



2000 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING EVALUATION
Youth Participant Questionnaire
 November 2000



Thank you for helping us evaluate G2K! Here's your chance to help planners and organizers prepare for the next Gathering. Please answer the following questions based on your own personal experiences at the Gathering. If you need more space for comments, feel free to attach additional pages as needed.

PLANNING FOR THE GATHERING

We're interested in what you and your counselor unit did to prepare for the Gathering. Your own congregation might have used some of these activities and resources before the Gathering, or maybe none at all. If you don't know anything about a particular resource or activity, just mark the "don't know" response, and go on to the next question.

1. Did you see the G2K promotional video before deciding to come to the Gathering?

28.6%	Yes (<i>Please answer part B</i>)	B. How helpful was the video in helping you decide to come to the Gathering?					
62.0	No (<i>Please skip to question 2</i>)	<u>Very Helpful</u>		<u>Somewhat Helpful</u>		<u>Not Very Helpful</u>	<u>Mean</u>
		1	2	3	4	5	
9.4	I don't know (<i>Please skip to question 2</i>)	11.1%	26.7	40.7	12.6	8.9	2.81

2. Did you complete a "spiritual gifts inventory" (either on paper or on-line) before the Gathering?

39.3%	Yes (<i>Please answer part B</i>) →	B. Did you use this spiritual gifts inventory when planning for events at the Gathering?				
41.9	No (<i>Please skip to question 3</i>)	44.5%	Yes			
18.8	I don't know (<i>Please skip to question 3</i>)	55.5	No			

3. Did you identify and build a relationship with a mentor as part of your preparation for the Gathering?

42.3%	Yes (<i>Please answer part B</i>)	B. How valuable was this mentoring relationship to you?					
57.7	No (<i>Please skip to question 4</i>)	<u>Very Valuable</u>		<u>Somewhat Valuable</u>		<u>Not Very Valuable</u>	<u>Mean</u>
		1	2	3	4	5	
		30.7%	34.2	26.2	6.9	2.0	2.15

4. Did you and other youth members from your congregation lead or take part in a worship service related to the Gathering in preparation for the Gathering?

53.7%	Yes (<i>Please answer part B</i>)	B. What kind of worship service was it? Was it . . .				
46.3	No (<i>Please skip to question 5</i>)	<i>(pick one response from the list below)</i>				
		55.2%	Part of your congregation's normal worship service?			
		10.5	A special worship service just for youth?			
		23.0	A special worship service just for G2K participants?			
		11.3	Other:			

Any additional comments on any pre-Gathering activities or resources?

15.2% made a comment on pre-Gathering activities or resources.

AT THE GATHERING: HOTEL LIFE

5. Think back on the events and activities occurring at the Gathering hotels. First, mark those hotel life activities in which you personally attended and/or participated at least once. Next, please rate how valuable those experiences (*only* those in which you participated) were for you personally.

<u>Hotel Event</u>	<u>I participated</u>	<u>Very Valuable</u>					<u>Not Very Valuable</u>	<u>Mean</u>
		1	2	3	4	5		
A. Breakfast Clubs	37.2%	20.2%	28.1	31.5	14.6	5.6	2.57	
B. Morning Eucharist	25.5	34.5	37.8	16.0	7.6	4.2	2.09	
C. Morning exercise class	6.3	29.6	33.3	18.5	11.1	7.4	2.33	
D. Club G2K nightlife:								
1. Club Live!	41.0	39.4	30.1	23.8	5.2	1.6	1.99	
2. Dance Clubs	72.5	42.9	21.2	18.6	11.3	6.1	2.17	
3. Comedy Clubs	12.1	40.0	25.4	23.7	5.1	5.1	2.08	
4. Fun Clubs	29.1	42.4	33.8	15.8	5.8	2.2	1.91	
E. Rest Stops	20.8	30.1	34.4	21.9	7.6	6.0	2.25	

<u>Excellent</u>	1	2	3	4	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Mean</u>
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6. Please rate the overall quality of your hotel life experiences 30.1% 34.4 21.9 7.6 6.0 2.25

Any additional comments on the hotel life at the Gathering? 39.8% made a comment on hotel life.

AT THE GATHERING: EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

7. What did you and your counselor group actually do at the Gathering, and how valuable was it to you? Please mark the box next to those events in which you *personally* participated at least one time at the Gathering. Next, please rate how valuable those experiences were for you by circling the appropriate number along the 5-point scale.

<u>Event</u>	<u>I participated</u>	<u>Very Valuable</u>					<u>Not Very Valuable</u>	<u>Mean</u>
		1	2	3	4	5		
A. Two Step Service	33.5%	43.0	30.4	19.6	2.5	4.4	1.95	
B. Hip Hoppin' Around St. Louis	35.6	39.6	34.3	18.9	5.3	1.8	1.95	
C. The Beat	89.1	43.5	31.8	17.8	5.1	1.9	1.90	
D. House Party (Thurs night at the Dome)	75.8	36.2	21.9	17.3	14.2	10.4	2.41	
E. Morning Bible Study (TWA Dome)	73.7	49.6	33.6	10.6	3.9	2.2	1.76	
F. Evening mass gatherings (TWA Dome).	94.1	66.3	21.3	8.5	2.6	1.3	1.51	

7b.If you went to “The Beat,” what was your favorite activity/exhibit/area?

83.6 respondents commented on what their favorite activity/exhibit area was.

