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Engaging Segments of the Congregation: Recently Confirmed Youth

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A difficult demographic to retain in the church is recently confirmed youth. Many people view confirmation as a type of “church graduation,” so families and youth often become less engaged in church afterwards.

How to keep youth engaged after confirmation?

1. Cancel graduation

- Be clear to parents and students that confirmation is a stepping stone.
- Confirmation is one step in the church journey, but not the final step.

2. Involve parents

- Engage parents as small group leaders in the confirmation process.
- Bring parents back into the position of Christian role model as they were always intended to be.

3. Hold quarterly meetings

- Hold quarterly meetings at the homes of different families.
- Invite confirmands for fun, fellowship, and honest conversation.
- Make it safe for students to share their honest thoughts and doubts and have open conversation about faith.

4. Be aware of generational trends

- Do not assume that the format that works for one generation will work for the next.
- Explore generation research and ideas.