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January 2021

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A New Year's Call to Prayer for 2021

As we usher in 2021, CLGS offers this gift of a **New Year's Call to Prayer** written by Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow, the Coordinator of our CLGS African American Roundtable.

Click **HERE** to join with us in greeting this New Year with an attitude of joy as we embrace—and strive to create—a year filled with "hope and possibilities."



CLGS Anniversary Year Roundtable Highlight: The Trans Seminarian Cohort

We are proud to introduce the **2020-2021 Trans Seminarian Cohort!**

Sponsored by CLGS, **The Freedom Center for Social Justice**, and the **National LGBTQ Task Force**, the Trans Seminarian Cohort is a program for transgender and genderqueer seminarians that supports them during their training for religious leadership so that they might complete their degrees; find strength to follow their vocation; and embrace their impact as current and future faith leaders.

We welcome this, our 8th Trans Seminarian Cohort!



Click **here** to meet the Cohort!

The CLGS Jewish Roundtable Presents

Queer Jewish Spiritual Care for Times of Transition

with Rabbi Elliot Kukla and Rabbi Eric Weiss



ONLINE
THURSDAY, 14 JANUARY 2021
2PM-3:15PM (PACIFIC TIME)



[Click here to join this Jewish Queeries Series Event via Zoom!](#)

We are Seeking a **Coordinator** for our **CLGS Asian/Pacific Islander Roundtable**



The CLGS Asian/Pacific Islander Roundtable was organized in 2000, the year of the Center's founding.

For a complete Job Description and information on how to apply for this position, please click **HERE** !

Our 13 February 2021 CLGS Lavender Lunch!

It's OK not to be OK: An Affirming Shin Buddhist Spirituality: An ONLINE Lavender Lunch with **Rev. Blayne Higa**

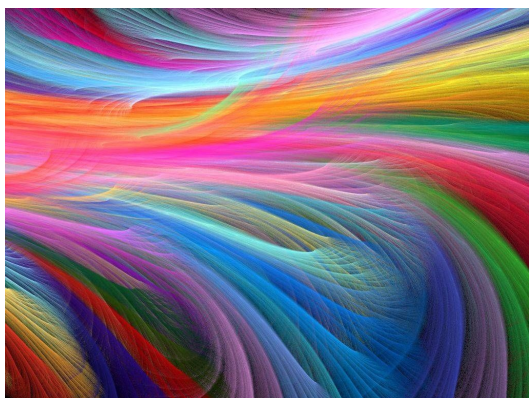
Rev. Higa will discuss how the inclusive and affirming spirituality of Shin Buddhism serves as the foundation for his life and

ministry. Within the universal embrace of boundless wisdom and compassion how does understanding our imperfections help cultivate gratitude, acceptance, and resilience?

Click [here](#) for more information on this ONLINE Lavender Lunch at **12:15pm (Pacific Time) on Tuesday, 13 February 2021!**



Click here to join this Lavender Lunch via Zoom!



Queer & Latinx Faith Conversations

**A Matter of Faith:
A Panel Discussion
With Young Latinx Queer Folx**

with Florinda Cano, Maria Del Pilar Lopez-Saavedra, and Santana Sankofa

Click HERE to access a video recording of this event!



**CLGS will take part in the
Creating Change 2021 Conference!**
28-31 January 2021

This is our 20th time in attendance!

**Go HERE for more information on this
ONLINE conference!**

Check Out These Resources!

**52 Ways To Increase Your
Welcome of LGBTQ+ People
and Our Families**

During our 20th Anniversary Year we are

reprising — and updating! — our popular weekly blog **52 Ways to Expand Your Welcome to LGBTQ+ People and Our Families.**

Every week we post suggestions on how your faith community can become more welcoming to — and inclusive of — LGBTQ+ People and Our Families!



[View the 52 Ways Series Here!](#)



Turning Your Sermon Into A Soundbite

[Click HERE to view this online seminar!](#)

CLGS and **Inclusive Justice of Michigan** offer this recorded training for anyone interested in learning how to build and sharpen their skills in engaging with elected officials on advocating for non-discrimination policies and protections.

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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