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# This Month In Queer Religious History

**A CLGS HISTORY PROJECT**

Each month during 2025-2026, our 25th anniversary year, CLGS is honoring an individual, event, or movement of consequence in queer religious history. Although we will be able to highlight only a very few of those individuals and movements that have contributed to the thriving of LGBTQ+ persons and communities throughout history, we are eager to share with you the stories of some of the people and movements that have created positive change for LGBTQ+ people, our families, and our communities!

Click [HERE](#) to check out our CLGS Queer Religious History Project!



## BLACK **QUEER** MUSIC AS HOLY FREQUENCIES

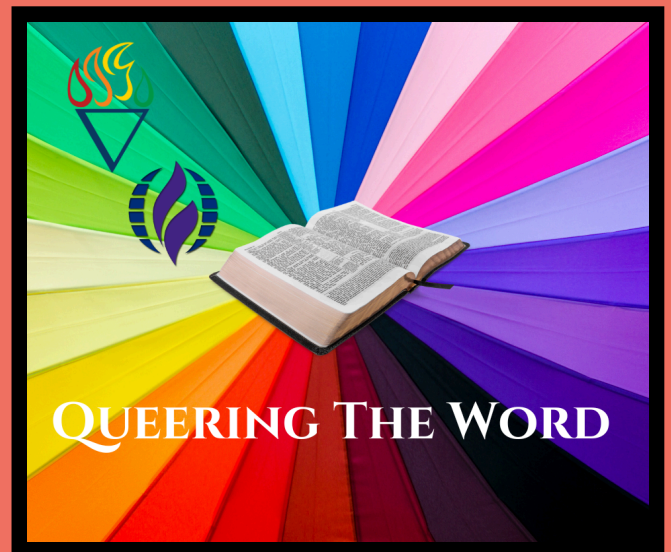
Rev. Terence Mayo

"To celebrate Black Music Month and Pride Month together is to honor the Black LGBTQ+ artists, choir directors, dancers, producers, church musicians, writers, and cultural workers who have shaped the sound of freedom, often while being hidden, judged, or erased. Their lives teach us that sacredness is not the absence of queerness; sometimes queerness is precisely where the sacred becomes most honest. In the moan, the riff, the shout, the vamp, the beat drop, and the ballroom chant, Black music keeps inviting us: bring your whole self, make a joyful noise, and let liberation have a sound!"

[Read Rev. Terence Mayo's Reflection HERE](#)

### *Queering the Word* Preaching Workshops

Our CLGS **Queering the Word Preaching Workshops** – co-sponsored with The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC) – are designed for Christian preachers, seminarians, and anyone else interested in **the art of preaching from a queer perspective!**



[Click HERE to view all four workshops in this Series!](#)



# **TRANS RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP COHORT**

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Empowering students in spiritual formation

## **We Are Now Accepting Applications for our 2026-2027 Trans Religious Leadership Cohort!**

For the last 14 years, **CLGS**, the **Freedom Center for Social Justice**, and the **National LGBTQ Task Force** have sponsored a program in the United States for transgender, nonbinary, and gender-nonconforming seminarians and religious leaders in training.

Each year, we provide this mentorship program to resource and support trans students during their training for religious leadership so that they complete their degrees, feel equipped to follow their vocation, and embrace the fact that their impact as faith leaders can and should extend beyond their chosen settings for ministry and service to include the welfare of the broader communities in which they live.

**Click [HERE](#) for more information on our Trans Religious Leadership Cohort**

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52 Ways  
to  
Expand  
Your Welcome!



Our 25th Anniversary Edition

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.

**Join us and expand YOUR welcome!**

**CLGS is proud to serve once again as a Community Sponsor of The 22nd-Annual International Queer Women of Color Film Festival**

This year's festival theme, "**We Resist, and We Roll,**" holds the fullness of what this community does. We push back against the forces that try to erase us. And we keep making films — because we've always done both at the same time."



**Click [HERE](#) for more Film Festival information!**

**Check Out These Summer 2026  
CLGS Online Micro Certificate Programs!**



Taught by Pacific School of Religion **Professor Ish Ruiz**, PhD, this CLGS Micro Certificate provides a comprehensive and accessible introduction to Catholic LGBTQ+ ministry by weaving together Scripture, Tradition, theology, ethics, and pastoral practice. This course meets online in **June 2026**.

[Click HERE for more information](#)



This online, four-session CLGS Micro Certificate is taught by PSR **Professor Bernard Schlager**, PhD, and is designed to bridge the gap between Christian spirituality and contemporary queer advocacy by reframing Christian teachings and history as sources of empowerment and social transformation. This course meets online in **July 2026**.

[Click HERE for more information](#)

**2025-2026 is our 25th Anniversary Year!**



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