

Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance Candlelight Vigil November 19, 2016, 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 18th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

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

Ebony Ava Harper

Gender Health Center

Rev. Benjamin Curry

Chaplain, Sutter Roseville Medical Center

Dr. Jennie Lorena-Thomas

Psychologist, Healing Pathways

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. Benjamin Curry
Rev. Dr. Rosario Vargas

Music Director: Tyx Pulskamp

ASL Interpreting: Signs of Pride

Camarographer: Karen Savage

Slide show – Rachael Hudson – Jordan Reese (Piano)

Welcome – Dr. Francie Milazzo

Lighting of the Memorial Candle – Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Capitol City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence

Song – “American Tune” –

Amanda Craaig & Jack Jett, Jordan Reese (Piano)

Speaker – Ebony Ava Harper

“Courage” – Della Jean McNabb

Speaker – Rev. Benjamin Curry

Song – “Empty Chairs at Empty Tables” –

Tyx Pulskamp & Eugene Schwarzkopf (Violin)

Speaker – Dr. Jennie Lorena-Thomas

Reading of list of names – (Guitar instrumental)

“Remembering Those Who Despaired” –

Ben Hudson & Independence Taylor

Spoken Word by LJ Johnson

Candlelight Circle – Officiants and all present

Song – “Let It Be” – All

Closing – Rev. Dr. Rosario Vargas

Song – “We’re Not Gonna Take It” – All

Reception in the Great Hall (all welcome)

Remembering Our Dead

Fourteen years have passed since the tragic slaying of seventeen year-old Gwen Araujo, and eight 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 Gender Health Center wish to express our thanks for the sponsorship of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, the Sacramento Chapter of PFLAG, the River City Gems, and to our many volunteers, donors and participants for their generous donations of time, talent and resources in support of this memorial.

*To help defray the costs of our memorial and reception, we would appreciate any cash or check donations payable to **Trinity Cathedral**, Memo: TDOR Fund.*

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