

Ministry Description for Spiritformation Mentors

The overall purpose of the Mentor Program is to foster a better relationship between adults and young people in our congregation as well as engaging the youth in the life of the congregation. The mentors will, over the three years of service with the same youth:

- Develop a three (3) year relationship with a Spiritformation youth.
- Pray for them on a regular basis.
- Involve yourself in his/her life as you see fit.

The first year is low key, based in developing the relationship. During the first year the mentor will:

- Meet your youth.
- Pray for him/her regularly.
- Speak with her/him at church on Sunday mornings.
- Keep your conversations confidential.

The second year remains much as the first year until the Spring, when some planning for the "internship year" (3rd year) is needed. During this year the mentor will:

- Pray for him/her regularly.
- Speak with her/him at church on Sunday mornings.
- Meet individually with your youth at least twice during the year for an informal chat about life.
- Help your youth discern his/her spiritual gifts at the direction of the pastor.
- Help your youth find a way to engage in the life of the congregation through a Sunday morning task (besides nursery and acolyting) and a ministry or working group.
- Help your youth write his/her Ninth Grade Covenant (with the help of the pastor).
- Keep your conversations confidential.

The third year is an "internship year" for the youth. He/she is no longer in "class," but is now fully participating in Sr. High Sunday School and Youth Group as well as Sunday Morning tasks and a ministry group. During this year the mentor will:

- Pray for him/her regularly.
- Speak with her/him at church on Sunday mornings.
- Monitor your youth's covenant with her/him.
- Have at least 4 -- preferably 6 -- meetings, with your youth to cover the "curriculum" as given to you by the pastor (these cover areas of spiritual development as well as "debriefing" from ministry events).
- Be present for her/his confirmation.