



National Youth Gathering
July 5 to 9, 2019
Trinity Western University - Langley, British Columbia

Registration Package

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Cheques must be payable to: Lutheran Church Canada

For questions not answered on the following pages, please contact:

The Registrar, Rita Rickus
nyg19registrar@gmail.com

Or, contact the NYG19 Committee Co-Chair, Tony Marchand
tmarchand@intown.net

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Lutheran Church-Canada National Youth Gathering?

The Lutheran Church-Canada National Youth Gathering is an event sponsored by Lutheran Church-Canada every three years that is focused on building up and encouraging Lutheran young people and youth leaders in our church. Our 11th Gathering will be hosted in Langley, British Columbia.

Who can attend the Gathering?

Youth ages 13 (finished grade seven) – 18 and youth leaders ages 21+ are welcome to attend the Gathering. We also have an option for young adults to serve at the Gathering as volunteers, called IBOD's. Check out the IBOD information on the website if you're interested in helping as a young adult. Youth groups from across Canada, the United States and Australia have attended the Gathering in the past.

Why is the Gathering called "WORTHLESS"?

The Gathering Committee worked with the presenter to develop the theme for this Gathering. The theme is WORTHLESS – THERE IS NOTHING YOU ARE WORTH LESS THAN! "The theme sets the table for many more aspects of the NYG, so it was important for us to spend a lot of time discussing the details. "Even after the theme was originally presented, it was necessary to make sure it was the right theme for us. We looked at different variations of the word 'worth', but none had quite the same message as worthless. Our committee understands that this can be seen as a negative theme, and we want to emphasize how our sin makes us worthless before God, but also how much He loves us and thinks that we are worth saving. We think this theme really makes a great connection to both the Law and the Gospel. Some of the ideas we will discuss during main sessions include what the world says we are worth, our own sense of worth, what God says we are worth, and telling the world about their worth." The Scriptural basis for the theme is drawn from Romans 5:8: "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." We will learn more about this theme from our main stage presenters, but we will also have the opportunity to gather in smaller groups for Bible studies where we get the chance to go a little deeper into the ideas presented on the main stage.

Where will the Gathering be hosted in 2019?

We'll meet in Langley, British Columbia and stay on the campus of Trinity Western University. We'll stay in the dorms there and eat great cafeteria food. We'll attend main sessions in the theatre at Trinity Western campus and also attend break-out sessions in various other rooms. On Sunday afternoon, we'll spend the day at Grouse Mountain on the North Shore of Vancouver. Monday morning will be spent doing servant events in the area.

How much will the event cost?

Youth and youth leaders pay a subsidized rate of \$495.00 per person, which includes the program costs, food, accommodation and special event excursion to Grouse Mountain. There will be an opportunity to upgrade your Grouse Mountain experience. There will be an extra fee for transportation to and from the airport. (More detailed information will be provided closer to the Gathering date.) We are offering a reduced registration rate for our IBODs (young adult volunteers) at \$200.00 per person.

Early Registration

Early Registration is being offered from March 1 to May 31, 2018. Groups registering during this window will receive choice accommodations and SWAG. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 per youth and 7+1 Leader is required and must be mailed to the NYG Registrar by June 15, 2018. If after registering someone is unable to attend, non-refundable deposits are transferrable to another youth or 7+1 Leader.

Registration will open again in early 2019 and close on April 30, 2019. More information will be posted on our website NYG19.ca and our Facebook page.

Will there be meals provided at the Gathering?

Yes. Breakfast, lunch and supper will be provided as part of registration fees on Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the Gathering. Breakfast will be provided on Tuesday morning of the Gathering as part of registration fees. Tuesday lunch is not provided.

What is a 7+1 group? What is a 7+1 leader?

A 7+1 group is a group of seven young people with an adult leader. We're asking that groups attending the gathering send one adult leader for every seven youth in attendance. A 7+1 leader is the adult leader sent with the youth to the Gathering.

Who can be a 7+1 Leader?

A 7+1 Leader must

- Be a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Canada or LCMS congregation
- Love for God and for youth
- Be at least 21 years old at the time of the National Youth Gathering
- Be approved by their pastor/elder/church worker for their role as a Youth Leader
- Submit a valid and current police record check with vulnerable sector screening with his/her registration.

Do I send a male and a female 7+1 Leader if I have more than 7 youth?

You are required to send one leader for every seven youth. However, we highly recommend that you consider having a 7+1 Leader of each gender, if possible.

Do I have to get a Police Record Check?

Yes! All adults (people age 18 and over) attending the LCC National Youth Gathering in any leadership or volunteer capacity must provide a current, original police record check with vulnerable sector screening. The original document will be returned to you, upon request, after the Gathering and a copy will be kept for our records.

