

THEME SONG CONTEST



ENTRY FORM

Please complete this form for each song submission. Submissions can be emailed to gathering@elca.org or mailed to: ELCA Youth Gathering, c/o Theme Song Contest, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631

ENTRANT

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Describe the nature of your connection to the ELCA, if any—i.e. congregation member, campus ministry, church musician etc.:

The Entrant of this form warrants and represents that, to the best of their knowledge, the song submitted is original and has not been previously published, or that consent to use has been obtained on an unlimited basis. Entrant expressly agrees to hold the ELCA harmless for all liability caused by entrant's use of a song to the extent such use infringes on the copyrights of others:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

SONG

Song Title: _____ Songwriter: _____

Contributors (if applicable): _____

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- Entry Form
- MP3 Recording
- Copy of Lyrics
- Copy of Sheet Music

FINE PRINT

1. Each submission must include the following:
 - A. Completed submission form available for www.elca.org/gathering, under the resources section.
 - B. MP3 recording of the entrant's original work.
 - C. Copy of the Lyrics.
 - D. Copy of the sheet music.
2. All entries submitted must be original songs and shall not infringe any copyrights or any other rights of any third parties. Songs may have multiple co-writers, but only one name should be designated on the submission form. Entrant shall, by entering, indemnify and hold the ELCA harmless from and against any claims inconsistent with the foregoing.
3. Entrant may submit as many songs as desired.
4. Contest is open to all individuals, regardless of ELCA affiliation.
5. Songs should be between three (3) and five (5) minutes in length, and may not exceed seven (7) minutes.
6. Any materials submitted will not be returned to the entrant and become property of the ELCA.
7. Entries will be screened by an ELCA Youth Gathering listening committee. Songs are evaluated musically and theologically. Lyrics may be in any language. **Production value and quality of performance will not be considered.**
8. *Up to one (1) song may be selected to win the Grand Prize. Grand prize package includes:
 - A. Opportunity for entrant to perform his/her song at the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas.
 - B. One waived registration or application fee (up to a \$440 value depending on date of registration).
 - C. Roundtrip airfare to the Gathering in Houston, Texas up to \$400. Airfare must be booked through the ELCA's in-house travel agency, Direct Travel.
 - D. Complimentary lodging Tuesday, June 26 – Sunday, July 1. Hotel arrangements will be made on behalf of entrant by Gathering staff.
9. **The ELCA will use its best efforts to announce the winner at the designated time of May 1, 2017, but will not be held liable for any unforeseen delays. Winner will be notified by email or phone. Winner may be required to sign an affidavit confirming that winner's song is original and he/she holds rights to the song.
10. Entrants retain copyright to any songs submitted. If selected, the Grand Prize winning entrant grants ELCA permission to share, redistribute, and copy entrant's song for purposes related to the ELCA Youth Gathering, including, but not limited to: providing sheet music and audio recordings online, using the song as a promotional tool, and performance of the song by various groups or other artists.