

## OVERVIEW

The volunteer Confirmation Mentor supports the church's mission to "receive, live, and share the abundant life of Jesus Christ" by building a discipling relationship with a youth confirmands, modeling an authentic Christian faith, and having honest conversations with them about life and faith as they prepare to make the personal decision to be confirmed.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend the following specific events:
  - Mentor Orientation meeting in January and Lenten Practices meeting prior to Ash Wednesday (both approximately 15-20 minutes).
  - Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday services with confirmand.
  - Confirmation Rehearsal & Dinner with the Bishop.
  - Confirmation service; stand with your confirmand as he/she confirms the promises made at baptism.
- Spend time with your confirmand from January through April as they prepare for confirmation.
  - Meet monthly to share conversation, answer questions, offer encouragement, and pray
  - Make at least one additional connection monthly: sending an encouraging text or card, attending an event the student is involved in at school, etc.
  - Participate in two specific conversations one-on-one (parent nearby):
    - Sharing your story: In this conversation the mentor will detail how they came to know Jesus, how that impacted their life, and how they continue their relationship with him now.
    - Final Reflection Paper: In the second conversation, held near the end of the school year, the confirmand will share his/her final reflection paper with their mentor, sharing what they have learned.
- Communicate regularly with:
  - Confirmand's parents to ensure transparency and safety. Try to build a relationship not just with the confirmand but with his/her family.
  - Communicate with the Director of Youth Ministries and Confirmation teacher any victories, concerns, or challenges.
- Pray regularly for your confirmand as he/she undergoes the confirmation process and discern their relationship with Christ.

## RELATIONSHIPS

The Director of Youth Ministries will ensure the support needed to thrive in this role and will communicate all pertinent dates and information. Confirmation mentors will also work alongside other Confirmation mentors and the family of their mentee.

## **TIME COMMITMENT**

Monthly commitment approximately 90 minutes. Additional time needed for one-time events and services: Mentor Orientation meeting, Lenten Practice meeting; Ash Wednesday service, Holy Week services, Confirmation Rehearsal and dinner with Bishop, and Confirmation service.

## **SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

Discipleship, a sincere relationship with Jesus and the desire to mentor younger Christians, vulnerability, consistency, and the willingness to listen and ask questions about your mentee's life and experience. You don't need to be an expert on the culture of 8th graders, what really matters most is that you love Jesus and are willing to show up, listen, and care.

## **RESOURCES AND TRAINING**

Confirmation Mentors are required to attend the Mentor Orientation meeting in January where they will be given guidelines and expectations for their roles as mentors.

*Curious? Interested in this ministry?*

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