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CLGS: Shaping a new public discourse on religion, gender, and sexuality.

### *During A Time Such As This: CLGS and COVID-19*

Every member of the CLGS family is engaged in some form of pastoral care ministry in addition to their work at the Center: whether Christian minister or Jewish rabbi, seminarian or seminary professor, retired volunteer or work-study student, each of us is a vital member of the CLGS family.

As people throughout the world face this pandemic, know that CLGS staff, volunteers, and financial supporters continue to hold you and yours in prayer. We are **grateful for your continuing support for our work over these past 20 years and we thank you for your support!**

In response to the pandemic, **CLGS has moved our programming online**, including our Spring 2020 Boswell Lecture as well as our Lavender Lunches and Jewish Queeries Series events. In addition, the PSR Certificate of Sexuality and Religion will be fully available online and via distance learning beginning in the Fall of 2020.

May you and yours be well and at peace during this difficult time.

In a spirit of Peace and Pride, **Bernard Schlager**, PhD, CLGS Executive Director



The 13th Annual JOHN E. BOSWELL LECTURE  
CLGS 2020

## *Enfleshing Eros, Healing Earth:*

A QUEERLY CHRISTIAN PERFORMANCE OF  
ECOLOGICAL RENEWAL IN THREE ACTS

**ONLINE: Wednesday, 20 May 2020  
(6:30pm) at [www.clgs.org](http://www.clgs.org)**

*Rev. Dr. Jay Emerson Johnson*  
PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY AND CULTURE,  
PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION



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The **Certificate of Spirituality and Religion (CSR)** is **now available fully online and via distance learning!**

Expand your ability to lead within LGBTQ organizations and communities with a graduate level **Certificate of Sexuality and Religion (CSR)** from Pacific School of Religion, the interdenominational seminary that sponsors The Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion (CLGS).

Managed by CLGS and offered by Pacific School of Religion, the CSR is designed as a **1-year course of study** for professionals and graduate-level students; it can be earned 100% remotely beginning in Fall of 2020.

Graduates of the program can expect to advance their vocations as religious leaders and educators; as non-profit leaders and social change activists; as writers and as journalists; and as spiritually-rooted individuals at work in the world.

[Click here](#) for more information on the CSR!

## **Rev. Roland Stringfellow**

Coordinator of the CLGS African American Roundtable and Pastor of MCC Detroit, reflects on

### **Pastoral Ministry Amidst COVID-19**

"To those visiting MCC Detroit's website for the first time, it might not be readily apparent that things like virtual worship and Zoom videoconference Bible study sessions are brand-new offerings. In fact, just like myriad organizations both religious and secular, Metropolitan Community Church-Detroit has had to adapt quickly in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.



*Rev. Roland Stringfellow*

"God is not confined to a building,' the Rev. Roland Stringfellow affirmed, in the address he delivered online from his home office on March 14. Between The Lines spoke with Stringfellow following two Sundays of pre-recorded messages to congregants, archived on the MCC-D website."

**To read the complete article in the online publication *Between the Lines*, click [here](#)**

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## **CLGS is Accepting Applications for the 2020-2021 Trans Seminarian Cohort!**



The Trans Seminarian Cohort is a joint project of CLGS, The Freedom Center for Social Justice, and the National LGBTQ Task Force.

The Cohort is a year-long opportunity to join with transgender, gender non-conforming, and genderqueer seminary students for opportunities in theological engagement, mentoring, networking, and sacred activism.

**Click [here](#) to apply for the 2020–2021 Trans Seminarian Cohort!**

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**#BornPerfect: The Campaign to End  
Conversion Therapy**  
*A CLGS Lavender Lunch*

**ONLINE: 7 April 2020 (12pm)**

Dev Cuny talks about their work with #Born Perfect: The Campaign to End Conversion Therapy, founded in 2014 by NCLR (The National Center for Lesbian Rights) to fight for laws to protect LGBTQ children and young people from the serious harms caused by so-called "conversion therapies."

Dev Cuny is a storyteller, activist, and restorative justice practitioner who holds a Master of Divinity degree from Starr King School for the Ministry.

They are a person of faith working to create a world where every person feels loved and accepted for who they are.



**BORN PERFECT**

**ONLINE at the [CLGS website!](https://www.clgs.org)**



A CLGS *Jewish Queeries Series*

Event:

*Meet Me Outside: Finding Shelter  
in the Storm*

Rev. Elena Rose Vera is a Filipina-Ashkenazi trans woman who serves as Executive Director of *Trans Lifeline*.

A longtime organizer, educator, and performing artist, Vera holds an M.Div. degree with a focus on social justice

and community care work. In this Jewish Queeries Event, they will speak about the ways in which we, as outsiders, create our own communities

**ONLINE: THURSDAY, 23 APRIL 2020, at 7pm at**  
[www.clgs.org](https://www.clgs.org)



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transform faith communities.

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## Your support matters!

Your donations make it possible for us to continue active programming that explores the lives and faith of LGBTQ people of faith and our families. Together, we are shaping a new public discourse on religion, gender, and sexuality. Thank you!

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