

# Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance Candlelight Vigil November 21, 2015, 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 17th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

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

**Leon Burse**

*Youth Advocate*

**AmunDayo De Edwards**

*Pastor, Integrated Praise Spiritual Center*

**JoAnna Michaels**

*Community Advocate, Volunteers of America*

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. Dr. Pamela Anderson,  
Rev. Dr. Rosario Vargas,  
Pastor AmunDayo De Edwards*

**Musicians:** *Tyx Pulskamp, Director  
Jim Jordan, Piano – Helena Holiday, Vocalist –  
Lj Johnson, Guitar* **Video:** *Karen Savage*

Welcome – Dr. Francie Milazzo

Lighting of the Memorial Candle – Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson  
Capitol City Sisters Abbey of the Divine Light

Song – “Strange Fruit” – Jim Jordan & Helena Holiday

Speaker – AmunDayo De Edwards

Slide show – Rachael Hudson

Speaker – Leon Burse

Musical Selection by Tyx Pulskamp

Speaker – JoAnna Michaels

Reading of list of names – (Instrumental music by  
Jim Jordan, piano and Lj Johnson, guitar)

“Remembering Those Who Despaired” –

Ben Hudson & Independence Taylor

Original Selection by Lj Johnson

Candlelight Circle – Officiants and all present

Song – “Imagine” – All

Closing – Rev. Dr. Rosario Vargas

Song – “Singing for our Lives” – All

Reception in the Great Hall (all welcome)

# Remembering Our Dead

*Thirteen years have passed since the tragic slaying of seventeen year-old Gwen Araujo, and seven 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.*



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