



University Lutheran Church

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Dear ULC / LCM Community,

This year, the ELCA is hosting a Young Adult Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana from July 16-20, 2024. A number of young adults from our church are eager to join, as this will be the very first gathering specifically for young adults! The mission of the gathering is "to create environments and opportunities for faith formation through worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service and fellowship."

The theme of the Gathering is *Created to Be*. **We are created to be brave, authentic, free, disruptive disciples.** We will have the opportunity to dive deeper into justice, mental health, and anti-racism conversations throughout the Gathering. These are hard conversations, but our church desperately needs to have them. We also hope to foster relationships and be a sanctuary for one another.

Currently we have 5 young adults from our church that yearningly want to attend, but we need your help! Between the cost of registration, lodging, and flights we have set a \$4,000 fundraising goal for our group. Any amount helps! We also ask that you may keep the Gathering in your thoughts and prayers. We pray it will be both a safe and transformative experience for our group and ELCA young adults from all across the country!

Please send your donations to support this impactful opportunity either by cash / check (University Lutheran Church: 340 E 15th St Tempe, AZ 85281, Memo: Young Adult Gathering) or via our website (www.ulctempe.org). On the website home page, select "Donate Now," scroll to "LCM Individual Gifts," and in the Comments section under payment info put "Young Adult Gathering." Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Thanks for your consideration!

In Christ,

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<https://www.elca.church/gathering/attend/young-adult-gathering>