Can I be a 7+1 Leader if I'm not 21 at the time of the National Youth Gathering?

We strongly discourage congregations from sending leaders who are younger than 21. However, if another 7+1 Leader over 21 is attending and will co-lead, occasional exceptions may be made. You can contact the Planning Committee to ask for special permission.

What is an iBod?

iBods are adult volunteers (at least 19 years old) who are eager to serve in a variety of ways at the NYG (ie, security, welcoming, hosting, writing, acting, or being an athlete, comedian, artist, dancer, organizer, Bible study leader, set up/take down of events, certified in CPR, First Aid, Takin' care of the details). See the iBod registration form for more information.

This program is designed to offer you meaningful tasks that will develop your leadership abilities as well as “get stuff done” at the Gathering. Volunteers will be matched to different program teams in order to help them accomplish their specific area of the program.

Eligible iBods must...

- Be 19 years old or older at the time of the Gathering
- Have a servant heart and be committed to performing specific volunteer tasks during the NYG (we will endeavor to arrange for you to attend as many large group sessions as possible as well as be a part of other programming, too)
- Be able to attend the entire NYG at Trinity Western University – July 5-9, 2019.
- Provide their own transportation to and from the NYG
- Submit an iBod application form and a recent Criminal Record Check arranged by the local police department and a church reference

Do we register online or with paper forms?

Both! You must register your group online and mail all the original paper forms, along with payment to the Registrar. For legal reasons, we must have the original forms, with signatures, to keep on file for at least 7 years. Your forms should be mailed to:

Rita Rickus, Registrar
LCC National Youth Gathering
471 Darling Road, RR 2
Canfield, ON N0A 1G0

What should we pack?

- A little spending money (for snacks, drinks, Sunday offering, and any souvenirs; extras (like snacks/drinks) during our trip to Grouse Mountain, and there will be a book store at the event)
- Bible
- Bathing Suit & Beach Towel
- Summer Clothing (and some warmer stuff just in case—Check the weather beforehand)
- Camera
- Clean, non-marking runners for participating in sports activities in the gym and on the field
- Personal Items
- Walking Shoes
- Instruments
- Hat, Sunglasses, Sun Screen

NOTE: Bedding, pillows, face cloths, and bath towels are provided by the university so there is no need to bring these items.

LIMIT your use of computers, cell phones, or any other electronic devices that may inhibit you from socializing with others. If it's not essential, please don't bring it.

Other Questions?

Contact the Registrar, Rita Rickus at nyg19registrar@gmail.com
Or, contact NYG19's Committee Co-Chair, Tony Marchand at tmarchand@intown.net

Registration Checklist

Register your group on-line, and mail all original paper forms to the Registrar.
Early Registration between March 1 and May 31, 2018: Choice Accommodations & Swag
Regular Registration between January 1 and April 30, 2019

Registration closes on April 30, 2019

- Distribute and collect registration forms from each youth in your group:
 - **Youth Registration Form**
 - **Photo-Video Release Form and Parent Permission Form**
- Complete 7+1 Leader Registration
 - **7+1 Leader Registration Form**
 - **7+1 Leader Profile**
 - **Permission to Serve as a 7+1 Leader**
 - Send your Police/Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening request for processing so the Registrar receives it by June 1, 2019
 - **Group Registration Form**
- Receive permission to serve as 7+1 Leader:
 - Provide your church worker (Pastor, DPS, or Elder) with the **Permission to Serve as 7+1 Leader** form
- Collect Payment:
 - Collect the non-refundable (\$100) deposit (or the entire amount) from each youth and leader in your group
 - Ensure you have ONE cheque to send with your registration deposit (see group form for more information on payment options). If an iBod from your congregation is attending, you may include his/her fee as well.
- Submit the following forms online at www.nyg19.ca:
 - One **Youth Registration Form** for each youth in your group
 - **7+1 Leader Registration Form**
 - **iBod Registration Form**, if applicable
- Submit the following *original* items/forms via mail to the Registrar:
 - One **Youth Registration Form** and **Photo-Video Release Form and Parent Permission Form** for each youth in your Group
 - One **7+1 Leader Registration Form, 7+1 Leader Profile, Authorization for Collection of Personal Information, Photo/Video Release Form, Permission to Serve as a 7+1 Leader** and **Police Record Check** for each Leader
 - One **Group Registration Form** for each 7+1 Group
 - One **iBod Registration Form, Authorization for Collection of Personal Information, Photo/Video Release Form, Permission to Serve as an iBod**, and a **Police Record Check** for each iBod, if applicable
 - One cheque for the total amount for the Group OR two mailings: a first cheque containing the Group's non-refundable deposit, and a second cheque with the remainder of the cost which needs to be received by June 1, 2019

You should receive a confirmation e-mail from nyg19registrar@gmail.com within one week of submitting your online forms. Please contact the Registrar, if you do not receive it. Confirmation e-mails will be sent to the 7+1 Leader or designated contact only.

