



**NESynod 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering**  
Organizational Meeting 4.2.2011

July 18-22 2012 Can come early to register on July 17

Youth entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2012 through High School Graduate 2012

\$315 per person registration

Youth to adult ratio is 5-1; minimum is 10-1

Adult leaders must be 21 years old.

**Time line -**

Financial aid – May

Registration 2pm EDT Sunday Oct. 9 2011 online only

Recommended to make an event with it

2012

Feb. Housing Assignments will be uploaded – THEY assign hotels

March 18, rooming lists

May 26 – paid in full ddl.

Recommending coming a day early

Two days prior to event \$150

Registration - \$150 non-refund deposit (check only) per person must be sent

Need congregational ID number

3 Days of Programming

- Practice Peacemaking

Housing assigned per hotel rate preferred

4 people per room \$119-141

Request all rooms on same floor.

Cannot be guaranteed kings/queens/double

Do not recommend setting up housing on our own.

Will miss out on “community”

## Transportation

Recommended to fly, rather than drive or train/bus  
Not that much more to fly

If we arrive early, we can visit the 7<sup>th</sup> ward...connect with Tim Roser

Money available for this event to meet Spring Training at Camp Calumet  
Youth Ministry Philosophy

**Oct. 21-23 at Camp Calumet \$100 per person** – for any adult youth advisor  
How to do youth ministry.

Spring Training for Congregations going to National Event

Volunteers

19+

Housing and meals are covered...but have to provide own transportation

- Community Life
- Gathering Volunteer Corp
- Servant Companion

Application process begins May 15 - \$75 application fee

Insurance – will need a special rider for the trip

Will need to have all kids insurance up to date.

1. Parents' policy
2. Church insurance policy
3. ELCA

Budget

- \$1200-\$1400 each
- Budget for gratuity
- Overbudget
- Credit card available for emergencies
- Trip insurance (not expensive)

Financial Assistance

- Opens on May 15 2011 - first come, first served
- Apply for \$315 registration fee
- Money is uploaded to congregation's account

Fund Accounting

- Youth Ministry Mission Plus Investment through Thrivent
- Will be a Mission Plus Investment check cashing service center
- Have treasurer put money into this separate account

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#### MYLE & DAYL

- Multicultural Youth Leadership Event and Definitely Abled Youth Leadership Event

#### WEBINARS

Starting Sunday afternoons in Sept.  
Especially 10/16 and 11/20, 12/4  
Oldlutheran.com for Youth gathering bling.  
Table at Synod Assembly  
Have kids all have the same T-Shirts  
Can tie-dye white T-Shirts – Use Youth 2012 Logo and ELCA logo

#### PreEvent

During Synod Assembly for ALL Youth  
Fri-Sat, June 3&4  
\$20 per person, Bethesda LC  
Calumet, Hammonasset exposure  
Sat. Commissioning Service 10:30 with other youth (garden planting, or putting together packages for shelters-Kids Care)  
Debriefing at Mass Mutual  
Free Concert – Ball in the House...

#### Other Youth Activities

Sept. 9-11  
Opportunity to network  
Maybe helping with Habitat/ YMCA focus on volunteer Sat.  
700 kids. \$45

#### Get kids to commit

Get the deposit (\$150) early  
Rise Against (possible musical group)  
Christ the King, Nashua – Lock In \$30 April 29  
Captive Free  
Full use of pool, workout, track, climbing walls

#### Citizens with the Saints – Theme

Eph. 2:14-20

Largest gathering of ELCA Lutherans...and largest gathering of Lutheran adults..

