

Dear Church Leader,

On behalf of the staff at Wittenberg University's Weaver Chapel, I would like to invite your youth and their adult leaders to Together 2 Gather. This is an overnight event on the campus of Wittenberg University that will coincide with the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly on June 7-8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Together 2 Gather begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday and ends at 7:00 p.m. Saturday. All Southern Ohio Synod youth entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2019 through youth who graduate in 2019 are invited to attend. The cost to attend is \$30 per person which includes all activities and housing in the Tower Hall dorm as well as snacks and breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday. Registration for this event is online at: [www.wittenberg.edu/administration/chapel/synod-youth-conference](http://www.wittenberg.edu/administration/chapel/synod-youth-conference).

This event will gather our synod's youth into conversations and experiences centered around their significance in the church and our communities while also sharing with the youth the significance of a synod assembly and a bishop's election. We are coming together to gather strength and purpose for the work ahead. Through our group sessions and workshops youth will engage their gifts and talents along with the gifts of grace and faith that God has given to us. The youth will also have plenty of opportunities for fun with sardines in the chapel, board games in the dorm, a summer snowball fight in the hollow, and more.

In God's Peace,  
Deacon Dan Jacob  
Wittenberg University Pastor's Office  
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### **Workshops at Together 2 Gather**

I'm so stressed I can't even (Spiritual Practices for Destressing) led by Dr. Stephanie Little  
*A crash-course in youth anxiety and ways to practice wellness through faith and fun.*

Wait, you expect me to change the world? led by the Hagen Center for  
(Finding Your Path to Effective Civic Engagement) Civic and Urban Engagement  
*Interactive exploration of how to launch, encounter, and sustain service to your community.*

Will I be ready for college? You will be, and here's how! led by Wittenberg Admissions  
*Important readiness tips including expert advice for crafting a college application essay.*

T-shirt Decorating led by Wittenberg students  
*A chance to customize your conference t-shirt (included with \$30 registration)*

### **Meals at Together 2 Gather**

In addition to the snacks that will be made available to participants, we will enjoy breakfast and lunch in the campus Central Dining Room. The CDR is an all-you-can-eat buffet with many dining options and is inclusive of dietary needs and allergy precautions. Dinner on Saturday will be pizza (including vegetarian and gluten free options).

## **Housing at Together 2 Gather**

All participants will be housed in Tower Hall with shared but gender-specific bathrooms. Youth will be housed in pairs of the same gender. Adult Leaders will also be housed in pairs unless single occupancy is selected during online registration. There is an additional \$12 fee for adults who select single occupancy. All participants should bring their own linens. The chapel staff at Wittenberg will contact your congregation in May to arrange housing assignments. Online registration includes a payment option for individuals; however, if you prefer to pay for several participants at once via check, select that option online and make out the check to Wittenberg University (with "Church Relations" in the memo line) for the appropriate amount. Checks should be mailed to:

Weaver Chapel  
Wittenberg University  
P.O. Box 720,  
Springfield, OH 45501  
Attn: Dan Jacob

### **Schedule Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm	Check-in	@ Tower Hall Lounge
7:30pm	SOS Assembly Worship	@ Weaver Chapel
9:00pm	Opening Session	@ Chakeres Theatre
10-12pm	Board Game Lounge	@ Tower Hall Lounge
10-12pm	Snack	@ Tower Hall Lounge
10-11pm	Super Sardines	@ Weaver Chapel
11-12pm	Campus Ghost Tour	@ various locations

### **Schedule Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am	Breakfast	@ Central Dining Room
9:00am	Bishop's Election Watch Party and Youth Virtual Election	@ Central Dining Room and Shouvlin 105
11:45am	Lunch	@ Central Dining Room
12:45-2:15pm	Workshop Block 1	@ Hollenbeck Hall
2:30pm	Summer Snowball Fight and Snow-cones	@ Hollow (by Hollenbeck)
3:15-4:45pm	Workshop Block 2	@ Hollenbeck Hall
4:45pm	Check-out*	@ Tower Hall Lounge
5:00pm	Pizza Picnic Dinner	@ Commencement Hollow (Rain Location: Tower Lounge)
6:00pm	Closing Session	@ Commencement Hollow (Rain Location: Chakeres)
7:00pm	Event Ends	

\*Early check-out is available if needed by congregations or individuals.