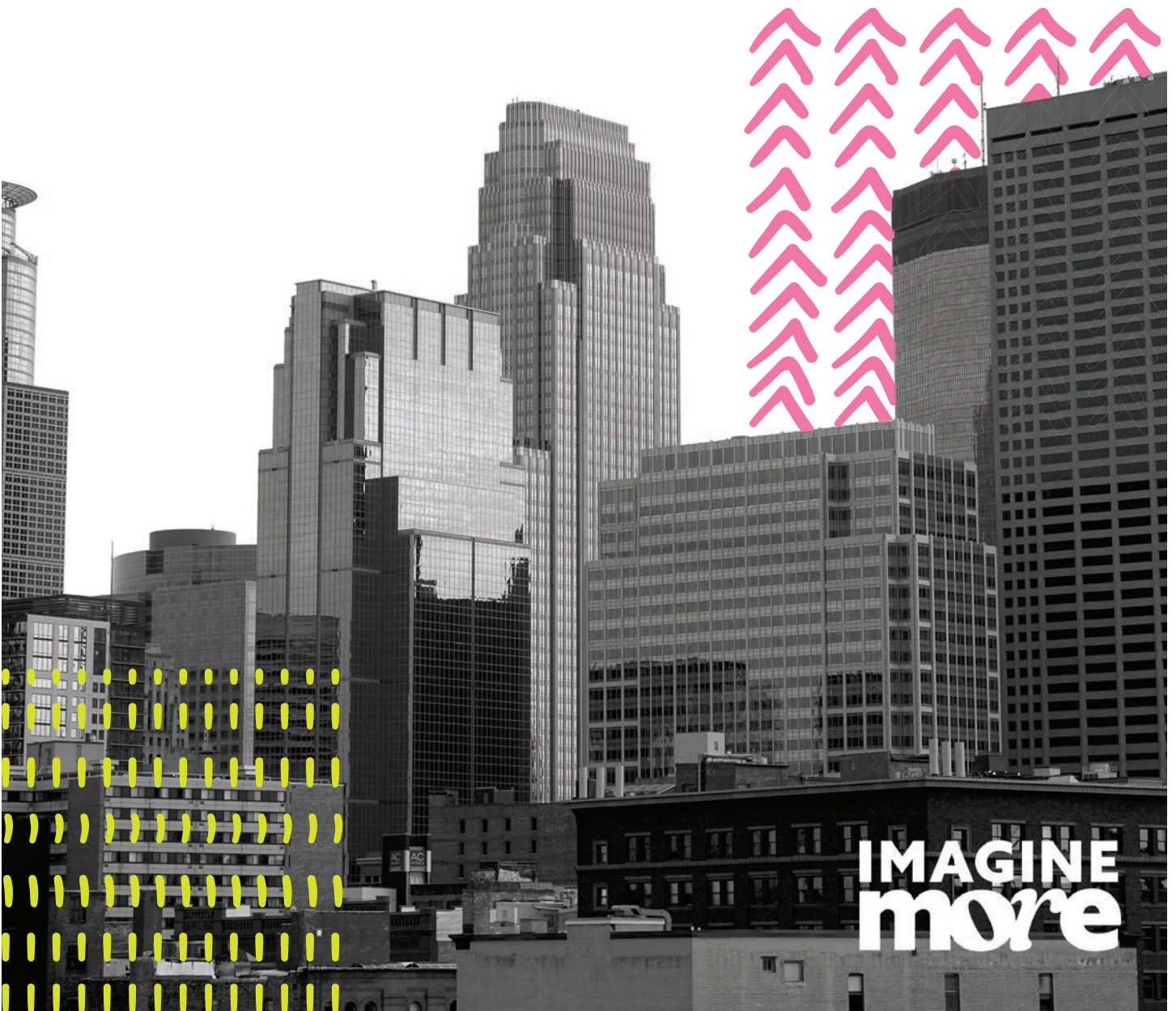


2027 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING, MYLE + THE TABLE

REGISTRATION WORKBOOK





WELCOME 🖐️

On behalf of the ELCA Youth Gathering, Multicultural Youth Leadership Event and the tAble, we are so excited to share information related to registering for this life-changing faith formation event. Our leadership team has been pouring their hearts into making this Gathering the best one yet— and I'm super excited to see it come to life.

Minneapolis is a vibrant city filled with history, great food, inspiring stories and so much more. Throughout the week of the Gathering, you and your young people will get to explore the city, connect with partners, worship and dive deep into our theme Imagine More. Our hope is that you'll have great conversations, bond as a congregational group, be inspired to create change in your own communities and learn more about the ELCA.

In this workbook, you'll have all the necessary items you'll need to collect from your group to register for the Gathering. If this is your first time or fourth time attending the Gathering, you'll want to read this booklet in its entirety. There are new things we've introduced for this cycle, such as SERVE.

Our team is here every step of the way, should you have any questions. Additionally, every region has a Gathering Regional Rep that has a wealth of knowledge about this ministry. Their goal is to help guide you through the registration process, get you connected, and point you in the right direction. To find your Regional Rep, visit the [Gathering's website](#).

We're thankful for your dedication to the young people in this church and their faith formation. By taking time to accompany them to the Gathering, you're showing them that they matter and belong in this community. Thank you for your continued work. Let's Imagine More together in Minneapolis!



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NEXT STOP: MINNEAPOLIS

KEY DATES

October 1, 2026

Financial assistance opens

October 16, 2026

Financial assistance closes

October 20, 2026

Financial assistance notification

October 21, 2026

Priority Registration opens

November 11, 2026

Priority Registration closes

November 12, 2026

Regular Registration opens

January 15, 2027

Hotel assignments released
(Priority registrations only)

February 10, 2027

Regular Registration closes

February 11, 2027

Late Registration opens

March 17, 2027

Late Registration closes

April 30, 2027

Final balance due (registration & housing), deadline for cancellations and substitutions, rooming lists due in congregational account

May 14, 2027

Final details released

June 26-28, 2027

Multicultural Youth Leadership Event & the tAble

June 28-July 2, 2027

2027 ELCA Youth Gathering

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Youth participants must be in eighth to 12th grade at the time of registration (fall 2026) to attend the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering, MYLE and the tAble. Adult leaders accompanying youth to the Gathering must be at least 21 years old at the time of the Gathering.

