

JOB DESCRIPTION - CONFIRMATION CLASS MENTOR

JOB/TASK: *Confirmation Class Mentor*

NUMBER OF PERSONS NEEDED: *One Mentor Per Confirmand*

TIME COMMITMENT/FREQUENCY: *Attend Confirmation Class as often as possible; worship/lunch with Confirmand four times/yr; attend World Religions Retreat and Reformed Institute Confirmation Event*

SUPERVISOR /CONTACT: *Pastors*

MINISTRY GROUP RESPONSIBLE: *Christian Education*

REFERENCES: (people who have done this job and would be willing to answer questions about it): *Janie Waldrop, Al Robinson, Debbie Leavens*

The Confirmation Journey at Lewinsville is for 9th graders and above. It is a year-long, intensive ministry from September through May. The class meets every Sunday morning during the church school hour. Several activities outside of the classroom are also scheduled. In the spring, all participants write a statement expressing their faith in their own words, to be presented personally to session during a called meeting.

- Clarifying beliefs about God
- Understanding what it means to be a disciple of Jesus
- Learning how the Holy Spirit works in the life of individuals, the life of the Church, and in the world
- Exploring the worship experience as it calls the faith community together and Expresses our most valued beliefs
- A more mature understanding of what scripture is and how it has come to the faith community
- Understanding the sacraments and the Reformed doctrine connected to them
- Discovering the importance of Presbyterian tradition in our history, church government, and the responsibility to the world
- Understanding the meaning and responsibility of a faith profession within the Presbyterian Church and how that commitment is expressed through active membership in the church
- Discover the Christian community as a place of support, encouragement, and guidance
- Experience a deepened sense of belonging to Lewinsville and to the Church universal
- Come to understand faith as a journey and not as a goal
- Experience an awareness of God's love at work in our lives and in the world

Mentor Ministry

Each Confirmand chooses a mentor to journey with them. Students and mentors meet for four scheduled WALT(Worship And Lunch Together) Sundays to attend worship and then have lunch afterwards for conversation. The mentors also join the students for the World Religions Retreat in the fall and the Reformed Institute Confirmation Event in the spring. They play an integral role in helping the students with their faith statements.

What is expected of Mentors?

- To pray regularly for and with your student
- To participate in class as fully as you are able
- To spend face-to-face time with your student each month
- To share your faith journey with your student as a way of allowing them to understand who you are and how you have come to be an active member in the Church
- To support your student in the process of making their decision regarding membership, and to respect the decision they make
- To celebrate with them whether or not they decide on membership in the Church