

2010-2011 CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION

Dear Parents and Students,

The purpose of this letter is to give you some specifics on **Zion's 2010-2011 Confirmation program**. Zion's Confirmation program is a **two year program**. Students in **grades 5-8** are eligible to attend. We ask the parents to talk with their child and decide which of these two years would be best. Some parents decide on grades 5 & 6, others pick grades 6 & 7, and still others choose grades 7 & 8. We also ask that a parent attend class with their child. This is a wonderful opportunity for parent and child together, to **"grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 3:18)**. If a parent is unable to attend, a mentor will be provided. We will go over the specific requirements of Confirmation at the first class on September 8.

Among the purposes of Confirmation are the following:

To provide our youth with formal instruction in the Christian faith.

To strengthen and encourage our youth in their faith and to equip them in dealing with the many challenges of today's world.

To assure them of God's love and to foster love in them for God and for others.

To prepare our youth for rightful reception of Holy Communion and adult membership in the congregation.

This year, Confirmation Classes will be held on **Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm** in the Zion Fellowship Center. Classes will be from 6:00pm to 8:00pm during the seasons of Advent and Lent. **Classes begin on September 8, 2010** and conclude on April 13, 2011. After completing all requirements, second year students will be confirmed in their faith on Palm Sunday, April 17 at the 10:30 service.

In previous years we have had a **light dinner** for parents and students and have asked for \$20 per person to help cover the costs. We are currently **looking for parents or other volunteers** to organize these meals. Please contact me if you can help out.

Please fill out the accompanying form and return it to the church office to indicate your child's participation in this year's Confirmation program. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or desire further information.

I look forward to this wonderful opportunity to share the many truths of our loving God and to grow together with you!

Yours in Christ,

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