



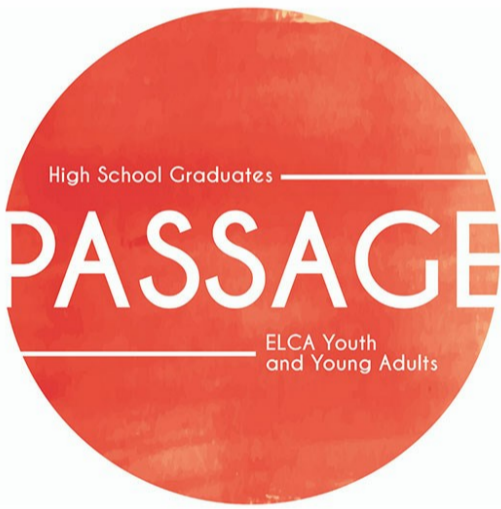
### Update on Volunteer Applications and the 2021 Gathering:

Due to the impact of COVID-19, applications for the Gathering Volunteer Corps and Local Volunteers will not open on May 21 as previously scheduled. Additionally, our webinar on May 21 will be postponed.

Gathering staff and leadership continue to monitor COVID-19 recommendations and trends from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, state governments, our host city and venues, and meeting planner organizations. We know this crisis will impact the ministry of the Gathering, but at this time we are unsure exactly how. We are currently working through a variety of scenarios. Please stay tuned to Gathering social media and the website for updates.

We thank all of you who continue to care for young people during this pandemic. Know that you, your congregation and especially the youth of this church are in our daily thoughts and prayers.

For the most up to date information regarding the 2021 Gathering and COVID-19, please visit: [elca.org/YouthGathering/COVID19](http://elca.org/YouthGathering/COVID19).



### PASSAGE

After ELCA Young Adult's great success with the abide small-group ministry, the ELCA Faith Formation team is excited to launch a special small-group series for recently graduated high school students. Based on Isaiah 43, PASSAGE will be centered on mutual support and wrestling with faith and life in times of transition. Please encourage seniors in your congregation to sign up for this new and exciting ministry next week.

[Learn More](#)



### Congratulations, Seniors!

We know this isn't the way our hardworking seniors thought their high school careers would end. The ELCA Faith Formation team has created a resource ([English](#) or [Spanish](#)) with a handful of unique ways your congregation can still recognize its graduating seniors' accomplishments. On behalf of the Gathering and the ELCA Faith Formation team — congrats, Class of 2020!

[Resource](#)

