



Newsletter

February 2005

Dignity/ Seattle

Reminder

Dignity/Seattle sponsors liturgy on 2nd Sundays, Feb. 13, 6:00 p.m. Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33rd Ave NE, Seattle

Dignity/ Vancouver

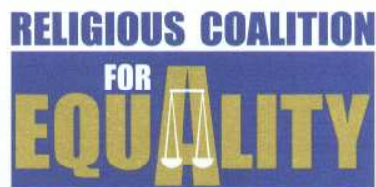
604/432-1230

Monday, Feb. 07. 7:30 p.m. Business/Planning Meeting at Dennis'. 604/430-3466

Friday, Feb. 18. 7:30 p.m. Liturgy/Worship at Vincent's. 604/325-1554

Saturday, Feb. 26. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lenten Day of Reflection. St. Margaret's Anglican Church.

A blue poster with a gold heart in the center. The heart contains the text: "VALENTINE'S DAY February 14, 2005 Faith-based Rally for Marriage Equality & Equal Civil Rights for all 12:00 NOON". Below the heart are two gold wedding bands with various symbols. At the bottom of the poster, it says "Washington State Capitol Steps Olympia, Washington".



Advocating for Marriage Equality & Civil Rights

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GIVE FAITH A NEW VOICE IN OLYMPIA

The debate over rights for sexual minorities has reached new intensity. Courts in King and Thurston Counties have declared the Washington Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) unconstitutional. The State Supreme Court will uphold or strike down those decisions. If upheld, there will be a move to amend the state constitution to prohibit same-sex marriages. If struck down we want DOMA repealed.

Efforts to include sexual minorities in the state civil rights protections have neared passage. We want them to pass.

We know voices from faith communities have been the most vocal opponents of liberty. It is time for other voices to be heard.

More than 200 Clergy from our diverse faith communities have signed a statement calling for marriage equality for all. We are proud signers. Now is the time to do more.

In order to be heard we will rally on the capitol steps in Olympia on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2005. Come and be with your clergy in religious garb and members of our faith communities in support of a more compassionate vision within our faith perspectives.

We need at least 2,000 people of faith. This spiritually led rally on the Capitol steps in Olympia will be at noon on February 14, 2005.

We need two or more religious leaders from each legislative district who support marriage equality. We will train you in the morning and ask you to meet with your representatives following the rally.

You can help our voices of faith be heard.

Whoever you may be, if your faith compels you to revere all persons and to hold their rights in equal esteem, attend the rally in Olympia. Invite others to attend. Bring a car pool.

For information visit: www.religiouscoalition-wa.org.

Or contact: the **RELIGIOUS COALITION FOR EQUALITY**
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