

Questionnaire for confirmands at the end of confirmation time (t2)





By completing this questionnaire, you help us to gain important information about confirmation work. Thank you for taking your time to support this study! Please read the instructions on the coloured information sheet first. Then start ticking:

LOOKING BACK...

To what extent

| | | not satisfied at all | we didn't have that |
|----|---|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 01 | content/topics of lessons in confirmatio work | | |
| | working methods (for example, working with biblical texts, group work etc.) | | |
| | minister/person primarily responsible for confirmation work | | |
| 04 | other teachers/workers | | |
| 05 | church services | | |
| 06 | music, songs and singing | | |
| 07 | camp(s) | | |
| 08 | the whole confirmation time | | |

| | applicable |
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| Tick where applicable (one cross per line) at all | applicable |
| ⁰⁹ I have learnt more about God and faith. | |
| ¹⁰ I have experienced good community in the confirmation group. | |
| 11 I have been enabled to come to my own decision about my faith. | |
| ¹² I have made an important step in growing up. | |
| ¹³ I have been strengthened in my faith. \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box | |
| 14 I have learnt more about other religions. Image: Image | |
| ¹⁵ I have been thinking about what is good or bad for me and my life. | |

WHAT ARE YOUR EXPERIENCES?

| | ing the time of my confirmation training no where applicable (one cross per line) at a | t appli all | cable |) | | ар | totally plicable |
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| 16 | I came into good personal contact with the leaders and workers. | | | | | | |
| 17 | we could influence the decisions about the topics. | | | | | | |
| 18 | I had a lot of fun. | | | | | | |
| 19 | taking part in confirmation training was stressful for me. | | | | | | |
| 20 | my questions concerning faith were addressed. | | | | | | |
| 21 | I got to know people who really try to live their faith. | | | | | | |
| 22 | I have learnt to respect other religions that are different from mine. | | | | | | |
| 23 | I temporarily worked in programs of the church (e.g. in an internship |). 🗆 | | | | | |
| 24 | I made new friends within the group. | | | | | | |
| 25 | I was given the chance to try out voluntary work. | | | | | | |
| 26 | we discussed the importance of voluntary work for church and society. | | | | | | |

| | Fo what extent do these statements apply?not aTick where applicable (one cross per line)at a | | icabl | е | | app | totally blicable |
|----|---|--|-------|---|--|-----|---------------------|
| 21 | What I learnt in confirmation training has little to do with my everyday life. | | | | | | |
| 28 | I have experienced that my commitment to other people is important. | | | | | | |
| 29 | I have become (more) conscious of my responsibility for ecological problems. | | | | | | |
| | I would prefer being confirmed without the confirmation time beforehand. | | | | | | |
| 31 | In our parish I feel welcome and accepted. | | | | | | |
| 32 | It makes sense to me to learn Christian texts by heart during confirmation training (eg. the Creed, The Lord's Prayer etc.). | | | | | | |
| 33 | I found it hard to learn texts by heart during confirmation training. | | | | | | |

WHAT CONFIRMANDS BELIEVE AND THINK ...

| | about your interest in these topics? where applicable (one cross per line) | not interested | very interested |
|----|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Baptism | | |
| 35 | The Lord's Supper | | |
| 36 | Course and meaning of Sunday services | | |
| 37 | Your own parish | | |
| 38 | Jesus Christ | | |
| 39 | The bible | | |
| 40 | God | | |
| 41 | Other religions | | |
| 42 | Justice and responsibility for others | | |
| 43 | Friendship | | |
| 44 | The meaning of life | | |
| 45 | Resurrection | | |
| 46 | Love and sexuality | | |

| Wha Tick | not applicable at all | totally applicable | | |
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| 47 | God created the world. | | | |
| 48 | There is life after death. | | | |
| 49 | God loves all humans and cares about each one of us. | | | |
| 50 | Jesus has risen from the dead. | | | |
| 51 | I am insecure what I should believe. | | | |
| 52 | I believe in God. | | | |
| 53 | Faith in God helps me in difficult situations. | | | |
| 54 | I know what the Christian faith entails. | | | |

(55) How would you describe your current attitude towards the Christian faith in general? □ rather □ ^{very} □ neither negative nor positive □ rather negative □ very negative positive positive (56) How would you describe your current attitude towards the church [Svenska Kyrkan/the Ev. Luth. Church of Finland; respective church] in general? □ neither negative □ rather negative \Box rather positive □ very positive □ very negative nor positive

