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**#ELCAYG2018**

# GNEWS

NEWS FROM THE 2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING + HOUSTON, TX

**#ELCAYG2018 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

**@elcagathering**

## Registration

[Gathering registration is open!](#)

We have over 10,000 participants registered with more than 750 congregations represented. Make sure you register your group soon to be eligible for our Gathering Giveaways. In October, we will be drawing from our registered congregations for a chance to win a meet-and-greet with

a Mass Gathering band, a meet-and-greet with Presiding Bishop Eaton, one free Gathering registration, and your choice of seating at one of our Mass Gatherings!

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## MYLE webinar and save the date for tAble webinar

What is MYLE? The Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) is a pre-event to the Gathering. It empowers young people of color and those whose primary language is other than English to claim their story as a part of God's story. MYLE 2018 will be June 24-27. Join us on Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. Central for our MYLE webinar to learn more about MYLE and the theme for 2018, "One," based in Ephesians 2:14-19. [Sign up](#).



Be sure to also mark your calendar for our tAble (formerly DAYLE) [webinar](#), coming up on Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. Central!

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## Blast Off for Books

The Gathering has recognized the need to lift up literacy in Houston. The Houston Independent School District estimates that 74 percent of the students in the district come from families who struggle to provide books for their children.



In joining the Gathering's Blast Off for Books campaign, you will help ensure bright futures for Houston's students. The books you donate will be distributed at community book fairs, camps and other events around the city as part of the Gathering's Service Learning experience. By putting books in the hands of Houston's economically disadvantaged students, you can help change lives.

Please see our [flyer](#) for a list of books we will be collecting for the children of Houston. Note that we will only accept these books (new or lightly used). You can also check out our [Amazon wish list](#) for those who can't join us at the Gathering but want to send books! Please send books to:

Faith Lutheran Church  
Attn: ELCA Youth Gathering  
Blast Off for Books  
4600 Bellaire Blvd.  
Bellaire, TX, 77401

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## Emcee auditions

Are you ready to live your faith out-loud? Can you be a witness for Jesus? Imagine welcoming 30,000 high school students, just like yourself, to NRG Stadium for the ELCA Youth Gathering. The Mass Gathering Team is searching for creative and talented Lutheran teens and young adults to be emcees for the Gathering. If you will be between the ages of 15 and 22 in July 2018 and are available May 28-June 2 and June 23-July 1, please download our [emcee application](#) and submit your audition!



## Synod Coordinator

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One of the best resources for your congregation during the months spent planning for the Gathering is your Gathering synod coordinator. People with Gathering experience have been chosen by each synod to serve in this capacity. They are field workers for the Gathering and will be the first to have the answers to your questions! [Connect](#) with yours to find other congregations that are traveling to Houston or to attend a training meeting.

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## Sponsorship

Choosing to be a sponsor or Interactive Learning partner for the Gathering means investing in the faith formation of the youth. It means saying that you care. It means showing the youth that there is a place for them in the church. It means walking alongside the youth on their faith journey.

### **Missional sponsor, \$30,000**

Full-page ad in the Gathering Guidebook

Pre-Gathering promotion

Choice of one of the following:

- Video highlighting your ministry shown from Mass Gathering stage
- Service Learning After-Party
- Your logo on the Gathering wrist band

### **Accompanying sponsor, \$15,000**

Full-page ad in the Gathering Guidebook

Pre-Gathering promotion

Choice of one of the following:

- Your video shows before livestream content for one day
- Community Life stages
- Mass Gathering seating section

### **Sustaining sponsor, \$10,000**

Half-page ad in the Gathering Guidebook

Pre-Gathering promotion

Choice of one of the following:

- Your logo on transportation magnets for 100 vehicles in Gathering fleet
- Floor decals (8) with your logo in Interactive Learning
- MYLE or the tAble meal
- Logo on Service Learning vests
- Volunteer training meal

### **Supporting sponsor, \$5,000**

Half-page ad in the Gathering Guidebook

Pre-Gathering promotion

Choice of two of the following:

- Floor decals (4) with your logo in Interactive Learning
- Snapchat filter
- Pre-Gathering webinar

### **Contributing sponsor, \$2,000**

Half-page ad in the Gathering Guidebook

Pre-Gathering promotion

Choice of one of the following:

- Snapchat filter
- Pre-Gathering webinar

For more information, check out our [sponsorship brochure](#).

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## 2018 Gathering timeline at a glance

**July 15, 2017** – Financial assistance application opened

**Sept. 15, 2017** – [Registration opened](#) and early bird rate began

**Sept. 15, 2017** – Emcee applications opened

**Nov. 15, 2017** – Emcee applications closes

**Nov. 16, 2017** – Regular registration rate begins

**Feb. 16, 2018** – Late registration rate begins

**May 15, 2018** – Registration closes and all payments are due

**June 24-27, 2018** – [MYLE](#) and the [tAble](#)

**June 27-July 1, 2018** – [ELCA Youth Gathering](#)



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