

# WND LYO Gathering

October 20-22, 2011

Grand International Inn  
Minot, ND



**“Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”**

--Matthew 11:28

Hello Everyone!

Welcome Western North Dakota LYO youth and adults!

We, the board, hope that we will be seeing you all at the 2011 WNDLYO gathering in Minot!! We are so excited to share this experience with you in the company of God. The theme for this year's gathering is **"Rest Stop"** with the theme verse **Matthew 11:28** *"Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."*

This year we are honored and excited to welcome Lloyd Garrelts as the musician and speaker. Lloyd is a singer/song writer who has toured with past LYO guests Peder Eide and Jonathan Rundman. His music reflects experiences and observations about faith and life from his Midwest Christian perspective. And as is tradition, the camp staff band "The Glue" will be joining us as well.

This year's service project and in-kind offering will focus on flood recovery/rebuild efforts in the city of Minot. The city and people of Minot could really use our help and this is a great opportunity to put our faith into action.

As always we have both crazy awesome and more calm and serious action tracks on both Thursday and Friday! Thursday night we will be hosting a mixer where you can meet some new friends, play some awesome games and eat tons of snacks! After we work hard doing our service project, you can spend Friday night chillin' at the dance, going extreme bowling or playing an always intense 4-square tournament!!

This year's gathering is going to be jam packed full of awesome experiences and chances to meet new friends and move closer to God but there are a few housekeeping things that need to be addressed. First off is the Covenant you sign. Just as God made covenants or promises with different people in the Bible you are making a promise to us. Please read through it and understand that if everyone follows the rules, we will have an extremely successful weekend. Second we need to remember that we are not the only guests in the hotel and we need to fully respect the other guests that are not a part of our gathering. And third please attend all scheduled events; you didn't come to just hang out in your room all weekend. We want you to meet new people, learn something new and grow in your faith. And last make sure to HAVE FUN!

If you have any questions during the gathering, feel free to find any one of the board members or you can talk to the great and wonderful Beth! We'll try not to bite :) And we would be happy to help you in any way we can!

We look forward to spending the weekend with you. We are so excited to see what God has in store for this years gathering.

Peace & God's blessing.

Amity Lantz, 2011 WNDLYO President :)

**WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA SYNOD  
LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION GATHERING  
OCTOBER 20-22, 2011  
Grand International Inn, Minot, ND**

**EVENT INFORMATION**

**THEME:** “Rest Stop”

**THEME VERSE:** “Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”  
--Matthew 11:28

**MUSICIAN/SPEAKER:** Lloyd Garrelts—check his music out at:  
[www.lloydgarrelts.com/](http://www.lloydgarrelts.com/)

**DEVOTIONS** – Evening devotions will be held in hometown groups.

**CHAPLAIN** –Pastor Kari Williamson of Lutheran Campus Ministry at Minot State University and Hope Lutheran Church of Surrey will serve as our gathering chaplain.



**WORSHIP OFFERINGS AT THE GATHERING:**

**Two offerings will be received during the Gathering:**

- 1) **In kind offering** –Camp Noah Kits and Quilts (**Items needed are listed below\***)
- 2) **Cash offering at both services** will go to our **four Bible Camps in the Western North Dakota synod.**

**\*INKIND OFFERING: Quilts and Kits for Camp Noah**

The Western North Dakota Synod is working to bring Camp Noah to North Dakota during the spring/summer of 2012 to serve young people affected by this summer’s flooding along the Souris and Missouri Rivers. Camp Noah, a part of Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, is a 5-day camp experience which offers a safe, caring and fun environment with curriculum specifically designed to help children heal by processing their disaster experience. Celebrating each child’s unique gifts and talents, Camp Noah provides an opportunity for them to share their story and offers a safe place for them to face their fears and grieve their losses. Children are encouraged to understand they are part of a community that supports them and that they are able to make a difference in the world. Equipped with these new resiliency skills, they can anticipate a future with renewed hope and a sense of preparedness, no matter what might come their way.

