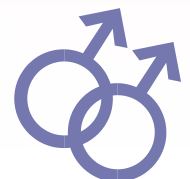
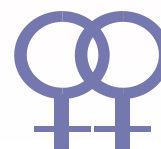
We also discussed at our membership meeting about doing other types of social activities. We are wondering if anyone would be interested in going to Long Beach, WA for a weekend "retreat" (retreat in very loose terms). The Shakti Cove ([www.shakticove.com](http://www.shakticove.com)) has been suggested. We are looking at a weekend in mid or late July. Labor Day weekend was also suggested, but you must commit to three nights on the holiday, but only two nights during the summer. This place has individual cabins that sleep two-to-four persons. We are hoping we could fill the whole resort and have the place to ourselves. Please let us know if you are interested in this activity.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Birthday/Anniversary Brunch:

Will be on Saturday, March 6, 12:30 p.m. at Mae's Phinney Ridge Café, 6412 Phinney Ave N. Please RSVP to [Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com](mailto:Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend.

Ash Wednesday, February 16  
Palm Sunday, March 28  
Holy Thursday, April 1  
Good Friday, April 2  
Easter Sunday, April 4

Happy  
Valentines  
Day!



## Board Members & Contact Info

### Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Michael Linden	Vice-President
Delia Vita	Treasurer
Denise Arceneaux	Secretary
Alan Scott	Member, Social chair

### DignityUSA Board Member from Seattle

Leo Egashira At large (Publications)

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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/Seattle Board Meeting January 13, 2010 (Unofficial; edited for publication)

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. at Delia Vita's house. Dignity prayer was read. All board members were present. Minutes were read and amended as follows:

In the "Treasurer's Report," to correct the donation to Bob Mitchell from "\$48.50" to "\$43.05." To correspondingly correct the ending balance from "\$3501.11" to "\$3495.66" and correct the available total available funds from "2,833.06" to "\$2,539.61."

**M/M/S/C:** To approve the November 4, 2009 meeting minutes as amended.

### President's report: (Paula Lavallee)

The national leadership conference call in November pertained to an announcement that they were changing the mission statement to include straight people. Paula has not heard when there's another one scheduled.

### Vice President's report (Michael Linden)

Michael asked if we wanted to reconcile all of the e-mail addresses between the people on the Board into one list. Paula said she will send out the newsletter to everyone on the G-mail account and see what kind of response we get. Alan will make sure everyone on the social list is on the G-mail list and invitations will come from the g-mail account.

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

#### Checking Acct.

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$3,495.66</b>
Deposits	
Collection Nov., Dec., Jan.	365.00
Donation	1,200.00
<b>Sub-Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$1565.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$5,060.66</b>

#### Expenses

Liturgy	\$30.00
RUMC Rental (Dec., Jan.)	200.00
Telephone (Nov., Dec., Jan.)	129.61
Newsletter printing & mailing (Dec., Jan.)	113.55
Christmas Dinner	34.66
Convention Scholarship Fund	
Disbursement (9 attendees)	680.40
<b>Sub-Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,188.22</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$3,872.44</b>

The Scholarship fund for yearly membership still currently has \$200.00.

**Total Available Funds \$3,672.44**

#### Savings Acct.

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$1,600.51</b>
Interest income	0.16
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$1,600.67</b>

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

### Social Committee: (Alan Scott and Delia V.)

We all enjoyed the Birthday/Anniversary potluck on December 5 at Michael Linden and Marc Schulte's place.

### Liturgy Committee: (Denise Arceneaux)

Denise will ask John Reardon if he is available to preside in February. Philip Knowles presided in January.

### Membership Committee:

Michael Linden will schedule another "mass en masse" in April at St. Benedict's.

### Old Business:

- Volunteer Opportunities: Paula L. spoke to Sister Bea and she suggested that we volunteer at the soup kitchen at Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays. Northwest Harvest also needs some help. And, St. James has a soup kitchen M-F at 4:00 p.m.. Also, L'Arch Community is looking for cooks. The Board tentatively decided upon either Blessed Sacrament or Northwest Harvest. Paula will check with both Blessed Sacrament and Northwest Harvest and to see if we can establish a date with either, also to see if they allow children.

