

### DIGNITY WASHINGTON TREASURER’S REPORT AT 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Once a year, the community of Dignity Washington has a full meeting of the membership. At this time, a report of the most recently closed fiscal year (the FY spans from October 1 to September 30) is distributed and reviewed. On November 12, the annual meeting for FY2023 was held. The Profit/Loss table lays out the income and expenses by account category. Here is a summary of the year’s income and expense highlights.

**Income:** Income continued to be strong, rising for the second year by about \$12,000. There were several reasons for the increase in income. First, the two main income categories – **Collections** (received directly on Sunday) and **Unrestricted** (received through the mail and PayPal) – were up by about \$9,000. Second, the **Dinners/Socials** category was almost double the previous year. This income category includes tickets to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner as well as money received through the silent auction, raffle, etc. Third, because interest rates on both CDs and money market accounts have soared, we received about \$12,000 more in Interest income from the previous year. Some categories did decrease. The largest drop was in the **Designated** income category which includes donations for Secret Santa, Good Samaritan Fund (GSF) and things like Anniversary celebrations. The drop-off from FY2022 is due to a lot of donations to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration we received in the previous year.

**Expenses:** Overall expenses showed about a 10% increase from the previous fiscal year. Here is a summary of the main changes between the two years. Under the **Advocacy** account category, Dignity Washington spends money on Capital Pride, and individual organizations like Damien Ministries and Maury School. This past year, the board of directors decided to increase our exposure by being a major sponsor in the Stonewall Kickball league. The **Building Operation** account category represents the condo fees for the Dignity Center unit and parking places. Two accounts (**Contributions / Compassion Fund**) represent our charitable giving to other organizations and donations to individuals in need made through the GSF. The combined total is about the same, year on year. **Depreciation** is relatively unchanged, year on year. Two of the largest expenses, **Liturgy** (what it takes to put on our weekly Mass) and **Payroll** (office manager salary) remained relatively unchanged from FY2022 to FY2023. The increase in expenses under the **Socials** account category represents the additional spending for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The **overall deficit** for FY2023 was about \$49,000. However, when the expense under the **Depreciation** expense category is removed, the net income is only considered to be minus \$26,000. Depreciation is considered a paper loss.

The Dignity Center remains the largest fixed asset of the community (worth about \$900,000). The current assets (about \$700,000) are invested in CDs and money market accounts. The CDs are layered with maturity dates 6 to 24 months into the future. These financial instruments get between 4.5% and 5.25%.

Dignity Washington is required to do a financial review every year. The most recent review was completed this past summer for FY2022. We received good evaluation from the auditor (this was the first time she worked for us). Kevin Hennessy and I have collected the financial information for FY2023 and have given these to auditor. We hope to have this year’s audit completed before the end of the calendar year.

#### Update on Dignity Center

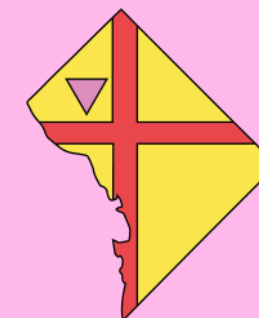
The design plan for the renovation of the Center is complete. It has been shared with the Imperial House personnel (who have been involved all along) for sign-off – which was received this week. The next step will be to get the DC Department of Buildings to issue permits to do the work. We hope the construction work will begin early in the new year. The contractors have estimated a 60 day project once the permits have been obtained.

If you have any questions about the finances for Dignity Washington, please contact Jake Hudson at either [jakeghudson@gmail.com](mailto:jakeghudson@gmail.com) or 202-460-7978 (mobile).



# The Bulletin

Catholic Mass is celebrated *every* Sunday at 6 pm  
 St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church  
 1820 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
 Washington, DC 20009  
[www.DignityWashington.org](http://www.DignityWashington.org)  
 (202) 546-2235



### Our Mission

Dignity Washington (DW) is a community of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Catholics and other Christians, our families and friends. We provide a healing outreach to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Catholics and other people by affirmation that they are beloved Children of God. We gather together to establish a nurturing community of worship, blessing, celebration, ministry, spiritual development, education, and fellowship. We are a prophetic witness to the Church, to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community and to society.

### Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral Care Committee assists in ministering to the needs of our community. If you have a pastoral care need, please call the information line. A member of our Pastoral Care Committee will respond to you. If you are in need of the sacraments of Reconciliation or Anointing, please see one of our priests or sacristans before or after Mass. Dignity Washington is here to help couples discerning a Holy Union or Marriage. Please contact Jake Hudson at [jakeghudson@gmail.com](mailto:jakeghudson@gmail.com) for more information.

### The Dignity Center

The Dignity Center is conveniently located at 1601 18th , NW, Suite 1, Washington DC 20009-2505. It is within a short walking distance from Connecticut Avenue and Q Street, NW and the Dupont Circle Q Street Metro exit.  
  
 Our mailing address is: Dignity Center, 1601 18th Street, NW, Suite 1, Washington DC 20009-2505



### All Are Welcome

We are an inclusive community of faith, and we invite you to use whatever reverent term for God you are most comfortable with during our Liturgy. We also welcome all who share in our belief in the sacramental nature of the Eucharist to receive the Holy Communion in the hand, to observe COVID-19 best practices.  
  