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| | at do you think about the church? where applicable (one cross per line) | not applicable at all | totally applicable | | | | |
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| 57 | It is important for me to belong to the church. | | | | | | |
| 58 | The church does not have answers to the questions that are important for me. | | | | | | |
| 59 | If I will have children, I want to have them baptised. | | | | | | |
| 60 | Church services are usually boring. | | | | | | |
| 61 | The church does a lot of good things for the people. | | | | | | |
| 62 | If I should have personal problems, I would turn to a minister. | | | | | | |
| 63 | I am interested in taking part in a Christian youth group after confirmation. | | | | | | |

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT CHURCH SERVICES?

What do you think about the church services during your

| con | firmation time? | not applicable | totally | | |
|------|---|----------------|------------|--|--|
| Tick | where applicable (one cross per line) | at all | applicable | | |
| 64 | I met nice people. | | | | |
| 65 | I listened to interesting sermons. | | | | |
| 66 | Singing old church hymns was nice for me. | | | | |
| 67 | Singing modern church songs was nice for me. | | | | |
| 68 | I experienced forms of worship adequate for young people (e.g. youth services). | | | | |
| 69 | The services usually dealt with things that concern me and my life | | | | |
| 70 | I had the opportunity to contribute my own ideas to the services. | | | | |
| 71 | I had tasks in the services (for example, do a reading). | | | | |
| 72 | I felt secure in the group. | | | | |
| 73 | I liked being part of the worship community. | | | | |
| 74 | I felt uncomfortable. | | | | |

Being at a church service, it is important for me

| | ng at a church service, it is important for me | not | very |
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| Tick | Tick where applicable (one cross per line) important at all | | important |
| 75 | to meet nice people | | |
| 76 | to listen to the sermon. | | |
| 77 | that I like the music. | | |
| 78 | that I like the atmosphere. | | |
| 79 | that I can pray there. | | |
| 80 | to calm down. | | |
| 81 | to feel secure in the group. | | |
| 82 | to feel as a part of the worship community. | | |
| 83 | to receive the blessing at the end. | | |
| 84 | to get through with it as soon as possible. | | |

THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ADDRESS VOLUNTARY WORK IN THE CHURCH AND IN OTHER FIELDS:

Some people are helping out as volunteers, without being paid – for example, as voluntary leaders in confirmation or youth work, in a soccer club, a choir, animal care, etc. We are interested in what you know and think about them.

| Wha | Vhat do you think about the following statements? not applicable | | | totally | | | | |
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| Tick | ck where applicable (one cross per line) at all | | | | applicable | | | |
| | worker. | | | | | | | |
| 86 | I can imagine working in the church as a volunteer after confirmation time (for example in youth work or confirmation work). | ^{on} 🗆 | | | | | | |
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| (87) Do you wor | k as a volunteer in other fields than the church (e.g. in sports clubs, in music clubs |
|------------------------|---|
| etc.)? | |
| □ Yes. | □ No. |
| | nagine working as a volunteer in other fields than the church after confirmation |
| time? | |

| Yes |
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| |

🗆 No.

Thinking about your confirmation day: What is important for vou?

| It is important for me | | | no | |
|------------------------|----|--|------|--|
| Tie | ck | where applicable (one cross per line) | | |
| 8 | 39 | to celebrate a festive confirmation service. | | |
| 0 | 20 | to have a beautiful celebration with family and friends on the day | ′ of | |

³⁰ my confirmation. ⁹¹ to receive a blessing on the day of my confirmation.

⁹² to get money or presents at the end.

A COUPLE OF THINGS ABOUT YOU:

(93) your sex:

 \Box male \Box for

□ female

(94) Anonymous Code

This code helps us to match the questionnaires from the different surveys without identifying your name. Please use CAPITAL LETTERS.

Example: John's mother is Sarah. John's birthday is 12 May. His code: **H R 0 5**

Third letter of your mother's first name

☐ It annoyed me.

Third letter of

your first name

not applicable

at all

totally

applicable

Mon'th of your birthday

in numbers (e.g. may = 05)

 \Box

(95) **How did you feel filling in this questionnaire?**□ I liked it. □ It was okay.

(96) Have you filled in the first questionnaire of this study already last autumn?□ Yes.□ No.□ I don't know.

(97) If you were a minister: What would you do with the confirmation time?

- Thank you very much for completing the questionnaire! -

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