MYLE is designed for youth of color or whose primary language is not English. For a full congregational group to attend, we ask that 50% of the group be youth of color.

The tAble is open to youth ages 14-18 or engaged in a high school youth group or enrolled in high school or the vocational education equivalent. Youth who attend the tAble must be accompanied by an adult companion.

WHAT ARE MYLE & THE TABLE?

MYLE, or the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event, is a pre-event of the Gathering and the largest gathering of people of color within the ELCA. MYLE empowers young people of color and those whose primary language is not English to claim their story as part of God's story.

Another pre-event of the Gathering, **the tAble**, blesses and encourages young people who live with a wide range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities so that they might grow as wise, faithful and courageous witnesses. The adult companion will receive a waived registration fee to attend the 2027 Gathering alongside their young person.

Participants are required to register for and attend the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering immediately following the pre-events. If you have any questions, please email the Gathering office (gathering@elca.org).



PRIMARY ADULT LEADER

Every congregational group will have one primary adult leader. This person is the Gathering's main contact for the group. This person is also responsible for registering their congregational group and ensuring all payments are made. Through the registration system, the primary adult leader can create a login for a finance person to make payments on behalf of the group. However, the finance person is only able to make payments—not edit registrations or receive Gathering communications. **Please note that the Gathering office will only communicate with the primary adult leader.**

ADULT LEADERS

To serve as an adult leader for the 2027 Gathering, you must be at least 21 years old at the time of the Gathering.

Great adult leaders for your Gathering experience could mean the difference between a success and a disaster. Regardless of the size of your group, being intentional about selecting adults is key. Take this responsibility seriously. Ask the question: Why do we send adult leaders? If the primary answer you can think of is, "To keep youth in line and out of trouble," we invite you to *Imagine More*.

Adults are positive mentors and guides. They empower and encourage youth in opportunities of leadership and relationships. They are connectors for youth and the Gathering experience, and for youth and their relationships with peers and other adults. They are spiritual mentors. Some call adults with these attributes AAA adults: adults who are authentic, affirming and available.

RATIOS

Please be mindful that this event is designed for young people, not adults, and bring only enough adult leaders for a successful experience. The Gathering suggests the following ratios. If these ratios do not fit your group or congregation, we encourage you to connect with the Gathering office for guidance.

# of Youth	# of Adults
2 - 6	2 - 3
7 - 13	3 - 4
14 - 20	4 - 5
21 - 27	5 - 6
28 - 34	6 - 7
35 - 41	7 - 8

COST

Registration fees support the Gathering's logistical, programmatic, and administrative operations. A \$175 non-refundable deposit is required at time of registration for the ELCA Youth Gathering and Young Adult Gathering. Additional deposits may be required for those attending MYLE, the tAble or participating in SERVE (see below).

Please note that hotel, meals and travel costs are not included in the Gathering registration fee. Meals are included for MYLE and the tAble, with no registration fee (just the non-refundable housing deposit). We encourage congregations to budget \$70 per person, per day for meals and \$198/night plus tax for a room. Plan to budget on three people to a room.

MYLE + the tAble

There is no registration fee for MYLE or the tAble; however, a non-refundable hotel deposit of \$50 is required per person. Meals are included during these pre-events.

SERVE

For those participating in SERVE, a \$50 non-refundable, per person deposit is required at time of registration to lock in your registration. The remaining \$50 per person will be due with the rest of your Gathering and housing balance on April 30, 2027.

PRIORITY REGISTRATION Oct. 21, 2026 - Nov. 11, 2026

the Gathering	\$450	(\$175 deposit due at registration)
MYLE	FREE	(\$50 non-refundable housing deposit)
the tAble	FREE	(\$50 non-refundable housing deposit)
SERVE	\$100	(\$50 non-refundable deposit)

REGULAR REGISTRATION Nov. 12, 2026 - Feb. 10, 2027

the Gathering	\$525	(\$175 deposit due at registration)
MYLE	FREE	(\$50 non-refundable housing deposit)
the tAble	FREE	(\$50 non-refundable housing deposit)
SERVE	\$100	(\$50 non-refundable deposit)

LATE REGISTRATION Feb. 11, 2027 - March 17, 2027

the Gathering	\$575	(\$175 deposit due at registration)
MYLE	FREE	(\$50 non-refundable housing deposit)
the tAble	FREE	(\$50 non-refundable housing deposit)
SERVE	\$100	(\$50 non-refundable deposit)

For information on costs related to the Young Adult Gathering, please refer to the Gathering website.



PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Groups that register the majority of their participants during the Priority Registration period will have the opportunity to share their preferred price point for housing. We'll do our best to match congregations registering early with housing options that fit their budget. Please note that we can not guarantee that your assigned property will be within the range you selected. Hotel accommodations in downtown Minneapolis are limited and in high demand. Congregations that register the majority of their group during Priority Registration will receive priority consideration for downtown assignments.

HOTEL PRICE RANGES

\$185 - \$195 (plus tax)

\$196 - \$210 (plus tax)

\$211 - \$225 (plus tax)

Finally, if you register your congregation within Priority Registration, you will receive your hotel assignments prior to the 2027 ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in Minneapolis.

CANCELLATIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

You can make substitutions for participants that are no longer able to attend within your congregational account until April 30. If you can't make a substitution and need to cancel that registration, you may do so—however the nonrefundable deposit will not be returned. Cancellations after April 30 will forfeit the entire registration fee. Additionally, after April 30, any registration changes will incur a \$25 administrative fee, which must be paid in-full before check-in.

PAYMENT

All payments must be paid in full by April 30, 2027, through your congregational account. This includes all registration fees and housing costs. Payments can be made using an e-check (entering account and routing information) or by credit card (plus a small service fee). Physical checks will not be accepted.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available for the 2027 Gathering through your congregation's registration account. Applications open Oct. 1 and close on Oct. 16. Applicants will be notified by Oct. 20 if they are awarded assistance for their youth.

The primary adult leader is responsible for applying on behalf of the youth participant. Assistance is offered based on the financial need of youth participants and their families, not the financial status of their congregations or local communities.

Financial assistance is available to youth participants only in the form of registration-fee credits. Unfortunately, funds are not available for housing, transportation, food-related expenses, SERVE, MYLE or the tAble. Up to \$275 per youth participant may be provided to cover registration fees (aside from the deposit). Financial assistance will appear as a credit on the congregational account. Congregations may receive assistance for up to 10 youth.

