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Final confirmation letter

Your final confirmation letter is available! Please [log](#) into your Gathering account and download this letter. This final confirmation letter has information about check-in, release forms, account information and more details about your Gathering experience. Please review this letter carefully and bring it with you to the Gathering. If you have any questions about the information in your letter, please email Gathering@elca.org.

Guidebook

Want more information on partners, programs, speakers and all Gathering things? Check out our [guidebook](#)! Our guidebook is just that – a guide for your congregation's Gathering experience. We highly recommend you check out the partners and different tracks available in Interactive Learning! Start planning how you

want to spend that day. Also, check out our speakers and artists that will be with us during the Mass Gathering! Maybe talk with your group about nights you might want to get there early to get floor seats. This guidebook is jam-packed with great information to help you feel prepared for the Gathering.



Webinars

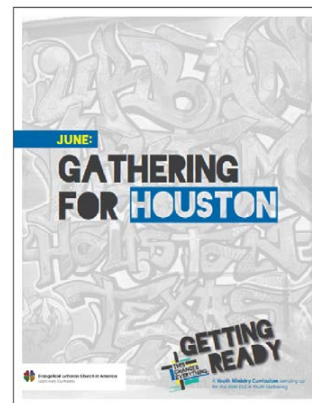
Our Safety and Security webinar was on May 31. Team leader Shawn Hannon led us through the plans he and his team have for the Gathering, as well as tips for your groups to help you have the best Gathering experience possible! You can [watch the webinar](#).

Our next webinar is on June 14 at 7 p.m. CDT and will be a last-minute Q&A. Join our Gathering staff and bring any last-minute questions you have before joining us in Houston for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. [Sign up](#) or join us on [Facebook live!](#)

Getting Ready materials

The June Getting Ready materials are ready for you! We encourage leaders to use these with your group to prepare for specific Gathering details. This session will go over how to pack, how to be prepared, walk you through details for Service Learning, Interactive Learning and so much more!

[Download the materials](#) today, and make sure you and your group don't miss any of this valuable information.



Commissioning litany

The Gathering has provided a commissioning litany for congregations to use as a blessing and sending for groups coming to the Gathering.

Feel free to [download](#) and use with your congregation before joining us at the Gathering!



Livestream

Planning to watch the Gathering livestream? Join us on our [homepage!](#) We'll be livestreaming:

- MYLE Worship: June 26 at 6:45 p.m. (all times CDT)
- The tAble Worship: June 27 at 10 a.m.
- Daily Bible studies: June 27-June 30 at 3:30 p.m.
- Nightly Mass Gatherings: June 27-June 30 at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday Morning Worship: July 1 at 10 a.m.

Wellness

Are you preparing your body for the Gathering? Here are some tips to help you start preparing:

1. Start walking! We encourage everyone to start taking long walks outside as part of your Gathering preparation. You will be walking a lot while you're in Houston, so get your body used to moving!
2. Since you're walking, make sure you have good shoes. If you're getting new shoes, start breaking them in now. Nothing is worse than having to deal with blisters while navigating your Gathering experience.
3. Drink water. Houston is very hot and very humid; your body is going to need lots of water. Start hydrating your body now.



A quiet space at the Gathering

Adults are welcome to take a break at the adults-only “Chill” Space during the Youth Gathering. Come to Rooms 104-107 in the NRG Center for a quiet, comfortable place to sit and to enjoy some refreshments. It’s open Thursday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All advisers, youth pastors and chaperones are invited to stop by.

The “Chill” Space is sponsored by the [Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA](#) and the [ELCA Federal Credit Union](#).

2018 Gathering timeline at a glance

June 24-27 – [MYLE](#) and the [tAble](#)

June 27-July 1 – [ELCA Youth Gathering](#)



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