

# Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance Candlelight Vigil November 17, 2012, 6:30 pm

## Order of Memorial

We welcome members of the transgender community, our families, friends and allies for joining in this solemn candlelight vigil in observance of the 14th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

*The speakers commemorating this year's event with us are:*

### **Min. De Edwards**

*A Church For All, MCC Sacramento*

### **Robyn Learned**

*Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Center*

### **Dr. David Nylund**

*Clinical Director, Gender Health Center*

The International Transgender Day of Remembrance memorializes those who have suffered violent deaths due to their actual or perceived gender identity or expression. The first memorial was a candlelight vigil in November 1999 to honor Rita Hester, murdered in 1998.

Since then, annual memorials on this day have been observed around the world.

**Officiants** – Rev. Canon Lynnell Walker,  
Rev. Rosario Vargas, and Sr. Elena Kelly, OSH  
**Music Director** – Meghan O’Keefe

Prelude – “Shades of Grey” – Meghan O’Keefe

Welcome – Dr. Francie Milazzo

Lighting of the Memorial Candle – Rev. Canon Lynnell Walker

Song – “Untitled Song” – Tyx Pulskamp

Min. De Edwards – A Church For All, MCC Sacramento

Slide show – Rachael Hudson

Robyn Learned – Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Center

Song – “Give Me Bread” – Meghan O’Keefe

Dr. David Nylund – Clinical Director, Gender Health Center

Blessing – The Sacramento Sisters

Reading of list of names – “She” (instrumental solo)

Remembering Those Who Despaired – Ben Hudson

Spoken Word – “Untitled” – KC Shane

Candlelight Circle – Rev. Rosario Vargas – MCC

Song – “We Will Stand” – All

Closing – Sr. Elena Kelly – Order of St. Hildegard

Recessional – “Shades of Grey” – Meghan O’Keefe

Reception in the Great Hall (all welcome)

## Remembering Our Dead

Ten years have passed since the tragic slaying of seventeen year-old Gwen Araujo, and four years ago Ruby Molina was found floating in the American River. In 2010 Sacramento's own Carol Ann Byers and Carina Paige Holleran and many young people were numbered among these victims of fear, hatred and violence or who despaired and ended their own lives. These brothers and sisters of ours chose to engage and live their lives as they



knew how braving the scorn and ridicule of those who would not understand them. Finally they paid the ultimate price.

Their tragedies touch us deeply. Their lives inspire admiration and impress the urgency and need for all our brothers and sisters to be allowed to be themselves without fear and danger.

We shed our tears for the loss of these brothers and sisters, for the grief of their families and our community, for the grief of all of us who have long suffered pain from uncaring individuals. Let their memories live in our hearts and inspire all of us to commit to work for a more loving and accepting world for all.



The Sutter Gender Identity Support Group and Sacramento Transgender Coalition wish to express our thanks for the sponsorship of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, the Sacramento Chapter of PFLAG, and the Sacramento Gender Health Center, and to our many volunteers, donors and participants for their generous donations of time, talent and resources in support of this memorial.

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