Camp Noah began as a response to the massive flooding in the Red River Valley in northern Minnesota and North Dakota in 1997. Since then, Camp Noah has matured into a nationally recognized program for children affected by natural and human-caused disasters. In the last four years alone, Camp Noah has held 167 camps, served 7220 children and youth and over 3080 volunteers in 17 different states.

Each young person attending Camp Noah receives a quilt and an art kit. Each kit provides a child with artwork and tools to process the disaster and create lasting memories of Camp Noah. **For our in-kind offering each congregation is invited to bring 1-2 quilts and/or items for kits.**

**The following items are needed for each kit:**

- 8 Pack of washable markers
- 24 pack of crayons
- Pencil, eraser + pencil sharpener
- Pack of watercolor paints
- Container of play-doh
- Gluestick
- youth-sized scissors

**In selecting items to give, please send top quality items** which makes a caring statement to the recipient about the giver. **Please give new items only.**

**SERVANT EVENT: Flood Recovery Projects.** The exact nature of our servant project is yet to be determined. Coordinators are working with Lutheran Disaster Response and agencies in Minot area to identify how our group can best assist come October, but at this point it is too early in the recovery process to know exact service projects. We will contact adult advisors after registration with more details.

**NIGHTLIFE:**

**Thursday Night: Mixers, Games, 4 square.**

**Friday Night: Dance and/or Extreme Bowling (Cost is approximately \$10.00 per person –each person must pay his or her own bowling fee). PLEASE sign up at the registration table on Thursday.**

<b>REGISTRATION INFORMATION</b>
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**DEADLINE: Postmark on or before September 30, 2011.**

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$125.00 per person.**

- (All adult advisors are required to pay the registration fee.)
- A **late fee of \$10/person** should be included with registrations postmarked after September 30 2010. **We need to confirm hotel rooms by October 5. Please let us know by that date!**
- Make checks payable to: WND LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION. (Do not send cash.)

**MAIL REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT TO:**

**WND LYO GATHERING  
Chris Torgeson, REGISTRAR  
1800 Hiawatha St. SE  
Minot, ND 58701**

*Phone registrations will **NOT** be accepted. Send your **registration information in promptly.***

**NECESSARY FORMS:**

**Registration Form:** (1 form per congregation, submit with payment)

- *PLEASE BE SURE to circle SIZES FOR TEE SHIRTS!*

**Code of Conduct Form:** (1 form per congregation, submit with registration & payment)

Please read and discuss this with your LYO Gathering group. **Each participant, adult and youth, must sign the Code of Conduct and submit it with the group registration.** The adult advisor may bring a copy with them to the Gathering for reference and further discussion as a group. Copies may also be given to youth and/or their parents for their information. **BREAKING THE CODE OF CONDUCT AT THE GATHERING CAN RESULT IN BEING SENT HOME, AT PARENTAL OR INDIVIDUAL EXPENSE.**

**Medical Form:** (do not submit with registration. Bring with you to the gathering)

- Complete 1 form per participant
- **ADULT ADVISORS – PLEASE KEEP THESE WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES.**

<b>HOUSING</b>
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During the Gathering, registrants will be housed TWO OR FOUR per hotel room. Adult advisors will be housed in rooms with other adult advisors. Female youth will stay with other female youth and male youth with other male youth. The only exception is a parent may request to stay with their child. Note: Some people in your group probably will end up sharing a room with some people from another congregation. If you are traveling with another group, please indicate that on your registration form to assist in making housing assignments.

## WND LYO SYNOD CONVENTION AND DELEGATES

The LYO holds its conference elections and annual synod convention during the annual Youth Gathering. Each congregation is asked to designate two youth as voting delegates, one male and one female.

### **ELECTIONS:**

- **There is no campaigning of any kind.**
- If a youth is interested in any of the offices, please have them fill out the nomination form and return it with your registration form to the registrar or bring it to the gathering. These elections are open to youth members of ELCA congregations of the Western North Dakota Synod who are in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades ONLY. Candidates must commit to attending four meetings per year for two years.

