

# Confirmation Class Scheduling Options

Because the length and structure of confirmation programs vary from church to church, the CREDO session plans can fit into many different scheduling structures. Here are some possibilities:

## **6 SESSIONS PER YEAR FOR 3 YEARS**

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On its face, a 3-year program may seem overwhelming; but with this model, classes would meet for only 6 weeks out of the year. During the other 46 weeks, confirmands would be focused on worship, Christian education, and service; and they would continue meeting with their mentor(s). This model allows young people to start the confirmation process when they are making the transition from childhood to adolescence (around sixth grade) and to make their decision about whether or not to be confirmed when they are mature enough to better understand the meaning of that decision. It also creates the expectation that, for 3 years, confirmands will regularly attend worship and Sunday school, meet with a mentor, and fulfill a yearly service requirement. Confirmands will emerge from this 3-year period with a clear sense of what is expected of those who choose to take the confirmation vows. In this format, each confirmation class would last about 2 hours.

## **18 SESSIONS IN 36 WEEKS (A SCHOOL YEAR)**

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Each of the 18 sessions includes about 2 hours worth of teaching activities. You may divide each session into two 1-hour classes. A note at the midway point of each session plan tells you where to break if you choose to split the session into 2 classes. Dividing each session gives you the option of doing 1 class per week for 36 weeks. This option works well for groups that do confirmation classes during Sunday school over the course of a school year (which is approximately 36 weeks).

## **18 SESSIONS IN 18 WEEKS**

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If you prefer to do confirmation during a single season (such as in the fall or in the spring), your classes may meet each week for 18 weeks and for approximately 2 hours per week.

## **6 SESSIONS PER SEASON FOR 1 YEAR**

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This option is similar to the first option (6 sessions per year for 3 years), except that it is condensed into a single year. With this model, classes would meet for 6 weeks in the fall, 6 weeks in the winter, and 6 weeks in the spring.

## **6 SESSIONS PER RETREAT**

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If you choose to take your confirmands out of a traditional classroom setting, you may turn each 6-session unit into a weekend retreat. Resources for putting these retreats together are available on the website.