



Registration is OPEN!

Early-bird registration is now open for the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble! Congregations that register during Early-bird will be entered to win a variety of prizes (such as their choice of seating at Mass Gathering). Early-bird registration closes on Nov. 21; during regular registration, prices go up \$40 per participant.

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Latest COVID-19 Update

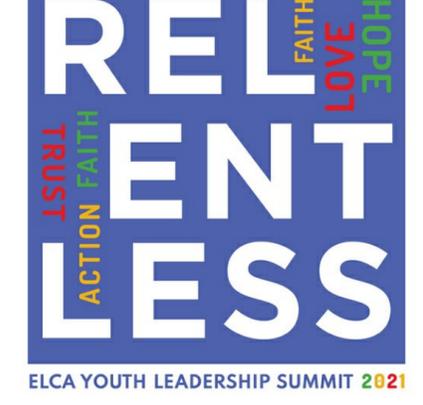
In case you missed our special edition of the gNews last week, Gathering leadership have decided to require a full COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test result (likely 72 hours before arrival) for those attending the 2022 Gathering, MYLE or the tAble. To learn more or view our FAQs around this policy, please visit the Gathering's website.

[View COVID-19 FAQs](#)



#GatheringTShirtDay

Last year, many of you dug out your old Gathering T-shirts and snapped pictures of yourselves wearing them to share with your social media followers for #GatheringTShirtDay. We're excited to announce that our second annual Gathering T-Shirt Day will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 6. Let's see your selfies and Gathering memories flood social media on this day. Bonus points if you get your 2022 congregational group together for a picture!

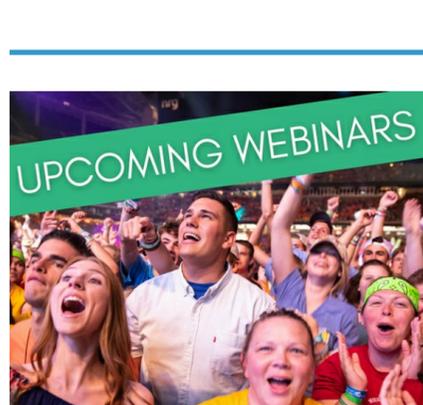


2021 ELCA Youth Leadership Summit

Two youth and one adult leader from every ELCA synod are invited to the 2021 ELCA Youth Leadership Summit, scheduled for Nov. 4-7 in Minneapolis. The theme for this year's event is "Relentless ... in Faith, Love, Hope, Trust, and Action." The past 18 months have been tough for everyone; this event will encourage and give hope to our young people as they lead, today and tomorrow, in their communities, congregations and synods.

If you know of someone who might be interested in attending the 2021 Youth Leadership Summit, please contact your synod bishop's office. For more information about the event, please email Rachel Alley, program manager for Youth Ministry, at rachel.alley@elca.org.

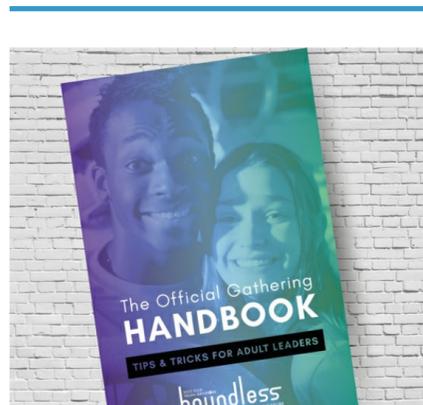
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Upcoming Webinars

Gathering webinars are a great way to get up-to-date information from our planning teams as you prepare for the Gathering. On Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. Central time, check out our (recently rescheduled) Safety and Security webinar with the Gathering's director (Molly Beck Dean), Safety and Security team leader (Pastor Shawn Hannon) and medical manager (Rachel McConnell, R.N.). The webinar "Tips and Tricks: Preparing Your Group and Fundraising," with Synod Coordinator team leader Vanessa Young, is scheduled for Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. Central time.

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Resources

Have you visited the Gathering's resources page yet? Here you'll find a ton of files and resources that will help you promote and prepare your group for the 2022 Gathering, MYLE and the tAble. If you haven't already, download "The Official Gathering Handbook: Tips & Tricks for Adult Leaders" and the sample budget. Also, be sure to check out our Kickoff Celebration with your congregational group as you start your preparations.

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PRO-TIP

Attending the ELCA Youth Ministry Network's Extravaganza is a great way to see Minneapolis prior to next summer. The event will include an "intensive care course" sharing tips on leading a group to the 2022 Gathering, and we'll offer city tours again. Early-bird registration for the Extravaganza ends Oct. 15, so visit ext22.org as soon as you can to learn more.

Things to look forward to:

- **Oct. 6:** Gathering T-Shirt Day
- **Oct. 7 (7 p.m. Central time):** Safety and Security webinar
- **Oct. 15:** ELCA Youth Ministry Network's Extravaganza early-bird registration deadline
- **Oct. 21 (7 p.m. Central time):** "Tips & Tricks: Preparing Your Group and Fundraising" webinar