

Overview of Youth Confirmation Materials

Curriculum Resource	Publisher or Author Denomination	Content & Articulation	Format	Ages	Cost / Usability
<i>Affirming Faith</i>	United Church Press UCC	To aid persons in affirming and renewing faith; “connecting with the congregation” through mentoring, witness, service projects, field trips, retreats, liturgical resources following UCC Statement of Faith	25 90-minute sessions	12-16 years	\$24.95 Congregational Guide \$10.95 Confirmand
<i>A People Called Episcopalians</i>	John Westerhoff Episcopal Morehouse	Attempts to address the foundational issues of what it means to be an Episcopalian, devoting chapters to things Anglican: Identity, Authority, Spirituality, Temperament and Polity.	40 page booklet	Youth & Adults	\$5.00 booklet
<i>Claim the Name</i>	United Methodist Cokesbury	We help youth make a faith commitment by providing youth with stories of persons of faith who stood out against the culture of their time; we are honest about being in relationship with God - not because of parents or peers; it is a journey with Christ	6 – 15 weeks	Middle School	\$22.50 / \$36.00 Teaching Plans \$7.75 Mentor \$6.75 Parent \$8.00 Student
<i>Confirmed: Anointed & Sealed</i>	Catholic Morehouse	To have candidates take into their minds and hearts theological concepts and important church teachings on the sacraments that will be manifest in their attitudes and behaviors. Based on RC Rite of Confirmation	2 years	7-17 years	\$14.95 Leader’s \$5.95 Journals
<i>Confirm – Not Conform</i>	Independent Episcopal www.confirmnotconform.com	Classroom work, field trips, mentor relationships and challenges to take responsibility for understanding faith and its power.	10 weeks	High School	
<i>Crossings</i>	United Methodist / Reformed Logos Productions	Explores five events from the Hebrew Scripture and three events from the New testament in order to discover how God speaks to us and leads us in our journeys relating the core stories to our individual stories; participation in the Christian church through worship, community, devotional life and service.	1 or 2 year program: 30 sessions: 15 from the Hebrew Scripture and 15 from the New Testament. 3 retreats: pre, post and midway	Youth	#39.95 Leader \$19.95 Youth \$19.95 Bible Trivia Game \$23.95 Poster set
<i>Difficult Decisions</i>	Morehouse Episcopal	Focus on ethical decision making	Nine-week module from Episcopal Curriculum for Older Youth	High School	\$11.95 Guide \$12.95 Posters
<i>The Discovery Series: A Christian Journey</i>	Episcopal Diocese of Texas Episcopal www.epicenter.org/edot/Discovery_Series	Video series; includes a brief history of the Episcopal Church, an instructed Eucharist, spiritual gifts assessment, Bible, Jesus, the Creeds and Baptism.	Each course has 2-4 video segments (about 15 min.), each intended to be followed by group work (about 45 min.)	Confirmation Adult	\$379 Guide + DVD or VHS The participant pages are also available online for purchasers.

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<i>Encountering Christ</i>	Charlotte Molrine Episcopal Morehouse	An intergenerational faith experience course developed to help participants encounter Christ in their daily lives and to take part more fully in the ongoing life of the Christian community; includes group activities, role-playing, and self-esteem exercises that enhance the experience of faith formation.	14 sessions	Intergenerational	\$25.00 Book
<i>The Episcopal Church Year</i>	Episcopal Morehouse	Examines the church seasons and sights and sounds of church.	Nine-week module from the Episcopal Curriculum for Younger Youth	Middle School	\$11.95 Guide \$12.95 Posters \$3.50 Student
<i>Grow in Grace</i>	George Foxworth Morehouse Episcopal	Confirmation is a “joyful expression of a growing desire to know and serve Christ in and through the Church; follows theological and liturgical stance of the Episcopal Church’s catechism	10 sessions Leader’s Guide, Mentor handbook, Student workbook	Grades 5-8	\$6.00 Pupil \$4.00 Sponsor \$7.00 Teacher
<i>Here We Stand</i>	ELCA Augsburg Fortress	30 lessons in each category: Small Catechism, OT, NT, Lutheran theology, retreats that can be customized	150 lessons with web-based materials – 2-3 year options	Youth	ASA \$60 to \$1,500
<i>I Believe:</i>	Episcopal LeaderResources	Experience and reflect on what it means to name Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in the context of the Episcopal Church that is based in the biblical stories involving classroom reflection, retreats, community service, mentors, prayer, worship and internships in the congregation	2 years	Youth	\$129.95 downloadable
<i>I Will, With God’s Help</i>	Marylee Wile Episcopal Morehouse	Confirmation is a time to acknowledge that we are baptized into union with Christ by making a public statement; through the bishop’s participation in the rite, Confirmands are physically connected to the diocese, the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion; it is a commissioning for ministry; the renewal of one’s baptismal covenant - a public, voluntary reaffirmation of Christian identity. Built on the Baptismal Covenant from the Book of Common Prayer, includes reading the Gospel of Luke	6-12 week Confirmation program based on the Baptismal Covenant that can be adapted for retreats. Journaling and mentor material are helpful.	Grades 6-12	\$5.95 Adult Journal \$5.95 Youth Journal \$19.95 Leader Guide
<i>Keeping the Promise</i>	Andrew Parker Episcopal Morehouse	Aims to bring younger and older Christians together to explore our common inheritance in the Christian faith. The purpose is not just to learn the "facts," but to connect the experience of teenagers with the Christian tradition as conveyed in the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, and the saints of the local congregation. Together they attend a healing service, vestry meeting, soup kitchen. There is a private meeting scheduled with a priest, a Vigil on the eve of Confirmation and a 'declaration of commitment' to the process Understanding of Confirmation: A mature public affirmation of Baptism with the laying on of hands by the Bishop.	Mentor based; Weekly for one hour over 9 weeks Didactic in nature using a Mentor’s Guide and Confirmand’s edition	16 years	\$9.00 Mentor \$7.95 Confirmand

