



Welcome to Confirmation!

We are excited by the opportunity to bring a group of high school students together and to create a space where we can learn with and from each other.

Instead of “lessons to be learned,” Confirmation, for us, is a conversation and an opportunity to ask questions like...

- Who or what is God? Is there a “right” answer?
- Who is Jesus and what does it mean to say we follow him?
- How do we read and understand the Bible? Is the Bible true? What do we mean when we say it is “the Word of God?”
- Is there a difference between being a Christian and being a good person?

While we will lead most of the conversations, over the course of the year we will invite others to join our conversation so that we can experience and learn from different points of view.

Here are our expectations:

- We expect you to do your best to make most, if not all, of our Zoom meetings. We realize Zoom is not as good as meeting in person, but meeting this way enables us to bring a group together from different congregations and communities.
- We expect you to be honest and to share your thoughts and your questions.
- We expect your congregation (along with you) to select a person who will be your mentor. Our hope is this person will stay in touch with you as you move through our Confirmation program.
- Towards the end of Confirmation, we will ask you to write a *Statement of Faith*. This is a way for you to share what you have learned, the questions you still have, and what Confirmation has been like for you.

And, a bit about us.

For a number of years we worked together at Bedford Presbyterian Church in Bedford, NY. Paul was the Pastor and Kathy was the Director of Educational Ministries. Together we led that church’s Confirmation program. Paul is now retired and living in Vermont and Kathy has stepped down from her position at Bedford Presbyterian Church, but when this opportunity was presented to us we were excited to give it a try.

We are glad you have decided to join us!

We look forward to getting to know you better and sharing in Confirmation with you.

Paul Alcorn and Kathy DiBiasi