Growing Disciples of All Ages

Confirmation as a Catalyst for Congregational Development

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3 dimensions of Confirmation

• What do you renounce?
• To what are you committed?
• How does the community respond?
Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do

The Book of Common Prayer, 415
Bishop

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate

I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.
... the Bishop addresses the congregation,

Bishop

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Book of Common Prayer, 416
Healthy Church Behavior

• Worships
• Knows itself and moves forward
• Invites, incorporates
• Disciples
• Lives as stewards
• Empowers
• Cares
• Reaches out
• Fosters a learning culture for leaders
• Manages conflict
• Connected to the greater church

Source: Episcopal Diocese of Texas
http://www.epicenter.org/12-marks-of-healthy-church-behavior/
ADOLESCENT BRAINS

• Novelty seeking
• Increased social engagement
• Increased emotional intensity
• Creative exploration
• Temporary disjunction between emotional & executive function

Siegel, Brian J.; Brainstorm: The Power and Purpose of the Teenage Brain, 2013.
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• What do YOU renounce?
• To what are YOU committed?
• How does YOUR family, church & wider community respond?