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<i>Living Water: Baptism as a Way of Life</i>	Klara Tammany Episcopal Church Publishing	Explores Baptism through music, prayer, poetry and story following the Baptismal Covenant.	Book with ideas for group discussion and study	Adults	\$22.95 Book
<i>Making Disciples</i>	William Willimon United Methodist Logos Productions	To allow Confirmands to experience and build relationships with mature Christians who are struggling to live out their faith; not to pass on a block of information <i>Understanding of Confirmation</i> : A historic means of making Christians giving people the equipment they need now to be disciples; Confirmation continues and strengthens Christian growth that has already begun. Pairs confirmands with adult mentors and guides them through a variety of learning experiences that will strengthen the student's understanding of the faith while connecting him or her with the community of believers in a personal way. Discipleship becomes an engaging, active, multi-faceted process.	13 weeks – 3 months Mentor based	12-19 years	\$14.95 Coordinator \$12.95 Mentor \$11.45 Student \$24.45 Mentor DVD
<i>My Faith, My Life</i>	Jenifer Gamber Episcopal Church Publishing	Written for teens as they explore The Episcopal Church and prepare for Confirmation. Chapters include The Bible, Baptism, Church History, Prayer, Worship, The Episcopal Church and more.	Handbook for teens; website www.myfaithmylife.com	Youth	\$13.00 Book \$5.95 Downloadable Leader's Guide
<i>The New Episcopal Way</i>	Carl G. Carloz Episcopal Church Publishing	A resource workbook approach for exploring the life and teachings of the Episcopal Church. Includes sections on theology, Bible basics, Church government, canon law, the creeds, moral and ethical living, personal devotional life, Church customs, and the Eucharist.	Workbook for seminar format, group or independent study	Youth & Adults	\$8.95 Master Book \$7.95 Student Book
<i>Sacraments of the Church</i>	Episcopal Morehouse	Explores Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Healing, Confirmation, Marriage and Ordination.	Nine-week module from the Episcopal Curriculum for Younger Youth	Middle School	\$11.95 Guide \$12.95 Posters \$3.50 Student
<i>Sealed and Sent Forth</i>	Episcopal LeaderResources	Confirmation program developed by the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina for Confirmation, Reception, Re- Affirmation, New Members. Sessions include worship, content, discussion, reflection and community building	15 weeks of two-hour sessions	Youth & Adults	\$79.95 downloadable
<i>The Seekers</i>	OACES Rick Brewer Episcopal LeaderResources	To call young people into adulthood by discovery, wonder and reflection on life in light of our Christian tradition. Focused around four units: Faith, Life, Self and Values	2 years (25 sessions each) lesson plan with background; activities; retreats	Young Adults, ages 18-23.	\$79.95 per congregation Downloadable
<i>Spiritual Life</i>	Episcopal Morehouse	Looks at the threads that form our personal experiences – from ways of praying to the ethics of the church.	Nine-week module from the Episcopal Curriculum for Younger Youth	Middle School	\$11.95 Guide \$12.95 Posters \$3.50 Student

<i>What Do Other's Believe?</i>	Episcopal Morehouse	Explores other religions (Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism) to gain a better understanding of their own beliefs. Visits to other Denominations and faith traditions are excellent ways to gain a perspective on the uniqueness of Episcopal liturgy and belief.	Nine-week module from the Episcopal Curriculum for Older Youth	High School	\$11.95 Guide \$12.95 Posters
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PUBLISHER LINKS:

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Church Publishing www.churchpublishing.org

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LeaderResources www.leaderresources.org

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Augsburg Fortress www.ausburgfortress.org

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United Church Press www.unitedchurchpress.com

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