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## News & Updates

April 2021

Check out our Online Resources  
here!

The 14th Annual CLGS John E. Boswell Lecture

**Lama Rod Owens**

### *Love and Rage: The Path to Liberation*

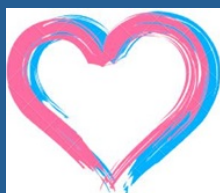
Thursday, 15 April 2021 @ 6:30pm (Pacific Time)



Click **HERE** to register for this **ONLINE**  
event!



Wednesday, 7 April 2021 @ 12:30pm (Pacific Time)  
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**TRANS SEMINARIAN  
LEADERSHIP COHORT**

*Lead with Love*

### Join us online for an Exploration of Queer & Trans Ministry!

Members of our Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort, a group of trans and non-binary seminary students, will explore ministry and religious leadership in our current social and political climate.

Presenters will share their own individual callings and experiences in religious formation. In addition they will discuss how the state of our world today, including continued anti-Black racism and the COVID-19 pandemic, has disproportionately impacted BIPOC and transgender and non-binary communities.

### Our Tuesday, 13 April 2021 CLGS Lavender Lunch!

**Drag & The Divine**  
**An ONLINE Lavender Lunch with**  
**Mama Celeste**

The music! The wine! The headdresses! No, we're not just talking

about Midnight Mass at the Vatican. We're talking about drag! From ancient shamans to Purim celebrations, drag performance has always had a place in spiritual traditions. And for many queer people, drag and nightlife culture is an important way of accessing the kinds of rituals and practices that are central to any sacred community.

**Mama Celeste**, a Unitarian Universalist-raised preacher's kid turned glamorous drag impresario, will speak about the history of queer performance as a method of manifesting the divine, as well as the many roles that performance plays within religious cultures.



Tuesday, 13 April 2021 at 12:15pm (Pacific Time) |  
Click here to join this ONLINE Lavender Lunch via Zoom!



## CLGS Is Seeking a Coordinator for our Asian/Pacific Islander Roundtable!

Click here for a Job Description for this part-time position.

## LGBTQIA+ and Faith in Brazil

A CLGS Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation with  
**Rev. Arthur Cavalcante**  
Secretary General of the 19th Province of the Anglican Communion (Brazil)



Wednesday, 21 April 2021 at 2pm (Pacific Time) |  
Click here to join this ONLINE Queer & Latinx Conversation via Zoom!

## Our Tuesday, 27 April 2021 CLGS Lavender Lunch!



### *Clobber the Passages* Queer People and The Seven Deadly Biblical Verses

An ONLINE Lavender Lunch  
with Mel White

In his recently-published book *Clobber the Passages*, Mel White doesn't bother to explain these verses yet again. That's been done a thousand times before. In this Lavender Lunch Rev. White explores how to banish the dark clouds of guilt and shame that hang over too many queer people's lives by celebrating the truth learned from America's leading mental and physical health professionals.

Tuesday, 27 April 2021 at 12:15pm (Pacific Time)



[Click here to join this Lavender Lunch via Zoom!](#)

## The CLGS Jewish Roundtable Presents



***Finding Your True Self***  
**Musings of a Black Bisexual Jew**  
**with Chris Harrison**

Thursday, 29 April 2021  
@ 1pm (Pacific Time) – ONLINE

[Thursday, 29 April 2021 at 1pm \(Pacific Time\) |](#)

[Click here to join this event via Zoom!](#)

## Check Out Some of Our Educational Resources!

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

During our 20th Anniversary Year we are reprising — and significantly 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!](#)



### **Communities of Faith & Justice** with **Revs. Liz Muñoz, Altagracia Pérez-Bullard, and Daniel Vélez-Rivera**

In this recorded *CLGS Queer & Latinx Faith Conversation* from 17 March 2021, we explore how three ministerial careers have been shaped by the pursuit of faith and justice. Each panelist offers reflections on where we've been, are, and will be as Latinx Christian leaders. Enjoy the discussion!

[Click here to view  
a video recording of this event!](#)

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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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