



# The Synod Journey to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

Minnesota – Galveston – Houston – Minnesota

**June 23 – July 2, 2018**

Dear Faith Formation Leaders,

The disciples were invited by Jesus, dropped their nets, and followed...**THIS** changes everything.  
The woman touched the cloak of Jesus, was healed, and trembled...**THIS** changes everything.  
The crowd saw the blind man crying for Jesus, and sternly hushed...**THIS** changes everything.  
The rich man asked Jesus about eternal life, and grieved...**THIS** changes everything.  
The Pharisees heard Jesus teach with authority, and rebuked...**THIS** changes everything.  
The soldier saw Jesus forgive from the cross, and wondered...**THIS** changes everything.  
Mary found the tomb empty and proclaimed...**THIS** changes everything.

Real lives, real reactions. What about you? What about your youth? What changes for you when you encounter Jesus?

**THIS** is the deep and challenging question The Synod Journey to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering will be exploring. What is **THIS**? What changes? What is everything? Real questions, for real lives.

We invite all congregations in the Northeastern Minnesota Synod on this Synod Journey. We hope you take advantage of the trip to Galveston for our synod servant event and Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering. But mostly we pray you join this year long faith journey to explore what **THIS** means in your life and in your faith.

Join us in worship.

Join us in Bible study.

Join us on the Journey.

How might you be changed this year?

In Christ,

The Synod Journey Team

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