

The 16th Annual CLGS Georgia Harkness Lecture



Rev. Dr. Aizaiah Yong

Contemplation, Creativity, and the
Call to Collective Liberation:
Exploring James Baldwin and the
Via Feminina

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Join us for this year's Harkness Lecture with **Rev. Dr. Azaiah Yong**, who will draw from the *via feminina* — a contemplative, justice-oriented framework rooted in the healing of soul wounds — to imagine a more expansive spirituality related to the androgynous, prophetic witness of James Baldwin, whose life and work illuminate pathways of transformation across racialized, gendered, and queered boundaries.

ONLINE Thursday, 15 October 2026 at 4pm (Pacific)

[Click HERE to register for our 2026 Harkness Lecture](#)

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Join us on the PSR campus **25-26 September 2026** for Earl Lectures! This year we will mark 125 years of courageous public theology and 25 years of CLGS, gathering voices around the theme *Faith Beyond Exclusion*. At these Lectures, CLGS will honor four new individuals with our CLGS **Heralds of Welcome** award!

[Click HERE](https://psr.edu/earl2026) to register for PSR's 2026 Earl Lectures



The **MCC Hymnal**

A Queer Denomination **Sings** Its Faith

A CLGS Lavender Lunch | Tuesday, 15 September 2026 @ 1pm
In-Person and **ONLINE**

In this CLGS Lavender Lunch, we will sing our way through ***The MCC Hymnal*** by selecting a hymn from several of its sections. Rev. Elder **Jim Mitulski** will also highlight the history and theology behind these hymns as we experience firsthand how this music shaped an LGBTQ+ denomination and sustained its people.

**In-Person and on Zoom: Tuesday, 15 September 2026
from 1pm to 2:15pm (Pacific)**

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



Our Fall 2026 CLGS Lavender Lunches

Click [HERE](#) for a listing of our Fall Lavender Lunches!



Ministry Among Our Queer Elders

A CLGS Lavender Lunch with Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow

Tuesday, 13 October 2026 from 1pm to 2pm (Pacific) ONLINE

Join us for this CLGS Lavender Lunch with Rev. Dr. **Roland Stringfellow**, who will share with us the work of **The Michigan LGBTQ+ Elders Network (MiGen)**, the state's only community-based organization dedicated to LGBTQ+ adults aged 45+ and those who love and care for them.

Tuesday, 13 October 2026 from 1pm to 2:15pm (Pacific)

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

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Interview with the Author

At this joint LGBTQ-RAN/CLGS event, Bernie Schlager interviewed **Steven Law** on his book *The Story of Bob: The Life & Times of Robert W. Wood* (Pilgrim Press, 2026).

[Click HERE](#) for a video recording of this event



52 Ways to Welcome!

As we conclude our Anniversary Year Edition of this online series, check out our weekly ideas on how your faith community can become **more welcoming to – and inclusive of – LGBTQ+ People and Our Families.**

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2025-2026 is our 25th Anniversary Year!



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