

CONFIRMATION MENTOR COVENANT

As a mentor to _____, I vow to:

- attend the Confirmation Mentor Training Session on January 29.
- pray for my “Confirmand” each day.
- sit with him or her in worship at least once each month.
- be ready and willing to listen to his or her questions and concerns.
- get to know about his or her interests.
- visit with him or her at least once a week, whether in person, over the phone, or online.
- write a message to him or her for the Confirmation Handbook, used in worship on Confirmation Sunday. *See details for the Handbook Message on the back of this sheet.*
- be an example of an adult Christian with an honest and maturing faith.
- send an encouraging and/or congratulatory messages on his or her birthday (month day) or for other important events in his or her life.
- attend the Pool Party on April 29th with your Confirmand.
- attend the Confirmation Service on May 6th.

As a mentor to, I do not need to:

- have all the answers.
- have a scholarly knowledge of Scripture and Christian theology.
- be perfect.

For the safety and security of _____ and myself, I will:

- never meet with him or her alone behind closed doors.
- not drive him or her anywhere unless another adult is in the car.
- copy his or her parents or Reese McCurry (children@vinevillemethodist.org) on any e-mail messages or messages sent through social networking sites.

Please sign and bring to the Confirmation Mentor Training on January 29 from 5:30-6:00pm in the Small Dining Room. After we finish with this training, you are invited to stay for the remainder of the Confirmation Session going on at the same time (6:00-7:00pm).

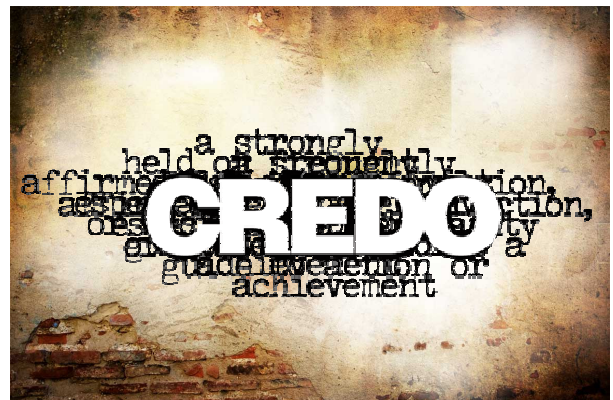
Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Best Way to Contact Me (circle one):

[email / cell / other]



Confirmation Handbook Message Instructions

The message to the Confirmand from the Mentor is always a special and crowning part of the Confirmation Handbook that is a part of the Confirmation Service. We receive many questions about what the message should look like, so we've included some helpful information below.

Here are some tips to make your message special and meaningful.

1. Try to write between 150 – 200 words (not too little, not too much).
2. Address the message to the child (i.e. "Palmer, ..."). This is a message to them that others get to read as well.
3. Include a special memory that occurred during the time you were a mentor to him or her.
4. Include your hopes, dreams, and prayers for this child.
5. Include a favorite scripture passage.
6. Keep it simple.
7. Remember, you are a spiritual mentor (not just a friend or family member), so let that set the tone of your message to them.

Here's an example from a previous year (notice she did not address it to the child, which we are asking you to do):

Don't forget, these messages are due by April 15!!

Please contact us if you have further questions or to submit your messages:

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Suzanne Rebecca Avant
Prayer Partner:
Mary Pat Monfort

What an honor to be chosen to be Suzanne Avant's prayer partner. Suzanne is such a special, talented, sweet girl with so much going for her. She is a fifth grader at Stratford Academy. She is involved in drama, tennis, church and is a great babysitter! Suzanne is a very independent, outgoing, beautiful girl with lots of southern personality. I never see her when she

does not have a smile on her face and something positive to say.

Confirmation is such a special time in your life, Suzanne, as a person and a child of God. It is a time to understand what it means to have a relationship with God so that you will continue your faith throughout your life and share that faith with others. It is a time of learning to trust, believe and commit yourself to God.

My prayer for you, Suzanne, is that you would continue to seek a knowledge and understanding of God and who He is to you and to stand firm in your faith. Seek God and pray to Him all your cares and concerns. Use your Bible to give you answers and guidance for your everyday life. Know that I am here for you anytime and for anything. May God bless you each and every day. Thank you for the opportunity of being your prayer partner.

With much love,
Mary Pat