

**2024 Annual Gathering Schedule (rev. 7/18/24)**  
**Plaza Hotel, 1 S Main St., Las Vegas, NV 89101**

**Wednesday, July 24, 2024**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
11:00am	Registration Opens	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
1:00pm	NLSEB meeting	Boulder Studio A
5:00pm	Dinner	On your own-see list of 2024 Annual Gathering Restaurant Recommendations under Binder/Welcome (Tab 1)

**Thursday, July 25, 2024**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
7:30am	Breakfast	On your own-see list of 2024 Annual Gathering Restaurant Recommendations under Binder/Welcome (Tab 1)
8:30am	Break	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
8:45am	Anointing/commissioning HC team - Rev. G. Karl Gaston	Sierra Ballroom
9:00am	Registration Check-In	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
12:00pm	Lunch (12:30 - Welcome/Thrivent sponsor during lunch)	Sierra Ballroom
1:00pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
1:15pm	Orientation for 1 <sup>st</sup> Time Attendees by Jane Winge	Sierra Ballroom 8
	Photo of 1 <sup>st</sup> timers	Sierra Ballroom 8
1:45pm	Keynote: Dr. Mark Wickstrom	Sierra Ballroom
2:30pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
2:45pm	Opening Worship	Sierra Ballroom
3:45pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby

## Thursday, July 25, 2024 (continued)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
4:15pm	Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Opening prayer</li><li>● Seating of the Delegates</li><li>● Commissioning/Response/Blessing of Delegates by Rev. Karl Gaston</li><li>● Call to order</li><li>● Board Member Introductions</li><li>● Explanation of Election Process and Positions available</li><li>● Floor Nominations for NLS Executive Committee</li><li>● Nominee introductions</li><li>● SD scholarship committee volunteer request</li><li>● Financial presentation</li><li>● Announcements</li><li>● Closing prayer</li><li>● Recess until Saturday</li></ul>	Sierra Ballroom
4:15pm	Posters for upcoming weekends	Sierra Ballroom side 11 Sign 2 posters per Secretariat
5:15pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
5:30pm	Dinner	Sierra Ballroom
6:30pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
6:45pm	Introductions of NLS Nominees and Q&A Session led by Brian Schwarz	Sierra Ballroom
7:15pm	Evening Worship	Sierra Ballroom
8:00pm	Fellowship: Free time/music jam	Fremont Street Experience option

**Friday, July 26, 2024**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
7:30am	Breakfast	Sierra Ballroom
8:30am	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
8:45am	Morning Prayer Service	Sierra Ballroom
9:15am	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
9:30am	EOI Choices (Exchange of Ideas): 1. <b>Lay Director Roundtable</b> with Brian Comeno 2. <b>SD Roundtable</b> with Rev. Karl Gaston 3. <b>RC Roundtable</b> with Karen Weires 4. <b>Future Hosting of Annual Gathering</b> with Jane Winge 5. <b>Financial Roundtable</b> with Steve Barnett 6. <b>What to Know as a Secretariat</b> with Carolyn Witham	Sierra Ballroom 8  Sierra Ballroom 9  Sierra Ballroom 3  Boulder Studio A  Sierra Ballroom 5  Sierra Ballroom 4
10:15am	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
10:30am	Forum 1: Marty Harpster	Sierra Ballroom
11:00am	Small Group Discussion	Sierra Ballroom
11:30am	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
11:45am	Lunch	Sierra Ballroom
12:45pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby

**Friday, July 26, 2024 (continued)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
1:00pm	EOI Sessions (Exchange of Ideas) 1. <b>Enhancing Music</b> with Albert Weiss & Brian Comeno (2A)  2. <b>Powerful Palanca</b> by Kim Brownlow, NLS Palanca Coordinator (7A)  3. <b>How We Started a Secretariat</b> by Jeanette Jensen and John Jensen  4. <b>How to Move From Paper to Digital</b> by Dave Leverenz (4A)  5. <b>Team Training</b> by Eric Nicholaus (5A)  6. <b>Using Technology</b> by Amanda Hunter (6A)	Sierra Ballroom  Sierra Ballroom 3  Sierra Ballroom 5  Boulder Studio A  Sierra Ballroom 9  Sierra Ballroom 8
1:45pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
2:00pm	Forum 2: Spiritual Director Panel with -Rev. G. Karl Gaston, moderator -Tracy Schmidlin -Ken Larson -Sara Jones	Sierra Ballroom
2:45pm	Small Group Discussion	Sierra Ballroom
3:15pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
3:30pm	NLS Secretariat Town Hall	Sierra Ballroom 8
4:15pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
4:30pm	Dinner	Sierra Ballroom
5:30pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
5:45pm	Regional Meeting #1 Region 1 – Marcia Newman Region 2 – Brenda Brown Region 3 – Jerry Gray Region 4 – Pam Gross Region 5- BobbieJo Koski Region 6 – Bob Lewis Region 7 – Sylvia Meister	Sierra Ballroom 8 Sierra Ballroom 9 Sierra Ballroom 2 Sierra Ballroom 3 Sierra Ballroom 4 Boulder Studio A Sierra Ballroom 5
6:30pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby

