

## ALIVE Ministry February 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes & Actions

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

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

**In attendance on February 5th:** Alana Florio, Maureen Daly, Graham Yearley, Sue Woodman, Anne Asquino, Jules Valencia-Banks, Elizabeth Abrams, Father Ray

THANKS so much to everyone who was able to participate tonight!

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

- **Dignity/Washington mass** trip on January 26<sup>th</sup> – Our 2<sup>nd</sup> trip there - Alana, Sue, Elizabeth & Graham participated. We had dinner afterwards with Dignity Washington President Daniel Barruta and Father Peter Daly. We plan to continue to attend this mass in the future approximately once per quarter encouraging more parishioners to join us in this inspiring mass.
- **Planning for February 16<sup>th</sup>, Transgender Workshop** (11:00am - 1:00pm)
  - Announcement (details on the content and purpose, why attend?)
    - After mass on Feb 9 - **Maureen**
    - After mass on Feb 16 **Jules**
  - **Sue** - will print copies of the workshop flyer to have available on **Feb 9** in the Gathering Space & one posted on the bulletin board
  - **Anne & Charlotte** will coordinate together and provide Snacks & Refreshments
  - **Ned/Jules** will set up the screen and run the projector

- **Jules** – will introduce our workshop speaker **Joanna Miller**. Workshop will target to provide at least 30 mins of the 2 hours for Q&A/discussion
- **Lenten Prayer Service on March 25:** hosted by St. V's & a joint planning effort with other Catholic LGBT ministries.
  - **Alana** will ensure invitations go to other parishes, LGBT+ ministries, LGBT+ organizations within universities in and around Baltimore & JVs. We expect at least 40-50 people to attend.
  - Bread & Soup dinner before in rectory dining room (5:30pm) **Anne** (2 pots), **Maureen** (1 pot), **Sue** (1 pot), **Elizabeth** (bread).
  - **February 18, 6:00pm planning meeting** in St. Vs 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rectory conference room – participating will be Dan Miller (St. Bernadette), Rose Kurtz (St. Anthony), Kathy Sprague (St. Mathew), Gordon Creamer (St. Ignatius), Alana, Graham, Maureen, Colleen & Joe Organ (St. Vs).
  - Event Flyer will be created by **Jules** following the Feb 18<sup>th</sup> planning meeting.
- **May 13 event: “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 will show this 48-minute video beginning at 7:00pm with some discussion afterwards in the St. Vs classrooms. **Alana** has put the link to this on ALIVE's webpage.
- \* We are all welcome to attend the next **FCBWP meeting is on Monday, Feb 10th** at 6pm at Memorial Episcopal Church located at 1407 Bolton St, Baltimore, MD 21217
- \* We are all encouraged to attend the **February 15th Writing Workshop** at EGG/St. Ignatius – **Jared Dixon** speaker
- **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.
- **LGBT+ Inclusion Films** list from Alana’s email she received from Father Ray last month. We agreed the trailers of many of these films looked good but selected **Memories of a Penitent Heart** to purchase and show at a future ALIVE event as well as share the other film trailers with our audience.

- We agreed to consider **Jared Dixon** (a local Baltimore author) as a future event speaker. He recently had published - **Corrupted: The Truth Shall Be The Nail In Your Coffin** – addressing the issue of conversion therapy which he experienced and survived.
  
- **Elizabeth** recommended we check out this podcast for sharing: Plague: Untold Stories of Aids and the Catholic Church: [Plague: Untold Stories of AIDS and the Catholic Church](#)
  
- **Other actions and plans in process:**
  - **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 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



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