### **CONFERENCE ELECTIONS:**

Gathering participants break out in smaller groups on Thursday evening in order to convene their Conference Election. Each Conference has a youth representative on the WND Synod LYO Board. That person is the convener of the Conference Election. Each conference also has an adult advisor to the WND LYO Board; that person is elected at the fall gathering of their respective conference. A complete list of conference representatives, adult and youth, is attached. The terms are two years, and are open to youth between the ages of 14-18 and/or in grades 9-11 who are members of ELCA congregations in your respective conferences. **This year, elections will be held for representatives from the East Missouri, Lonetree, and Western Prairie Conferences.**

### **SYNOD CONVENTION:**

This year the business meeting will be held on Friday, October 21st at 10:45am.  
**Elections will be held for vice president and treasurer.**

## POLICIES OF THE WND LYO GATHERING

- A. **Age:** Participants must be in at least the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) grade in the current school year. Normally all youth participants are high-school students.
- B. **6+2 Groups:** All participants must register as part of a 6+2 group. One of the youth participants is designated by the group to be the Youth Leader, and assume some leadership responsibilities with the group. One member of the group is the Adult Advisor, an individual who is at least 21 years of age.
- C. **All Gathering participants will wear a Gathering Identification Wristband throughout the duration of the Gathering.** Entrance to all Gathering events is gained by wearing the wristband. A replacement fee of \$10 is needed for a new wristband.
- D. **Refunds:** \$75 of the \$125 registration will be refunded if requested by September 30, if the request is made in writing to the registrar. (\$50 is non-refundable.) **NO REFUNDS AFTER September 30.**
- E. **Substitutions:** Participant names may be substituted, if done so in writing and submitted to the registrar by October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- F. **Hotel Services:** Phone calls and room service or other hotel service charges are not included in Gathering registration costs and therefore are the responsibility of the occupants of the rooms, and must be paid before checking out. **NOTE:** Our covenant includes that all Gathering participants will interact with hotel staff in a positive and polite manner, as well as with all other hotel guests.
- G. **Adult Leaders:** **Please plan to participate in the Gathering schedule. Adult Leaders are expected to assist Gathering staff and planners, as well as hotel staff, in keeping our youth involved in the scheduled activities of the Gathering, and interacting with their group in a leadership capacity. Male and female youth cannot be in a hotel room with doors closed without an adult advisor chaperoning them.**
- H. **MEALS:** **The following meals will be provided during the Gathering:**

Thursday	Dinner
Friday	Breakfast & Dinner ( <i>Pizza sponsored by Thrivent Financial</i> )
Saturday	Breakfast

*Friday and Saturday lunches will not be provided as part of the gathering. Any other snacks or pizza that may be ordered in will be at the expense of the individual(s).*

**REGISTRATION FORM: 2011 WND LYO GATHERING**  
**October 20-22, 2011 Grand International Inn, Minot, ND**

**REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE:  
Sept. 30, 2011**

CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_ CONFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Address, Phone & E-mail PLEASE PRINT	Male/ Female (Circle One)	T-Shirt Size (Circle One)	Grade in School (Circle One)	Reg. Fee ( \$125/ person) ( \$135/person after Sept. 30)
<b>ADULT ADVISORS (1 adult for every 7 youth)</b>				
1.	M F	S,M,L,XL, XXL	-----	\$
2.	M F	S,M,L,XL, XXL	-----	\$
<b>YOUTH PARTICIPANTS</b>				
1.	M F	S,M,L,XL, XXL	9 10 11 12	\$
2.	M F	S,M,L,XL, XXL	9 10 11 12	\$
3.	M F	S,M,L,XL, XXL	9 10 11 12	\$
4.	M F	S,M,L,XL, XXL	9 10 11 12	\$
5.	M F	S,M,L,XL, XXL	9 10 11 12	\$
6.	M F	S,M,L,XL, XXL	9 10 11 12	\$
7.	M F	S,M,L,XL, XXL	9 10 11 12	\$
8.	M F	S,M,L,XL, XXL	9 10 11 12	\$
9.	M F	S,M,L,XL, XXL	9 10 11 12	\$
10.	M F	S,M,L,XL, XXL	9 10 11 12	\$
11.	M F	S,M,L,XL, XXL	9 10 11 12	\$
12.	M F	S,M,L,XL, XXL	9 10 11 12	\$
13.	M F	S,M,L,XL, XXL	9 10 11 12	\$
14.	M F	S,M,L,XL, XXL	9 10 11 12	\$
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

