

Teenagers are constantly being shaped into what they are supposed to do; however, rarely are they asked, “*Who do you want to be?*”

As mentors and confirmands meet this week we invite you to continue to get to know each other through sharing your highs and lows over the past months.

You are welcome to continue to get to know each other through some of the questions provided below, these are some of the same get to know you questions that were provided this fall when we last met.

If you won \$1 million in a lottery, what would you do with the money?

What is the nicest thing you’ve ever done for another person, group, or animal?

If you could give \$1 million to a particular charity, which would you pick?

If you could be a cast member on any TV show, which would you pick?

Who do you think you are most like in your family? Why?

Name 2 things you think it would be fun to do together for a fun activity?

If you could tell your parents to never serve two vegetables again, which would you choose?

If you could have the following superpower, which one would you pick? The ability to fly - Super Strength – Being able to turn invisible

Who do you think your mother would prefer you to become: A professional athlete, governor, a famous explorer, or a movie star? Why? Which would you prefer

Now that you’ve had an opportunity to reconnect and to get to know each other we’d like you to consider going deeper. We’d like you both to consider what in this world really bothers you. After you’ve discussed what matters we’d love you to spend some time dreaming together about how you can make a difference to be the change in the world that you wish to see.

It was just recently announced that LSS (Lutheran Social Service) of North Dakota was closing. The closing of LSS of North Dakota means that many of the people and ministries that they served will have to find other community sponsors to continue. For decades L.S.S. provided ministries that met needs in our communities throughout North Dakota. This recent news invites us to think about how God calls us to live in the world.

What issues make you stop and think?

What news stories make you want to DO something?

When you walk down the street, do you see the effects of poverty in your community?

Are you worried about pollution or sustainability?

Have you, a friend, or a family member been personally affected by a disease?

You may be passionate about a huge global issue, or about something closer to home, such as the neglected state of the playground in your neighborhood. The important thing is to know what fuels your passion.

What is your passion? Think about the hot-button issues in the last political election, the news stories that caught your attention, or other social problems that make you say, "Why doesn't someone do something about this?" Below is a short list of some of today's biggest issues/causes. **Add your own if you don't see the ones that resonate with you.** Then, **choose 3 that speak to you the most** and rank them according to how passionate you are about them. As a mentor and mentee talk about why you picked the three you care about the ones you decide on.

- Animals (homeless pets, endangered species, etc.)
- Civil rights
- Community revitalization
- Disaster response
- Environment/conservation
- Global warming
- Gender discrimination
- Health care access/expense
- Health-related issues (cancer, HIV/AIDS, Covid-19)
- Homelessness
- Human rights
- Hunger
- People with disabilities
- Poverty
- Racial wealth divide

Finally, you are invited to see if there is one thing that resonates with you both that you could brainstorm together about how you could work to create change. If you could choose one thing in the world that you'd like to see changed to help make the world a better place, what would it be and how would you begin the small process of being the change you hope to see in the world? Below is a step by step process to help you think about how you might begin the work to create change. You are invited to talk with your mentor and brain storm ways you could respond to your passions for making the world better.

1. Passion issue:
2. What kind of project or activity do you think would help to affect change big or small?
3. What is your goal? What do you hope to accomplish?
4. Where will you do the project or activity (e.g., the park, a local school, your home, etc.)?
5. What are the steps required to accomplish your goals?
6. Will you engage other people in your activity? If so, who?
7. What will they do?
8. How will you recruit them?
9. Will you be partnering with an agency or organization? If so, which one(s)?
10. What is the role of the partner organization(s)?
11. What supplies do you need for your activity?
12. How will you get these supplies?
13. Do you need money or supplies from outside sources? If so, how will you secure what you need?

Please close your time together by telling each other what you would like to have them pray for you until you talk again. Thanks everyone hope you're having a great week!!!