- Debit Card: Delia said a debit card should be coming in for grocery shopping for Pride Breakfast, etc. soon.

- Voice Mail:

**M/M/S/C:** To switch to "Google Voice" from Qwest. The new number will be (206) 659-5519 and will not be published in the White Pages unless we can ne-

negotiate something with Qwest. Also, Delia will call Qwest and ask about forwarding calls from to the new no. and ask about the new no. being published in the White or Yellow Pages. Paula will contact National about the new number and Pat McArron will be notified as well.

#### New Business:

- Dignity weekend out: Paula L. asked the Board if we wanted to promote a "Dignity Weekend Out" at Shakti Cove in Long Beach. Units are available for 1 bedroom at approx. \$88/night and 2 bedroom at \$105/night. Paula asked the owners at Shakti if there were units available on a group basis. She was told there were units available in April, May and June. Paula will send out an e-mail to everyone on the G-mail account to see if people are interested in participating in the "Dignity Weekend Out" preferably for the end of August or Labor Day weekend.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Birthday/Anniversary Brunch: The next Birthday/Anniversary Brunch will be scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> at Mae's Phinney Ridge Café.

**Next Board meeting: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at Delia Vita's house.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise Arceneaux

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Tuesday, February 9, 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting at Gerry's. 604/435-1950.

Friday, February 19, 7:30 p.m. Worship liturgy at Dennis B's. 604/669-3677

Saturday, February 27, 7:30 p.m. Potluck supper & social at Kevin & Don's. 604/874-3428.

Tuesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting at Lee L's. 604/408-3442.

## Mark your calendars

### Father Roy Bourgeois, MM, in Seattle

**Saturday, April 10, 2010**, at 2:00 p.m., Father Roy Bourgeois will talk about Shattering the Glass Ceiling, his promotion of women to the Catholic Priesthood. It will be held at St. Mark's Cathedral, Bloedel Hall, in Seattle. Father Bourgeois is a Maryknoll Priest, founder of School of the Americas (SOA) Watch, human rights-activist, and outspoken advocate for Women's Ordination.

**Sunday, April 11**, at 2:00 p.m. in Olympia, Father Roy will be speaking on *A Struggle for Justice in Latin America*. The talk will be held at Evergreen State College in Lecture Hall 1 which connected to Red Square near the library. The college address is 2700 Evergreen Parkway NW, Olympia 98502. Parking is free on Sundays.

### West Coast Call To Action Conference 2010 Building Inclusive Christian Community April 16, 17, 18, 2010, Santa Rosa, California

Flamingo Conference Resort and Spa  
707-545-8530

CTA Conference room rates start at \$99.00.

#### Keynote Speakers:

Mary Ramerman and Jim Callan; Edwina Gateley; Michael Morwood

#### Workshop Presenters include:

Marek Bozek; Brian Swimme and Fr. Brian Joyce; Susan Olson; Victoria Rue; Jean Hall; Nancy Taylor

For more information go to: <http://www.cta-redwood.org>  
Registration includes three Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast.

### Richard Gaillardetz in Seattle

**Friday, May 7 2010**, there will be a workshop at Seattle University Student Center, Room 160, led by Richard Gaillardetz; a teacher in the College of Arts and Science's: Religious Studies Program at the University of Toledo. He is the author of seven books and has received numerous awards. The workshop is titled *Surviving in a Polarized Church: Spirituality for Living with Ecclesial Tension*. Registration is at 9:30 and the sessions run from 10 to 3. The event is sponsored by Catholic Ministers for Church renewal ([www.catholicministers.org](http://www.catholicministers.org)). You can check their website as well as [www.gaillardetz.com](http://www.gaillardetz.com) for more information and registration.