

Confirmation, not Conformation

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*Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,
so that you may discern what is the will of God.*

– Romans 12:2

Community Church will be offering a Confirmation Class this fall. That's *confirmation* not *conformation*. In other words, the class is not about getting young people to conform to a prescribed meaning of the Christian faith. Confirmation is a rite of passage, a focused spiritual time for a young person to deepen in faith and to receive a blessing from one's spiritual community, the Church. It's a time to nurture one's relationship with God, to explore Christian practices, to learn basic beliefs, and to discover how these things can become a life-long adventure.

Details:

- Who: 9th and 10th Graders (and any other high schoolers who want to do it)
- When: Every Sunday evening, September 17 – November
- Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Where: The Youth Lounge of Pilgrim Center at Community Church
- Facilitating Leaders: Pastor Benjamin & Ross Galleto
- Supporting Leaders: Pastor Rachel & Corinne Ford

Two Final Questions:

1. What about high school youth group? This fall, confirmation is high school youth group. All teens, even those already confirmed, are invited to come and be a part of the discussions. Like regular youth group sessions, we will hang out a bit and eat dinner together before launching into the content. At the end of our time together, we will pray for each other and part with a blessing.
2. Does attending Confirmation Class mean I am agreeing to be confirmed and join the church? No. The class is a time of exploration. At the end of the program, all participants will be invited to receive a blessing from the congregation on Sunday, December 3. Those wishing to be confirmed and to join the church may do so that day.

If you or someone you know might be interested in this program, please share this article with them and contact Pastor Benjamin or Ross Galleto at 707.823.2484.