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Morten Holmqvist has a background as a theologian with his degree from MF, Norwegian School of Theology, (Det teologiske Menighetsfakultet). His main focus has been on Youth Ministry, both as a practitioner and in academic work. He was part of a team that implemented a bachelor programme in Youth Ministry at MF in 2004. At the Youth Ministry bachelor he has been teaching on subjects concerning Theology and Popular culture, Youth and Sub culture, Media and identity. The theoretical foundations have varied from cultural studies' structural approach, sociology and practical theology. In 2007 he published a quantitative research on Norwegian youth's religious views and values (*Jeg tror jeg er lykkelig*, Kloster Forlag 2007). He has also published other articles on youth, popular culture and religion.

How does confirmands learn Christian knowledge? This will be his main research question. The project will analyse the learning process of confirmands and seek to find what kind of learning processes are going on and how do they build Christian knowledge? Confirmation training is the biggest youth work activity in the Church of Norway, an activity that involves about 67 % of Norway's fourteen year olds.

