

Freed & RENEWED in Christ 500

YEARS OF GOD'S
GRACE IN ACTION

Grace Gathering

August 10-13, 2016 • New Orleans, LA.

The Grace Gathering in 2016 provides an opportunity for all ELCA members to experience the same inspiring worship, Bible study, service learning activities, fellowship and other experiences that voting members have when they attend the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans. Anyone eligible to attend the churchwide assembly as a visitor is welcome to participate in Grace Gathering, to be held August 10-13, the last four days of the assembly.

A special feature of Grace Gathering will be an opportunity to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in 2017. The Grace Gathering will also offer workshops and presentations that equip congregational leaders and synod planning teams to prepare for observing the 500th anniversary in their local communities.

WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE GRACE GATHERING?

- Anyone who wants to be an active participant in worship, learning, community, service and celebration
- Lay and rostered leaders who have not previously attended a churchwide assembly
- Synod leaders, council members and staff, communicators and event planning teams
- Family and friends of voting members attending the assembly.

WHAT WILL GRACE GATHERING PARTICIPANTS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO?

- Participate in faith-inspiring worship, Bible study, a service and learning activity and fellowship
- Observe and participate in Churchwide Assembly-related activities
- Attend workshops and presentations, including a state of the ELCA from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
- Be introduced to resources that assist in preparing for local and regional observances of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

For details and updates on this event, please visit www.ELCA500.org or the ELCA Reformation 500 Facebook page.



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