


NUMC Confirmation Requirements

2009-2010

Confirmation- The Goal of a confirmation class is to give each student an opportunity to explore his or her faith in order to make a responsible choice to become a disciple of Jesus Christ. It is a time to decide whether one will join the United Methodist Church or not. Confirmation is when a youth is encouraged to do some soul-searching, praying and talking with others in order to fully understand what it means to commit oneself to Jesus Christ. It is a process which can lead to a life-long walk with Christ.

In order to fulfill this goal and help each youth make a decision about their commitment to the church and to Jesus Christ, the Confirmation program at NUMC includes the study of a very comprehensive confirmation curriculum; faith partners, mission and service, and various field trips or special activities. This program will allow the youth to expand their spiritual and biblical knowledge and engage with each other as a connected body of Christ.

 **Confirmation Point System-** In order to be confirmed each student who commits to class will be required to acquire 1000 CPS (Confirmation Points) through their attendance and participation the activities listed below. Some Activities are mandatory (and will not have a point value). These are indicated in **RED**.

 **Attend Church Service regularly**

All families are encouraged to worship together at either 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM.

 **Attend Confirmation Classes- 20 CPS**

Active participation in class each week in accordance with ground rules of the class. Complete assignments in a timely manner. Make up missed work, and exhibit good conduct at all times. Students cannot miss more than one scheduled Confirmation class each month. Students **MUST** earn Confirmation class credit to be confirmed.


Confirmation Class meets weekly and will start promptly at 11am IN room 5/6. On the **FIRST** Sunday of every month Students will meet IN church (at 11am service) to sit together (there will be a take home assignment on these weeks).

 **Attend Confirmation Trips- 25 CPS**

Special Confirmation Trips will include attendance at another church worship service (TBA), a visit to the Museum of Tolerance (January 10th, 2010 Noon-6pm), a visit to a local Temple (TBA), and others TBA. Please make a great effort to attend these events.

 **Attend UMYF- 10 CPS**

Youth Group meets weekly from 4-6pm. Calendars available on the Website.

 **Attendance at the Hi- Holy Services-** Ash Wednesday (2/14/10), Maundy Thursday (4/1/10), Good Friday (special Confirmation “Stations of the Cross” ceremony- 4/2/10), Easter Sunday (4/4/10), Pentecost (5/23/10) (There will be a special Confirmation gathering _ hour prior to most High Holy Services- details TBA)



Participation in Worship Service- 10 CPS

This can include: Acolyte, Singing in Choir, A special presentation or Liturgy



Attend District and Conference Events/Gatherings- 100 CPS

this includes District overnight events, Worship gatherings, Youth Alive (Senior High: February 13-15th), Spirit Quest (Junior High: April 23rd -25th), District Summer Camps (Must be registered before June 2010)



Attend Family Camp, May 14th- 16th 2009- 50 CPS



Attend Youth Day at Annual Conference- 60 CPS



Attendance at our Confirmation Overnight Event- March 12-13th OR March 13th-14th TBA



Attend Confirmation Interview-Confirmation Candidates will meet with their teachers and Pastor prior to Confirmation



Attendance at Confirmation – June 13th 2010 9am & 11am Service (10am Reception and display of personal Projects)

Candidate Assignments

Choose an Important Person from the Bible or Christian History

Choice due date: November 2, 2008

Write a Research Paper about your above Choice- 60 CPS

Upon selecting a name, each of you will be required to research and write a 2 page paper on that person and tell why you chose that person. Email or submit on disk or CD. Give your references used (Bibliography)

Due: Sunday, January 25, 2009

Write a letter to Pastor Stan

Explaining what you learned, experienced during the Confirmation process and why you want to be confirmed.

Draft due (bring to class): Sunday May 23rd, 2010

Final copy due: (Submit to Stan by mail, emailed to Katherine) Sunday, June 6th, 2010

Community Service- 100 hours

Community Service offers an opportunity for the candidate to put their faith into action and to discover the difference that living the service will make in their own lives and in the lives of other people. Students and parents need to understand that community service projects are to lead them towards living a life of social action. We do not do service projects to get confirmed. We do service – we do justice – to show that we are ready and willing to live the life of a fully initiated adult Christian.

(Youth Mission events including: 30 hour Famine (January 23-24th, 2010), Souperbowl Sunday (February 7th, 2010), and TBA “Mission Day” (June 5th, 2010)- will provide sometime for hours. Hours can also be accomplished through approved Scouting events; School Activities and volunteer work (talk to Katherine if you need help finding projects).

Write a Community Service Reflection- 50 CPS

At the end of the year explaining what your experience was and what skill or knowledge you gained from it.

Due: Sunday, June 6th 2010 (submit by email or CD, along with a printed copy)

Personal Project

Your personal project will be the ultimate reflection of your experience during Confirmation--Stating what you believe about God and your faith. This will be a big part of our Confirmation Service and ceremony on June 13th, 2010. We will be working with you on this during the year and at our Confirmation overnight (in March) and at Family Camp (May). This project can resemble anything from a homemade movie, poem, art piece, collage, speech etc....

Make Up Assignments for Missed Classes

If a student cannot attend class, please let Katherine know in advance please. The student will receive make-up assignments.