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## News & Updates | January 2024

**Thank You for Supporting CLGS in 2023!**

### The Fresh Start That We Actually Need

"What if we collectively decided that **the New Year is our fresh start**, where we can learn to prioritize solidarity? Instead of traditional New Year's resolutions, maybe we can take this coming year to **be better neighbors, allies, accomplices, and partners in transformation.**"

– Rev. Jakob Hero-Shaw, Coordinator of the CLGS Trans Roundtable

[Click here for Jakob Hero-Shaw's Reflection](#)



The 17th Annual | 2024 CLGS Boswell Lecture  
**Why Do Biblical Interpreters Hate Sex So Much?**  
with Professor **Luis Menéndez-Antuña**  
Thursday, 18 April 2024 at 4pm (Pacific Time) | ONLINE



Join us for this, our 17th Annual CLGS John E. Boswell Lecture, as Professor **Menéndez-Antuña** explores the historical and cultural – as well as disciplinary – roots of an ongoing progressive contempt for sex and suggests which elements of this animosity might offer, from a queer perspective, more productive ways of reading the Christian New Testament.

[Click here to register for this ONLINE CLGS Boswell Lecture](#)

## 52 Ways to Expand Your Welcome to LGBTQ+ People and Our Families

Our 2024 Edition



This month we launch the **fourth edition** of our popular weekly blog on *52 Ways to Expand Your Welcome to LGBTQ+ People and Our Families!*

Each week in 2024 we will post reflections and suggestions on **how your faith community can become more welcoming** to – and **inclusive** of – LGBTQ+ People and Our Families.

[Click here to Explore the First of our 52 Ways!](#)

## Queering Lent

An Online CLGS Sacred Texts Workshop

with Revs. **Lauren Bennett** and **Jakob Hero-Shaw**

ONLINE Wednesday, 31 January 2024, at 1pm (Pacific Time)



Lent is perhaps the queerest season of the liturgical year. The richness and complications of this liturgical season make it a fertile ground for exploring queer exegetical opportunities and community discussion. A queering of Lent can offer us many new ways to explore our faith in church communities.

In this workshop we will look at the lectionary texts for year B – from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday – and we will offer supplemental materials that highlight queer icons and heroes who can enrich our Lenten journey and the hope of resurrection.

[Click here to join this online Sacred Texts Workshop](#)

## CLGS Applauds Papal Approval of Blessings for Same-Sex Couples

A CLGS Press Release

CLGS applauds Pope Francis on this initial – but nevertheless important – **pastoral affirmation of same-sex love** and urges him to continue moving the Catholic Church forward – and quickly! – to **a full recognition and honoring**



of such relationships as holy, life-giving, and a valuable gift to the world.



[Click here to read the CLGS Press Release](#)

## Queering Resistance: Decolonizing Feminist Spaces

A CLGS Lavender Lunch

with Professor **Alexandra M. Rosado-Román**



In this CLGS Lavender Lunch Professor **Alexandra Rosado-Román** explores **queerness as a transgressive action** and a methodological tool for **disrupting established norms** in various aspects of life, from spaces and practices to language. Beyond discussions of pride and sexual liberation, this conversation focuses on themes such as capitalism and colonialism, examining how both have historically exploited land and people as capital.

[Click here to view a video recording of this CLGS Lavender Lunch](#)

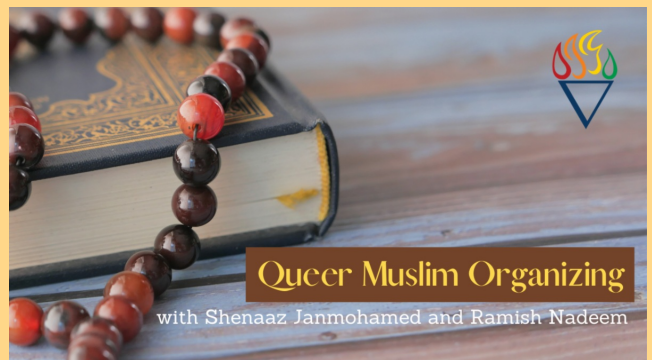
## Check out these CLGS Resources!



**Transformative Inclusion**  
**A Resource Guide for Transgender Welcome in Jewish Congregations & Organizations**

Trans inclusion in Jewish communities and organizations is part of a commitment to *tikkun olam*. In this *CLGS Jewish Roundtable* resource we provide information and **tools for congregations and individuals to become more fluent in the language of inclusion**. We also offer some suggestions for how to create an environment of welcome and support.

[Click here to access this CLGS Jewish Roundtable Resource](#)

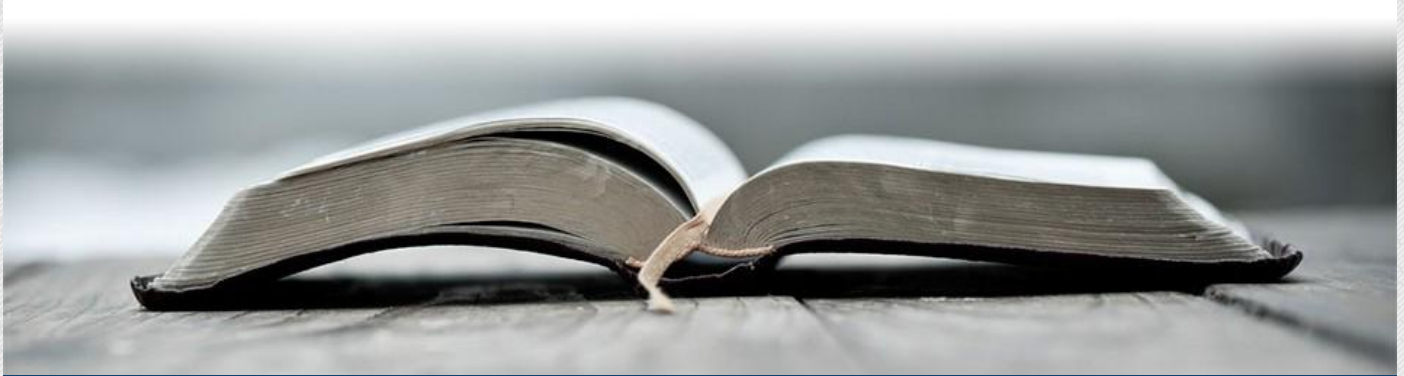


### Queer Muslim Organizing Part 2

In this recent CLGS *Lavender Lunch*, **Muhsin Hendricks**, imam and scholar, continues our ongoing exploration of communities of color living into the intersecting realities of queer identity and religious faith by focusing on **LGBTQ organizing within Muslim communities**.

[Click here to view a video recording of this CLGS Lavender Lunch](#)





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## **CLGS: Shaping A New Public Discourse On Religion, Gender, and Sexuality**

Your financial support makes it possible for us to offer innovative programming that explores and supports LGBTQ people of faith, our families, and our spiritual communities. Together, we are shaping a new and progressive public discourse on religion, gender, and sexuality.

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