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HOUSING

The Gathering has contracted with a variety of hotels, and they are excited to welcome everyone! Hotel rates will vary, but congregations are encouraged to budget \$198 (plus tax) per room, per night. Room types (king, double/double) also vary, but for budgeting purposes you can expect that your congregation's room block will accommodate an average of three people per room.

In the late winter/early spring of the Gathering year, you'll receive your housing assignment through your congregational account. This assignment will include: (1) the hotel's name, address, and contact information; (2) a room block assignment with the number of rooms your group has been assigned and a bed configuration of those rooms; and (3) instructions for how to submit your rooming list. You must submit your rooming list in your congregational account by April 30, 2027.

To participate in the Gathering, all registered participants are required to stay in the hotel to which their congregation is assigned. The Gathering requires congregations to stay at their assigned hotel for many reasons, including but not limited to risk management, logistics and agreements with the host city and local law enforcement.

Synods will not be housed together for the 2027 Gathering. Congregations will be assigned hotels based on when they register, how many rooms they request and other factors. Registering early will help your chances in staying in one of our downtown properties.

To participate in the Gathering, all registered participants must stay in Gathering housing for the duration of their time at the Gathering, MYLE, the tAble, and Young Adult Gathering. This includes the final night, Thursday, July 1, 2027.

A question that we often get is *Can youth and adults share a room?* The Gathering works to honor the safety policies and practices established by individual congregations and synods. Generally, the Gathering recommends that adults and youth sleep in separate rooms and never share a bed. Check with your synod for best practices related to safe boundaries between adults and youth.

Finally, some congregations would like to extend their reservation to have more time in the host city. Our contracts include a limited number of rooms available at the Gathering rate before and after the event. Instructions for adding additional days to your stay will be included with the assignment.

RESOURCES

Resources will be added to the Gathering's website throughout the cycle. Be sure to bookmark the website and check back often. Below are a few resources that will help you get started in your preparation to attend the Gathering, MYLE and the tAble!

GETTING READY MATERIALS

The Getting Ready Materials are a curriculum designed to get your group together and talking about the daily themes of the Gathering. This 10 lesson curriculum can be adapted to your setting—so if you have a monthly meeting or a weekend retreat, this resource will help you start thinking about our shared theme. You can enroll in the materials on the Academy.

BRANDING MATERIALS

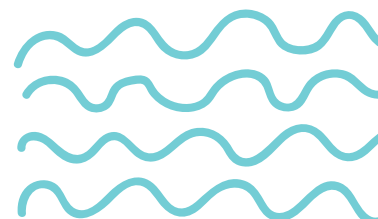
Need to download a logo for the Gathering, MYLE, the tAble or Young Adult Gathering? This resource offers a variety of logos to use as you promote and fundraise for your trip. To help us present a consistent style and theme for the 2027 Gathering, please adhere to the guidelines attached to this resource when talking, writing or creating visuals about the event to ensure consistency.

the Academy (formerly gLearn)

The Academy is your go-to hub for trainings related to the Gathering, MYLE, the tAble and Young Adult Gathering. Enroll in a few courses to prepare for a successful time in Minneapolis. Courses will be added throughout the cycle, so check back often!

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Promotional materials are available for you to promote the Gathering in your congregation's setting. Resources will be added throughout the cycle, so be sure to bookmark this page and check back frequently!



CONGREGATIONAL DETAILS WORKSHEET

This worksheet is to help you prepare for the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering, MYLE & the tAble registration process. Information may be changed in your congregational account until the end of registration.

Congregational ID: # _____

Congregational IDs are unique 5 digit numbers issued to each congregation by the Office of the Secretary of the ELCA. If you do not know your congregational ID, check with your pastor, parish administrator, Synod office, or email gathering@elca.org for further assistance. If you're an ecumenical partner, please email the Gathering office for a Congregational ID.

Registration Costs

Priority (Oct. 21 - Nov. 11) _____ x \$450 = \$ _____

Regular (Nov. 12 - Feb. 10) _____ x \$525 = \$ _____

Late (Feb. 11 - Mar. 17) _____ x \$575 = \$ _____

SERVE _____ x \$100 = \$ _____

\$50 Non-Refundable Deposit Required at Registration

MYLE _____ x \$50 = \$ _____

\$50 Non-Refundable Housing Deposit at Registration

the tAble _____ x \$50 = \$ _____

\$50 Non-Refundable Housing Deposit at Registration

Total Registration Costs \$ _____

Congregations must pay a \$175 per person non-refundable deposit to secure their registration in the fee range you expect to pay. Additional deposits are required if you are participating in MYLE, the tAble, or SERVE. All payments must be made through the congregation's account. Physical checks will not be accepted. Participants are not considered registered until the appropriate deposit is received for each registrant.

General

If any participants from another congregation are registered with your group, list their congregational ID #: _____

If your congregation is traveling with other congregations registered separately, list their congregational IDs. Please note this does not guarantee you will be housed together.

ID #: _____

Transportation

Our congregation plans to arrive in Minneapolis on: _____ (date)

Our congregation will arrive via:

Airplane Car or van
Train Charter bus

Our congregation plans to depart Minneapolis on: _____ (date)

Our congregation will depart via:

Airplane Car or van
Train Charter bus

Housing

To participate in the ELCA Youth Gathering, MYLE and the tAble, all registered participants are required to stay in the hotel to which their congregation is assigned. The Gathering requires congregations to stay at their assigned hotel for many reasons, including but not limited to risk management, logistics and agreements with the host city and local law enforcement.

Housing assignments will be made in the order received. Congregations may request the number and type of rooms, however final housing assignments will be based upon availability, group make-up, and equitable distribution of room types.

Our congregation requests:

_____ Double rooms (up to 4 people)

_____ King rooms (up to 2 people)

Program

Our congregation would like to be considered for Mass Cast opportunities. Mass Cast experiences are unique opportunities for participants to be part of the evening programming at U.S. Bank Stadium. These often take the form of easy to learn choreography, processions, or other group routines that support programming.

Yes No

Our congregation would like to be considered for communion assistants at closing worship on Thursday, July 1.