Youth Registration Form

NYG19

Dear Youth and Parent/Guardian: Please COMPLETELY fill out the "Youth Registration Form," and "Photo/Video Release and Parent Permission Form" and give the forms, along with your money, to youth 7+1 Leader.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: () _____

E-Mail: _____

Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Age: _____ Gender: M or F (circle one)

7+1 Leader: _____

Home Congregation: _____

Home Congregation of 7+1 Leader, if different from your own: _____

Preferred Roommate: _____

(Someone of the same gender and 7+1 Group)

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Health Care No. _____

Allergies (please indicate severity, eg, nut=anaphylactic shock/carries Epipen):

Special Needs (indicate medications or medical conditions):

Photo/Video Release and Parent Permission Form

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I, hereby, give permission to the Lutheran Church-Canada National Youth Gathering for images of my child, captured during all National Youth Gathering activities through video, photo, and digital camera, to be used solely for the purposes of Lutheran Church-Canada promotional material and publication, and waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto.

Name of Participant: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

In addition, Lutheran Church-Canada is committed to safeguarding all information provided on the National Youth Gathering forms. Your information will not be shared with any organization beyond Lutheran Church-Canada, its institutions, boards, and agencies.

Parent Permission (to be signed by parent/guardian if youth is under the age of 18)

I thank God for the opportunity to send my son/daughter to the 2019 National Youth Gathering at Trinity Western University in Langley, British Columbia. In order to clearly proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, I realize that the Gathering Committee will do its best to make this an exciting, meaningful, and safe experience for my son/daughter. I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the Gathering and I release the Gathering Committee from any liability.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

7+1 Leader Registration Form NYG19

Dear 7+1 Leader: Please COMPLETELY fill out the “7+1 Leader Registration Form,” “7+1 Profile,” “Permission to Serve as a 7+1 Leader” and “Group Registration Form” and refer to the Registration Checklist for instructions on sending the information to the Registrar.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Gender: M or F (circle one)

E-Mail: _____

Home Congregation: _____

Pastor: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Health Care No. _____

Allergies (please indicate severity, eg, nut=anaphylactic shock/carries EpiPen):

Special Needs (indicate medications or medical conditions):

Preferred Roommate: _____

(Someone of the same gender and a 7+1 Leader from another group with whom you would be comfortable sharing a room.)

Can you help with late night noise patrol? Check the appropriate box.

- I am able to help on an “as needed” basis (emergencies only).
- I am not able to help with noise patrol at the NYG.

Check this box if you will need a parking pass during the Gathering

Check this box if you are willing to be called on to be a Bible study leader:

7+1 Leader Profile NYG19

Are you a member of Lutheran Church-Canada or LCMS? Yes No If so, How Long? _____

Are you a Confirmed Member of Lutheran Church-Canada or LCMS _____

If not, how long have you been a member of your Home Congregation? _____

If any of the following circumstances apply to you, please check:

- Have been convicted of a criminal offence involving children
- Have been convicted of a sexually-related crime
- Have been convicted of an abuse-related crime
- Have been hospitalized or treated for alcohol or substance abuse
- Have a communicable disease
- Have been treated for any form of mental illness
- Have ever taken any psychotropic drugs

Authorization for Collection of Personal Information & Photo/Video Release

I, _____, authorize Lutheran Church-Canada to collect personal information appropriate for my application to serve as a 7+1 leader at the Lutheran Church-Canada National Youth Gathering (ie, reference checks). I understand that the information obtained will remain confidential, but may be shared with Lutheran Church-Canada Synodical office.

I hereby give permission to the Lutheran Church-Canada National Youth Gathering for images of myself, captured during all National Youth Gathering activities through video, photo, and digital camera, to be used solely for the purposes of Lutheran Church-Canada promotional material and publications, and waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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7+1 Leader Responsibilities

Pre-Requisites:

- Confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Canada or LCMS congregation
- Love for God and for youth
- Recommended and supported by your Pastor
- Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening submitted to the Registrar
- 21 years old or older (We strongly discourage congregations to send leaders who are younger than 21. However, if another counselor over 21 is attending and will co-lead, occasional exceptions can be made.)

