

ORAL EXAM QUESTIONS - CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 1980

NOTE: Our basic purpose in this examination is to discover and experience a new level of growth or maturity achieved by members of this Confirmation Class. Maturity of faith cannot be measured merely by remembering facts. We use these questions as a starting point for our discussion about that growth which has happened and which needs to continue to happen for these young people. When Council members, parents/guardians, and Confirmands enter into creative dialogue, then additional new growth or maturity can happen together for both teenagers and adults.

Pastor Hengen

1. What does Confirmation mean to you? How is it related to Baptism?
2. What in the Bible impresses you most? Why?
3. What kinds of literature are found in the Bible? Where?
4. Where would you look in the Bible to find: Creation stories? the Ten Commandments? the Old Testament hymnal? predictions of a coming Messiah? the Beatitudes? the resurrection of Jesus? the birthday of the church? letters to young churches? a vision of the End?
5. What impresses you most about the story of Joseph and his brothers? Where did it happen? How is it related to the People/nation of Jacob/Israel? How is it related to Jews today?
6. What other kinds of books can you use to help you understand the meaning of a word or passage in the Bible?
7. What do you think it felt like to be an (Old Testament) prophet?
8. Is it true that God loves only those who do His will? What examples can you give to support your answer? What about unfaithful church members?
9. What are some differences between the Gospels and the Epistles? Are there any similarities?
10. How would you prove that one of the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles were written by the same person?
11. What impresses you most about the life of Jesus?
12. What impresses you most about the teachings of Jesus?
13. Who was the first Christian missionary? How do you know?
14. How was the Nicene Creed formed? How is it similar to and different from the Apostles' Creed?
15. What do you know about Augustine of Hippo? Boniface? Francis of Assisi? The Crusades? John Wyclif?
16. Who were: Martin Luther, Philip Melancthon, Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin, the Anabaptists, John Knox, John Wesley? What did they do?
17. What actually happens during the Sacrament of Holy Baptism?
18. What actually happens during the Sacrament of Holy Communion?
19. What do you mean when you use the word "faith"?
20. What are the duties or requirements of all active church members? How would you define an inactive church member?
21. As a new church member, when should you call your pastor?
22. What parts of our worship together are most meaningful for you?
23. What should U.E.U.C.C. be doing that it is not now doing? What should it not be doing that it is doing wrong, from a Christian point of view?
24. How do you or we recognize God's continuing presence and activity in our daily lives and in the world?

- 25. What do we mean by our name: Evangelical?
- 26. When you pray what do you say?
- 27. What advice can you give to future members of a Confirmation Class here at United Evangelical Church?
- 28. What do you plan to do when you graduate from high school?
- 29. In what specific ways will you be involved in events or groups in this Church after you are confirmed here?
- 30. Identify as many of the following terms as you can:

Acolyte	Ecumenical	Nave
Advent	Epiphany	Parameters
Altar	Gospel	Pentecost
Apostle	Grace	Petition
Association	Hope	Pulpit
Chancel	Intercession	Revelation
Collect	Invocation	Sacrament
Conference	Lectern	Stewardship
Conscience	Lent	Synod
Doxology	Narthex	Tithe

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