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Emerging Trends in Confirmation and Equivalent Practices
Surveys
YOU HAVE BEEN HACKED!
“do over”
next year

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3,686 survey respondents
1,453 ministry leaders (40%)
1,273 leaders with confirmands (88%)
How many youth did you already know before confirmation began this year?

- 7.0% None
- 6.0% Less than Half
- 7.5% About Half of them
- 9.0% More than Half of them
- 70.0% Almost all of them
Average Age at Beginning of Confirmation
What is the normal duration of the formal confirmation program?

- 26.9% Less than 3 months
- 21.0% 3-6 months
- 15.5% 6-9 months
- 15.5% 9 months - 1 year
- 9.9% 1 - 1.5 years
- 4.9% 1.5 - 2 years
- 2.1% 2-3 years
- 0.7% Over 4 years
What is the length of a typical confirmation class sessions?

- 30 minutes or less: 3.5%
- 31 - 60 minutes: 1.0%
- 61 - 90 minutes: 47.5%
- 90 minutes - 2 hours: 30.5%
- More than 2 hours: 14.9%
- No regular length: 2.5%
Portraiture
Common Themes

- Importance of congregational context
- A bridge, not graduation
- Strong leadership & administration
- Importance of relationships
- High expectations