Yes No

If participating in SERVE:

Our congregation would like to be considered to manage all transportation related to our SERVE experience. SERVE and LEARN components will take place at different locations throughout the Twin Cities.

Yes No



CONGREGATIONAL DETAILS WORKSHEET

If participating in SERVE:

Our congregation would like to be considered for the following projects, in this order (#1 is our top choice, #5 is our last choice):

- _____ **Migration**— refugee support organizations, community welcome centers
- _____ **Economic**— food shelves, affordable housing initiatives
- _____ **Racial**— community development organizations, neighborhood partnerships
- _____ **Gender**— family resource centers, domestic violence support organizations
- _____ **Environmental**— community gardens, park restoration, sustainability projects

I recognize that the ELCA Youth Gathering will try their best to accommodate our congregation's preferences when it comes to SERVE themes. I also recognize that these themes or examples are not a guarantee for my SERVE experience.

Terms & Conditions

By submitting this registration, you acknowledge that you have gained permission from all registrants in your group for the release of their name, voice, image, and likeness for use in photos, social media posts, internet or live streaming, video/audio recordings; or other live, digital, or print media associated with the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering, MYLE, the tAble and Young Adult Gathering. You release all claims for copyright, ownership, or compensation. You agree that these materials will become the property of the ELCA and can be used for any ELCA-related purposes, including marketing and publicity.

By submitting this registration, you acknowledge that participant information may be shared with ELCA partners and that you have shared this information with the members of your group.

By submitting this registration your congregation agrees to make all payments, as noted in the balance due section of its account, in full and on time. You acknowledge that participants are considered registered for the ELCA Youth Gathering or Young Adult Gathering when the ELCA receives payment in full for the nonrefundable \$175 per person deposit. You acknowledge that participants are considered registered for SERVE when the ELCA receives payment in full for the nonrefundable \$50 per person deposit. You acknowledge that participants are considered registered for the MYLE or the tAble when the ELCA receives a \$50 per person non-refundable housing deposit to be applied to my congregational housing costs.

By submitting this registration, you acknowledge that your congregation must stay at its assigned Gathering hotel in order to participate in the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering.

By submitting this registration you acknowledge that all adult leaders will be added to the Gathering's monthly newsletter list, the gNews. This newsletter provides important updates on upcoming deadlines, tips and tricks for attending the Gathering, MYLE and the tAble, as well as other important information regarding the 2027 Gathering. You can unsubscribe at any time by clicking the "Unsubscribe" button at the bottom of the newsletter.

By submitting this registration, you acknowledge that all adult leaders are required to participate in an adult leader training (online course) on the Academy. This training must be completed to receive your wristband and participate in Gathering programming. Refunds are not available for those that do not participate in the trainings.

By submitting this registration, you acknowledge texting our support number, you consent to receive recurring automated marketing messages and event support texts at the phone number provided. Consent is not a condition of purchase or event participation. Message frequency may vary. Reply HELP for help or STOP to cancel at any time. Your data will be kept private and used solely for providing support during the event and for any follow-up communications you've consented to. We will not sell or share your information with third parties. Text messages may be sent using an automatic telephone dialing system. Message and data rates may apply. For additional information on our privacy practices, please visit <https://www.elca.org/about/privacy-policy>.

By submitting this registration, you agree to share the code of conduct and welcome statement with all registered participants in your group. Not complying with the code of conduct may risk removal from the event.

Gathering Code of Conduct

The Gathering has an obligation to protect the safety and welfare of its staff, volunteers and participants.

- Possession of illegal drugs and weapons is grounds for removal from the Gathering.
- The Gathering is an alcohol, drug, and tobacco (including vapor and electronic cigarettes) free event. Any inappropriate use may result in removal from the Gathering.
- Any disrespectful behavior will be dealt with quickly and certainly. Participants who use inappropriate language, hate speech, or offensive language or destructive behavior may be removed from the Gathering.
- Respect and appropriate behavior will be given to fellow participants and adults at all times. The Gathering believes that groups have the right to express their views on a particular issue or cause. However, demonstrations should not interfere with the operation of the Gathering.
- Care should be taken to respect the individuals outside our event to make the Gathering possible including bus drivers, police officers, security and medical personnel, and other venue and hotel staff, including front desk, concierge, and guest services.
- The Gathering will remain free of all sex, gender, and racial discrimination. Harassment, assault, and misconduct, as well as interpersonal violence, bullying and stalking will not be tolerated.

Any of the above behavior may result in immediate removal from the Gathering.

Gathering Welcome Statement

The ELCA Youth Gathering commits to being a welcoming and inclusive community that celebrates and embraces various cultures, races, abilities, diversities, sexualities, genders and expressions. We believe that God's creation and love is without limits and our work to embrace and love our neighbor comes from God's inclusionary love.



ADULT PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION WORKSHEET

This worksheet is to help you prepare for the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering, MYLE & the tAble registration process. All information must be entered into your congregational account by your primary adult leader.

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Preferred Name: _____
Email: _____
Mobile Phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Gender Identity: ☐ Female ☐ Male
☐ Gender non-conforming ☐ Custom _____

Racial and/or Ethnic Identity:
☐ African Descent or Black
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Asian or Pacific Islander
☐ Latino/a
☐ Arab or Middle Eastern
☐ European American or White
☐ Multiracial/multiethnic

Age at the time of the 2027 Gathering: _____

Accommodations

Communication + Language Access

- ☐ This person requires Spanish language translation services.
- ☐ This person requires American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation.
- ☐ This person requires assistive listening devices.
- ☐ This person requires other translation or communication support (please specify).

Mobility & Physical Access

- ☐ This person uses a wheelchair full-time.
- ☐ This person uses a wheelchair or mobility aid part-time (cane, walker, crutches).
- ☐ This person has limited mobility but is able to board a bus without assistance.
- ☐ This person cannot stand or walk for extended periods.
- ☐ This person requires accessible seating.
- ☐ This person requires an ADA hotel room.
- ☐ This person will be attending with a Personal Care Assistant (PCA) or service animal. If checked, what service does the animal provide?

Visual Access

- ☐ This person needs braille resources.
- ☐ This person needs resources provided electronically in .txt or .rtf.
- ☐ This person needs resources in large print.
- ☐ This person needs a guide/companion for navigation.