8. What did you think of the Gathering theme “Dancing at the Cross Roads”?

- 44.5% I *really* liked it; it was very meaningful to me.
- 38.1 I liked it; it was kind of meaningful to me.
- 18.2 I’m neutral about it; it was OK.
- 2.5 I didn’t like it; it didn’t really mean much to me.
- 1.7 I *really* didn’t like it; it wasn’t meaningful for me at all.

Appendix 1: Frequencies of Youth Respondents

9. Was there a speaker, emcee, Bible study leader, musician, or band that was particularly important to you, or that you felt made a connection with you? If so, who was that person/people or band(s)? *(If you can't remember someone's name, try to describe when/where you heard this person or what s/he talked about.)*

88.3% made a comment in this section.

10. Did you participate in one of the G2K Learning Community 'Hoods at least once at the Gathering? *(You might have gone to a workshop or participated in one of the learning opportunities without knowing it was part of a 'Hood.)*

36.2% Yes → → Do you remember one learning session that you liked the best? *(Describe in the space below, and then continue on to question 11.)*

63.8 No *(Please skip to question 13)*

11. Think about the learning session(s) you attended. Did you learn about any particular faith practice or spiritual gift that you remember? If so, write it in the first column below (pick the one you remember best if there's more than one), then rate how well you think that particular gift or faith practice was taught to you. Finally, answer the question in the third column.

If you didn't learn about or remember any faith practices or spiritual gifts, just go on to question 12 (This isn't a test -- so it's OK if you don't remember!).

a. Remember a spiritual gift or faith practice?

(Write in one below)

13.7% listed a spiritual gift or faith practice

Very Well

1 45.8%

b. How well was this gift/practice taught to you?

2 30.5

3 11.9

4 5.1

Not very Well

5 6.8

c. Can you apply this gift or practice to your life?

89.3% I learned something about this spiritual gift or faith practice that I can apply to my life.

10.7 I did not learn anything about this gift or practice that I can apply to my life.

12. The Gathering featured three different learning opportunities in the 'Hoods: Houses (traditional workshops), Parks (large group experiences with music and/or speakers in which you could come and go), and Streets (interactive experiences). Which of these three types of learning opportunities most appealed to you? *(Pick only one.)*

12.2% Houses 27.9 Parks 20.3 Streets 34.7 All of them appealed to me 5.0 None of them appealed to me

Any additional comments on the G2K Learning Community? In particular, was there a speaker or musician (or more than one) at a 'Hood who stood out or who you remember as being especially good or interesting?

16.4% made a comment in this section.

13. Ensuring participant safety is always a priority for Gathering organizers. Was there any time during the Gathering when you were especially concerned or worried about your individual or group safety?

83.3% No

16.7 Yes → Please describe that particular experience(s):

14. Gathering organizers strive to reflect and support the ELCA goals of racial, gender, and disability inclusiveness and diversity in all Gathering events and activities. From your perspective, how well do you feel these goals were met?

48.3% To a very great extent

41.9 To a great extent

3.9 To some extent

5.5 Don't know

0.4 Hardly at all

REFLECTIONS AFTER THE GATHERING

15. What have you done, or what will you do to share your Gathering experiences with your congregation?

(Mark all the responses that apply from both columns)

62.4%	Informal conversations with congregation members	8.9%	A report or presentation at Sunday School or an Adult Forum
48.5	A report or presentation during a worship service	6.5	A report or presentation to the congregation council
24.6	A meeting or dinner specifically intended for talking about the Gathering	16.2	A report or presentation at a youth group meeting
27.7	A letter or article written for your congregation's newsletter or bulletin	64.8	A display of pictures, programs, and/or other souvenirs
		14.7	Other:

16. Please share with us a G2K experience or experiences that had a significant impact on you, either positively or negatively, such as a particular mass gathering, the Gathering's theme, a particular speaker, etc.

81.4 percent answered this question

17. Pretend that you're one of the planners for the 2003 Gathering in Atlanta. What one event/activity/speaker/band, or other aspect of G2K would you want definitely want to keep? What one event/activity/speaker/band or other aspect of G2K would you definitely want to dump?

Keep: 88.9% commented in this section

Dump: 66.3 commented in this section.

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF . . .

18. Did you attend the Gathering as a(n) . . .
(Pick all that apply to you)

97.2%	Youth participant
0.2	MYLE participant
0.2	DAYLE participant
3.2	LYO voting member
0.8	Gathering volunteer (including YSC)
1.0	Synod Youth Committee member
0.4	Other:

19. Was this your first time at an ELCA Youth Gathering?
(Not including synodical youth gatherings)

85.1%	Yes
14.9	No

20. During the past year, in which of the following ways did you participate in the leadership of your congregation?
(Mark all that apply)

50.3	Acolyte in worship
15.8	Assisting minister in worship
39.2	Choir member or member of another musical ensemble
10.5	Congregation council member (who can vote at council meetings)
5.7	Congregation council member/representative (non-voting)
33.7	Nursery volunteer
36.4	Reader/lector in worship
58.4	Sunday school student
22.6	Sunday school teacher/assistant
40.4	Usher
6.5	Vacation Bible School student
39.8	Vacation Bible School teacher/assistant
91.3	Youth group member
19.0	Member of a congregation committee/group (not listed above)
11.5	Other

Thank you for your time!

*Please return this questionnaire in the envelope provided, or to:
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