

CLGS News and Updates | April 2026



MELANIN: The Good... The Bad... and The Sacred



Bishop Tonyia Rawls The CLGS 2026 Boswell Lecture

Next Thursday, 16 April 2026 @ 4pm (Pacific Time) | ONLINE

Click [HERE](#) to register for this online CLGS Lecture!



Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals | A CLGS & MCC *Queering the Word* Workshop with Revs. Lauren Bennett and Jakob Hero-Shaw

In this CLGS & MCC *Queering the Word* preaching workshop, we explore how **scripture can inform and enrich our approach to these milestone events.** Focusing on the Gospels and other sacred texts, we will (re)examine themes of love, community, and commitment through a queer lens, fostering deeper connections with LGBTQ+ people and our identities and experiences.

ONLINE Wednesday, 22 April 2026 @ 1pm (Pacific Time)

Click [HERE](#) to join this CLGS Lavender Lunch via Zoom!




A Queer Easter Sunday

A CLGS Reflection
By Dr. Ish Ruíz

In his *CLGS Reflection* on Easter, Dr. **Ish Ruíz** writes that "**Resurrection is not tidy.** It shows up where it is not supposed to be—outside the tomb, outside the temple, outside respectability."

[Click HERE to read Dr. Ruíz's Reflection on Easter Sunday](#)



At the Heart of the Church:
Lessons from Transgender Catholics
The CLGS Catholic Roundtable
A CLGS Lavender Lunch

In this **CLGS Lavender Lunch**, sponsored by the CLGS Catholic Roundtable, we will dialogue with several **Trans Catholic leaders** whose lives, faith, and courage are at the heart of the Church and are already shaping the Church's future. Rather than rehearsing old debates, we look ahead: toward communities where Trans bodies are honored and help shape a Catholic tradition informed by their grace-filled lives. **Join us!**

[Click HERE to join this CLGS Lavender Lunch via Zoom!](#)



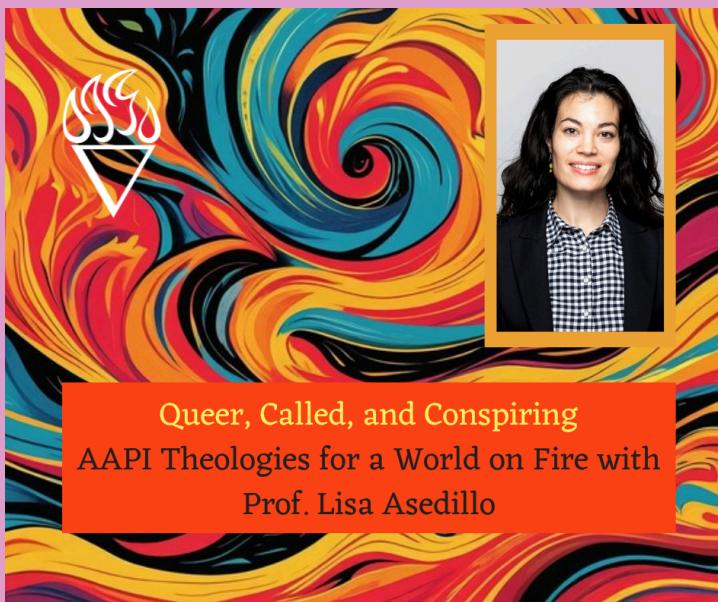
During our 2025-2026 Anniversary Year, each month we honor and celebrate one person, community, and/or event of significance in LGBTQ+ religious history.

This month we celebrate the founding of **The 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation**



[Click HERE for our Spring 2026 Calendar of Events!](#)

Check Out These CLGS Resources!



Framed through the lens of Queer AZN and Pasifika Critical Race Theory (Alvarez et al., 2024), this presentation – **Queer, Called, and Conspiring: AAPI Theologies for a World on Fire** – weaves AAPI theologies with the six core tenets of this emerging framework by centering embodied memory, relational healing, and spiritual resistance as resources for community-rooted praxis.

[Click HERE for a videorecording!](#)



52 Ways to Welcome!

Each week during our Anniversary Year of 2025-2026 we are sharing ideas on how your faith community can become more welcoming to – and inclusive of – LGBTQ+ People and Our Families.

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[Click HERE for our 52 Ways](#)

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