Dear 2020 Confirmands, Parents, and Guardians,

Blessings to you in this very strange and tumultuous year. As you know, we were unable to hold our planned confirmation services on May 3 and 6 of this year due to COVID-19, and had rescheduled those services for September 27 and 30th. Given the continued health concerns posed by the virus, we have had to make some additional changes. We want you to be aware of the plan for this fall’s confirmation service, and of your options for participating in the confirmation service.

We are planning to hold the rite of confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism) at our outdoor worship service on **Sunday, September 27th at 2:00pm**. We invite our confirmands and their immediate families to **join us prior to the service at 1:00pm** to take a group photo and enjoy an ice cream social.

If you are joining us for worship that day, please bring your own chair, mask, and bread or crackers for communion. Confirmands will sit with their families, and will come forward with parents and/or sponsors for the confirmation rite. Physical distancing will be observed during the service, and masks will be worn.

If there is inclement weather, the service will move indoors for confirmands and their families ONLY. Families will be seated separately in the sanctuary and the service will be streamed online.

Please note: Students may not attend the in-person confirmation service if they, or anyone in their household, are sick or have had a known close contact exposure to COVID within the past 14 days. If this situation occurs, please contact us and we will defer your confirmation date to 2021.

We look forward to celebrating this special day with our confirmation students, as you commit to continuing to walk this faith journey with Jesus and with each other. We realize, however, that some may not be comfortable participating in in-person worship at this time. Therefore, 2020 confirmands may defer their confirmation date until 2021 (May 2 and 5).

We ask that you prayerfully consider this as a family and let us know if you will be participating in confirmation on September 27 or if you will be deferring until next year by contacting Kenny by phone (223-2236) or email ([kenny.bisfaith@miconetwork.com](mailto:kenny.bisfaith@miconetwork.com)) by Friday, September 18, 2020. Whatever that decision may be, we are honored to walk with you toward your affirmation of baptism, and we trust that God is with all of us during these uncertain times.

In Christ,

Pastor Derek Harkins and Pastor Sylvia Bull

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