

ABCOPAD COMMISSION ON MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP
APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF ORDINATION

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP _____ PASTOR _____

CHURCH _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____

APPLICATION FOR:

_____ Recognition of Ordination, Standard Process

_____ Recognition of Ordination, Non-standard Process

_____ Recognition of Previous Ordination

Please answer all questions related to the category you checked above. (Please attach typewritten answers on separate sheets.)

GENERAL (*All applicants*)

1. Attach a statement which describes why you are seeking Recognition of Ordination. If checked above, attach a statement describing why you have chosen the Non-standard Process for Ordination rather than the Standard Process.

SECTION I (*All applicants*) -- **Educational Preparation, Experience, and Work History:**

1. List your educational experience and attach copies of transcripts, continuing education units (CEU) certificates, and diplomas.
2. Do you hold Ordination, Certification, or are you Licensed by another church organization, and is it still in good standing? If so, attach copies of documentation.
3. List your positions of service and church leadership.
4. Provide a list of your work history (including dates), both secular and church-related.

5. Have you read “The Covenant and Code of Ethics for Ministerial Leaders of the American Baptist Churches”?
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| | _____ | YES | _____ | NO |
| a. If you have read it, have you signed a copy? | _____ | YES | _____ | NO |
| b. If you have not signed, are you willing to do so? | _____ | YES | _____ | NO |
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6. Have you had a course in Baptist History and Polity?
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| | _____ | YES | _____ | NO |
| a. If yes, in an American Baptist Seminary? | _____ | YES* | _____ | NO |
| b. In another institutional setting? | _____ | YES* | _____ | NO |
| Was the teacher an American Baptist? | _____ | YES | _____ | NO |
| c. Under an approved American Baptist Mentor? | _____ | YES | _____ | NO |
- Please give the name of your Mentor _____
- *Attach documentation.
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7. Have you had a course in Clergy Ethics? _____ YES _____ NO
- If yes, attach course description and documentation.

SECTION II -- Personal Reflection on Spiritual Gifts and Call to Ministry:

*Note: Applicants for Ordination [Standard and Non-standard Process], questions 1 through 6.
Applicants seeking recognition of previous Ordination, questions 1 through 7.*

1. Attach a statement which briefly describes your spiritual journey and call to ministry.
2. Describe your experience in each of the following areas: worship, preaching, teaching, administration, pastoral care, pastoral leadership, conflict, missions, counseling, and other. This may also include experience in a secular setting.
3. Describe your understanding of the nature and work of ministry.
4. Describe your strengths and gifts for ministry.
5. Describe your areas of needed growth.
6. Describe your ability to provide leadership in an American Baptist congregation.
7. *(Only for applicants seeking recognition of previous Ordination.)* Explain why you are seeking Recognition of Ordination in an American Baptist Church or related ministry.

SECTION III *(All applicants)* -- **References**

1. Please supply the names, addresses, and phone numbers of those persons to whom you are sending Personal Reference forms (COM-PR).

- a. _____

- b. _____

- c. _____

- d. _____

- e. _____

After completion of the applicable portions of this form, send it to:

The ABCOPAD Regional Office
159 N. Bellefield Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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