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CLGS News and Updates | October 2026

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

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

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.

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

Resources and Education

CLGS *Queering the Word* Preaching Workshops

Our CLGS and MCC *Queering the Word* preaching workshops are designed for Christian preachers, seminarians, and anyone else interested in the art of preaching from a queer perspective!.

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January 2027: CLGS offers online Micro Certificate in Catholic LGBTQ+ Ministry

Taught by Pacific School of Religion Professor **Ish Ruiz**, PhD, this microcertificate provides a comprehensive and accessible introduction to Catholic LGBTQ+ ministry by weaving together Scripture, Tradition, theology, ethics, and pastoral practice.

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Ministry Among Our Queer Elders

A CLGS Lavender Lunch with Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow

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

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

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.

Click [HERE](#) to join us for this Lavender Lunch



Synodality and LGBTQIA2S+ Persons: **Toward a Church of Belonging** **2, 4, 9, 11, and 16 November 2026**



2, 4, 9, 11, and 16 November 2026

Join us for one or more of these online events, which will bring together Catholic religious leaders, theologians, and social-change activists to explore several topics related to Synodality in contemporary Catholicism. Co-sponsored by the CLGS Catholic Roundtable!

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Our Fall 2026
CLGS Lavender Lunches

Check Out our Fall Calendar

This Fall we are offering several Lavender Lunches, including explorations of queer hymnody; pastoral care with LGBTQ elderly persons; the autobiography of a queer Latinx pastor; and a conversation with two prominent Jewish poets and authors, an event co-sponsored by the CLGS Jewish Roundtable.

Join us for one or more of these programs!

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The MCC Hymnal A Queer Denomination Sings Its Faith

with Rev. Elder Jim Mitulski

View a Video Recording of this CLGS Lavender Lunch

What does it sound like when a denomination founded by and for queer people sings its faith? In this **CLGS Lavender Lunch**, Rev. Elder **Jim Mitulski** and Dr. Bernie Schlager lead us on a pilgrimage through The **MCC Hymnal** (1989), a landmark inclusive-language hymnal that has served grassroots queer religious communities around the world.

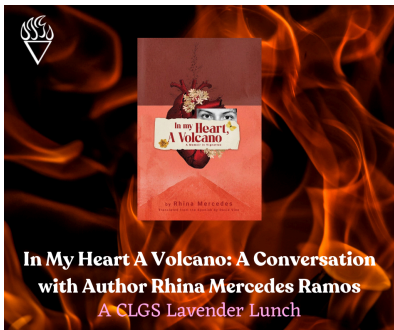
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Our Upcoming Lavender Lunches

Our 17 November
Lavender Lunch

Our 1 December
Lavender Lunch

Our 9 February
Lavender Lunch



In My Heart, A Volcano: A Memoir in Vignettes: A CLGS Lavender Lunch with Rev. **Rhina Mercedes Ramos**

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The Magic of Words: A CLGS Jewish Roundtable Lavender Lunch with Authors **Eli Ramer & Joy Ladin**

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From Jail to Joy: A CLGS Lavender Lunch with **PJ Soul the Great**

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