

**Saint Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring
ELCA Youth Gathering Covenant**

- As members of God’s family, we will treat our brothers and sisters in Christ with love and respect. We will not be mean towards or put down another person. We will abide by the Golden Rule - to do to others what you want them to do to you.
- We covenant to abide by the rules and behavior guidelines established by the Gathering and our congregation.
- We covenant to help each other. If we make a mess, we will clean it up and If someone else makes a mess we will help them clean it up.
- We will stay in our rooms after lights out and we will keep our noise down so that we do not disturb those sleeping in our neighboring rooms.
- We will stay in the venues assigned by your group leader. (IE: Hotel room, Pool, Community Life, NRG Stadium, NRG Arena, etc...) and your group leaders will know where we are at all times.
- We covenant to go to all of the large group events. We will be courteous to everyone around us (turning cell phones off, etc.) and try our best to learn something new at every opportunity. We will set a Christian example and embrace the differences in everyone we encounter. When someone else is frustrated or discouraged, it is our duty to encourage that person.
- We covenant to listen to one another. The adult leaders will listen to and respect our youth, and the youth will listen to and respect our adult leaders. It is everyone’s responsibility to communicate with their group and leader.
- We covenant to be a positive part of the group. We promise to trust each other. We realize that sometimes our individual needs cannot be met, and we will not be discouraged or complain about that, but rather support the needs of the group as a whole.
- We covenant to be the mature individuals we all are. We will not act in a particular way just because we are “away from home.” Where those of both sexes are gathered, there will be three or more people with an open door. We will act in a way that will not jeopardize our individual or group safety.
- We covenant to realize the real meaning of why we are on this trip. We are here for learning, fellowship, and to have fun with our sisters and brothers in Christ.
- We covenant together to handle the behavior issues by dealing honestly and immediately with the person involved, seeking to make the trip a positive experience for all. We understand that our participation in this trip is a privilege and not a right, and that if our conduct is not responsible or lawful, we will have our activities restricted and/or will be sent home at our family’s expense.

Student Participant: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian: _____ Date: _____