

Introduction

By the sacrament of baptism we are all made one in the Body of Christ. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable us to live as the people of God and to serve God's purpose. In baptism God says "Yes" to us. Today, in response to the call of Christ and the leading of the Holy Spirit, ... N ... comes to a firm *their* baptism, to say "Yes" to God, to make *their* own profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and to be received into the full privileges and responsibilities of membership of Christ's Church. By confirmation *they* are promised the strengthening of the Holy Spirit so that *they* may be a faithful follower of Christ and member of his Church.

Promise by the congregation

As a community of faith, representing the whole Church,
do you welcome ... N ... and promise to share with *them*
what you yourselves have received,
the gift of God's love revealed in Christ?

All **We do, with God's help.**

The confirmation, or strengthening in faith

The Minister may touch the ears and mouth of the person to be confirmed:

... N ... , may the Lord open your eyes to see his glory,

we welcome you into membership
of this congregation of the United Reformed Church.
May your sharing in our life together
bring blessing to you and to us all.

One of the following texts, or another appropriate to the newly-confirmed member, may be used.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

For once you were darkness, but now in Lord you are light. Live as children of light – for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, ‘Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’ Ephesians 5:8, 14

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

The Minister and Elder(s) may give the right hand of fellowship as a sign of welcome. A Bible, or other appropriate book, and a Confirmation certificate may .957 [(087-1.9 (A