

A COVENANT BETWEEN CONFIRMANDS, PARENTS and PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

In the Rite of Confirmation, young people publicly confess their faith, claim the promises of their baptism and begin to identify with and become involved in the adult Christian community. Confirmation instruction is a **team effort**, involving parents, Pastor, DCE, and the educational ministry of the church, to prepare confirmands for their public affirmation of baptism.

The Bible is clear that a child's spiritual education is the God-given responsibility of the parents (Ephesians 6:4, Deuteronomy 6:7). On the day of your child's baptism, you promised to "diligently and faithfully teach him/her the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer; and, as he/she grows in years, to place in his/her hands the Holy Scriptures, bring him/her to the services of God's house, **and provide for his/her instruction in the Christian faith**; that, abiding in the covenant of his/her Baptism and communion with the Church, he/she may be brought up to lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ." (from the Rite of Baptism)

Confirmation instruction here at Peace is a **supplement, not a substitute**, for your teaching and modeling Christian faith to your children. We are eager to assist you in this educational process. Yet, it remains your responsibility to see that your child receives and participates in Confirmation instruction here at Peace.

On his/her Confirmation Day, your child will promise to "continue steadfast in this confession and church and to suffer all even death rather than fall away from it." (from the Rite of Confirmation) The word "continue" presumes that he/she has already been steadfast in his/her confession and worship throughout the three years of Confirmation instruction.

To this end, the requirements of Confirmation instruction for Peace members in the coming year (2009-2010) are that:

- + You and your child will be faithful in attending worship at least 7 services per quarter. These can be Sunday, Monday, any special worship services, or worship at another church (bring a bulletin).
- + Your child will be faithful in attending Sunday School at least 16 times in 8 months (September – April).
- + Your child will faithfully attend and participate in at least 15 of 19 Learning Events (excluding excused absences). The Retreat during Lent will cover 2 Learning Events.
- + Your child will complete 100% of memory work and homework/makeup assignments in a timely manner.
- + Your child will complete 8 Sermon Reports.
- + Your child will participate in two small group fellowship activities and two service projects.
- + Your child will act in an appropriate manner in class and not be a disturbance to the instructor or other students. If necessary, parents will be asked to sit with their child.

"Understanding these requirements, we (student and parents) agree to work with the Pastor and Director of Christian Education to meet the requirements for Confirmation instruction here at Peace. We also understand that failure to achieve the minimums can result in me/my child not being confirmed, creating the need for me/my child to repeat the year. For the strength to remain committed to this Confirmation instruction, we will pray daily for God's blessings and direction."

Signed: _____
(Parent)

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(Student)

Signed: _____
(Pastor)

Signed: _____
(DCE)

Signed: _____
(Chairman of Lay Ministry)