



# Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod [www.mnosynod.org](http://www.mnosynod.org)

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**Attention: Youth Leaders/Pastors/Congregation Chairs**  
**From: 2018 Bus Trip Planning Committee**

**Below is information regarding the:**

## **2018 Bus Trip to CLAY** **CLAY Gathering 2018, Thunder Bay, ON** **August 12- 15, 2018** **~ OPTION TWO ~**

"Let's travel to Thunder Bay from the west!"  
***Threading our way from Winnipeg***

**Our route:** Part of our time together will be spent in Winnipeg, and part of it will be traveling by bus. On Sunday, August 12, we are planning an evening activity in Winnipeg. Monday, we gather in Winnipeg with the Saskatchewan Bus Trip participants to welcome them, to eat together, go to the Winnipeg zoo together, and have evening worship together. Tuesday, MNO youth leave Winnipeg by bus early in the morning, with a lunch stop in Fort Frances, and get to Thunder Bay in the evening; we'll check into Lakehead University that evening (note: when registering for CLAY, you need to indicate that you will be *checking in early, on Tuesday, August 14*). Wednesday, we have opportunity to view sites around Thunder Bay, including a heritage park, water fall and canyon where tubing will be an option, and seeing Lake Superior (canyon zip-line is an option at additional cost). This Bus Trip option offers an opportunity to see our synod, and welcome travelers to CLAY from west of our synod. On the way back from Thunder Bay, we will have travelers from both Bus Trip options traveling together, and we'll be back from Thunder Bay to Winnipeg in one day (August 19), with a supper stop at Luther Village.

**The total cost per person is \$345.00.** This cost covers our bus, three lunches (Mon-Wed) provided by churches, Monday and Tuesday suppers, excursions around Thunder Bay.

### **Additional Information:**

- For our time in Winnipeg, participants from the city will spend Sunday and Monday nights at home; out-of-town participants will have a place provided (likely by billeting). Once we arrive in Thunder Bay, we'll be accommodated in Lakehead University residence, so sleeping bags are not needed.



- Staying in homes and at the university residence, bathrooms and showers will be available.
- Meals provided throughout the bus trip will be provided by host congregations; please indicate dietary restrictions, where necessary, on registration so those can be accommodated.

**Please be advised:** Registration for the Gathering and accommodations are separate from this registration. Since we are arriving on the Tuesday, and CLAY begins Wednesday evening, you must indicate (and pay separately) your need for that extra night at Lakehead University when you register for CLAY. Information can be found at [www.claygathering.ca](http://www.claygathering.ca)

**Bus trip registration:** Completed registration forms and a **\$50.00 deposit per youth and leader** (payable to MNO Synod) **are due by March 31, 2018**. Please also include a **post-dated cheque, dated July 1, 2018 (\$295.00 per youth & leader)**, which represents the balance paid in full. *(One cheque per congregation for the total is preferred; talk to your leader about payment. Deposits are not refundable after June 30, 2016).* Send your completed registrations forms, the waiver form, the deposit and a post dated cheque to: MNO Synod, 935 Nesbitt Bay, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 1W6

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We look forward to the opportunity to come together once again, to worship and grow in our faith on this trip and at this Gathering. Happy Planning!

