

# ELCA Multicultural Young Adult Gathering

Hilton Riverside Hotel – Quarterdeck Ballroom

New Orleans, Louisiana

September 4-7, 2025

Thursday, September 4

- 3:00 PM      Registration Desk Open                      **RIVERSIDE BLDG.**
- 6:00 PM      Reception with Music and New Orleans Culture Bearer  
**RIVER/PORT/STARBOARD -RIVERSIDE BLDG.**

Friday, September 5   **Gathering & Community**      **QUARTERDECK BALLROOM - RIVERSIDE BLDG.**

- 8:00 AM      Continental Breakfast Available
- 9:00 AM      Opening Worship
- 10:00 AM      Welcome and Community Agreement  
  
Why this, why now?  
  
ELCA Presentation  
  
Icebreakers & Community Games
- 11:00 AM      Workshop of Storytelling + Circles – Share: “How has my culture shaped my faith?”
- 12:00 PM      Lunch
- 1:00 PM      Community Tracks\*
- 4:15 PM      Blanket Exercise
- 6:30 PM      Dinner (outside of hotel)

Saturday, September 6   **Service, Faith, Talent**      **QUARTERDECK BALLROOM - RIVERSIDE BLDG.**

- 8:00 AM      Continental Breakfast Available
- 9:00 AM      Morning Prayer
- 9:30 AM      ELCA YOUNG ADULT Discussion and Presentation  
What does it mean to be a Young Adult in the ELCA?
- 10:30 AM      Small Group Reflection – Connecting faith & justice across cultures
- 12:00 PM      Lunch

- 1:00 PM Community Tracks
- 4:30 PM 🌟 Multicultural Talent Show  
Quarterdeck Ballroom – singing, dance, poetry, comedy, cultural performances
- 6:00 PM Dinner (outside of hotel)
- 9:00 PM *Optional* Evening Fellowship – Open mic, karaoke, trivia, and table games

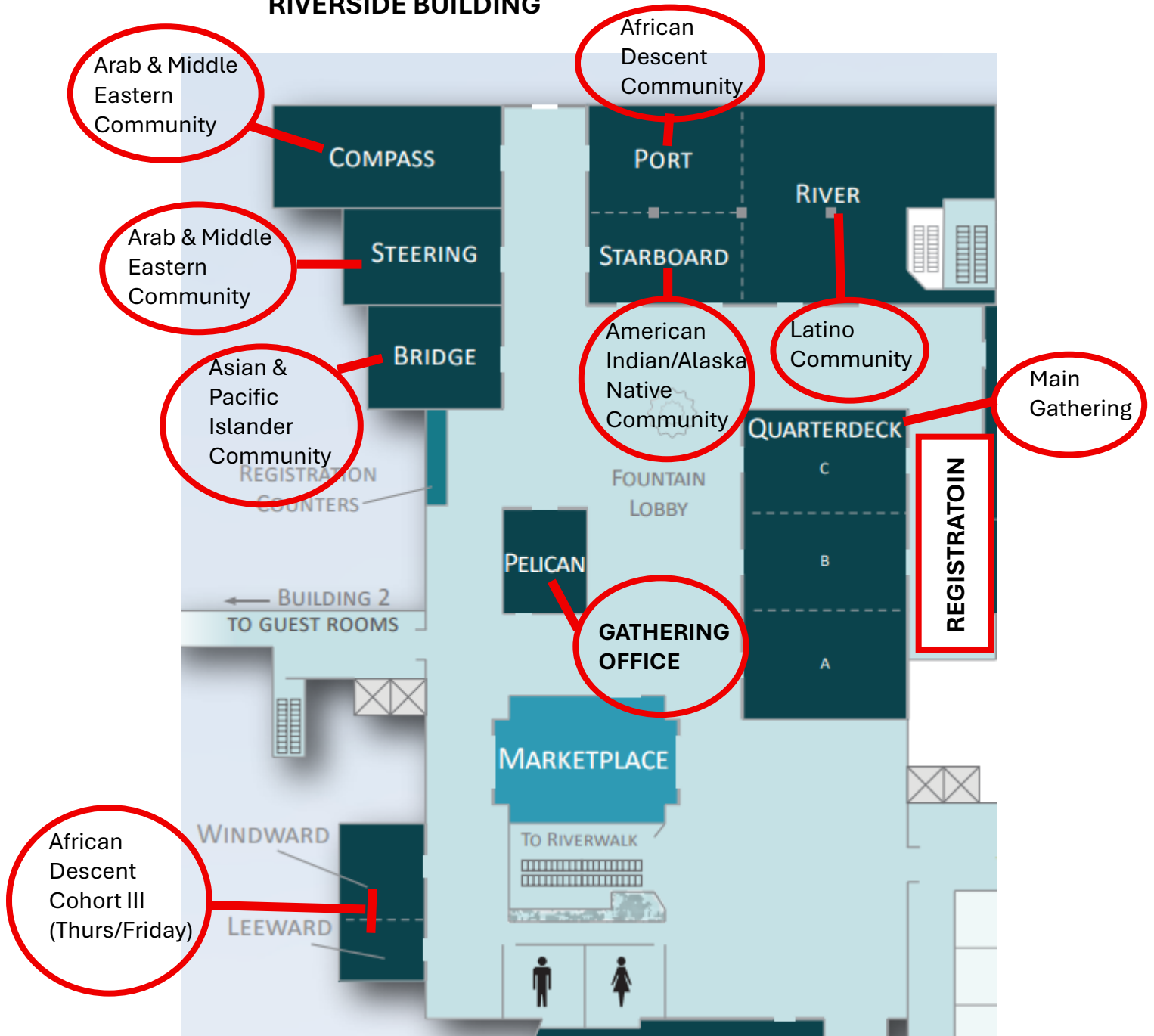
Sunday, September 7 **Sending & Celebration** **QUARTERDECK BALLROOM - RIVERSIDE BLDG.**

- 8:00 AM Hot Breakfast & Pack Up
- 9:00 AM Creative Expressions Wrap-Up  
  
Group Reports  
  
What's next?!
- 10:30 AM Closing Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Hotel Departure

COMMUNITY TRACKS BREAKOUT ROOMS

COMMUNITY	Arab & Middle Eastern	Asian & Pacific Islander	Latino	African Descent
ROOM	Compass	Bridge	River	Port
LEADER	Pr. Khader Khalilia	Pr. Teresita Valeriano	Pr. Hector Carrasquillo	Pr. Jonathan Hemphill
COMMUNITY	American Indian/Alaska Native	African Descent Cohort III (Thurs/Friday only)	African National	
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