 As we gather, please help us keep a sacred space for prayer and reflection by keeping a quiet atmosphere in the church. Remember to silence all cell phones, pagers, and electronic devices.

Liturgical Ministries		
12/10/23	MINISTRY	12/17/23
Daniel Barutta	<b>Sacristan</b>	Daniel Barutta
Mike O'Donnell	<b>Acolyte</b>	Rory Hytrek
Wayne Henson	<b>Lector (1)</b>	Jake Hudson
Peter Zawadsky	<b>Lector (2)</b>	Mike O'Donnell
Raphael Olegario	<b>Bread</b>	Bob Schmid
Jake Hudson	<b>Wine</b>	Tom Bower
Allen Rose	<b>Grape Juice</b>	Allen Rose
Len Latham	<b>Bread Baker</b>	Myles Gallagher
Jim Lindsay	<b>Greeter/Social</b>	Myles Gallagher

Upcoming Dates to Remember	
12/08/23	Immaculate Conception at Center/Zoom
12/10/23	Human Rights Day
12/10/23	Second Sunday of Advent
12/10/23	Reconciliation after Mass
12/17/23	Third Sunday of Advent
12/23/23	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Saturday night)
12/25/23	Christmas Day
12/31/23	Feast of the Holy Family
12/31/23	New Years Eve
01/01/24	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
01/07/24	Epiphany of the Lord

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

The Roman Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary on December 8. It is a feast that recognizes Mary's conception without any stain of sin. Dignity Washington celebrates Mass at the Dignity Center at 7:30 pm Friday night.

Weekly Community Calendar	
<b>Sunday, December 10</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
6:00 pm	Mass and Social at St. Margaret's Church
	Reconciliation after Mass
<b>Monday, December 11</b>	
<b>Tuesday, December 12</b>	
<b>Wednesday, December 13</b>	
<b>Thursday, December 14</b>	
Noon	Pray the Rosary
7:30 pm	Book Club meeting via Zoom
<b>Friday, December 15</b>	
<b>Saturday, December 16</b>	
6:30 pm	D/NoVa Mass and Social at ICOH
<b>Sunday, December 17</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
6:00 pm	Mass and Social at St. Margaret's Church

Stewardship		
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If you participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), please consider contributing to Dignity Washington. Our designation number is **46786**.

Donations to Dignity Washington are tax deductible. If you would like a year-end receipt for your cash donations, please use the offering envelopes provided in the back of the church.

December Celebrations			
5	Ray Resendez	16	Brian Hinman
6	Bob Comiskey	18	Mark McKay
6	Thomas Yates	22	Bill Horten
7	Anthony Gryzmala	23	Glenn Slocum
8	Kevin Hennessy	27	Thomas McMahon
14	Nancy Comiskey	27	Larry Ranly
15	Elizabeth Wills		
Jake Hudson & Greig Stewart		12/1	
Frank Reiner & Ray Resendez		12/13	



**Praying the Rosary**

It was said that **through prayer, our faith comes alive**. A group of the faithful comes together via Zoom each **Thursday at 12 pm** to pray the Rosary. We pray for community members and loftier goals. Please join us, too.

**Zoom Link:**  
[Click here](#)

**Book Club**

The Book Club meets Thursday nights, at 7:30 pm via Zoom to discuss the book **"Oscar Wars: A History of Hollywood in Gold, Sweat, and Tears"** by Michael Schulman

Contact Tom Yates at [tyates02.ty@gmail.com](mailto:tyates02.ty@gmail.com) for information and access to the Zoom meeting.

**Advent and Christmas Scripture Readings Reflections**

In 2017, thirty-eight members of the DW community volunteered to write a reflection on a daily scripture passage for the **Advent and Christmas Season of 2017/18**. Each reflection is a personal story of how the scriptures set their hearts on fire and which invites the reader into their journey of faith.

This community project led to the publication of the reflections in the booklet, **And the Darkness Shall Not Overcome It: Reflections on the Advent and Christmas Readings Through an LGBTQ Lens**.

Last Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, was the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. The DW Liturgy Committee felt it is appropriate to reissue the 2017/18 reflection booklet for this Advent and Christmas Season. Our members received by email the electronic booklet to read the daily reflections. If a family member or friend wishes to receive this booklet, please send an email message to Denis P. Pringle at [dppringle@juno.com](mailto:dppringle@juno.com) with their names and email addresses.

**Spirit of Giving: The Secret Santa Campaign**

In honor of the work Tom and Carl did since the mid-1990s, Dignity Washington continues the **Secret Santa Program** for less fortunate children from **Maury Elementary School** in NE Washington and asks the community for monetary donations. This is the last Sunday we will accept donations after Mass. The money collected will go to the **Maury School PTA** that runs the program who will in turn buy gifts for the children. Peter Edwards will collect cash, credit cards, or check donations after Mass. Checks should be made payable to **Dignity Washington** and write **Secret Santa** on the **memo line**.

Your help to make Christmas special for those children in need is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