Sensory & Neurodivergent Access

- ☐ This person has sensory sensitivity to light.
- ☐ This person has sensory sensitivity to sound.
- ☐ This person benefits from access to low-stimulus or quiet spaces.
- ☐ This person benefits from advance communication about schedules, crowds, or transitions.

Health & Medical Considerations

- ☐ This person has severe allergies (food, environmental, or other).
- ☐ This person needs access to a refrigerated medication storage.
- ☐ Do you have any dietary requirements we should accommodate?

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ☐ Vegetarian | ☐ Vegan |
| ☐ Gluten-free | ☐ Dairy-free |
| ☐ Nut-free | ☐ Soy-free |
| ☐ Egg-free | |

SERVE Experience Accessibility Needs

(only complete if your congregation is participating in SERVE)

- ☐ This person is medically prohibited from prolonged exposure to sun or heat.
- ☐ This person is medically prohibited from handling certain food products.
- ☐ This person is medically prohibited from being around animal allergens.
- ☐ This person is medically prohibited from walking long distances.
- ☐ This person is medically prohibited from dusty or poor air quality environments.
- ☐ This person may need SERVE activities adapted to their abilities.

Other Needs or Considerations



ADULT PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION WORKSHEET

Please Print

Name: _____

Are you a(n):

- ☐ ELCA Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament
- ☐ ELCA Rostered Minister of Word and Service
- ☐ Paid Congregation Employee (non-rostered)
- ☐ Volunteer Leader

Have you previously attended the Gathering as a:

- ☐ Youth Participant *(circle all that apply)*

1988	1991	1994	1997	2000	2003	2006	2009
2012	2015	2018	2024				
- ☐ Congregation Adult Leader *(circle all that apply)*

1988	1991	1994	1997	2000	2003	2006	2009
2012	2015	2018	2024				
- ☐ Volunteer *(circle all that apply)*

1988	1991	1994	1997	2000	2003	2006	2009
2012	2015	2018	2024				

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Mobile Phone: _____

Gathering Pre-Events & Pre-Experience

Please note: MYLE and the tAble require a \$50 non-refundable housing deposit at the time of registration. There is no registration fee for MYLE or the tAble. SERVE is \$100 per person, with a \$50 non-refundable deposit due at the time of registration. Additionally, there are only 4,000 spots available for SERVE (first-come-first-serve). If participating in SERVE, your full congregational group is required to participate (with the exception of those attending MYLE and the tAble). Participants can participate in only one pre-event or pre-experience.

- ☐ Register me for the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (June 26 - 28, 2027).
- ☐ Register me for the the tAble (June 26 - 28, 2027).
- ☐ Register me for SERVE, an add-on experience (June 28).

T-Shirt Size

Please note: Only participants that are attending MYLE, the tAble or participating in SERVE will receive a Gathering provided t-shirt. If you'd like to purchase shirts for your group, please visit the official Gathering store at Old Lutheran.

If attending MYLE, the tAble, or participating in SERVE, my t-shirt size is:

- ☐ Small
- ☐ Medium
- ☐ Large
- ☐ X Large
- ☐ XX Large
- ☐ 3XL
- ☐ 4XL

Adult Participant Agreement

Please read carefully, sign and bring a copy to the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering. This form will be required to receive a wristband.

I desire to participate in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's ("ELCA") 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN, June 28-July 2, 2027, Multicultural Youth Leadership Event ("MYLE") June 26-28, 2027, the tAble, June 26-28, 2027, and/or SERVE, June 28, 2027 (collectively "Gathering"). In exchange for being allowed to participate in the Gathering, and the benefits derived from such participation, I knowingly and voluntarily sign and agree to be bound by this Participant Agreement ("Agreement"):

1. ELCA DIRECTIONS, RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

I shall abide by all ELCA directions, rules, policies and procedures for the Gathering. I acknowledge my Gathering responsibilities include providing continuous supervision and support of the youth I am responsible for supervising during the Gathering. I represent and warrant that I will be at least 21 years of age by June 26, 2027.

2. PUBLICITY RELEASE. I grant the ELCA and its ENGAGE exhibitors a worldwide, sub-licensable, perpetual, irrevocable, royalty free right (but not the obligation) to photograph, record (audio and visual), digitize, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works based on, publicly perform, publicly display, and otherwise use my name, image, likeness, voice, biographical information, and other personal characteristics as they may appear in photographs, recordings (audio and visual), writings, messages, artwork, and other materials (collectively, "Materials") related to the Gathering, in all formats and media now known or hereinafter created, for purposes related to the mission and ministries and its ENGAGE exhibitors, including advertising, trade and commercial purposes related to the mission and ministries of the ELCA and its ENGAGE exhibitors. I ACKNOWLEDGE THE ELCA IS THE OWNER OF THE MATERIALS AND I HAVE NO RIGHT TO INSPECT OR APPROVE THE MATERIALS OR THE ELCA'S USE OF THE MATERIALS.

3. SOCIAL MEDIA USE AND LICENSE. I understand the ELCA maintains various social network profiles, messaging accounts, blogs, listservs, chat rooms, websites, and other online forums (collectively, "ELCA Social Media") which allow users to post, submit, publish, and/or display (collectively, "post") text, images, recordings, (audio and visual) and other content (collectively, "User Contributions"). I understand ELCA Social Media is a public forum and not confidential and that I should not post anything I wish or am required to keep confidential. I understand that I am responsible for the content of my User Contributions. I represent that I will not post any content to ELCA Social Media which: (i) violates applicable law or the legal rights of another person; (ii) is defamatory, obscene, indecent, abusive, harassing, violent, hateful, sexually explicit, pornographic, or discriminatory; (iii) is likely to deceive another person; and (iv) I do not have the legal right to post. I grant the ELCA and its ENGAGE exhibitors a worldwide, sub-licensable, perpetual, irrevocable, royalty free right (but not the obligation) to reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works based on, publicly perform, publicly display, and otherwise use for purposes related to the mission and ministries of the ELCA and its event exhibitors, in all formats and media now known or hereinafter created, any User Contributions I post to ELCA Social Media. I ACKNOWLEDGE I HAVE NO RIGHT TO INSPECT OR APPROVE THE ELCA'S USE OF MY USER CONTRIBUTIONS.

4. ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISKS. I acknowledge my decision to participate in the Gathering may expose me to various risks and dangers, including personal injury, death, and loss of or damage to my personal property. I KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN THE GATHERING.