6:45pm	Evening Worship/Healing Service/Communion/ 5 <sup>th</sup> Day Remembrance	Sierra Ballroom
8:30pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
8:45pm	Fellowship: Free time/music jam	Fremont Street Experience option

## Saturday, July 27, 2024

Time	Event	Location
7:30am	Breakfast	Sierra Ballroom
8:30am	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
8:45am	Morning Worship/Communion Offering - Outreach	Sierra Ballroom
9:45am	Group photo (wear Annual Gathering t-shirts)	Sierra Ballroom
10:15am	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
10:30am	Forum 3: Overview of Hebrews 12:1-2 with Jeff Gordon, RN	Sierra Ballroom
11:15am	Small Group Discussion	Sierra Ballroom
11:45am	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
12:00pm	Lunch	Sierra Ballroom
1:00pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
1:15pm	EOI Sessions (Exchange of Ideas) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Enhancing Music</b> with Albert Weiss &amp; Brian Comeno (2B)</li> <li>2. <b>Poo Talk</b> by Rev. Steven Kalas</li> <li>3. <b>Sponsorship/Strengthening the 4<sup>th</sup> Day</b> by Marty Harpster (7A)</li> <li>4. <b>VdC as an Ecumenical Movement</b> by Rev. G. Karl Gaston</li> <li>5. <b>Getting Youth Engaged</b> by Rev. Katie Langston (8A)</li> <li>6. <b>Using Technology</b> by Amanda Hunter (6B)</li> <li>7. <b>Powerful Palanca</b> by Kim Brownlow, NLS Palanca Coordinator (7B)</li> </ol>	Sierra Ballroom Sierra Ballroom 8 Sierra Ballroom 4  Sierra Ballroom 5 Sierra Ballroom 9  Boulder Studio A  Sierra Ballroom 3
2:00pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	*Remember to complete and submit your Annual Gathering Evaluation to be entered into the raffle  Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby

**Saturday, July 27, 2024 (continued)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
2:15pm	Business Meeting - Continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Call to Order</li> <li>● Opening Prayer</li> <li>● Election of Executive Committee</li> <li>● Survey Raffle Prize Explanation</li> <li>● Approval of 2024-2025 budget</li> <li>● State of VdC Presentation</li> <li>● 2025 NLS Annual Gathering Host Committee Presentation</li> <li>● Election Results</li> <li>● Welcome New Executive Committee Members</li> <li>● Announcements</li> <li>● Closing Prayer</li> <li>● Adjourn</li> </ul>	Sierra Ballroom 8
2:15pm	Palanca Project Workshop Opens with Jeanine Johnson  Posters for upcoming weekends	Sierra Ballroom side 11  Sign 2 posters per Secretariat
3:30pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
3:45pm	Regional Meeting #2 Region 1 – Marcia Newman Region 2 – Brenda Brown Region 3 – Jerry Gray Region 4 – Pam Gross Region 5- BobbieJo Koski Region 6 – Bob Lewis Region 7 – Sylvia Meister	Sierra Ballroom 8 Sierra Ballroom 9 Sierra Ballroom 2 Sierra Ballroom 3 Sierra Ballroom 4 Boulder Studio A Sierra Ballroom 5
4:45pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
5:00pm	EC meet with 2024 & 2025 AG Host Committees	Boulder Studio A

## Saturday, July 27, 2024 (continued)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
6:00pm	Agape Dinner/Serenade	Sierra Ballroom
7:00pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
7:30pm	Evening Worship/concert Fund Raiser AG2025	Sierra Ballroom
9:00pm	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
9:15pm approx.	Fellowship: Free time/music jam	Fremont Street Experience option

## Sunday, July 28, 2024

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
7:30am	Breakfast	Sierra Ballroom
8:30am	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
8:45am	Closing Worship/communion Anointing/Installation of new NLS Executive Committee	Sierra Ballroom
9:45am	Break/post announcements & schedule	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
10:00am	Check Out	Sierra Ballroom 10 & 11 Lobby
10:30am	NLSEC Secretariat Meeting (former & new Executive Committee members)	Boulder Studio A