**TOTAL PAYMENT INCLUDED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

We will be traveling with (Congregation/City) \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please indicate special housing considerations on the back of this form. We will do our best to honor housing requests, but due to room availability special requests cannot be guaranteed.*

<p><b>SEND REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENT TO: WND LYO GATHERING</b>  <b>Chris Torgeson, REGISTRAR</b>  <b>1800 Hiawatha St. SE</b>  <b>Minot, ND 58701</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">**DUPLICATE FORMS IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED**</p>
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**2011 NOMINATION FORM**

Elections will be held for both a vice-president and a secretary of the WND Lutheran Youth Organization. If a youth is interested in any of the offices, please have them fill out this nomination form and return it with your registration form to the registrar or bring it to the gathering. These elections are open to youth members of ELCA churches in the Western North Dakota Synod who are in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades ONLY. **Candidates must commit to attending four meetings per year for two years.**

**NOMINATIONS FOR LYO OFFICERS**

MARK ONE:  VICE PRESIDENT (1 year)  
*(Vice President automatically becomes President the following year.)*  
 TREASURER(2 years)  
 CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE (2 years)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CONFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR IN SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

1. CHURCH AND CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. PRESENT SCHOOL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. BRIEF DESCRIPTION WHY YOU WANT TO SERVE: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMITMENT CLAUSE: I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS POSITION IS FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM BEGINNING IN October 2011 and ending in October 2013. I understand that part of my commitment to this LYO board includes a willingness to invest my time. Serving in this position involves attending four meetings a year. I hereby make a commitment to be present at all these meetings and carry out my responsibilities as a member of this board.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NO CAMPAIGNING OF ANY KIND ALLOWED**  
**MAKE EXTRA COPIES AS NEEDED**

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**MEDICAL RELEASE & CODE OF CONDUCT FORM**

While every attempt is made to make the Western North Dakota Synod Lutheran Youth Organization Gathering a safe and fun experience, there is always the chance that participants will need medical care. Accidents can and do happen.

**This completed form (one for each participant) must be with the adult advisor at all times.  
Do not send the medical form in with registration.**

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

As parent/guardian of the above named minor, I hereby grant permission for my son/daughter to participate in the **2011 Western North Dakota Synod LYO Gathering**, in **Minot, ND** held **October 20-22, 2011**.

I also grant permission for any adult chaperone with our group or event coordinators to take whatever steps may be necessary to obtain emergency care as warranted for the well being of my son/daughter. These steps may include but are not limited to the following;

- Attempts to contact a parent or guardian
- Attempts to contact youth's physician
- Seek medical examination/ treatment for injuries/ condition by medical professional

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

(This person will be notified if parent/guardian is unavailable.)

Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Company Number \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_ Group Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Policy Holder \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Holder's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Medications being taken/dosage/frequency:  
\_\_\_\_\_

List ALL Allergies (food/meds/pets/etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of last Tetanus shot \_\_\_\_\_

List any special dietary needs  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please state any additional health, emotional or other conditions of which we should be aware  
\_\_\_\_\_

**My signature below indicates that I understand and agree to the policy and terms listed above and agree that any expenses incurred in necessary emergency or other medical treatment will be borne solely by the youth's medical coverage and/or family. I will not hold any leader or organization liable for any injury or accident.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# **CODE OF CONDUCT**

