

# This Changes Everything!

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering  
June 25-July 2, 2017  
Houston, TX

## About the Event

Imagine 30,000 Senior High School youth from across the Church gathering in Houston, TX. You can be one of them. This gathering will draw from the rich faith history, diverse cultures, and arts of the nation's fourth largest city. We will stretch our understandings of what it means to live in relationship and service with each other in the manner of Christ!



Gatherings immerse youth in dynamic worship, music and Bible Study. We'll serve the Houston community and play together. It will be a time of growth and change for all who attend. Whenever we gather in the presence of God with others who journey with Jesus God's Spirit works within us.

## Costs

At this point, exact costs of this trip are not certain. The cost of the event is about \$400 per person, plus costs for food, transportation, chaperons, lodging and any other event that the group (in conversation with parents) determines it wishes to participate in while traveling to or from the event. Such cost of these trips varies greatly, depending on the number of youth participating. I anticipate that the total cost will be about \$1300 per person. However, the congregation always contributes toward this, bringing the cost down significantly for each participant.

## Fund Raising

As in years past, fundraising activities can be organized by parents to offset costs of participation. Many times youth have successfully paid for almost all their expenses. Fundraising will be credited according to hours of participation in Fundraising.



## Chaperons

As with all youth events in our congregation, adults are essential to the success of this trip. Pastor Jordan will attend. We will also need a female chaperone. We may need one other adult, depending on the number of youth who register. If you are interested in serving as a chaperon, please talk with Pastor Jordan.

## Registration Information

A Registration form is attached to this information sheet. **Registration is due September 17.** Friends are always welcome. All who participate are expected to participate in youth activities and congregational events. Friends are always welcome as a part of such trips and all youth activities.

### **Preparing for the Gathering**

Youth attending the gathering will meet regularly with Pastor Jordan and our chaperones to prepare for the gathering. We'll study together the themes of the gathering, learn about the host city and more. These gatherings, the dates of which will be announced, will be required for all youth attending the gathering.

### **Commissioning Service**

Youth attending the Gathering, will be commissioned for their trip during worship on Sunday, June 24. Participants are asked to mark their calendar for this date and to be in worship that day.

### **Return Service**

A youth-led service will be held, Sunday, July 8, to thank the congregation for their support of this trip. It will be a time for us to share our experiences on the trip and to celebrate the wonderful time we've had. The congregation is very interested in what we do. They'll love hearing from you! Mark this calendar and consider it an expectation of this trip.

**Questions? Call Pastor Jordan at 262-888-0568**

**Email works great, too: [pj@ctkdelafield.org](mailto:pj@ctkdelafield.org)**