38,000

Mission based on the Gospel

#### Values

Practice Discipleship

Spend some time with Ephesians 2:14-20

### **“Three Days”**

- Day One –  
Fly In  
A Community to belong two
- Day Two  
Practicing Discipleship  
Spending day as a synod-hanging out as a synod  
Worship experience with Bishop Payne  
One of the Three Days
- Day Three  
Practice Peacemaking Day  
Workshops, learning/ listening before speaking/reconciliation  
One of the Three Days
- Day Four  
Practice Justice Day  
Doing Good Stuff in the city of New Orleans  
Painting school equip/classrooms/helped tutor reading/cleaning playground  
Yard work  
We will know ahead of time what our “Practice Justice” assigned activity will be so we can wear appropriate clothes, etc.  
Living Boldly – realizing daily choices make a difference  
One of the Three Days
- Day Five  
Sending

The three days will include the seven faith practices of the ELCA

### **After the Gathering**

What happens next:

How do we bring this experience back to the congregation?

What will have changed?

What are we doing now that makes a difference in our community?

Where do you see God during the week?

How will you share your story with others in a language of faith?

Do same devotion in Youth Group and also with Adult Forum

### **Fundraising**

Ideas

- Talent Auction – members of the church donate their “talents” making soup for a year, kids donating yard work, making “baskets” Red Sox tickets. Bread
- A weekend at someone’s cabin. Raised \$7000
- Live auction and silent auction
- Baking cookies for Christmas and selling them to cong. Or community
- Take stock in out Youth –(get daily email update, postcard from event and invitation to post-event dinner (show slides, kids talk) Congregation makes

commitment to pay 50%, family pays 25% - but cong can buy "stock" in a youth.

- Wall of envelopes...of all the things kids need - put it on a board
- Envelopes with a \$ amount...decorated
- March Madness Event: pastor shoots 100 free throws...pledge \$ per shots made raised \$3400
- Bake Sale, Tag sale-no good
- Finnish bread/Swedish Bread Sale...4 times a year sell 150 - 200 loaves
- Barnstable, MA
- "Buy a mile" for each kid it is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for each kid....
- Stick a second check into offering for "buy a mile."
- Sell "sub sandwiches" for Super Bowl Sunday
- Make "take & bake" pizzas.
- Loaves and well wishes...have each kid bake 3 items to sell...
- For all fundraisers -don't set a price
- Car washes...
- Kids' sponsoring a coffee hour
- Rice cleanup at racetrack
- Chili's will have activity night/Applebees
- Corporate World will donate their frequent flyer miles
- Sell cotton candy at Strolling of the Heifers/town activities
- Contact Thrivent rep

### **New Orleans Experiences**

Buy two more nights of hotel - and sight-see, swamp tour, ghost tour, aquarium is fantastic, River boat tour, (a history lesson), steamboat dinner tour, preservation tour, Bourbon Street, (tame during day...) explore as much as you can

Mask store...woman was wonderful...NO people are fantastic.

Do vacation time AFTER event...

Go through 7<sup>th</sup> ward on bus trip to get feeling of actual devastation

Talk to Army Corps of Engineers and see the levees

5 hour tour of swamp tour...

7<sup>th</sup> ward is safe during the day...talk about "poverty peeping"

But kids need to understand extent of poverty

How to arrange for extended stay hotel rooms...can do that during registration - let synod know your specific dates that you plan on being there.

Make sure to give yourself enough time to schedule flights to allow for attending ALL gathering events.

Prayer Partners for each person going...Cards from congregational members. Open at "Day 1 lunch" etc.

Whatever money comes in, goes into the pot and all money is divided equally. Think about allowing food cards,

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Develop team, starting with parent meeting

Set requirements, etc.

Buy stamps (beforehand and bring with...) for postcards for entire congregation

And then have them write postcards every night...

Update Facebook...

Upload webcasts

What moved the kids the most is the people of New Orleans each thanking the kids when they came in contact with them.

Put an amount for 2012 gathering in church budget.

Transportation in New Orleans...

People walk everywhere...1 mile

### **Daily Schedule**

- Hotels probably provide breakfasts
- Event...Dome or convention
- Some volunteering things start at 6am because of heat.
- End at Superdome for evening presentation/devotion
- Curfew in New Orleans is 11pm

No flip flops

### **How to decide who is the best chaperone?**

No whiny chaperones!!!

Set up covenant with leaders

Will be on go all day...not much down time

Everyone will be tired, grouchy,

Suggest no parents, unless child has special needs.

