Greetings!

I hope this letter finds you well! My name is Lorien Petersen and I am the South Dakota District Coordinator for the LCMS Youth Gathering. I am the DCE at Zion Lutheran in Rapid City. I have been a DCE for almost 15 years and have been in the South Dakota District for ten years.

It's time once again to start thinking about the LCMS Youth Gathering! The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 9-13, 2022, in Houston, Texas. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme ***in all things*** based on Colossians 1:15-22. Held every three years, LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.

In order to connect those who are interested and to plan for our District event and pre-gathering meetings, ***please take a few minutes to fill out this survey online by going to or printing the attached version and email or mail it to me by August 1st.*** If I do not receive a survey I will assume that you are not planning to attend the Gathering, so please make sure you get it back to me if you plan to attend!! You can find the online survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8WJLNLS.

I highly encourage you to check out the Gathering website (www.lcmsgathering.com) for more information about the Gathering. We also have a Facebook group (www.facebook.com/SouthDakotaDistrictNYG) where I will share updates and information. I encourage you and your youth to join this group! Once I know which congregations will be attending the Gathering I will send out more information about registration and other information that may be helpful in your planning. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me any time by phone or email!

God's peace!

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2022 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

Congregation Name:

Address:

Contact Person:

Contact Phone: **Email:**

1. How many people do you hope to take to the LCMS Youth Gathering?

2. How do you plan to travel to Houston?

3. If bussing, would you like to bus with other groups from the District?

4. Do you think you will have young adults going to the Gathering as YAVs (Young Adult Volunteers)?

5. If you have YAVs from your congregation, will they be travelling with you or on their own?

6. Are you interested in attending a South Dakota District Event while in Houston?

7. What type of District Event would you be most likely to attend?
   - Dinner
   - Private Concert
   - Other Entertainment (comedy group…)
   - Concert or other entertainment with dinner
   - Other:

8. How much are you willing to pay per person for a District Event? ($25? $40? $50? Other?)

9. Would you attend a Gathering leader information meeting near your home town?

10. What type of information would be helpful to you as you plan for the Gathering?

THANK YOU!!!