

## ALIVE Ministry Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2019

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

**In attendance on November 6th:** Alana Florio, Graham Yearley, Sue Woodman, Maureen Daly, Anne Asquino

**THANKS to everyone who was able to participate in tonight's meeting!**

- The meeting opened with the group reciting together our prayer and **Alana** reading our confidentiality statement.
- **October 23rd “Night of Sharing”** – we had 43 people in attendance including approximately 12 from outside St. V's parish. The short movie preview “Owning Our Faith”, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2vDJRj7AuQ>, was an excellent intro to the 4 speakers we had for this event. The logistics were much improved having this event in the classrooms versus the undercroft.
- November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting – **Ryan Sattler & the LGBT+ Ministries** at St. Mathew –**Alana, Colleen & Maureen** participated. First meeting of all the existing ministries and those in the planning stages to share their stories and assist one another. Discussion & planning also took place regarding a theme and agenda for the LGBT+ Workshop in the February 29, 2020 Social Ministry Convocation. It was announced that the Parish Council at the **Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City** has approved a new LGBT+ Ministry in their

parish. **Ryan** will be sending out minutes of this meeting and any required follow-up meetings that may be required.

- **Advent Prayer Service at St. Ignatius – Dec 3 (7-8:30pm)** 2nd planning meeting was held at St. Mathew on November 5th (8-9pm). **Sue & Alana** participated. The prayer service planning team agreed to an outline structure for this service. Individuals volunteered to plan the various elements of the outline – i.e. music, readings etc. (**a flyer for this prayer service is attached**).
- **Dignity/Washington mass** – due to scheduling conflicts we decided to postpone this from December 2019 to a Sunday in January 2020 to be selected - 12th, 19th or 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Next year, prior to February 26<sup>th</sup> (the beginning of Lent), we hope to schedule an educational event on the topic of working with transgender clients (either on a Sunday after mass or a Wednesday evening). **Jules** will reach out to her colleague **Joanna Miller** who does this type of training to determine her availability.
- **Lenten Prayer Service** hosted by St. V's & a joint planning effort with other Catholic LGBT ministries – we would like to schedule this during the month of March on a Friday evening (6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>). This prayer service will be LGBT+ themed (similar to the Advent Prayer Service being planned for 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 to our Lenten Prayer Service. **Anne** volunteered to begin identifying these university contacts.
- **“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 to offer to show this 48-minute video with some brief discussion afterwards to our parish in January or February 2020 prior to February 26<sup>th</sup> following a 9:30am Mass one Sunday.

- The Archdiocese of Baltimore is planning the annual **Social Ministry Convocation (SMC)** on **Saturday, February 29, 2020** which will include an LGBT+ workshop.

- **Other actions and plans in process:**

- ALIVE's website on St. V.s home page: **Alana** has added a page that has links to key LGBT+ education documentaries, movies etc. **Alana** will add on this page a link to the **Father James Martin presentation "How parishes can welcome L.G.B.T. Catholics"**

- Regarding the "Male and Female He Created Them" Vatican document, **Father Ray** said he would put down on paper some of his notes and thoughts and provide them to the ALIVE ministry.

- **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

- **Q2 2020:** Arrange a meeting that would include representatives of other parish LGBT ministries to discuss the James Alison article: **"Toward Global Inclusion of LGBT People Within the Catholic Communities: A new theological approach"**. Reach out to Goucher College, Hopkins University, Towson University, Loyola, Notre Dame of Maryland University LGBT groups for participation. (**Peggy**)

- **TBD, Awaiting AB Lori's response:** Invite Archbishop Lori and a few representatives of LGBT ministries in our Archdiocese to a dinner we would sponsor for open dialog and understanding. Ryan is awaiting a response from

AB Lori from an invitation he sent in a recent letter. **Alana** to discuss with **Ryan** next steps.

- Other ideas from previous meetings:
  - o Schedule forums for further understanding of LGBT+ stories & spiritual needs.
  - o **Q2/Q3 2020 "Night of Song & Prayer": Alana and Graham** with

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V's Choir/Music group and other musical groups & talents from other supportive parishes.

- o Invite Speakers from Dignity, BFCWP, New Ways Ministry etc.
- o Annual Retreats



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