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Over my years at TriCon, I've changed many times both as a person and as a believer. I've had many questioning periods, and I've had many mornings when I *really* didn't want to wake up to go to church. But, after all that, I've decided to be confirmed into this church.

Still today I, like most people, can't say that I understand who or what God is, or what God may be planning with the decisions he makes. I don't know what heaven or hell is like, nor am I sure I will ever know. But, what I certainly do know is that these are questions I want answers to, and that the place I wish to search for those answers is here at TriCon.

The reason why I want to be doing that here is because this church is a place where people are welcome to question; we don't come here to be told what the answers are, because there is no faith or belief in simply doing as you're told. We come here to be a part of a community dedicated to acting in the name of God to do all the good we possibly can in the world, and it is through that good work that I believe I will find the greatest understanding both of God and religion. Never have I felt more in touch with religion than

a hundred of miles away from here, acting as a member of this church during the Mission Trip and seeing firsthand the value that religion has in being able to help others for no reason other than because it's the right thing to do. That is what truly following Christianity means to me, and so there is no better place to pursue my religion than here at TriCon.

I've gained so much, both in self confidence and in friendships, through Youth Group, Discussion Group, and the Mission Trip, not to mention the connections I've made with adult members of this church through confirmation class. By continuing at TriCon, I'm eager both to continue to receive so much support and kindness and to do my best to put the same back into the community.

I'm far from the end of whatever spiritual journey I'm on, and I have far more yet still to learn and consider about my faith and religion in general, but I can say that I think--I know--that right here in this church is where I wish to be continuing that journey.