Before the Gathering:

1. Pray for God's blessing on the NYG and its preparation.
2. Encourage your congregation to actively support the participation of youth, their friends and 7+1 Youth Leaders.
3. Reach out to all youth of the congregation with information about the NYG.
4. Encourage youth to invite their friends to the event.
5. Share your faith through social interaction, Bible studies, and devotions.
6. Involve and assist youth in making plans, registering, travel arrangements, fund raising, etc.
7. Check with your Pastor, Church Worker, or Elder about your legal responsibility as a youth counselor!
8. Lead an NYG information session, reviewing expectations of youth, 7+1 Leaders and the NYG staff.
9. Consider signing up for 7+1 Leader e-newsletters and encourage youth to sign up for youth e-newsletters to receive the latest NYG updates.

During the Gathering:

1. Pray that, through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Word, NYG staff, 7+1 Leaders, Youth and all participants might be encouraged in their faith.
2. Be responsible for your 7+1 Group Know where they are and let them know where you are at all times. Make sure that they are aware of the NYG rules and are reminded of the self-discipline necessary in a large group. Take responsibility for your youth at all times.
3. Be prepared to correct and offer discipline (if needed) and receive such from other NYG leadership.
4. Attend and participate in all NYG events and encourage your group to participate, too!
5. Conduct late night checks and get up bright and early.
6. Safeguard youth in your care from any form of abuse.

After the Gathering:

1. Pray for the safe return of all participants.
2. Pray that God would use the NYG experience to lead all those involved to share their faith with others.
3. Encourage the youth to share their experiences with their congregation through a special Sunday announcement, a youth night, a voters' meeting, or another special opportunity. Host at least one post-gathering social event to share and reflect on the total experience.

7+1 Leader Agreement NYG19

I have read the **7+1 Leader Responsibilities** and I agree to complete the tasks to the best of my ability.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Permission to Serve as a 7+1 Leader

I, the Pastor/Church Worker/Elder (please circle one) of _____ church

give permission on behalf of our congregation to _____ to act as 7+1 Leader at the 2019 Lutheran Church-Canada National Youth Gathering. He/she has read and understands the **7+1 Leader Responsibilities** and I believe he/she is fully equipped to take on this responsibility.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Group Registration Form NYG

This form is to be completely filled out by the 7+1 Leader. There are two payment options:

1. The TWO cheque option for Early Registration only:
At the time of mailing the registration forms, mail one cheque for the total "Amount Paid" and by June 1, 2019 mail a second cheque for the total "Amount Owing."

2. The ONE cheque option:
At the time of your mailing the registration forms, make ONE cheque for the "Total Cost."

Cheques Payable to: Lutheran Church Canada

Name	Total Cost \$495	Amount Paid (non-refundable deposit of \$100)	Amount Owing
Leader			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
Totals			

Group Leader Name: _____

Home Congregation: _____

Volunteer (iBod) Registration Form NYG19

Dear Volunteers (iBods): Please COMPLETELY fill out the "Volunteer (iBod) Registration Form" (on-line submission), "Authorization for Collection of Personal Information" (mail to the Registrar and include a cheque for \$200 and your Police Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening). Cheques are payable to Lutheran Church Canada.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Gender: M or F (circle one)

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

E-Mail: _____

Home Congregation: _____

Pastor: _____

How long have you been a member at your church/LCC? _____

My particular skill/talents include (*leading small groups, drama, leading games, PowerPoint, etc.*)

Allergies (please indicate severity, eg, nut=anaphylactic shock/carries Epipen):

Special Needs (indicate medications or medical conditions):

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Preferred Roommate: _____

(Someone of the same gender.)

Volunteer (iBod) Registration Form

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Check this box if you are willing to be called on to be a Bible study leader:

Check this box if you will need a parking pass during the Gathering:

iBods must...

- Be 19 years old or older at the time of the NYG (at least one year out of high school);
- Have a servant's heart and be committed to performing volunteer tasks during the NYG;
- Be able to attend the entire NYG at Trinity Western University, Langley, BC, July 5-9, 2019
- Provide their own transportation to and from the NYG
- Pay the registration fee;
- Complete the "Volunteer (iBod) Registration Form," "Authorization for Collection of Personal Information," "Permission to serve as an iBod," and provide the Registrar with a Police Check.

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iBod Volunteer Agreement

I have read the stated expectations for being an iBod volunteer and I agree to complete assigned tasks to the best of my ability.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Permission to serve as an iBod

I, the Pastor/Church Worker/Elder (please circle one) of _____

church give permission on behalf of our congregation to _____ to act as an iBod at the 2019 Lutheran Church-Canada National Youth Gathering. He/She has read and understands "the iBod Requirements" and I believe he/she is fully equipped to take on this responsibility.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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