



Creator God, we continue to pray for the family and community of George Floyd and the countless others who have been killed at the hands of police and systems that are supposed to protect them. We recognize the perpetual and traumatizing injustices that Black people endure daily. We pray for all the families who have lost a loved one from horrific acts of racial violence. We pray for God's boundless peace.

We pray for our host community, Minneapolis. And we pray for the thousands of people who are marching for justice and for the work ahead that we are all called to do.

Guide us, O Lord, to see the sin of racism that is ever so present in our lives and institutions and help us uproot it from the world and our communities. Shower your boundless love around us, O Lord. Amen.

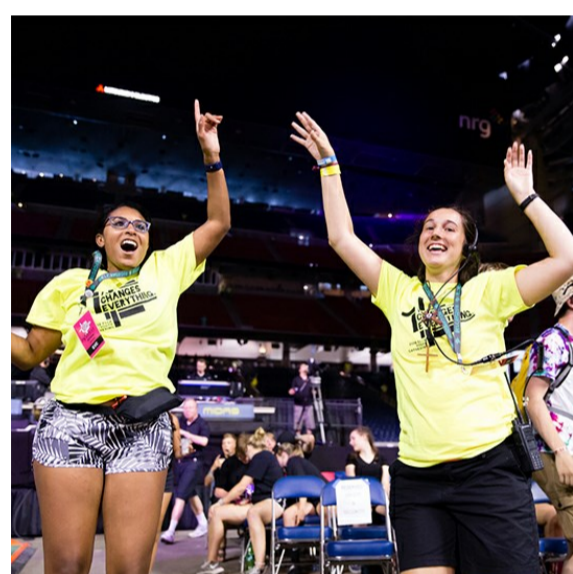
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Webinars

Join Gathering leadership for a monthly webinar, beginning in May, to prepare you for the 2022 Gathering, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble. Topics will vary with the month, but all webinars will be split between a presentation and a Q and A. Registration to participate via Zoom is now live on our website. Webinars will be recorded for those unable to attend.

[View Schedule & Register](#)



Volunteer applications

Mark your calendars — applications for the Gathering Volunteer Corps (GVC) and Local Volunteers will open on May 22 via links from our website. Applications for the Servant Companions (our young adult volunteer group) open this fall. Be sure to sign up for our May 20 webinar to learn more.

[Learn More](#)

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Racial justice resources

Are you looking for racial justice resources to use with your ministry? One of our Getting Ready lessons from the 2015 Gathering is filled with activities, lessons and factoids pertaining to prejudice, bias and racism. Also, be sure to visit ELCAFaithFormation.org to see other curated resources to help dive into the topic of racial justice with your group.

[Download](#)

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PASSAGE

Graduating high school seniors are invited to participate in PASSAGE, a small-group ministry created in partnership with ELCA Youth, ELCA Young Adults, Lutheran Campus Ministry Network ("LuMin") and the Gathering. PASSAGE will center on mutual support and on wrestling with faith in times of transition. Registration opens June 1. Stay tuned for more information!

Things to look forward to:

- **May 20 (7 p.m. Central time):** Volunteers Webinar
- **May 22:** Gathering Volunteer Corps (GVC) and Local Volunteers applications open
- **June 17 (7 p.m. Central time):** Getting Ready Materials Webinar
- **June 22:** Getting Ready Materials available

