

## **Curricula for Confirmation**

This is an overview of materials intended for older youth to prepare them for Confirmation. These materials are offered through Cokesbury. While not all of these materials are specific to United Methodism, the theology expressed within them “fits” with United Methodist theological beliefs and practice. You may want to tweak the materials to fit with the goals of your particular Confirmation program in your congregation. Clicking on the links will take you to Cokesbury’s information for ordering and viewing of supplemental products to be used with these materials.

[Credo](#): Credo Faith Formation for Older Youth and Young Adults provides a different kind of confirmation experience that reflects the greater life experience and thinking capacity of older youth or young adults. It consists of six units covering God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Prevenient Grace, Justifying Grace, and Sanctifying Grace, with emphasis on Baptism and Holy Communion. The units offer multiple learning activities as well as discussion starters the leader can choose from based on the needs of their group. Also included, are instructions on how to plan and implement two retreats. Retreat 1 focus on the Sacraments. While, Retreat 2 helps participants identify their gifts and how they will use those gifts as God calls them into service throughout their lives.

[Claiming the Name](#): Claiming the Name: A Theological and Practical Overview of Confirmation offers pastors and other confirmation leaders the basics for a successful program, including theological background, goals, tips for working with youth, celebration ideas, training helps, meeting outlines, and much more. The material is thoroughly grounded in biblical, theological, historical, liturgical and practical perspectives and provides leaders and planners a solid foundation upon which to build a transforming confirmation experience for younger and older youth, their parents, mentors, and congregation. In a totally different approach to confirmation, Claiming the Name emphasizes confirmation as a rite of passage and a significant marker on the journey of discipleship and sanctification.

[Talk Sheets](#): Many churching teens struggle to connect their faith to their everyday lives, and when asked what they believe, they often reply with the Christianese answers they think they need to give in church. And with most issues of faith, these are things that can't simply be taught in a four-week series of messages. TalkSheets: Confirm It! helps teens engage in real conversations where belief can be discovered, Christian words and notions can be unpacked, and faith can be connected with and expressed. In an easy-to-use format, youth workers can use Confirm It! as the primary lesson

or as a supplement for their youth group, Sunday school class, or small group. As part of the bestselling TalkSheets series, Confirm It! offers 52 TalkSheets that will allow students to learn more about:

- God
- Jesus
- The Holy Spirit
- The Bible
- Salvation
- Discipleship
- Key Words of Faith