

Installation of Gathering Participants

The Gathering participants are presented to the presiding minister and then to the congregation by the youth ministry leader or church council president.

I present for setting apart to the ministry of preparation and participation in the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit these youth and adults: _____ name _____.

C- Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Ephesians: 14 For He himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. (2:14-20)

The minister questions the participants

P-Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures, faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?

R- I will and I ask God to help me.

P-Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you travel with and travel and strive to live as witnesses of the Gospel?

R-I will and I ask God to help me.

The participants being installed face the congregation. The minister addresses the congregation:

P- People of God, I ask you: Will you support these your Youth Gathering participants as being sent from your congregation, will you share in their ministry, support them in prayer, and bless them upon their return?

C-We will.

P-I now declare you installed as participants of the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering from this congregation. God bless you with His Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

R- Amen.