

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING HOUSTON, TEXAS

2018

JUNE 24-JULY 1-2

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2018 ELCA
YOUTH
GATHERING

Making Disciples

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Making a Difference

ABOUT OUR TRIP

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth & their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of **FAITH FORMATION** known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in **INTERACTIVE LEARNING, WORSHIP, BIBLE STUDY, SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP**, young people grow in faith & are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

The theme for the 2018 NYG is, **“THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.”** Our primary scripture will be **Ephesians 2:8** “For by grace you have been saved through



faith, and this is not your own doing; **IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.”**

HOUSTON FACTS

- More than 90 languages are spoken throughout the metro region.
- 25% of people are between 5 & 19 years , making it one the “youngest” cities in the US.
- 92 countries have consular offices in Houston, the most outside of Washington DC.
- 4th most populous city in US.
- Houston could fit the cities of New York, Wash. DC, Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Minneapolis, & Miami within its borders.
- Most diverse metro region in the US, surpassing New York City.
- If Houston were an independent nation, it would rank as the world’s 30th largest economy.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW WILL WE GET THERE?

Bus or fly (still researching cost)

WHERE WILL WE STAY WHILE SERVING?

In a hotel with other Gathering participants. Some Gathering activities happen in the hotel common areas.

DO WE WORK WITH OTHER YOUTH GROUPS? WILL WE BE SPLIT UP?

We will have a chance to meet a lot of new people from all over the country. FoC will split into groups with an adult leader. These groups will be based on our pre-trip team building.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE?

The first 4 days will be filled with travel, service projects, and some fun! Once the Gathering begins, we leave early in the morning and return late at night, filling our time with worship, Bible studies, social justice themes, fellowship, games, dancing, concerts, speakers....in other words, it will be amazing!!

DO WE GET TO DO ANYTHING FUN?

Yes! Besides the awesomely fun days of service, we have free time and events in the afternoon and evening. These events take advantage of some of the attractions in the community, as well as simply providing opportunity to be social.

WHAT DO WE EAT?

Most meals are included in the cost of this trip. We will have healthy options for breakfast at the hotel, snacks, spending cash, and group meals.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Depart FoC on Sunday, June 24
- Service projects/ fun time before National Youth Gathering begins
- Kick off National Youth Gathering Wednesday
- Closing Worship Sunday morning
- Depart Sunday afternoon
- Return to FoC Sunday, July 1 or Monday, July 2

REGISTRATION INFO

To be eligible for this trip, youth must be current 8th-12th grader and be committed to:

- Participating in the minimum number of pre-trip preparation activities as communicated
- Participating in/helping with the All Church Musical
- Participating in two Mission Mondays after trip
- Turning in forms and making payments by the deadlines

Register online: www.familyofchristonline.com
before October 30.

COST & PAYMENT INFO

Total Cost: \$1150-1350

Family of Christ contributes \$100 (already included in total)

Possibility of additional church funding

Cost Breakdown

- \$350 Registration fee for Gathering
- \$325 for transportation (looking into flying vs. bus prices)
- \$300 lodging
- \$375- for most meals, swag, t-shirt, chaperone, fun day, etc.

\$150 non-refundable deposit due at registration

Payment dates: February 1, April 1, final payment due June 1, 2018

- ◆ **Several fundraising opportunities** will be available throughout the year to help bring the cost down.
- ◆ **Please Pay by check** (Memo "NYG -student name") or online with EFT at www.familyofchristonline.com
- ◆ **\$100 DISCOUNT** off the final cost if paid in full after initial deposit.

Questions?

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