

**Faith Statement Guidelines:** There's no one right way to write a faith statement. For some it will be natural to write out a faith statement for others it could be stressful.

Don't begin by thinking, "How long does it have to be?" The answer is however long it takes to tell your story. Be honest; don't worry about saying the right or wrong thing. Your faith statement isn't graded or corrected, it is an opportunity to express what you believe and why.

Here are some topics to consider as you work on your faith statement. **Just pick one or two** of the numbered sections below to guide you as you think and reflect on what you want to include in your faith statement.

- 1) Letting others know the impact Jesus has on your life:
  - Introduce yourself.
  - What does confirmation mean to you?
  - Why is faith important to you?
  - How has having faith transformed or changed you?
- 2) Think about and share:
  - How do people know you are a Christian?
  - How has your world changed because of your faith?
  - Do the relationships you have reflect your faith?
  - How does the way you spend your time show your faith?
- 3) Share a story of your life that helps illustrate what your faith is all about or how your faith in God has been shaped. Or give personal examples of times in your life when your community and faith helped you through difficult times or to grow in faith.
- 4) Write about how your faith and view of God, Jesus and being part of the church has changed since you started Confirmation. What has led to these changes in your faith? Is faith more important to you now? Why?
- 5) Who has helped you grow in faith? What have they done to help you grow faith? Why have they raised you in the church?
- 6) Share a Bible story or Bible verse that is special to you? How has the story or verse helped you to grow in your faith? With your relationship with God? With your relationship with your family? With your relationship with your friends?
- 7) How do you see yourself living out your faith in the future? How do you think God and your faith in Jesus will shape your life four months (a year, ten years) from now? Where will you look for strength and help from God to have your faith grow?

**DO INCLUDE an Affirmation of your Baptismal Promise**

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*I do and I ask God to help and guide me.*