

Confirmation Mentor Application - 2011-2012

Mentoring a confirmand is a very important job! It is a powerful way to make a difference in the life of a younger person...someone who is about to go through the same experience you did last year or a few years ago. It's also a great way for you to continue to grow. It is my hope that you understand how important a job being a confirmation mentor really is and how critical you can be to the confirmands growth.

The requirements for this years mentors may seem a little different than in the past, and that is on purpose. Being a mentor is not a post-confirmation entitlement...it is a present responsibility! We are trusting you to help us mold and shape youth in the Christian life. We trust that you have already been down this road and have a deep gratitude of what Jesus has done and is continuing to do in your life, and you want to help other youth experience Jesus in the same way. To this end, interaction between the confirmand and the mentor needs to be more than cursory. You must be willing to interact with the confirmand, by email, phone, or face to face on a minimum of once a week. Your weekly contact must also be during a time that is on a day other than Sunday. This interaction will consist of asking the confirmand of their experiences of confirmation to that point, see if they have any questions, getting to know them, and finishing with a time of prayer with the confirmand. (A Confirmation Mentor Commitment letter will be provided to you for your signature upon our acceptance of your mentor application.) In addition, this year we are also asking that you spend the first 10 minutes of the Small group time with your confirmand. You will be going over that day's talk and preparing them for a deeper discussion in the small group. You'll be expected to pray daily for the confirmand and contact them either by card or in person on their birthday. You would also write them a letter for the retreat weekend.

We are hoping to have a "one-on-one" mentoring ratio for this confirmation period. We are expecting 30-40 confirmands. Should more than that number of mentors apply, please note the below noted criteria for choosing mentors:

- Each application will be screened and accepted or declined based upon answers to the questions below and possibly by personal interview with Ms. Ruth or Mr. John.
- Once accepted, each mentor must sign a confirmation mentor commitment form and provide a check in the amount of \$95 (covers cost of retreat.)

Some of you may not be given a confirmand for a one-on-one partnership. Your role is still important in the planning and carrying out of Confirmation and all the activities involved...this year more so than in years past. You may also be called on to fill in on a Sunday should a mentor be sick or unavailable.

NOTE: If submitting a written copy, please answer the questions on a separate piece of paper and simply note the question number and your name.

1. Why do you want to be a mentor this year?
2. What talents, gifts and interests do you have that you think will benefit this year's confirmands?
3. In as much detail as you can, describe what it means to be an example of Jesus to a younger youth? Tell me why you think you can be a good example.
4. What does your personal relationship with Jesus look like right now? (How would you describe it?)
5. How will your faith grow as a result of being a mentor?
6. What does it mean to you to be a servant? Are you willing to be that? Why?
7. Give an example of how you have acted as a servant recently.

Name: _____