2024 ELCA Youth Gathering + MYLE + the tAble

REGISTRATION WORKBOOK

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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.

New Orleans is a vibrant city filled with history, great food, inspiring jazz 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 Created to Be. 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 priority registration.

Our team is here every step of the way, should you have any questions. Additionally, every synod has a Gathering Champion 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 Gathering Synod Champion, you can send an email through the Gathering's website. Just visit the homepage and scroll down to the Champion Lookup section.

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.

That's all for now, friends. I'll see ya in New Orleans!

Tammy Jones West

Deacon Tammy Jones West
Director, 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

NEXT STOP: NEW ORLEANS

key dates

September 15, 2023
Priority Registration opens, financial assistance opens

October 15, 2023
Financial assistance closes

November 1, 2023
Priority Registration closes

November 2, 2023
Regular Registration opens

January 15, 2024
Hotel assignments released
(Priority registrations only)

February 14, 2024
Regular Registration closes

February 15, 2024
Late Registration opens

April 15, 2024
Registration closes

April 30, 2024
Final balance due (registration & housing), deadline for cancellations and substitutions, rooming lists due in congregational account

May 15, 2024
Final details released

July 13-16, 2024
Multicultural Youth Leadership Event & the tAble

July 16-20, 2024
2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

who can attend?

Youth participants must be in eighth to 12th grade at the time of registration (fall 2023) to attend the 2024 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. The adult companion will receive a waived registration fee to attend the 2024 Gathering alongside their young person.

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.

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We're excited that for the 2024 Gathering cycle, the registration fee for the MYLE will be waived for the first 1,000 people. Additionally, the first 200 registrants for the tAble will receive a waived registration. Participants are required to register for and attend the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering immediately following.

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.

adult leaders

To serve as an adult leader for the 2024 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 reframe.

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:

# 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
42 - 48	8 - 9

If these ratios do not fit your group or congregation, we encourage you to connect with the Gathering Office for guidance (gathering@elca.org).

cost

Registration fees support the Gathering's logistical, programmatic, and administrative operations. A $150 deposit is required at time of registration for the ELCA Youth Gathering and Young Adult Gathering. A deposit is not required for MYLE or the tAble.

Thanks to a generous donor, registration fees for MYLE and the tAble will be waived for the first 1,000 MYLE registrants and the first 200 tAble registrants.

Please note that hotel, meals and travel costs are not included in the Gathering registration fee. Hotel and meals are included for MYLE and the tAble. We encourage congregations to budget $70 per person, per day for meals and $175/night plus tax for a room. Typically, three individuals are assigned to a room.

PRIORITY REGISTRATION Sept. 14 - Nov. 1, 2023

the Gathering	$375	($150 deposit due at registration)
MYLE	$190	(Free for first 1,000 participants)
the tAble	$190	(Free for first 200 participants)

REGULAR REGISTRATION Nov. 2, 2023 - Feb. 14, 2024

the Gathering	$425	($150 deposit due at registration)
MYLE	$190	(Free for first 1,000 participants)
the tAble	$190	(Free for first 200 participants)

LATE REGISTRATION Feb. 15 - April 15, 2024

the Gathering	$475	($150 deposit due at registration)
MYLE	$190	(Free for first 1,000 participants)
the tAble	$190	(Free for first 200 participants)

priority registration

Congregations that register their group during priority registration will be given preference on hotel location, hotel price or accompaniment theme. The congregation needs to have the majority of its group registered during priority registration to receive this benefit. Additionally, registration preferences will be looked at on a first-come, first-serve basis. In addition, priority registrants will receive their hotel assignments prior to the 2024 ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in New Orleans.

HOTEL LOCATION

HOTEL PRICE

$140 - $150 (plus tax)
$151 - $165 (plus tax)
$166 - $185 (plus tax)

ACCOMPANIMENT THEMES

ACTION Accompany local partners in hands-on service that meets the needs of the people of New Orleans. Hear the stories of the impact of this work. Imagine how you can continue this at home.

ADVOCACY Uncover the roots of injustice. Serve alongside partners who are creating change. Learn to accompany the leaders in your own community.

