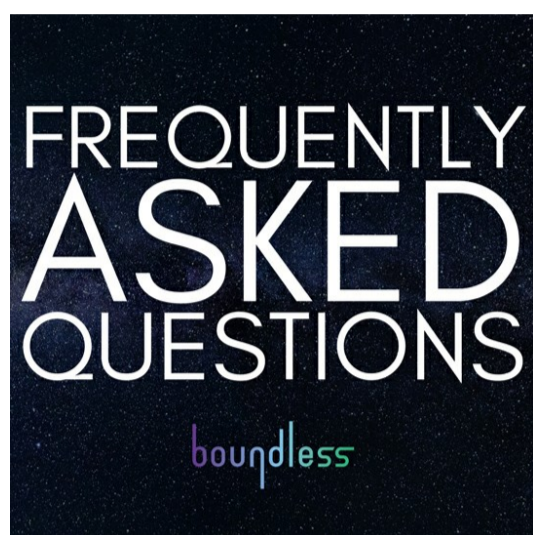




### Theme Song Contest

Between now and April 21, people from across our church can submit their original music compositions to be considered for the theme song of the 2021 Gathering! Visit our website for more details and the application.

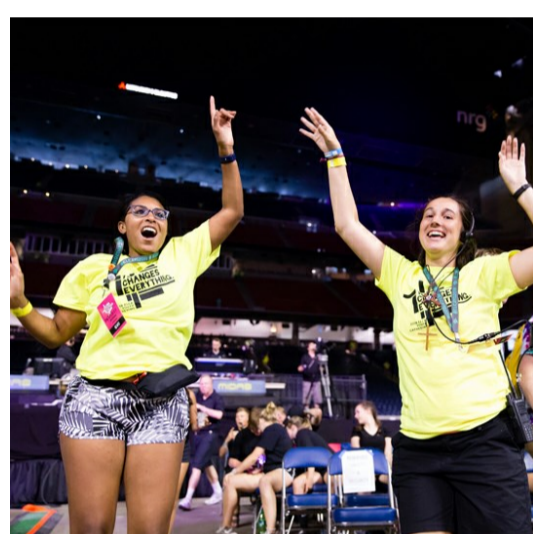
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### FAQs

Wondering if synods will be housed together? Or what the ages are to attend the Gathering? Visit the FAQs section on our website for answers to these questions and many more!

[Website](#)



### Volunteer webinar

Interested in volunteering for the 2021 Gathering? Join us for our first webinar, on Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m. Central time, where we will talk about our various volunteer opportunities. More information about how to join the webinar will be posted on social media and our website in the weeks to come.

## PRO-TIP

To kick off your fundraising efforts, consider doing a Minneapolis-themed meal for your congregation! Youth could serve a variety of dishes that Minneapolis claims to be famous for, such as pho, tater tot hotdish, a Juicy Lucy or sambusa (a Somali pastry filled with meat or vegetables). Take a look at [what other dishes Minneapolis is known for](#).



Merciful God,

Remind us that in these troubling times you are with us. Remind us of your boundlessness. We ask that you bless doctors, nurses and public health officials as we continue to learn more about COVID-19 and what precautions we can do to stop the spread of this contagious virus. Lord, we ask that you are with our siblings who are at higher risk. May you continue to guide us into this scary, unknown reality that we are now living in.

In your healing power,  
Amen.

### Things to look forward to:

- **April 21:** Theme Song Contest closes
- **May 21:** Gathering Volunteer Corps and Local Volunteer applications open
- **May 21, 7 p.m. Central time:** Volunteer webinar with Gathering staff and Volunteers team
- **June 21:** Getting Ready Materials available online

