

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER CONFIRMATION FULFILLMENTS

From the date this document is signed until one (1) year from that date, the goal is to meet the following fulfillments:

- A brief reflection about why you have chosen to participate in the confirmation process. This can be turned into the Minister or Assistant Minister for Family Discipleship.
- Attend worship at least 75% of the time (~3 Sundays/month) (hybrid option available to count towards attendance as permitted)
- Attend at least 75% of education offerings for your age group. (21 weeks of 30 Sundays with formation)
 - CoR Youth 7th-12th – Choose one option:
 - Sunday Morning at 10am
 - Tuesday Night at 5:30pm
 - Episcopal 101 youth & older
- Attend at least one retreat and one social event offered for the broader youth community.
- Participate in Communion 101. (*Historically held in March or November*)
 - If confirmand has participated in Communion 101 before entering the confirmation process, they may choose to count that for this fulfillment OR participate in it again.
- Log 10 volunteer hours total for at least two service projects: one with Redeemer and one outside of Redeemer in the local area
- Join at least one *new* ministry of Redeemer, including but not limited to:
 - Altar guild
 - Hospitality
 - Acolytes
 - Greeters
 - Intercessors
 - Lectors
 - Music
 - Creation Care
- Actively participate in your chosen ministry/ministries (i.e. receive training, consistency in attendance, invite others into ministry)
- Make a financial commitment to the church.
- Answer the following question from your perspective, using your experience of your journey to confirmation at Redeemer: “What does it mean to me to be Episcopalian?” Choose one of the following ways to respond:
 - Give a 5–7-minute presentation with visual aids.
 - Create a written, visual, musical piece reflecting your thoughts.
 - Other options not listed can be discussed with the Minister or Assistant Minister for Family Discipleship.
- A commitment to continual reflection of the confirmation process with a Confirmation Mentor.
 - This includes a final reflection to be given in whatever format chosen by the participant once the fulfillments have been completed. Some version of this reflection should be turned into the Minister or Assistant Minister for Family Discipleship.
- Design and implement a ministry or mission that is spiritually meaningful to you to be enacted within the next year after confirmation (i.e. raise funds for a cause that you believe connects to our Baptismal covenant, toy drive for children in the hospital, beautify the cloister or memorial garden, stand up & fight for justice)
- Participate in a Confirmation Ceremony held at Church of the Redeemer.

Signature of Participant

Date

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FAQs:

1. What is confirmation?

Confirmation is the process by which one declares publicly their intention to become part of the Church community. In the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, this process contains other professions of faith: the renewal of one's baptismal vows as outlined in the Baptismal Covenant, the commitment to serving Christ and others inside and outside of the Church, and a dedication to participating in the life of the Church.

2. Do I need to be baptized before I am confirmed?

Yes, baptism is a prerequisite to confirmation. This is because baptism includes a commitment to one's faith in Christ as well as the Baptismal Covenant, outlined in the Book of Common Prayer, which is renewed during the confirmation ceremony.

3. Why should I get confirmed?

Confirmation is meant to be a personal decision made by the individual entering the process. That is the first thing to consider when answering this question. If you are looking to become part of this worshipping community in an official capacity, confirmation is for you. If you are looking to deepen your understanding of your Christian faith, confirmation is for you. If you are looking to understand what it means to be Episcopalian, confirmation is for you. If you are looking to make an intentional commitment to your faith journey in a structured, tangible way, confirmation is for you.

4. Why fulfillments?

As mentioned in the above question, confirmation is meant to be a personal decision. Therefore, we want the process to have the flexibility that allows it to be tailored to what makes sense for each individual committing to it. While the fulfillments are suggested to be completed within one year, the real goal is creating a commitment to lifelong cultivation of faith in Christ within the life of the Church. That means these fulfillments could take someone longer to complete, and that is okay! It also means these fulfillments can be checked off in any order that makes sense to each participant. It is all about the journey. These fulfillments are not meant to be a checklist to complete and then be done. They are outlined to help each individual see the importance of their faith journey and how that can be lived out through the confirmation process and beyond. These fulfillments are just the beginning of the lifelong journey in the Christian faith. It will take different shapes and forms all through one's life. These fulfillments are simply here to help set the groundwork.