



# Newsletter

October 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)
Oct 10, Nov 14	→	6:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle

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

## Dignity/Seattle President's Report for 2009—2010

This was a quiet year for Dignity/Seattle. Our roster stands at 20 active members. This is down by three from last year. The board of directors continued our discussion on the direction of our chapter and what we can do to increase membership. This seems to be a problem with many chapters around the country. We hope to find new ways to get people involved and wanting to join.

We have continued meeting for liturgy on the second Sunday of each month. Fr. Philip Knowles has been our main presider, with other presiders filling in when he is not available. The invitation to join Fr. Philip's parish of St. Ignatius has remained open and a few members have attended. Most major feasts of the year have included an invitation to join St. Ignatius and Ravenna United Methodist for a combined ecumenical celebration. We also had a few days of attending mass en masse at St. Benedict's Sunday evening. Thank you to Paula H, Mike and Marc for providing great music to help us in our celebrations. Also, thanks to Jim R. for continuing to provide us with delicious snacks during our social hour. And thanks to Denise for coordinating the presiders.

Our quarterly birthday/anniversary celebrations continued this year and were very popular. The fourth quarter for 2009 was celebrated with a potluck and holiday party at Marc and Mike's house. After celebrating birthdays, we sang carols and made tree ornaments. The first and second quarters were celebrated at local restaurants, and in the third quarter we met at Woodland Park for a picnic. Who thought we'd have a major rain storm in the middle of August, but still quite a few people showed up and celebrated Seattle style. Thanks to Alan for reserving a shelter so we all kept dry and pretty warm.

We celebrated our 22nd Pride Week Breakfast in June, netting proceeds of \$1800. We donated \$600 each to MultiFaith Works and Bailey-Boushay House. Joining us this year were members of PFLAG who helped out serving and brought several people to the breakfast. They would

like to get more involved next year. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this breakfast another success.

During our membership meeting last year we discussed doing volunteer activities. We had a first volunteer night in May when eleven people, members and family members, gathered at the Food Lifeline warehouse in Shoreline and helped package 3240 pounds of cereal. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we will plan other activities for 2010-2011.

DignityUSA is holding a Leadership Summit in October, in which chapter leaders from all over the country are gathering to discuss how to keep the organization strong and growing, including at the chapter level. I will be attending this summit in St. Louis and will report back to the chapter what I learn.

I would like to thank our board of directors - Denise, Delia, Alan and Mike for your leadership and commitment. And a very special thanks to Leo for continuing to be our newsletter editor and keeping us all aware of what is happening locally and nationally in our community.

I look forward to a new year and new opportunities for Dignity/Seattle to grow and thrive. I welcome any suggestions or input from members and friends. Thanks for a good year.

Paula Lavallee  
President, Dignity/Seattle



# Dignity/Seattle Treasurer's Report

**Delia Vita, Treasurer**

**09/26/09 to 09/25/10**

**Checking Account**

**Beginning Balance 9/26/09 \$3,000.80**

**Deposits**

Collection	1545.00	
Donation from members & friends	1298.05	
Ecophones	18.05	
PW Breakfast & Raffle	2417.50	
PW Hall Deposit Refund	100.00	
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>5378.60</b>	
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>8379.40</b>	

**Expenses**

**Operations:**

PO Box Rental	\$ 118.00	
Telephone	239.95	
Advertisement (SGN)	30.00	
Liturgy Expenses	132.70	
Newsletter Printing/Mailing	466.61	
Web Design-Annual Fee	10.00	
Rent-RUMC	1200.00	
Membership Dues Renewal to DignityUSA	50.00	
Scholarship for Dignity Convention	680.40	
Summer Picnic/Christmas Dinner	172.91	3100.57

**PW Breakfast Expenses/Donation**

PW Breakfast-Food	327.88	
PW Breakfast Advertisement	254.34	
PW Breakfast-Hall Rent	200.00	
PW Breakfast-Donation Multifaith Works	600.00	
PW Breakfast-Donation Bailey Boushay	600.00	1982.22
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5082.79</b>	

**\*Adj. Advertisement: SGN acct closed in 2008 660.00**

<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$3,956.61</b>
John Petersen-Membership Scholarship Fund	150.00
<b>Total Available Balance</b>	<b>\$3,806.61</b>

**Savings Account**

<b>Beginning Balance 9/26/09</b>	<b>\$1,600.41</b>
Interest income	0.69
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$1,601.10</b>

\* Accounts Payable for SGN account added back to general fund since SGN discontinued account in 2008 without authorization from the board.

## Dignity/Seattle's Annual Membership Meeting

September 25, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at Ravenna United Methodist Church in the parlor. A quorum was present.

Paula Lavallee passed out the President's report for the members to read. She talked about the Leadership Summit which DignityUSA is holding in October, where chapter leaders are going to gather. She said she hopes to pick up some ideas from other chapters to bring life to Dignity/Seattle.

She asked for ideas from members on how we can improve things within the Chapter. It was suggested that we could perhaps get more involved as a group in Catholics for Marriage Equality as well as other such groups – that if we hear about an event, we participate as a group in it. It was also suggested that we could meet with Integrity.

It was suggested that we could meet every other month with St. Ignatius instead of having a service of our own to cut down on effort and expense.

