

Queering Spring

Exploring LGBTIQ+ Perspectives on Faith Practices

Online, Thursday, April 30
7:00 pm Eastern (US)



REGISTRATION (required)

Join us—and invite friends

Faith leaders from the Lavender Interfaith Collective will offer a lively and thoughtful conversation, sharing LGBTIQ+* perspectives on several springtime holy days across diverse traditions.

Our goal is threefold:

- to deepen insight into these observances,
- to identify areas of shared meaning across faith traditions, and
- to continue building a vibrant community of interfaith clergy and lay leaders each season.

Throughout this webinar series, we explore the historical and evolving language of Queer as a noun and Queering as a verb, noticing how common practices emerge separately and across traditions. During this brief tour of selected spring observances, we will explore one or two guiding questions:

- Does this observance carry an inherent LGBTIQ+ sensibility?
- How has the community's practice transformed it into an LGBTIQ+-affirming expression of faith?

Our aim is to create familiarity with these traditions and inspire further exploration.

The Lavender Interfaith Collective (LIInC) is a diverse, spiritually rich network of LGBTIQ+* and allied faith leaders rooted in many religious traditions and practices. We learn with one another, lead alongside one another, and cultivate spaces where queer wisdom and interfaith collaboration can flourish.

Panelists

Eric Eldritch-Moderator
Tahil Sharma
Babs Allen
Zain Islam-Hashmi
Toby Johnson

A generational example:

Each generation adopts a new language to describe itself—Urning, Homosexual, Homophile, Gay, GLBT, LGBTQ, Queer. Every generation stands on the shoulders of those before it, yet experiences itself as distinct. That pattern will continue. A future generation may embrace a new term—perhaps pride—as both noun and adjective. Language evolves because communities evolve.

– Toby Johnson, “Gay Spirituality”