AWARENESS Join the culture keepers of the city who build on its rich history to create a more equitable society. Discover how you can accompany the culture bearers in your own neighborhood.

cancellations & substitutions

You can make substitutions for participants that are no longer able to attend within your congregational account until May 31. 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 May 31 will forfeit the entire registration fee.

payment

All payments must be paid in full by April 30, 2024, 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).

financial assistance

Financial assistance is available for the 2024 Gathering through your congregation's registration account. Applications open Sept. 15 (at the start of priority registration) and will close Oct. 15. Applicants will be notified by Oct. 16 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 or food-related expenses. Up to $225 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.

housing

The Gathering has contracted with a variety of hotels, and they are excited to welcome everyone with their southern hospitality! Hotel rates will vary, but congregations are encouraged to budget $175 (plus tax) per room, per night. Room types (king, double/double, suite) 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 reserve rooms and submit your rooming list. You must submit your rooming list in your congregational account by April 30, 2024.

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 2024 Gathering. New Orleans provides us with an opportunity for all participants to be downtown and in close proximity to our venues. Congregations will be assigned hotels based on when they register, how many rooms they request and other factors.

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 reservation.

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.

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 2024 Gathering, please adhere to the guidelines attached to this resource when talking, writing or creating visuals about the event to ensure consistency.

gLEARN

gLearn 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 New Orleans. 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 2024 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.

Registration Costs

Priority (Sept. 15 - Nov. 1)	____ x $375 = $_____
Regular (Nov. 2 - Feb. 14)	____ x $425 = $_____
Late (Feb. 15 - April 15)	____ x $475 = $_____
MYLE Registration fee waived for the first 1,000 participants.	____ x $190 = $_____
the tAble Registration fee waived for the first 200 participants.	____ x $190 = $_____
Total Registration Costs	$_____

Congregations must pay a $150 per person non-refundable deposit to secure their registration in the fee range you expect to pay. All payments must be made through the congregation's account. Participants are not considered registered until a 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.
#: _____

Transportation

Our congregation plans to arrive in New Orleans on:

_____

Our congregation will arrive via:

☐ Airplane ☐ Car or van
☐ Train ☐ Charter bus

Our congregation plans to depart New Orleans on:

_____

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 Caesars Superdome. These often take the form of easy to learn choreography, processionals, or other group routines that support programming.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Our congregation would like to be considered for communion assistants at closing worship on Saturday, July 20.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Our congregation would like to be considered to drive ourselves to our assigned Accompaniment site. We know that this is not a guarantee, and we will be notified if we were selected in the spring of 2024. In order for my congregation to participate, we agree that our group is 20 people or less and the primary adult leader will attend an online orientation in May 2024.

☐ Yes ☐ No

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 2024 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 when the ELCA receives payment in full for the nonrefundable $150 per person deposit.

CONGREGATIONAL DETAILS WORKSHEET

By submitting this registration, you acknowledge that your congregation must stay at its assigned Gathering hotel in order to participate in the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering.

By submitting this registration, you agree to share the code of conduct 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.

ADULT PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION WORKSHEET

This worksheet is to help you prepare for the 2024 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:_____
Email:_____
Mobile Phone:_____
Address:_____
City:_____ State:_____ Zipcode:_____

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

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 2024 Gathering:_____

T-Shirt Size: ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X Large ☐ XX Large ☐ 3XL ☐ 4XL

Accomodations
- ☐ I have limited mobility, but can board a bus with no assistance.
- ☐ I am a full-time wheelchair user
- ☐ I have a sensory processing disability and am sensitive to light and/or sound.

For the purposes of your Accompaniment Day:
- ☐ I must limit my exposure to sun or heat for medical reasons.
- ☐ I am medically prohibited from handling certain food products.
- ☐ I am medically prohibited from being around animal allergens.

Additional Information:_____
_____

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

Emergency Contact Name:_____
Emergency Contact Relationship:_____
Emergency Contact Mobile Phone:_____

Gathering Pre-Events
- ☐ Register me for the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (July 13-16, 2024).
- ☐ Register me for the the tAble (July 13-16, 2024).

Adult Participant Agreement
Please read carefully, sign and bring a copy to the 2024 Gathering.

I desire to participate in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's ("ELCA") 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA, July 16-20, 2024, Multicultural Youth Leadership Event ("MYLE")July 13-16, 2024, and/or the tAble, July 13-16, 2024, (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 July 16, 2024.

2. PUBLICITY RELEASE. I grant the ELCA and its interactive learning 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 interactive learning exhibitors, including advertising, trade and commercial purposes related to the mission and ministries of the ELCA and its interactive learning 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 interactive learning 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 interactive learning 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.