Finally, it was suggested that we start considering subsidizing trips for people in Dignity/Seattle to go to the National Convention next year.

Paula L. said that she will continue setting up volunteer activities for the group for the end of October or the beginning of November.

Delia Vita passed out the Treasurer's report for the members to read. She said that we've reduced our total expenses for the year by about \$1000 through taking the following measures:

1. The Board discontinued phone service with Qwest and took advantage of free voicemail with Google, saving us approx. \$550.

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## Board Members & Contact Info

### 2010-2011 Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee

Delia Vita

Denise Arceneaux

Alan Scott

Paula Hills

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pending**

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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.

### Membership Meeting

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- The Board decided to discontinue advertising in the SGN on a monthly basis, saving us approx. \$300.
- We've sent more Newsletters via E-mail, saving postage.

Delia said that we've redistributed \$756 in Scholarship Funds to 10 people.

She said that the donation in addition to the collection is down by about \$170 for the year but the monthly collection is up.

She said that we made \$18 from sending in used cell-phones and cartridges.

She thanked the Chapter's donors for their financial support.

The votes were counted and the preliminary count excluding absentee ballots was as follows:

Denise Arceneaux received 10 votes, Paula Hills received 8 votes and Diane Gochinski received 2 votes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise Arceneaux

## Upcoming Events of Note



### Secret Pie Café Fundraiser

**Friday, October 15, 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

**2713-15th Ave S, on Beacon Hill**

**(one block west from Beacon Hill Light Rail Station)**

Rori is hosting a Secret Cafe where everyone is invited to come to Rori's house and enjoy fine dining on pies. There'll be pot pie, pumpkin pie, apple pie, quiche, chocolate pie, peach pie, all the pies of the rainbow including vegan and gluten/soy/corn free varieties!

All the proceeds will go to a terribly attractive trans-fellow's reconstructive chest surgery fund (It costs over \$8000 and isn't covered by insurance: Messed up, huh?). Let's hear it for solidarity and community support! Also some fine homemade crafts will be available for purchase (stencil art! underpants! earrings! suspenders!). AND, if you love pie as much as we do, you could order ahead a whole pie (talk to Rori to do that:) to take home after having eaten your fill (thus having your pie and eating it too).

Invite your buddies and come enjoy some pie! Stop by anytime all night!

For more information or to order pies in advance, contact Rori: **206-288-3619**, [rrohlf@gmail.com](mailto:rrohlf@gmail.com)

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Friday, October 15, 7:30 p.m. Worship liturgy at Al. O'N's. 604/817-7005.

Saturday, October 23, 6:00 p.m. Halloween Potluck Supper Social at Gerry W's. Costumes encouraged, but optional. 604/435-1950.

Friday-Saturday, October 29-30. Dignity/Canada/Dignité House of Delegates Meeting, Montréal, Québec.

Call To Action Western  
Washington  
presents

## Bishop Spong Speaks to Catholics

An evening of conversation with  
Bishop John Shelby Spong.

**When:** Thursday, 7 PM Oct. 7, 2010

**Where:** St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral  
Bloedel Hall  
1245 Tenth Ave. E  
Seattle, WA 98102

**Cost:** \$15 by reservation, reserved seating.  
\$20 dollars at the door as space allows  
Student rate: \$5  
Scholarships available

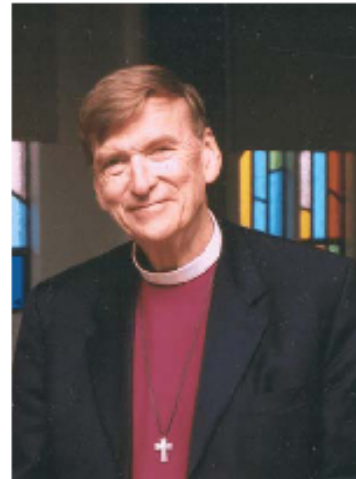
**Reservations:** Make check to CTAWW.

**Mail To:**  
Betty Hill  
2045 East Bay Drive  
Olympia, WA 98506

**Reservation Information:** When check is received your name will be placed on our roster. If you are buying for others, include their names. No tickets will be sent; your names will be checked as you enter.

**Scholarships available:** Let us know if you are interested in financial aid by calling Betty Hill at 360 357-6207 or Louise McAllister at 206 448-2344.

**Send questions for the Bishop to**  
Tom and Betty Hill at [tombethill@comcast.net](mailto:tombethill@comcast.net)



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John Shelby Spong was the Episcopal Bishop of Newark before his retirement in 2000. As a visiting lecturer at Harvard and at universities and churches throughout North America and the English speaking world, he is one of the leading spokespersons for liberal Christianity. His books include *Jesus for the non-Religious*, *The Sins of Scripture*, *Rescuing the Bible from fundamentalism*, *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*, and *Eternal Life: A New Vision*. He has initiated landmark discussions of controversies within the church and has become an outspoken advocate for change. Bishop Spong addressed the National Call To Action Conference in 2008 and will address it again on November 6, 2010. (see [www.cta-usa.org](http://www.cta-usa.org)). He also will be giving a two day workshop on October 8 & 9, 2010 in Seattle at the University Congregational United Church of Christ. [www.universityucc.org](http://www.universityucc.org)