

Mentor/Mentored Checklist

(to be completed ASAP)

Mentor:

Mentoree:

- _____ Completed online Spiritual Gift Inventory
- _____ Decided on a Sunday Morning Ministry other than acolyting and nursery (must be a NEW ministry to them)
- _____ Decided on a Ministry Project or Team
- _____ Completed the Ninth Grade Covenant (signed copy attached)

Process for Mentors and Mentored for the Ninth Grade Year

1. Set up a time for your initial meeting where you will go over what you will be doing in the next 9 months.
2. Pick a date to go through the Spiritual Gift Inventory with your mentoree. Once you have discerned their spiritual gifts, go through them on the description sheet so that they have a clearer idea of what each of their gifts is; make sure you look up the scriptures with them associated with each of the spiritual gifts. Turn this in to Pr. Laura.
3. Pr. Laura will return several options to you regarding options of ministry teams that your mentoree might be good at and interested in. Set up a meeting with your mentoree to go over this list and choose something for them to be involved in.
4. Set up a meeting when you will craft their Ninth Grade Covenant. Use the model covenant as a guide.
5. Turn in all the items to Pastor Laura ASAP.
6. You will want to schedule your first "Connection Time" for in November; guidelines and topics attached.
7. **Pray constantly for your mentoree!**

Guidelines for the Covenant

The Covenant that the Spiritformation youth sign is used as a means of showing them how difficult it is to keep promises. It is also a way that Pr. Laura uses to gauge how ready she feels someone is for Affirmation of Baptism: these are relatively easy promises; the ones in the rite of Affirmation are trickier. Enthusiasm for and faithfulness to the covenant now give an indication of how enthusiastically and faithfully future promises to the church might be kept. As you write your covenant together, you can talk about the philosophy of the covenant. Not that it is a test, but that it is more of the internship concept that governs the third year of preparation.

The model covenant is that, a model. There are some basics it should cover:

- Promises need to be made by Pastor, Youth, Mentor, and Parent(s).
- The program requires participation in Sr. High Youth Events, at least 50% of the ones that are offered.
- The program requires participation in Worship and Sunday School (Sr. High Sunday School) 3 out of 4 Sundays a month; except for special circumstances.
- You will need to schedule "Connection Times"; times that you connect with your youth and check in. Determine together the number of times you plan on getting together with your student during their ninth grade year: at least 4, six may be preferable.
- The youth needs to initiate two meetings with Pr. Laura, one in the Fall and one in the Spring.

The remainder that is in the model is negotiable.

Ninth Grade Spiritformation Covenant

(template)

As a Spiritformation participant, I promise to

- Attend 50% of Youth Events;
- Attend Sunday School and Worship 3 out of 4 Sundays;
- Attend 5 re:form gatherings throughout the year;
- Talk about my faith and pray with my parents at home;
- Make two appointments with Pr. Laura, Fall and Spring;
- Meet with my Mentor at least ___ times in the year;*
- Commit to the Sunday Morning Ministry of _____;*
- Commit to a leadership role in _____;*

As a mentor, I promise to

- Encourage you in your faith formation;
- Pray for you on a regular basis;
- Support you in your committee/ministry;
- Initiate at least ___ meetings with you throughout the year;*
- Keep our conversations confidential.

As a parent, I promise to

- Encourage the Mentoring relationship;
- Bring my child to worship 3 out of 4 Sundays a month;
- Help with chaperoning as I am needed;
- Strive to make our faith life more prominent in our home.

As your pastor, I promise to

- Support you in your Mentoring relationship;
- Help you to make your faith life more prominent in your everyday life;
- Prepare you for your Affirmation of Baptism;
- Meet with you individually twice in your Ninth Grade Year;
- Love you for who God made you to be.

Student

Pastor

Parent(s)

Mentor

Some Ground Rules

Working with youth these days is tricky. We want to keep you safe from misperceptions and our youth feeling safe. Here are a few ground rules to help you have a healthy, fruitful relationship with your youth.

1. Never meet alone with your youth. Either meet in a public place, a quiet room in your home when someone else is present, or a quiet room in your youth's home with a parent present.
2. Touch is so important for people. Feel free to touch, but make sure it is intentional and seldom. Try not to touch places other than shoulders or hands. Hugs are great; make sure they are welcome.
3. Keep your conversations confidential. Talk about what this means with your youth – that you will not talk about what he or she said. On the other hand, allow them the ability to talk freely with their parents or others. This sends the message that there is nothing in your sessions that you would not mind others hearing. There are only two exceptions to confidentiality: a) if you think that the youth is in danger in his/her own home or from another respected authority figure; and b) if you think that the youth is a danger to him/herself or others. If you ever have a question, come to Pr. Laura.