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6. DEFENSE, INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS. I SHALL DEFEND



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AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASED PERSONS AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS INCURRED IN DEFENDING THE SAME), IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO: (I) THE ADULT PARTICIPANT'S CONDUCT, ACTIONS, OR OMISSIONS; (II) THE ADULT PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GATHERING; (III) THE RIGHTS GRANTED TO THE ELCA UNDER THIS AGREEMENT; (IV) MY OR THE ADULT PARTICIPANT'S BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT; AND/ OR (V) ANY ACTION BY THE ADULT PARTICIPANT TO DISAFFIRM OR VOID THIS AGREEMENT.

7. NO FINANCIAL COMPENSATION. I shall not receive any financial compensation as consideration for this Agreement or the rights granted by me to the ELCA hereunder.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. This Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of Illinois, excluding its choice of law rules. If any provision of this Agreement is invalidated or held unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of that provision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of this Agreement. As to any provision found to be invalid or unenforceable as written, the same shall not be void, but rather shall be reformed and enforced to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law, as if originally executed in that form by me. If the ELCA agrees to waive its right to enforce any term of this Agreement, it does not waive its right to enforce the term, or any or all other terms, of this Agreement at any other time. If there is any conflict between the headings, captions, and/or numbers and the text of this Agreement, the text will control. This Agreement is binding on me and my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

9. PARTICIPANT COVENANT AND CODE OF CONDUCT: As a participant in the ELCA Youth Gathering, I recognize that my actions impact the safety, well-being, and experience of others. I understand that this is a church-sponsored event grounded in shared values of respect, responsibility, and community. In order to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering, I agree to adhere to the following code of conduct and expectations.

Prohibited Conduct and Items: In addition to conduct that is unlawful, certain activities are prohibited at the Gathering regardless of whether they are otherwise legal. I agree to adhere to all of the following Gathering Code of Conduct provisions at all times while attending the ELCA Youth Gathering. Any violation may result in disciplinary action, up to and including immediate removal from the Gathering at the participant's expense, at the sole discretion of the Gathering event staff.

Gathering Code of Conduct:

- The manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of controlled substances in violation of law is strictly prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to prescription medications that have been lawfully prescribed to the participant and are used only by the participant and only in accordance with the prescribing healthcare provider's instructions. In addition, possession or use of any alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, vaping products, or other intoxicants is prohibited at the Event, regardless of legality.
- Any disrespectful behavior will be dealt with quickly and certainly. Participants who use inappropriate language, hate speech, or offensive language, or engage in destructive behavior, may be removed from the Gathering. Inappropriate language includes, but is not limited to, profanity, whether or not directed at others, harassment, threats, intimidation, or disruptive conduct, and will be enforced at the discretion of the Gathering staff.
- I will respect and care for all participants as siblings in Christ and will conduct myself in a manner that promotes physical and psychological safety, dignity, and inclusion. Respect and appropriate behavior will always be given to fellow participants and adults. The Gathering believes that groups have the right to express their views on a particular issue or cause. However, demonstrations should not interfere with the operation of the Gathering.
- Care should be taken to respect the individuals outside our event to make the Gathering possible, including bus drivers, police officers, security and medical personnel, and other venue and hotel staff, including front desk, concierge, and guest services.
- The Gathering will remain free of all sex, gender, and racial discrimination. Harassment, assault, and misconduct, as well as interpersonal violence, bullying, and stalking will not be tolerated. Any of the above behavior may result in immediate removal from the Gathering.

- Possession, use, or presence of any weapons or dangerous objects of any kind, including firearms, is strictly prohibited at the Gathering, regardless of whether such items are otherwise legally permitted.
- Sexual activity and conduct that is inappropriate for a supervised youth event, including public displays of sexual behavior or conduct that violates event supervision or lodging rules, is strictly prohibited.
- All Gathering participants shall always adhere to all venue and lodging rules and regulations.

Participation and Attendance: I agree to actively participate in scheduled sessions and events throughout the ELCA Youth Gathering, unless otherwise excused due to illness, safety concerns, or another approved reason.

Safety and Supervision: I understand that my safety and the safety of others are always the primary concern. I agree to follow all safety instructions as may be communicated.

Adult participants shall maintain appropriate physical, emotional, and electronic boundaries with youth at all times and will comply fully with all ELCA Youth Gathering policies related to supervision, interaction, and youth protection, as well as any mandatory reporting obligations under ELCA guidelines or applicable law.

Reporting Concerns: Gathering participants shall immediately address and report any safety, health, or crime-related concerns, including bullying, harassment, racial misconduct, drugs, online threats, fighting, weapons, or theft, to a designated adult leader, event staff member, or other appropriate authority. Adult participants should be especially aware of the conduct of, and be prepared to report, other adults who may violate these policies.

I understand that failure to comply with this covenant or with ELCA Youth Gathering rules and policies may result in my removal from the ELCA Youth Gathering at my expense.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I SIGN BELOW, I AM ENTERING INTO A LEGAL AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL BIND ME TO THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND THAT BY SIGNING THIS I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE THE ELCA.

Adult Participant Name (Printed):

Adult Participant Signature:

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____



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Medical and Emergency Form

Please read carefully, sign and bring a copy to the 2027 Gathering, MYLE, the tAble and/or SERVE. Attendees may be asked to show a completed copy of this form prior to their participation in certain Gathering activities. The primary adult leader should collect all medical and emergency forms, participant agreement forms and signed covenants for their congregation for use in case of an emergency. Primary Adult Leaders are strongly encouraged to also save digital copies that can be easily accessed from a smart phone.

Participant First Name: _____

Participant Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Part 1: Authorization for Medical Treatment

I, the undersigned, do hereby authorize an adult leader representative of my congregational group, ELCA personnel, qualified medical provider contracted or volunteering at this event, EMS or hospital medical personnel if in transit to consent to and authorize the administration and performance of all treatments that may be considered advisable or necessary in the judgment of attending physicians or medical emergency personnel if no physician can be present, in the event that the Gathering participant should be admitted to any hospital, or need any medical treatment. I give all Health Care Providers permission to release PHI (Protected Health Information) regarding the above named participant for use in their treatment, payment or health care operations. I understand this PHI may be shared with the Adult Leader, accompanying person and/or ELCA personnel.

