Christ Church Youth Confirmation
What it means to be a Mentor

Purpose: A mentor comes alongside a youth confirmand as they explore their faith through the confirmation process. A mentor acts as a positive role model and shares his or her faith with the confirmand for the duration of the class.

Who can be a Mentor?
- A mentor must be an active member of Christ Church Mt Pleasant.
- A mentor must be at least 21 years of age.

What is a Mentor?
- A mentor is an adult Christian who is a spiritual friend and advisor to one or more of our confirmands.
- A mentor is a mature Christian who is willing and able to talk to a youth about the mentor’s experience of God.
- A mentor models the living of the Christian life for the confirmand. Ideally, when a confirmand has a question about what a Christian would do in any given set of circumstances, he or she ought to be able to look at the life of his or her mentor and see the answer.

Mentor Basics:
- Pray continually for your confirmand.
- Help your confirmand make the transition from a being a child to a young adult member of our congregation: supporting your confirmand’s present involvement and encouraging future, increased involvement in worship, study, prayer and service.
- Relate to your confirmand in a caring, responsible way.
- Help your confirmand apply the lessons taught in confirmation class to their lives.
- Share with your confirmand your own spiritual journey.
- Help your confirmand discover the talents God has given them.
- Be a good friend and listener.
- Sit with and come forward with the confirmand on May 18th in the Confirmation Service.

* Mentors are also encouraged to join the confirmation class for the Confirmation Dinner with the Bishop on Monday, May 12th 6:30-8:00

Mentor Responsibilities:
- Be in prayer for and with your confirmand.
- Be a positive Christian role model.
- Meet with your confirmand five times for approximately one hour each time.
We suggest you talk about:
- Who God is for you?
- What is prayer? Why do we pray?
- What your confirmand is studying in class and their understanding of it?
- Last week’s sermon
- What is their favorite (least favorite) part of confirmation?
- What are they confused about? What would they like to know more about?

What is the best way to get started?
- Be supportive of confirmation process
- Get Acquainted—spend time together, getting to know one another
- Explore mutual interests (sports, music, etc.)
- Talk about your families (parents, brothers, sisters, etc.)
- Talk about your church background
- Read and discuss a story about Jesus together
- Talk about what confirmation means

Other Activities
Not all meetings need to be discussions. You may want to spend time together on one or more of the following activities:
- Involve the confirmand in your own church activity—ushering, altar guild, coffee hour, choir, greeting etc.
- Attend a church activity together, a special worship service
- Participate in outreach activities together
- Attend church fellowship events together

For the safety and security of the confirmand and yourself:
- Never meet with him or her alone behind closed doors.
- Do not drive him or her anywhere unless another adult is in the car.
- Copy the confirmation director on any e-mail messages or messages sent through social networking sites.

Mentors do not need to:
- Have all the answers.
- Have a scholarly knowledge of scripture and Christian theology.
- Be perfect.

HAVE FUN!!!
Thank you for being part of our Mentor/Confirmand Program. May God bless your efforts to initiate and develop a relationship with your confirmand. Please feel free to contact me at any time at dowens@christch.org or 843-327-8655.

Love in Christ,
Darrin