

**Confirmation is a journey not only for students but also for their parents, teachers, and Faith Partners. We want to surround Confirmands with a community of faith so that they experience the depth of God's love for them.**

***What is a Faith Partner?***

- Another adult (not parents) who plays a mentoring role for the Confirmand.
- Someone who loves God and is committed to Christ.
- An adult who is 21 or older.
- Someone parents are comfortable their child talks with about religion, faith, life and matters of the church.
- Someone who has the time and is willing to commit the time to the duties below.

***What does a Faith Partner do?***

- Call his or her student regularly to see how Confirmation is going, ask if he or she has any questions, just chat, etc..
- Pray for his or her student throughout Confirmation.
- Regularly write a letter, email or text to his or her student to let him/her know that he or she is praying for the student throughout the Confirmation process.
- Invite his or her student just to “hang out” (go see movies, eat out, etc.) or at least make yourself available to the student in case he/she would like to talk more about life and faith.
- Send his or her student agape gifts (homemade cookies, Christian bookmarks, etc.) to express love and encouragement.
- Make it a priority to be at the Confirmation worship service.

***Who can be a Faith Partner?***

- A member of any church. (It is not necessary that he or she be a member of First Methodist Church McKinney, although that is the preference.)
- A friend of the family who the parents and student agree would serve well in this role.
- A member of the family, though we strongly discourage students from choosing their parents. It is also preferred that the Faith Partner lives in the local area because of what we ask them to do.

***\*Please select your Faith Partner based on the criteria above, give the description to your Faith Partner, and have him/her sign the following agreement form.***

## **CONFIRMATION FAITH PARTNER AGREEMENT**

I agree to be a Faith Partner during the upcoming weeks for  
Confirmation student \_\_\_\_\_.

I agree to pray for my student, encourage him or her with notes,  
calls, and/or gifts, and be available for his or her Confirmation  
worship service.

Name of Faith Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Faith Partner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Relation to the Confirmand (Ex. Family friend, grandparent, etc)

**Please return Faith Partner Agreement to:  
First UMC McKinney  
Deidre Imthurn, 315 Church St., McKinney, TX 75069**