

*I am grateful for the family I was given and the community I was raised in for making me who I am today. God has given me all the tools in my life to be who I want to be and carve my own path. As of today I have now re-confirmed my love and fellowship to the Christian faith and will share the word of My Lord. Thank you Mom and Dad for raising me up with the faith of the lord as he has guided me into becoming an intelligent well-rounded human being. I will always keep God First and follow in the right footsteps.
(Malachi) Devoted Follower of Christ*

Getting confirmed was something that I always was interested in. I always felt that being confirmed was a crucial part in my faith journey. Also, being confirmed allowed me to embark on a journey which helped develop my spiritual life. I chose to be confirmed in order to show my commitment to the church by becoming a full member. Being confirmed allows me to now take full responsibility for my faith journey. I am excited now that I am finally being confirmed, and I am ready to take the next steps in my faith journey. (Simche)

*In December of 2000, my mother and father had me baptised. By doing this they made a promise, that I would be raised in the Christian faith and begin my journey with Christ. Now today, nearly seventeen years later I stand here once again to make a promise. Throughout my confirmation classes I learnt how God lives in us and around us, the life of Jesus and what it means to be a Christian and a member of the United Church of Canada. By being confirmed in the United Church I am committing to this journey of faith and becoming a full member of the Church. To me this means I will keep the lessons I have learnt and apply it to my everyday life, hold the values I have learnt high throughout my life, and be an active and supportive member of the United Church of Canada.
(Sian)*

REFLECTIONS ON CONFIRMATION
FROM THE YOUTH!

Confirmation is where a baptized Christian fully and completely joins the church. The reason I would like to be confirmed is so that I too can be a full member of the church community. I believe in God and I would love to worship and help others worship God. By me deciding to get confirmed, I am showing my family, friends and the world that I love and believe in the one and only God Almighty and Jesus Christ my Savior and Redeemer. (Zyll)

What does confirmation mean to me? It is my decision to renew the promises that my parents made for me at my baptism. In the world today, it is essential to keep a strong faith and stand up for what we know is right. Being confirmed is me taking ownership of my faith and my connection with God. I hope that being confirmed and being an active member of the Church, will bring me closer to my faith and strengthen it so that I can be the best person that I can be. (Malary)

Church to me is a community or family. It's a place where you can be yourself. Being with the church makes me feel like I am a part of something larger than my community. I love hearing the music from the choir at concerts and every week in church. It makes me feel happy and peaceful. Church is my second family and a place that I call home. (Allison)

Prior to attending the confirmation classes, I didn't feel as connected to God or the church as I would have liked to be. Now that I have attended these classes, I feel like I'm on the right path to continue my journey in finding myself in the name of the Lord. I look forward to the various opportunities he has planned for me and I hope to continue my services in the name the Lord. (Danicca)