

August 14, 2015

Dear Sophomore Youth and Parents,

It's exciting that you are now beginning the most unique year of your "Faith Affirmation Journey!" It will lead to your public Affirmation of Faith which is scheduled for **Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2016.**

We will have a short **OVERVIEW and FIRST GATHERING** of Students, Parents, and Mentors on **Wednesday, September 2, at 7 p.m.**

We'll gather in the Lakeside Room first for a brief overview of the year ahead. Then each student/mentor pair will go to another location to complete the first of their six times together. That will take about 45 minutes. Parents may remain in the Lakeside Room for conversation while waiting for students to conclude their time with their mentor.

Look over the enclosed sheet, "**Preparations for Faith Affirmation Day 2016.**" It will be posted also at www.christcottonwood.org under the "Learn & Grow" menu, along with the six mentor encounter guides.

Students are to BRING a NOTEBOOK as well as a BIBLE and CATECHISM which will be used during each of the mentor encounters to record notes, examples, and thoughts to be included in their Faith Story.

Please call, text, or email me with any questions you have.

Rise Up Together!,

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