



*Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them,
so that everyone may see your progress. -1 Timothy 4:15*

2020-21 Confirmation Class Expectations

Worship Attendance- Beginning September 13

For the duration of the school year, potential confirmands will be expected to attend worship weekly. When safe and appropriate we encourage Sunday morning in person worship. The online worship will continue and can be viewed as your schedule permits.

-There will be opportunities to reflect on worship as part of devotions and small group participation.

Small Group Participation- Beginning September 13

For the duration of the school year, potential confirmands will be expected to participate in a small group 3 out of every 4 weeks.

-The encouragement of a supportive small group is vital for claiming God's love and purpose. The small group offerings will include weekly youth group, and musical opportunities. These are still being clarified. If you have a small group option you would like to suggest (bible study, prayer group, witness and sharing, service) please speak with any of the pastors.

Informational Meetings – September 10

The meeting is required for at least one parent, confirmands are encouraged to attend.

-ZOOM at 7:00-8:00 PM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9249850627>

Weekly Classes

Classes meet on Thursday afternoons for one-hour current start time is, 4:30-5:30 PM, in the Carriage House.

-There is some flexibility on the start time, (4:00?) and we will survey the group. We will also offer a second day to accommodate schedules. Be on time. There is a full 60 minutes of material to cover each week. In person class (socially distanced and masked) is preferred but if necessary we will consider other options.

October 8, 15, 22, 29	February 4, 11, 18, 25
November 5, 12, 28	March 4, 11, 18, 25
December 3, 10, 17	April 8, 15, 22, 29
January 7, 14, 21, 28	May (make ups) 6, 13

What if I have to miss a class?

- Confirmands are allowed a maximum of three group class misses, which can be made up.
- If you must miss the class you usually attend:
 1. Please let Pastor Bill know by texting 203 313-4499
 2. Please read the scripture references that will be discussed in the class you missed.

What if it is snowing?

Please familiarize yourself with our weather cancellation policy - see below

Confirmation Field Trip - Saturday March 27, 2021

Start time is 8am. More information will be released soon.

Mandatory Retreat Weekend - Friday April 23 - Sunday 25, 2021

The retreat is a required event for all confirmands. The cost for meals, lodging, and materials will be \$145 per person, and registration will be held separately. (If this fee presents a burden, we can extend you a scholarship.)

Bishop Bickerton's Confirmation Rally - TBA (early-mid May)

Our Bishop desires to meet with all Confirmands in the Conference. Our class will attend the rally which is generally held the second Saturday of May. We will give you more details as we learn them.

-The event is free.

Rehearsal

All confirmands will meet in the sanctuary on Saturday, May 15, at 10 AM - Noon, for rehearsal.

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday is May 16, 2021.

Weather Cancellation Policy

1. We do not automatically follow the school district's cancellation decisions. Even if school is cancelled for the day, if weather and road conditions improve, we will likely hold our event. We might even consider an online class
2. A decision will be made at least 90 minutes prior to the start time of the event.
3. Should we decide to cancel the event, we will announce via TXT messages, Email notifications, and website updates.
4. If the road conditions are questionable or if the weather is likely to worsen during the scheduled meeting time, please check your phone, Email, or the website before leaving your home. Please do not call asking about the meeting, as the text messages, website, and Email will tell you everything you need to know.

Our Bulk Text Messaging System

At Jesse Lee Youth, we use a bulk text messaging system to enhance communications to our members and their parents. As we collect cell phone numbers via our medical release and other registration forms, they are automatically added to the bulk texting system. Parents and members can opt out of receiving text messages by replying STOP to any message they receive.

If you are not receiving our text messages but would like to, please let us know.

Annual Medical Release Form

A satisfactorily-completed and signed Annual Medical Release Form is required to be on file for everyone participating in the Confirmation Journey. Release forms can be found on our website.