

# **MENTOR/SPONSOR GUIDELINES**

## **St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

### **Definition:**

A mentor/sponsor is a person who assumes the responsibility for, or supports, another during a period of instruction or training. The word 'sponsor' comes from the Latin root 'spondere,' meaning to promise solemnly.

### **Attributes of an effective mentor/sponsor:**

A sponsor is someone who:

- ◆ Is trying to be a faithful and active member of the church
- ◆ Has had some time and experience in living the Christian life
- ◆ Is confident of one's convictions, but has no need to convince others to their way of thinking
- ◆ Is willing to share his/her faith journey and life experiences with others
- ◆ Can articulate his/her faith in appropriate ways through words and actions
- ◆ Is available and is a good listener
- ◆ Will be non-judgmental
- ◆ Will respect confidences
- ◆ Is willing to help others be a part of the faith community
- ◆ Believes God is present and active in all of human life and history
- ◆ Does not know all the answers, or is not over-committed

### **Responsibilities of a mentor/sponsor:**

- ❖ Will support the candidate for Confirmation
- ❖ Will hear the candidate's needs and doubts without forming judgment
- ❖ Will serve as a guide, witness and companion on a faith journey, or a walk with Christ
- ❖ Will pray for the candidate
- ❖ Will attend the following services and gatherings if at all possible:
  - Ash Wednesday, 7 p.m. service, 22 February
  - Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m., 5 April
  - Good Friday Service, 12 p.m., 6 April
  - Easter Sunday, 8 April
  - Sponsors' Meeting, 19 February 2012 @ 11:30 a.m.
  - Candidates' and Sponsors' Retreat 10 March 2012 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
  - Confirmation at The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour 19 May 2012 @ 10 a.m.