



2012 ELCA Youth Gathering
citizens with the saints
Ephesians 2:14-20

Summer High School Trip ELCA Youth Gathering New Orleans, LA July 16-23, 2012

Anticipated Trip Dates: July 16-23, 2012

Anticipated Trip Cost: \$800 (\$150 due by Oct 2)

\$315	registration
\$200	transportation
\$150	hotel cost
\$125	food
\$10	t-shirt
\$800	total

This cost is an estimate. Other factors that may be considered include the cost of fuel, size of group, additional activities, etc.

Sign Up Deadline: Sun., Oct. 2 on the Youth Room bulletin board

The sign up deadline for this trip is firm as registrations need to be sent the ELCA immediately to reserve space.

Adult Chaperones: Please contact Lisa Kipp if you are interested.

Info Meeting: An info meeting will be held on Sun., Oct. 2, at noon in the Youth Room. Come to hear stories and ask all of your questions.

Fundraising: Many fundraising opportunities will be available. A fundraiser meeting will be held on Sun., Nov. 20, at noon. Please don't let money stand in your way of attending – in the past many participants have fundraised enough to cover their entire trip cost.

Anticipated Schedule:

Monday	travel
Tuesday	travel
Wednesday	arrive to New Orleans, gathering begins in Superdome
Thurs-Sat	gathering: practice discipleship, practice peacemaking, practice justice*
	4-6pm tailgating outside Superdome
	7-9pm mass gathering at Superdome
	9-10:45pm community life at hotels
	10:45-11pm final fifteen with Zumbro group
	midnight lights out
Sunday	closing worship in Superdome, travel
Monday	travel

For More Information:

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Websites with More Information:

Zumbro's 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering blog
www.zumbrogathering.blogspot.com
ELCA Youth Gathering
www.elca.org/ELCA/Youth-Gathering.aspx
www.facebook.com/youthgathering

Practice Justice...



The Practice Justice day of the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering is a witness to Jesus' invitation to hit the streets, to follow one's convictions with actions, and to do God's work with our hands. Many have asked that if we are doing God's work with our hands does that mean everyone will get dirty at the Gathering? Yes, it does.

On the Practice Justice day, the clean and predictable lives of many of us will get messed up a bit by learning about the ongoing struggles in New Orleans. New Orleanians want us to know about their struggles, they want us to see the truth of their lives because after the initial rush of public interest following Katrina, people have steadily stopped paying attention. Now, six years after Katrina, New Orleans still needs our attention.

On the Practice Justice day, youth and adults will come together in the Superdome to *learn* about what it means to practice justice and how our presence in 2009 made a difference in the everyday lives of those living in New Orleans. Then, groups will *walk* justice as they enter into a multi-sensory experience to help them understand how the catastrophe of Katrina changed the course of history for New Orleanians. Next, groups depart by bus or by foot to *practice* justice in the midst of the fragile realities of recovery evident in the public education system, in housing, and in the shrinking wetlands. At the end of the day, each group will *reflect* on their *Practice Justice* experience by debriefing with trained young adults who will help connect their experiences with their own sense of call to live out their baptismal identity in the communities to which they return.

May God help to dirty your hands and your heart with truth, grace, understanding and passion to Practice Justice in New Orleans and all the places that you go!

Notes and Questions... - - -

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