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Dear Family of Students 6th Grade and Older,

I'm excited to be writing to extend the invitation to your student to register for our upcoming Confirmation Commissioning Course, or C³ as we call it.

In our tradition it is the church's responsibility to encourage and provide opportunities for those who are growing in their faith to publicly declare their beliefs. We practice this every Sunday in worship when we join together in saying The Apostles Creed or any other statement of faith. When a person decides they would like to become an official member of the church, we invite them to profess, or acknowledge, their faith in a special ceremony. For students 6th grade and older, this is done in a worship service at the conclusion of C³.

C³ is a fourteen week course between February and May led by me in which students work together to explore and dig deeper into the Christian faith. This is an opportunity for students to decide what they actually believe—not what someone else tells them to believe. They will also work closely with a mentor of their choice. This is a member of our church who will commit to praying, answering questions, working through the study, and offering encouragement.

As you prayerfully consider if you'd like to participate in the confirmation group this year, please don't hesitate to call me or stop by the church office. Also, take some time to look around our confirmation webpage at gpcchurch.org/confirmation. Finally, we invite parents and students to attend our launch meeting on **Sunday, February 10 at 9:30am** in the Community Room (across from the Fellowship Hall).

We are surrounding your family in prayer as you discuss this important milestone in your child's journey of faith.

In Christ,

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confirmation commissioning course

REGISTRATION FORM

STUDENTS NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____
 HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____
 HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED? Y N UNSURE
 CHURCHES YOU HAVE ATTENDED _____
 TWO FAVORITE COLORS: _____

STUDENT STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, _____, AM INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THE CONFIRMATION COMMISSIONING COURSE IN 2019. I AM WILLING TO COMMIT MY TIME AND EFFORT TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE ACTIVITIES INVOLVED AND WILL MEET WITH ANDY TO CATCH UP IF I MISS ANYTHING. I AM SIGNING UP FOR THIS COURSE ON MY OWN AND NOT BECAUSE ANYONE ELSE IS PRESURING ME TO DO SO.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

PARENTS AGREEMENT

I WILL SUPPORT MY CHILD IN THEIR CONFIRMATION COMMISSIONING COURSE JOURNEY BY PRAYING FOR THEM, ENCOURAGING THEM AND DOING WHATEVER I CAN DO TO MAKE THEIR C3 EXPERIENCE A PRIORITY FOR MY FAMILY.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

MENTOR PREFERENCE

LIST THE NAMES OF 3 GCPC CHURCH MEMBERS (THE SAME GENDER AS THE STUDENT) WHOM YOU'D LIKE US TO ASK TO SERVE AS YOUR MENTOR THROUGHOUT THE COURSE. LIST IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE. IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHO YOU'D LIKE OR IF TRUST US TO MATCH YOU APPROPRIATELY, LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK.

If none of your preferred mentors are available to commit to going through the process with you, we will match you with someone we feel would be a good match for you. If you would like to be consulted before that match is made, please indicate so by marking an "x" here.

Feel free to contact Andy Blackwelder at 423-525-3818 or ablackwelder@gcpchurch.org with any questions. If you choose to take part in the Confirmation Commissioning Course 2019, turn in your signed registration form to the church office by **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019.**