

WHY SHOULD MY YOUTH TAKE A CONFIRMATION CLASS?

How does a person decide where they lie in on the political spectrum? Or what their personal moral code is? In general, we either **conform** to how our role models live their lives or we take time to research, reflect upon, and **confirm** our own beliefs and values.



ECOT's confirmation class is based off the **Confirm Not Conform** curriculum.

Through this class, we will educate ourselves about the foundational tenets of the Christian faith, reflect about what it means to live as a Christian in today's world, and make informed decisions about what beliefs and identities we chose confirm and take ownership of for ourselves.

We invite your youth to join us on a journey of self-discovery and confirmation. We are excited to explore the story God has written for them!

Ready to register?
Go to the
Confirmation Page
on the church website or
follow this link:

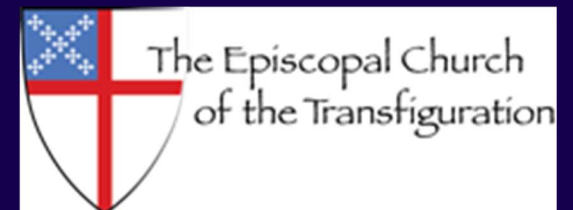
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Please be in touch with any comments or questions you may have!

CONFIRMATION: A GUIDE FOR PARENTS



WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?



Confirmation: a mature, public reaffirmation of the Christian faith and baptismal promises.



Confirmation is not a “graduation” or “completion” of some stage of the Christian journey. Rather, it is a sacrament marking the milestone of an individual’s adult commitment to continue deepening their personal relationship with God, to seek answers to questions they have, and to uphold their baptismal vows with God’s help.

Not all youth are at a point in their Christian journey where they are ready to be confirmed, and this is ok! A

Confirmation Class, open to students currently in 8th grade and older, will equip youth to make a choice about whether they wish to be confirmed at this point in their life.



CONFIRMATION CLASS Q&A

Is there an age requirement for the class?

Youth must be freshmen in high school by December 2018 to take this class.

I want my youth to be confirmed, but they don’t want to take the class.

Ultimately, confirmation is an individual’s choice. However, to ensure youth have the knowledge to make an informed decision, we require that they take a confirmation class. We understand that youth may be at confirmation class for a variety of reasons, but please remember that confirmation is a choice, not a requirement, upon class completion.

What happens if my youth takes confirmation class then doesn’t want to be confirmed?

All youth who complete the class will be acknowledged at the Bishop’s visit in December. Any youth who do not wish to be confirmed at this time may instead receive a blessing from the Bishop during the service.

My youth has a sport/activity during a confirmation class. Can they miss that day?

Youth may have one pre-excused absence. If you know your youth will have additional conflicts, please speak to Rebecca Cotton promptly--Rebecca is happy to talk with your family and your youth’s coach/instructor to work out a compromise.

Do we need to be ECOT members/Episcopalian for my youth to take this class?

Nope! There will be Episcopalian elements, but any youth who is willing to commit to the class schedule is welcome to attend.

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

*Unless otherwise indicated, classes meet Sundays, 11:30-1:00, Edwards Chapel. Lunch will be provided.

- April 8th
- May 20th* - shortened meeting
- June 26th
- July 29th
- August 25-26th Retreat*
- September 16th
- September 30th
- October 14th
- October 28th (subject to change if Quest Youth Retreat is this weekend)
- November 11th
- December 1st* - Saturday night before confirmation
- December 2nd - Day of Confirmation!