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Happy Holidays from CLGS!

Please Give to CLGS!

As we enter into this season of holiday celebrations – and this time of giving – we are happy to report that the Center's high-quality and innovative programs continue to make a real difference in the lives of LGBTQ people, our families, and our faith communities.

Please **consider making a gift to our CLGS Annual Appeal**: any amount is both needed and deeply appreciated.

And **thank you for your ongoing support of the Center** as we enter into our 24th year of shaping new public discourses on religion, gender, and sexuality!



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The Future Is Queer

A Reflection from Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow



Thank you, Roland, for your leadership!

As Rev. Dr. Stringfellow concludes his 20-year tenure at CLGS, including his work as the Center's Managing Director in 2023, CLGS is deeply grateful for his leadership.

He writes: "As I conclude my tenure at CLGS as its Managing Director in 2023, I am very proud of all that was accomplished under my watch and my heart is full of the wonderful people whose paths I've crossed."

[Click here to read Roland's Reflections on 20 Years of Service at CLGS!](#)

Queer Muslim Organizing Part 2

A CLGS Lavender Lunch with **Imam Muhsin Hendricks**

ONLINE Wednesday, 6 December 2023, at 12:30pm (Pacific Time)

Join us for this online *Lavender Lunch* as we continue our conversations with leaders of color and explore the many ways in which queer identity, religious faith, and spirituality intersect with each other. Our featured speaker for this CLGS *Lavender Lunch* is **Muhsin Hendricks**, an Islamic Scholar and Imam who organizes with other Muslim LGBTQ people.



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

Sublime Divinations 3 Queer AAPI Elemental Magic



In this edition of *Sublime Divinations*, **Maij Vu Mai** explores some ways in which Queer AAPI folks have transformed and deepened their spiritual connection with nature's sacred elements of Earth, Air, Water, and Fire.

Check out this CLGS AAPI Roundtable program and consider the ways in which nature may be shaping and forming your own understandings of Queer spiritual identities.

[Click Here to view a video recording of this CLGS Event!](#)

The Future of Queer Religious Communities

with Avery Belyeu, Rev. Jakob Hero-Shaw, and Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow

A CLGS Lavender Lunch

ONLINE Thursday, 14 December 2023, at 1pm | Pacific Time



The 1960's began the rise of "out and proud" religious communities that welcomed LGBTQ+ people to come as our own authentic selves. Congregational life and leadership have evolved since that time to the point where the relevance of queer congregations is debated today.

Join us for this CLGS Lavender Lunch as **three queer-identified religious leaders** discuss this topic and the future of queer representation and advocacy in religious communities.

Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow, Avery Belyeu, and Rev. Jakob Hero-Shaw will share their perspectives based upon their leadership and vision of a future that is queer.

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

A CLGS Archives Highlight

The CLGS Jane Adams Spahr Collection



CLGS is proud to hold this growing archival collection which contains materials from the life and ministry of **Jane Adams Spahr**, a Presbyterian minister who has fought for justice for LGBTQ+ people of faith for decades now. Peruse the guide for this collection which contains a wealth of information on this pioneering religious leader and social change activist who continues **her ministry of love and affirmation**. Thank you, Janie, for your witness!

[Click Here to view the Collection Guide for this CLGS Archival Collection!](#)

Queer Bodies: Colliding, Expanding, Flourishing

Professor Rolf Nolasco, our 2022 Boswell Lecturer



In this 2022 CLGS Boswell Lecture, Professor **Rolf Nolasco**, Rueben P. Job Professor of Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Theology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, explores how the queer body, which has been tagged as "intrinsically disordered, unholy, and perverse" is "good, indeed very good.. for our queer body expands as it makes room for and sacralizes creaturely difference or

multiplicity."

[Click Here to View a recording of this CLGS Boswell Lecture!](#)

Check out these CLGS Resources!



I Came Here Seeking a Person: A CLGS Lavender Lunch with Bill Glenn

View a recording of this CLGS *Lavender Lunch Series* in which **Bill Glenn** reads from – and comments upon – his recently-published book *I Came Here Seeking a Person* (Paulist Press, 2022).

This book, a spiritually-focused memoir, extends from Bill's childhood in a Midwestern Irish Catholic family in the 1950's and 60's; through almost ten years as a member of the Jesuit Order; to his subsequent life as a sober, out gay man – detailing his complex journey of faith over the span of 74 years.

[Click here to view the video recording!](#)

Healthcare Chaplaincy and the Transgender Community

In this interactive webinar designed for chaplains, CPE students, and anyone with an interest in providing **quality pastoral care to transgender and nonbinary people** in healthcare settings CLGS' Rev. **Jakob Hero-Shaw** explores the added stressors that trans people face in healthcare settings and discusses how the chaplain encounter can be transformative for both trans patients and for the healthcare teams providing treatment.

[Click here to view the video recording!](#)



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