This authorization shall be in effect from the following dates, when the participant shall be traveling to, and participating in, the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering, MYLE, the tAble and/or SERVE from _____ to _____.

Adult Participant Signature:

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Part 2: Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Part 3: Medical Insurance

Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy #: _____

Phone#: _____

Please photocopy the front and back of participant/cardholder's insurance card and indicate anything else that leaders should know to help avoid or assist in any medical situation that might arise.

Part 4: Health History

Please complete so that health providers can be aware of your needs.

Date of last tetanus/diphtheria immunization:

Please explain any condition that would prevent participation in any Gathering activity:

Do you have any pre-existing medical conditions?

Please list medications that you are currently taking:

Please list any allergies to food, medication, or environment:

Additional Comments:



YOUTH PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION WORKSHEET

This worksheet is to help you prepare for the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering, MYLE & the tAble registration process. All information must be entered into your congregational account by your primary adult leader.

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Preferred Name: _____
Email: _____
Mobile Phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Gender Identity: ☐ Female ☐ Male
☐ Gender non-conforming ☐ Custom _____

Racial and/or Ethnic Identity:
☐ African Descent or Black
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Asian or Pacific Islander
☐ Latino/a
☐ Arab or Middle Eastern
☐ European American or White
☐ Multiracial/multiethnic

What grade is this person at the time of registration (Fall 2026)?

- ☐ 8th Grade ☐ 9th Grade
☐ 10th Grade ☐ 11th Grade
☐ 12th Grade

Accommodations

Communication + Language Access

- ☐ This person requires Spanish language translation services.
- ☐ This person requires American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation.
- ☐ This person requires assistive listening devices.
- ☐ This person requires other translation or communication support (please specify).

Mobility & Physical Access

- ☐ This person uses a wheelchair full-time.
- ☐ This person uses a wheelchair or mobility aid part-time (cane, walker, crutches).
- ☐ This person has limited mobility but is able to board a bus without assistance.
- ☐ This person cannot stand or walk for extended periods.
- ☐ This person requires accessible seating.
- ☐ This person requires an ADA hotel room.
- ☐

This person will be attending with a Personal Care Assistant (PCA) or service animal. If checked, what service does the animal provide? _____

Visual Access

- ☐ This person needs braille resources.
- ☐ This person needs resources provided electronically in .txt or .rtf.
- ☐ This person needs resources in large print.
- ☐ This person needs a guide/companion for navigation.

Sensory & Neurodivergent Access

- ☐ This person has sensory sensitivity to light.
- ☐ This person has sensory sensitivity to sound.
- ☐ This person benefits from access to low-stimulus or quiet spaces.
- ☐ This person benefits from advance communication about schedules, crowds, or transitions.

Health & Medical Considerations

- ☐ This person has severe allergies (food, environmental, or other).
- ☐ This person needs access to a refrigerated medication storage.
- ☐ Do you have any dietary requirements we should accommodate?
 - ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Vegan
 - ☐ Gluten-free ☐ Dairy-free
 - ☐ Nut-free ☐ Soy-free
 - ☐ Egg-free

SERVE Experience Accessibility Needs

(only complete if your congregation is participating in SERVE)

- ☐ This person is medically prohibited from prolonged exposure to sun or heat.
- ☐ This person is medically prohibited from handling certain food products.
- ☐ This person is medically prohibited from being around animal allergens.
- ☐ This person is medically prohibited from walking long distances.
- ☐ This person is medically prohibited from dusty or poor air quality environments.
- ☐ This person may need SERVE activities adapted to their abilities.

Other Needs or Considerations



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Youth Name: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Mobile Phone: _____

Gathering Pre-Events & Pre-Experience

Please note: MYLE and the tAble require a \$50 non-refundable housing deposit at the time of registration. There is no registration fee for MYLE or the tAble. SERVE is \$100 per person, with a \$50 non-refundable deposit due at the time of registration. Additionally, there are only 4,000 spots available for SERVE (first-come-first-serve). If participating in SERVE, your full congregational group is required to participate (with the exception of those attending MYLE and the tAble). Participants can participate in only one pre-event or pre-experience.

- ☐ Register me for the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (June 26 - 28, 2027).
- ☐ Register me for the the tAble (June 26 - 28, 2027).
- ☐ Register me for SERVE, an add-on experience (June 28).

T-Shirt Size

Please note: Only participants that are attending MYLE, the tAble or participating in SERVE will receive a Gathering provided t-shirt. If you'd like to purchase shirts for your group, please visit the official Gathering store at Old Lutheran.

If attending MYLE, the tAble, or participating in SERVE, my t-shirt size is:

- ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large
☐ X Large ☐ XX Large ☐ 3XL ☐ 4XL

Youth Participant Agreement

Please read carefully, sign and bring a copy to the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering. This form will be required to receive a wristband.

Part 1: Youth Participant Agreement and Covenant

I desire to participate in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's ("ELCA") 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN, June 28-July 2, 2027, Multicultural Youth Leadership Event ("MYLE") June 26-28, 2027, the tAble, June 26-28, 2027 and/or SERVE, June 28, 2027 (collectively "Gathering"). In exchange for being allowed to participate in the Gathering, and the benefits derived from such participation, I knowingly and voluntarily sign and agree to be bound by this Participant Agreement ("Agreement"):

1. ELCA DIRECTIONS, RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. I shall abide by all ELCA directions, rules, policies and procedures for the Gathering.

2. PUBLICITY RELEASE. I grant the ELCA and its ENGAGE exhibitors a worldwide, sub-licensable, perpetual, irrevocable, royalty free right (but not the obligation) to photograph, record (audio and visual), digitize, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works based on, publicly

perform, publicly display, and otherwise use my name, image, likeness, voice, biographical information, and other personal characteristics as they may appear in photographs, recordings (audio and visual), writings, messages, artwork, and other materials (collectively, "Materials") related to the Gathering, in all formats and media now known or hereinafter created, for purposes related to the mission and ministries of the ELCA and its ENGAGE exhibitors, including advertising, trade and commercial purposes related to the ELCA's mission and ministries. I ACKNOWLEDGE THE ELCA IS THE OWNER OF THE MATERIALS AND I HAVE NO RIGHT TO INSPECT OR APPROVE THE MATERIALS OR THE ELCA'S USE OF THE MATERIALS.