**WND LYO GATHERING**

**OCTOBER 20-22, 2011– Minot, ND**

**ALL** participants will exhibit the conduct and behavior of one who follows Jesus Christ.

**ALL** persons are asked to respect others' rights to quiet, at stated quiet times.

**ALL participants will NOT bring or use any illegal drugs, tobacco, or alcohol in any shape or form.**

**All participants will understand NO weapons of any kind allowed.**

**Female and male youth are NOT allowed in closed-door hotel rooms without adult supervision.**

**OBSERVE** devotional time and lights out time.

**RESPECT** the facilities we use and the people who work there, and the community that is hosting us.

**HAVE RESPECT** for one another AND for all other participants.

**PARTICIPATION** in all scheduled events is expected and understood.

**Western North Dakota Lutheran Youth Organization Board and Adult Advisors have the final say in the interpretation and enforcement of the Code of Conduct.**

**I recognize that I am joining the Christian Family and Community. I agree to abide by this Code of Conduct Covenant while I am a member of this community. I understand that if I break this covenant, I may be sent home at my parents' expense.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**All youth and adults who will be attending must sign a Code of Conduct form.**

**This completed form (one for each participant) must be with the adult advisor at all times.**

**Do not send the form in with registration.**

# 2011 WND LYO Gathering

## Tentative Schedule

### Thursday, October 20 (All times are Central Time)

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| <p><b>3:00–4:00 pm Registration</b> (Hotel Lobby)<br/>&amp; Mixers</p> <p><b>4:00pm Welcome &amp; Opening Worship</b><br/>with Offering (for Bible Camps)</p> <p><b>5:20 pm Check into Rooms</b></p> <p><b>5:45 pm SUPPER</b></p> <p><b>6:45 pm Mile Marker 1</b> (Lg Group)</p> <p><b>8:15 pm ACTION TRACK #1</b>-please attend</p> <p><b>8:15 pm Conference Elections:</b><br/>East Missouri, Lonetree<br/>&amp; Western Prairie</p> | <p><b>9:15 pm Action Track #2</b>-please attend</p> <p><b>9:15 pm Adult Leader Orientation</b></p> <p><b>10:00 pm Candidates for Vice President and Treasurer meet with LYO officers</b></p> <p><b>10:00 pm - 12:00 am – NIGHTLIFE</b></p> <p><b>12:00 am DEVOTIONS IN HOMETOWN GROUPS</b></p> <p><b>12:30 am IN ASSIGNED ROOMS</b></p> |
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### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 : WEAR Your WND LYO T-SHIRTS TODAY!**

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| <p><b>8:15 am Continental Breakfast</b></p> <p><b>9:15 am Mile Marker 2</b></p> <p><b>10:45 am WND Synod LYO Meeting**</b><br/><u>Election of WND Synod LYO Vice President and Treasurer</u></p> <p><b>**Each congregation may have two youth voting delegates at the election. Those who aren't delegates may go to lunch early.</b></p> <p><b>12:00 pm Deadline for Talent Night Entries</b></p> <p><b>12:00 – 4:00 pm LUNCH ON YOUR OWN &amp; SERVICE PROJECT</b></p> <p><b>4:00 pm Mile Marker 3</b></p> | <p><b>5:45 pm Pizza Supper Sponsored by Thrivent</b></p> <p><b>7:00 pm ACTION TRACK #3</b>-please attend</p> <p><b>8:00 pm ACTION TRACK #4</b>-please attend</p> <p><b>8:45 – 9:30 pm HOMETOWN DEVOTIONS</b></p> <p><b>9:45 pm Talent Night</b></p> <p><b>10:30 pm-12:15am NIGHTLIFE Dance</b></p> <p><b>Extreme Bowling</b></p> <p><b>Games &amp; Snacks</b></p> <p><b>12:30 am IN ASSIGNED ROOMS</b></p> |
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### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 8:15 am Continental Breakfast**
- 9:15 am Gathering music by "the Glue"**
- 9:45 am CLOSING WORSHIP with COMMUNION**  
Installation of the 2011-2012 WND LYO Board