*Use or adapt the following outline for students to write a Faith Statement for their baptism or confirmation.*

Faith Statements are an opportunity for individuals to clearly articulate, perhaps for the first time, their understanding of their Christian beliefs and faith. With permission from the author they can be published in a local church publication or shared during a worship service before a youth/adult baptism or confirmation.

1. Faith Statements are no more than 500 words.

2. Faith Statements will include the following reflection: Share how you claim the name Christian and how that relates to your current understanding and belief in the Trinity (God, Jesus & Holy Spirit).

3. Faith Statements will include a quote from either the Bible, the United Methodist Hymnal or a Christian Creed to describe the Trinity, Bible or the Christian church.

4. Faith Statements will include either a personal story from your life (such as a meaningful worship experience, ministry story, personal prayer experience, poem, or song) or a story from modern media (such as television, pop music, movies, magazines, newspapers).

5. Faith Statements will include why you want to a member of this local congregation.

 *(based on Faith Statement guidelines of Calvary UMC in Brownsburg, IN)*