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Youth Name: _____

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- All Gathering participants shall always adhere to all venue and lodging rules and regulations.

Participation and Attendance: I agree to actively participate in scheduled sessions and events throughout the ELCA Youth Gathering, unless otherwise excused by a designated adult leader due to illness, safety concerns, or another approved reason.

Safety and Supervision: I understand that my safety and the safety of others are always the primary concern. I agree to follow all safety instructions and supervision requirements. These requirements include:

- Remaining in designated areas and my assigned lodging when not attending scheduled events.
- Traveling only in groups of three or more persons when off-site or moving between locations.
- Always carrying personal identification.
- Checking in with designated adult leaders at required times and locations.
- Returning to assigned lodging by the established curfew time.
- Informing a designated adult leader before going off-site and complying with all check-in requirements.

Use of Space: I understand that common areas designated by Event leadership are to be used for socializing and group activities, and that private lodging rooms are not intended for congregating.

Reporting Concerns: Gathering participants shall immediately address and report any safety, health, or crime-related concerns, including bullying, harassment, racial misconduct, drugs, online threats, fighting, weapons, or theft, to a designated adult leader, event staff member, or other appropriate authority.

Consequences: I understand that failure to comply with this covenant or with ELCA Youth Gathering rules and policies may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the ELCA Youth Gathering at my parents' or guardians' expense.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I SIGN BELOW, I AM ENTERING INTO A LEGAL AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL BIND ME TO THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND THAT BY SIGNING THIS I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE THE ELCA.

Youth Participant Name (Printed): _____

Youth Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Part 2: Youth Participant's Parents/Legal Guardian Waiver and Consent

I am the parent or legal guardian of the Youth Participant named above. The Youth Participant desires to participate in the Gathering. In exchange for the Youth Participant being permitted to participate in the Gathering, and the benefits derived from such participation, I knowingly and voluntarily sign and agree to be bound by this Agreement, including Parts I and II.

1. PERMISSIONS. I give my permission for the Youth Participant to participate in the Gathering. I give my permission for the Youth Participant to enter into this Agreement and to grant the ELCA the rights contemplated in Part I of this Agreement. I have the legal authority to grant these permissions.



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2. ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISKS. I acknowledge the Youth Participant's participation in the Gathering may expose the Youth Participant to various risks and dangers, including personal injury, death, and loss of or damage to personal property. I KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE YOUTH PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GATHERING AND ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT.

3. RELEASE OF LIABILITY. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE LAW, I KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY, AND IRREVOCABLY RELEASE FROM ALL LIABILITY INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, WAIVE ALL CLAIMS AGAINST, AND COVENANT NOT TO MAKE OR BRING ANY CLAIM AGAINST THE RELEASED PERSONS IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO: (I) THE GATHERING; INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM GATHERING LOCATIONS; (II) THE YOUTH PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GATHERING; (III) THE YOUTH PARTICIPANT ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT; AND/OR (IV) THE ELCA'S EXERCISE OF THE RIGHTS GRANTED TO THE ELCA UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

4. DEFENSE, INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS. I SHALL DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASED PERSONS AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS INCURRED IN DEFENDING THE SAME), IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO: (I) THE YOUTH PARTICIPANT'S CONDUCT, ACTIONS, OR OMISSIONS; (II) THE YOUTH PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GATHERING; (III) THE RIGHTS GRANTED TO THE ELCA UNDER THIS AGREEMENT; (IV) MY OR THE YOUTH PARTICIPANT'S BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT; AND/OR (V) ANY ACTION BY THE YOUTH PARTICIPANT TO DISAFFIRM OR VOID THIS AGREEMENT.

5. Parent/Legal Guardian Independent Liability. I shall remain liable under this Agreement, even if the Youth Participant is subsequently able under applicable law to disaffirm or void this Agreement, as it applies to the Youth Participant. I KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVE ALL CLAIMS TO THE CONTRARY. I understand that the Youth Participant may have the legal ability to disaffirm this Agreement, but I agree that my obligations, including indemnification and release, remain fully enforceable regardless of any such disaffirmance. I agree that any legal action arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be brought exclusively in the state or federal courts located in Illinois.

6. Nothing herein is intended nor shall it be construed as contractually authorizing or permitting the Youth Participant to disaffirm or void this Agreement.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I SIGN BELOW, I AM ENTERING INTO A LEGAL AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL BIND ME TO THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND THAT BY SIGNING THIS I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE THE ELCA. I AM ALSO AGREEING TO DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY THE ELCA.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Printed):

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:

Youth Participant Name (Printed):

Date: _____



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Medical and Emergency Form

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Participant First Name: _____
Participant Last Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Date of Birth: _____

Part 1: Authorization for Medical Treatment

I, the undersigned, do hereby authorize an adult leader representative of my congregational group, ELCA personnel, qualified medical provider contracted or volunteering at this event, EMS or hospital medical personnel if in transit to consent to and authorize the administration and performance of all treatments that may be considered advisable or necessary in the judgment of attending physicians or medical emergency personnel if no physician can be present, in the event that the Gathering participant should be admitted to any hospital, or need any medical treatment. I give all Health Care Providers permission to release PHI (Protected Health Information) regarding the above named participant for use in their treatment, payment or health care operations. I understand this PHI may be shared with the Adult Leader, accompanying person and/or ELCA personnel.

This authorization shall be in effect from the following dates, when the participant shall be traveling to, and participating in, the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering, MYLE, the tAble and/or SERVE from _____ to _____.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:

Printed Name: _____
Date: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email Address: _____

Youth Participant Signature:

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Part 2: Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____
Relationship: _____
Daytime Phone: _____
Evening Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____

Part 3: Medical Insurance

Insurance Carrier: _____
Policy #: _____
Phone#: _____

Please photocopy the front and back of participant/cardholder's insurance card and indicate anything else that leaders should know to help avoid or assist in any medical situation that might arise.

Part 4: Health History

Please complete so that health providers can be aware of your needs.

Date of last tetanus/diphtheria immunization:

Please explain any condition that would prevent participation in any Gathering activity:

Do you have any pre-existing medical conditions?

Please list medications that you are currently taking:

Please list any allergies to food, medication, or environment:

Additional Comments:

