

## ALIVE Ministry Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2020

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**ALIVE: Affirming the LGBT+ community in an Inclusive, Valuing Environment**

<http://www.stvchurch.org/community/alive/>

**In attendance on January 8:** Alana Florio, Charlotte Grahe, Maureen Daly, Graham Yearley, Sue Woodman, Bethany Gregg, Xochi

THANKS so much to everyone who was able to participate tonight! We had a very interesting and productive meeting! ·

The meeting began with our group reciting our opening prayer followed by **Alana** reading our confidentiality statement.

- **Dignity/Washington mass** – we agreed to have ALIVE's 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to the Dignity/Washington Mass on **Sunday, January 26**. We will meet in St. Vs parking lot at 4pm. **Xochi** indicated she was interested in attending with us. Fyi beginning on Jan 12<sup>th</sup> on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month** Dignity Washington will begin **Facebook live streaming** of the 6:00pm Sunday Mass.
- We are planning to schedule on **Feb 9, 16 or 23** an educational/training event, following the 9:30am mass, on the topic of working with transgender clients. **Alana** will confirm available dates at St. Vs and then will reach out to **Jules** with these dates to confirm with **Joanna Miller**, the head of this training, her availability.
- **Lenten Prayer Service** hosted by St. V's & a joint planning effort with other Catholic LGBT ministries – we have tentatively scheduled this for **Wednesday evening March 25<sup>th</sup>**. This prayer service will be LGBT+ themed (similar to the Advent Prayer Service held at St. Ignatius on December 3<sup>rd</sup>). This service will be open to other parishes and LGBT+ ministries. In addition, we plan to invite LGBT+ organizations within universities in and around Baltimore as well as JVs.

- **“How parishes can welcome L.G.B.T. Catholics” presented by Father Jams Martin** at the Vatican’s World Meeting of Families Dublin 2018 [How parishes can welcome L.G.B.T. Catholics | Vatican’s World Meeting of Families Dublin 2018](#)

We decided instead of doing this in Q1, we will show this 48-minute video with some discussion afterwards at an event to be scheduled in the St. Vs classrooms on a **Wednesday evening in May** with a preference for **May 13th**. **Alana** will confirm classroom availability and a reservation for May 13.

- The Archdiocese of Baltimore is planning the annual **Social Ministry Convocation** (SMC) on **Saturday, February 29, 2020** which will include an LGBT+ workshop. ALIVE wants to participate at a table (St. Vs or one hosting other LGBT Ministries in our Archdiocese). **Maureen** volunteered to pursue this with **Ryan Sattler** and support ALIVE at a table. **Charlotte** agreed she may be able to also help covering a table during lunchtime.
- **Bethany Gregg introduced us to Xochi**, her house guest who is here from El Salvador. Xochi is interested in getting more connected to the LGBTQ community in Baltimore. The **ALIVE group volunteered to investigate ways to help Xochi** with social and educational activities/connections that would be of value to her while she is here in Baltimore. **Bethany** will provide **Alana** with **Xochi’s** email.
- **Human Rights Day – Jan 16**– Geri Cvetic inquired regarding ALIVE participation. Although we cannot participate on Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, **Sue** will contact **Geri** regarding our group’s interest in potential participation in future meetings/events.
- ALIVE Ministry members will review **Alana’s email** from **Father Ray** regarding potential **LGBT+ Inclusion Films** for us to consider sharing with our parish this year.
- **Other actions and plans in process:**
- ALIVE’s website on St. V.s home page: **Alana** will add to the ALIVE webpage the James Alison article: **“Toward Global Inclusion of LGBT People Within the Catholic Communities: A new theological approach”**
- **Attend group meetings & events** of other similar Catholic LGBT+ welcoming ministries in the Baltimore area.
  - LEAD Ministry – Kathy Sprague (St. Mathew) 2nd Sunday at 12:30pm
  - EGG Ministry – Gordon Creamer (St. Ignatius) 4th Tues at 7:00pm at 110 E. Madison St.

- Allies Ministry – Dan Miller (St. Bernadette) – no regular monthly meetings
- **Other ideas from previous meetings:**
  - \* Schedule forums for further understanding of LGBT+ stories & spiritual needs.
  - \* **Q3 2020 "Night of Song & Prayer": Alana and Graham** with St. V's Choir/Music group and other musical groups & talents from other supportive parishes.
  - \* Invite Speakers from Dignity, BFCWP, New Ways Ministry etc.
  - \* Annual Retreats