

Cornerstone Youth Profession of Faith Guidelines

Introduction:

In the Reformed tradition, professions of faith by covenant children provide a wonderful opportunity to witness God's faithfulness to the body of Christ, the Church. In the profession of faith, our congregation sees baptized children become communicant members of the visible church of our great covenant keeping God. The Consistory of Cornerstone Christian Church (CCC) seeks to provide recommendations to assist parents and children in their preparation for making this profession.

It Is Recommended that Covenant Children Be Able to:

- 1) Articulate the Gospel message and differentiate the Gospel from the Law.
- 2) Have a basic understanding of the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and what the books of the bible are.
- 3) Have a basic understanding of key Heidelberg Catechism questions and answers: Q&A 1, 2, 21, 26, 27, 28, 60, 69, 75, 86, 116.
- 4) Have a basic understanding of the following key Bible verses: Psalm 119:105, John 3:16 and 10:28, Romans 3:23, 6:23 and 8:28, Ephesians 2:8-9, Philippians 4:6, 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:19-21 and 1 John 1:8-9.
- 5) Have a basic understanding of the doctrines of the acrostic TULIP.

The Steps for Profession of Faith for Your Children:

- 1) Parents, obtain a copy of the Profession of Faith Introduction and Study List ASAP.
- 2) Parents, help kids begin learning and working on the Study List ASAP.
- 3) Parents, notify the Consistory of intention for your kids to make profession of faith.
- 4) Kids attend Youth Profession of Faith Class.
- 5) Kids sign up for a Consistory interview.
- 6) Kids have their Study List completed by this time.
- 7) Kids attend their scheduled Consistory interview.
- 8) Public profession of faith is made!

FAQs:

- 1) Is my child required to memorize the items on the Study List and recite them?
No. The important thing is that the child has a basic understanding of the concepts. However, it is still recommended that they try to memorize them to enhance their understanding.
- 2) What if my child has learning disabilities or is cognitively impaired in some way?
Consistory understands that some children struggle with learning and/or articulating that learning. This will be appropriately and lovingly taken into consideration.
- 3) Can my child make profession of faith even if he/she hasn't finished the Study List?
Yes. Your child may request an interview with consistory any time you think they are ready to make a credible profession of faith. However, we recommend that they finish the list nonetheless.

Youth Profession of Faith Study List

Name: _____

Item	Elder Signature	Date
Apostle's Creed		
The Lord's Prayer		
Ten Commandments		
Books of OT		
Books of NT		
HC1		
HC2		
HC21		
HC26		
HC27		
HC28		
HC60		
HC69		
HC75		
HC86		
HC116		
Psalms 119:105		
John 3:16		
John 10:28		
Romans 3:23		
Romans 6:23		
Romans 8:28		
Ephesians 2:8-9		
Philippians 4:6		
2 Timothy 3:16		
2 Peter 1:19-21		
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