

# Guide to Writing your Faith Statement 2022

**Getting Confirmed:** On Sunday, October 31, 2021, you will say “yes” to promises your parents and godparents said “yes” to on your behalf some time ago (most likely, when you were an infant). You will “affirm” or “confirm” your faith in Jesus Christ. This does not mean you have all the answers. You will continue on a faith journey all your life – some days it will be easier to believe, some days harder.

**What is a Faith Statement?** What does it mean for you now, soon to be a freshman in high school, to say, “I believe in Jesus Christ” or “Jesus is my Lord” or “I put my trust in Jesus”? You are being asked to write something we call “My Faith Journey” (Faith Statement). This will not be read aloud or shared with others unless you choose to do so. However, there will be a chance to chat about it with a youth director or pastor this August or early September at your Faith Conversation.

**When do I need to have this done?** We share this with you now because in years past, some students have worked on their Faith Statement in the spring or the summer. In fact, we encourage you to complete it over the summer since fall is so busy. While you can turn it in any time, it must be turned in at least 24 hours before your Faith Conversation. Please do not put it off or rush through it too quickly!

**Length:** Two pages, double spaced (12 font) is what you will need to do this adequately. We strongly encourage you to talk with your parent(s) about this and ask for their help. This is a meaningful assignment and we hope you’ll talk with them about it!

**Content:** Begin by describing your faith journey up to this point in your life. The following may be helpful as you write about your journey:

- What do you believe? Think about who God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are. How you have seen God at work in your life? What does it mean that Jesus died on the cross for our sins? What does grace mean? Do you have any struggles in your faith? Are there gifts God has given you, and how do you see yourself sharing these gifts in future?
- Who have been key people in your faith journey so far? Grandparents, parents, godparents... What is it about them that has moved you to becoming a Christian? Who are key people for you now as you enter 9th grade? How do they influence you?
- What challenges do you see to your faith in high school? Are there ways you can continue to grow in your faith during high school? How can Trinity help you in your journey? What is difficult about being a Christian or active in the church during high school?
- What experiences in life have helped you believe/trust in God? What experiences have made your faith stronger? In what ways have you felt God’s goodness in your life up to this point?
- One key aspect of our faith is loving our neighbor (service). Faith is made active through love! How do you see yourself serving others throughout your high school years and beyond?

**Confirmation Bible Verse:** In addition to writing your Faith Statement, we ask you to select a Bible verse that is meaningful for you. Please conclude your Faith Statement with the Bible verse you have chosen and its meaning for you as you look ahead to your high school years.

If you have any questions about this assignment, please contact Megan ([meganm@trinitylonglake.org](mailto:meganm@trinitylonglake.org)). We hope this will enrich your Confirmation experience as we celebrate your Affirmation of Baptism on October 30<sup>th</sup>!