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Congratulations on being selected to participate in the 2021 ELCA Youth Leadership Summit! Your role as a leader in the ELCA is not to be underestimated. We value our young leaders and gather you together to invest in you because we recognize that you are important and that your voice and presence in the church matter.

Your training at this year's Summit will equip you through the theme, "Relentless... in hope, faith, action, trust, and love. You will be challenged by the speakers and the activities you will participate in. You will network with other leaders like yourself. You will also hear from different faith communities that you can be a part of after high school like campus ministries, Lutheran colleges and universities, young adult programs, camping ministry, and seminary.

We ask that as you return home after the Summit to look for opportunities to share what you learned in your home congregation and synods. This will be a critical aspect of your Summit experience. Ask to speak during worship or write an article for your church newsletter. Teach others how to use the peer ministry tools and be a model for loving, inviting, and welcoming all whether at Sunday School, or in your community or at school. How you use this training is up to you! Do this in the name of Jesus and you will provide a wonderful response to the gift of grace freely given in Christ and bring hope to others as you do so.

Again, congratulations and thank you for making your faith and leadership for the sake of the world and in the name of Jesus Christ a priority in your life. May the Spirit work in you and bring you inspiration for serving and learning.

Find attached some important information about the Summit! Safe Travels and we will see you soon!

Peace and Blessings!

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**Transportation:**

Flying into Minneapolis International Airport. After landing and getting your luggage, take the Metro Blue Line (\$2 pp each way) to Nicollet Mall Station and walk a quarter of a mile to the Marriot City Center. See map attached

If you are driving, the address of the hotel is 30 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Take I-494W to 35W North. Follow Downtown Exit sign, follow 5th Avenue three blocks to 7th Street, turn left on 7th. Hotel is 5 1/2 blocks on right. And attached is the parking option for the Marriott, managed by Standard Parking. Cost is \$26 on Thursday, and \$15 on Friday and Saturday. ([www.spplus.com/parking](http://www.spplus.com/parking))

**Lodging:**

Marriott City Center 30 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN  
<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-photos/mspcc-minneapolis-marriott-city-center/> Hotel  
Registration begins at 3:00 pm.

**Augsburg College Pre-Event:**

If arriving before 3 pm, don't forget to register for the Augsburg College Pre-Event.  
<https://admissions.augsburg.edu/register/vocationdiscovery2021>

**Summit Registration:** Will begin at 4:00pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the hotel.

**Meals:** Dinner on Thursday, Brunch, Heavy Snack, and Dinner on Friday, Breakfast and Dinner on Saturday, and Breakfast on Sunday will be provided.

**Important Numbers:** Rachel Alley 770-235-7339

**Weather:** The Average temperatures for Charlotte in November are 40 degrees during the day and the lows in the 30's in the evenings, so dress accordingly. Check the weather before you leave in case you need to bring rain gear or extra layers.

**Packing List:** Casual Clothes and comfortable walking shoes, toiletries, shower shoes, any medications prescribed to you, pajamas (be considerate of your roommate), and a water bottle.

**Money:** Consider bringing some travelling money for airport snacks or meals depending upon your flight schedule. And for lunch on Saturday while seeing the city.

Walking Directions from the Metro Blue Line Train to the Marriott City Center

