

## Confirmation Covenant St. Peter's Church

“To be known by God and to become God’s friend, this is true perfection.”  
Gregory of Nyssa, *Life of Moses*

I understand that confirmation in the Episcopal Church is “a mature public affirmation” of my Christian faith, which acknowledges the questions and uncertainties that are part of the journey. It is a two-year process of active participation in the life of the church through worship, Confirmation class attendance, and involvement in church and community service activities. In my confirmation, I will be making my own personal commitment to the responsibilities that my parents and godparents assented to at my baptism. In order to be better prepared for this serious and important step in my Christian journey and to help take ownership of how I explore my own faith, I promise, with God’s help, to do the following in preparation for my confirmation:

1. I will attend Sunday service and Confirmation class regularly. I will participate in class discussions and activities.
2. I will devote at least 20 hours per year (40 hours over two years; more is encouraged) doing ministry work in St. Peter’s Church and in the world, including:
  - a. 6 hours per year (12 hours over two years) of worship-related ministries (such as serving in choir, as usher, acolyte, lector, greeter, oblationer)
  - b. 6 hours per year (12 hours over two years) of work in other St. Peter’s ministries (such as Outreach suppers, Thrift Shop, Funday School, etc.)
  - c. 8 hours per year (16 hours over two years) of work in other community service work

These numbers are the minimum and I will do more if I am able. Father Dirk will review the hours of each confirmand.

3. I will participate in 4 separate spiritual formation activities. These would include attending a worship service other than my family’s accustomed time, such as Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, or Easter Vigil, a Lenten service, or an Episcopal service of marriage or burial. Another spiritual formation activity might include a Diocesan event. As a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, I will attend service at one other Episcopal church, and as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, I will attend service at one other non-Episcopal Christian church.
4. I will meet regularly with my mentor (8<sup>th</sup> graders), completing the workbook in a timely manner.
5. I will complete home activities, any journal or posting requirements, and I will document all my ministry hours.

I understand that if I think I will have difficulty completing these requirements in the time provided, I will share my concerns with my parents, my mentor, and with Father Dirk to explore what options might be available.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_