



FAMILY OF GOD
LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESENTS...

2012 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

NEW ORLEANS, LA

JULY 16-23, 2012



2012 ELCA Youth Gathering
citizens with the saints

Ephesians 2:14-20

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Tentative Itinerary

July 16—July 23, 2012

July 16-

Depart for New Orleans—Time and place TBD

July 17-

Ride the bus overnight—arrive in NOLA noon”ish”

July 18-

Explore New Orleans and attend opening worship at the Super Dome

July 19-21

Attend Gathering Festivities

July 22-

Closing Worship in the Super Dome and start trek home

July 23-

Arrive back to MN—Time and place TBD

What does it mean to “Practice Justice, Practice Peacemaking and Practice Discipleship”?

Practice Justice will be the “Service” Day. It will begin in the Superdome with “dwelling in the Word” which is bible study and worship (Learn Justice), followed by a multi-media experience reminding young people about the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina (Walk Justice), followed by boarding a bus which will take groups to their service site (Practice Justice). Some groups will walk to their service site. All will return to the Superdome where they will unpack their experiences (Reflect Justice). Lunch is included. Not all justice experiences will involve physical work. Servants of Christ do whatever other need, and that may be listening and learning.

Practice Peacemaking will be the Interaction Center Day, will begin with “dwelling in the Word” (bible study/worship) in the auditorium at the Convention Center, and then groups are free to go to the Interaction Center and/or participate in other interactive learning opportunities (i.e., workshops) throughout the building.

Practice Discipleship Day will be working together as a SYNOD. Like the other two days, this day will begin with “dwelling in the Word” lead by a team of leaders from the synod, hopefully including the Bishop. Then groups will be sent into the city of New Orleans with guidance to focus on the 7 Faith Practices.

Each day will have 1/3 of the Gathering community assigned to Practice Justice; 1/3 assigned to Practice Peacemaking and 1/3 assigned to Practice Discipleship. Groups are assigned the days and you will know each prior to coming.

Fees & Fundraising

Fundraising & Payments

We will keep accurate track of a personal fund for each youth who registers. Each deposit/payment will be credited to that person's account, as will any earnings from our fund-raising efforts. Of course each youth and family will determine how much actual fundraising they do.

Total Cost

The total registration fee for the gathering is **\$315**. Included in that cost is Hotel life in NOLA, the total program, group insurance, 10 football fields worth of learning, games, exploration and serving in the interaction center, gathering safety and security, chartered servant events, synod learning day and much more! In addition to the registration fee, there is the cost of lodging, our stay along the way there and back, other side trips and some food.

Cost Breakdown

Registration	\$315
Transportation	\$250
Lodging	\$225
Dinner in-route & t-shirt	\$35
Total Cost	\$825
Misc (meals, souvenirs, etc)	\$100

How will this work?

You will pay a \$150 **non-refundable** deposit no later than Sunday, October 9, 2011 (**due by 11:30 am**) and then each family will have some regular payments due to help spread out the expense. Most young people will earn at least 50% of the cost of the trip. The individual efforts of each participant will be tracked and credited. Some will pay very little...and some will pay more based on their fundraising efforts.

For Gathering Form/Materials

Visit www.fogchurch.org

Payment Schedule

October 9, 2011	Deposit Due	\$150
February 1, 2012	Second Payment	\$120
May 1, 2012	Third Payment	\$120
June 15, 2012	Final Payment	??

You may also choose to use our Payment Coupon Book which contains a monthly payment option. Final payment will vary depending on individual participation in fund-raising opportunities.

Is This Trip Affordable???

Payment	Date of Project	Amount	Balance
Total Cost			\$825
\$150 Deposit (non-refundable)	October 9	\$150	\$675
\$35 Payment	November 15	\$35	\$640
\$35 Payment	December 15	\$35	\$605
\$35 Payment	January 15	\$35	\$570
\$35 Payment	February 15	\$35	\$535
\$35 Payment	March 15	\$35	\$500
\$35 Payment	April 15	\$35	\$465
\$35 Payment	May 15	\$35	\$430
\$35 Payment	June 1	\$35	\$395
Spaghetti Lunch*	November 20	\$25	\$370
Sweetheart Dinner*	February 11	\$50-75	\$295-320
Cinco de Mayo* (includes youth & basket silent auction)	May 5	\$150	\$145-170
Final Payment	June 15	\$145-170	Paid in Full
Possible additional fundraisers: Ash Wednesday soup supper, Easter breakfast and 10-10 letters.			
*This includes money from working at these events.			

YES!!!