5. LIABILITY RELEASE, CLAIMS WAIVER AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE. 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 ELCA AND/OR ITS SEPARATELY INCORPORATED MINISTRIES AFFILIATES, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, VOLUNTEERS, REPRESENTATIVES, AND CONTRACTORS (COLLECTIVELY, "RELEASED PERSONS") IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO: (I) THE GATHERING; (II) MY PARTICIPATION IN THE GATHERING; AND/OR (III) THE ELCA'S EXERCISE OF THE RIGHTS GRANTED BY ME TO THE ELCA UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

6. 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 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.

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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.

Participant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

ADULT PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION WORKSHEET

Medical and Emergency Form

Please read carefully, sign and bring a copy to the 2024 Gathering, MYLE and/or the tAble. 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 agreements 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.

Part 1: Release of Information

Participant First Name:_____
Participant Last Name:_____
Address:_____
City:_____State:_____ Zip:_____
Emergency Contact Name:_____
Emergency Contact Relationship:_____
Day Phone:_____
Evening Phone:_____
Cell Phone:_____

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 the ELCA Safety & Security Medical Management Personnel. This signed authorization is effective for the following dates: July 1 – August 31, 2024.

Parent/Legal Guardian Siganture:

_____

Printed Name:_____ Date:_____

Participant Signature:

_____

Printed Name:_____ Date:_____

Insurance Carrier:_____
Policy #: _____

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 2: Health History

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

Date of last tetanus/diphtheria immunization:

If you received a COVID-19 immunization, please list dates:

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:

YOUTH PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION WORKSHEET

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

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

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

Grade level at time of registration:
- ☐ 8th Grade
- ☐ 9th Grade
- ☐ 10th Grade
- ☐ 11th Grade
- ☐ 12th Grade

T-Shirt Size: ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X Large ☐ XX Large ☐ 3XL ☐ 4XL

Accomodations
- ☐ I have limited mobility, but can board a bus with no assistance.
- ☐ I am a full-time wheelchair user
- ☐ I have a sensory processing disability and am sensitive to light and/or sound.

For the purposes of your Accompaniment Day:
- ☐ I must limit my exposure to sun or heat for medical reasons.
- ☐ I am medically prohibited from handling certain food products.
- ☐ I am medically prohibited from being around animal allergens.

Additional Information regarding accomodations:
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Emergency Contact Name:_____
Emergency Contact Relationship:_____
Emergency Contact Mobile Phone:_____

Gathering Pre-Events

☐ Register me for the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (July 13-16, 2024).

☐ Register me for the the tAble (July 13-16, 2024).

Part 1: Youth Participant Agreement

Please read carefully, sign and bring a copy to the 2024 Gathering.

I desire to participate in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's ("ELCA") 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA, July 16-20, 2024, Multicultural Youth Leadership Event ("MYLE") and/or the tAble in New Orleans, LA, July 13-16, 2024, (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 interactive learning 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 interactive learning 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.

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 interactive learning 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 interactive learning 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.

5. LIABILITY RELEASE, CLAIMS WAIVER AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE. 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 ELCA AND/OR ITS SEPARATELY INCORPORATED MINISTRIES, AFFILIATES, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, VOLUNTEERS, REPRESENTATIVES, AND CONTRACTORS (COLLECTIVELY, "RELEASED PERSONS") IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO: (I) THE GATHERING; (II) MY PARTICIPATION IN THE GATHERING; AND/OR (III) THE ELCA'S EXERCISE OF THE RIGHTS GRANTED BY ME TO THE ELCA UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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.

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.

Participant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Part 2: Youth Participant's Parents/Legal Guardian

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.

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; (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

YOUTH PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION WORKSHEET

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. 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.

Parents/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Parents/Legal Guardian Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

YOUTH PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION WORKSHEET

Medical and Emergency Form

Please read carefully, sign and bring a copy to the 2024 Gathering, MYLE and/or the tAble. 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 agreements 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.

Part 1: Release of Information

Participant First Name:_____
Participant Last Name:_____
Address:_____
City:_____State:_____ Zip:_____
Emergency Contact Name:_____
Emergency Contact Relationship:_____
Day Phone:_____
Evening Phone:_____
Cell Phone:_____

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 the ELCA Safety & Security Medical Management Personnel. This signed authorization is effective for the following dates: July 1 – August 31, 2024.

Parent/Legal Guardian Siganture:

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Printed Name:_____ Date:_____

Participant Signature:

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Printed Name:_____ Date:_____

Insurance Carrier:_____
Policy #: _____

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 2: Health History

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

Date of last tetanus/diphtheria immunization:

If you received a COVID-19 immunization, please list dates:

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: