

ALIVE Ministry August 5, 2020 zoom meeting minutes

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

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

In attendance for our zoom meeting on August 5th: Alana Florio, Graham Yearley, Maureen Daly, Anne Asquino, Jules Valencia-Banks, Charlotte Grahe, Peggy Meyer

THANKS so much to everyone who was able to participate in this online meeting

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

- **Maureen** has participated in the last two “All Are Welcome” Ministry meetings & briefed us, providing insight in addition to the meeting minutes we had all received.
 - they are no longer pushing for meetings this year with the Courage Ministry and AB Lori.
 - the focus will be identifying more parishes interested in forming new LGBT+ Ministries and supporting their efforts for us to build a larger network of LGBT+ Ministries.
 - the next “All Are Welcome Ministry meeting is on August 26th at 7:00pm. **Graham** has agreed to represent the ALIVE in this zoom meeting.
- **Elizabeth** was not able to attend our August 5th meeting but sent to our group a link to a short 10 minute video, **Living Our Marianist Charism: Embracing the LGBTQ+ Community**. Elizabeth was a part of this video through her involvement with lay Marianists. It does a beautiful job of sharing ways the church can embrace queer folks and also ways our experience exists not only in parallel to but deeply integrated with and nourishing of our Catholic spirituality: https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=_ItQVlyXjd4 **Alana** will share this video with the “All Are Welcome Ministry” as well as look having it included in the St. V’s e-newsletter.

- The LEAD Ministry at St. Mathew brought to our attention an excellent 1 hour 20-minute documentary: **Unsettled: Seeking Refuge in America**: https://worldchannel.org/episode/dw-unsettled/?asset_slug=unsettled-seeking-refuge-in-america-zt91tq. **Alana** will determine ways to share at St V's
- **Maureen** asked **Peggy** to let the ALIVE Ministry know if she becomes aware of an LGBT+ person(s) at Healthcare for the Homeless where we might be able to provide some support or guidance.
- We agreed to check with **Dignity Washington** to see if they are still holding weekly in- person Sunday masses like they were prior to March 2020 or providing live streaming.
- The ALIVE group agreed we would increase among us email and other forms of virtual communications in the coming weeks & months and identify relevant articles, videos & online events etc. regarding LGBT+ topics/issues to share with our parish (via email, parish weekly E-Newsletter, Bulletin etc.) in line with our ALIVE education goal.
- The ALIVE Ministry agreed we would continue monthly meetings the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. These would continue to be Zoom meetings in the current environment. **Next meeting will be on September 2nd at 7:00pm**. I will send out the zoom info and link beforehand.