

Join ABCOPAD Ministers Council Today!

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ABCOPAD Ministers Council Dues are:

- \$35 for Individuals

National Ministers Council Dues are on a personal income sliding scale

- \$55,000+\$100
- \$25,000 - \$54,999\$50
- \$10,000 - \$24,999\$25
- < \$10,000\$10

Both ABCOPAD and National dues are Payable **online** at abcopad.org see Pastoral Leadership / Ministers Council

Or, **mail** form with check, payable to:

ABCOPAD MINISTERS COUNCIL

c/o Pastor Deborah A. Loessy

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Centered in Christ Competent in Ministry Colleagues in Community

These words summarize our vision for the ABCOPAD Ministers Council. We live this vision by promoting collegial relationships and sponsoring continuing education events.

We pursue this vision because we know:

- The importance of collegial support
- That Ministry is extremely difficult
- Learning new skills is necessary to remain an effective pastor
- Lone Rangers can often burn out

In addition to this we pursue this vision to carry on the legacy we have received from our colleagues who have gone before us. (See the inside page for historical highlights of Ministers Council such as educating congregations on adequate compensation, developing ordination standards, code of ethics and Together in Ministry Program)

Lastly, we pursue this vision because we care for our colleagues in ministry.

We look forward to partnering with you in ministry!

"I am convinced that priests and ministers, especially those who relate to many anguishing people, need a truly safe place where they can share their deep pain and struggles with people who do not need them, but who can guide them ever deeper into the mystery of God's love." -Henry J. M. Nouwen+

Welcome to ABCOPAD Ministers Council

OUR VISION Centered in Christ Competent in Ministry Colleagues in Community



The Ministers Council is our professional association. It is the only organization in ABCUSA life which is solely dedicated to supporting and advocating for our ministerial leaders.

Ways we are living the vision of your ABCOPAD Regional Ministers Council

- Co-sponsoring **Pastor's Retreats** with ABCOPAD region staff
- **Discounts** for Minister Council Members who attend Spring Pastors Retreat
- Sponsoring Prayer Summits, Pastor Appreciation Banquets and Continuing Education Events
- Encouraging participation in collegial ABCOPAD LLC **support groups**
- Building on the foundations of the previous generations, we also seek to advocate for ministers' needs today in our varied and challenging climate. Current projects underway include reviewing our Code of Ethics for possible revisions and convening clergy committed to Health Care/Access/Advocacy
- Directly responding to your questions and needs Email us at: Ministerscouncil@abcopad.com



Executive Committee members

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Local Chapter Rep to National
Vacant

At Large (Northeast)
Vacant

At Large (Southeast)
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History Highlights of the Ministers Council

1935-1944

Ministers Council Organized
Code of Ethics Adopted
Ordination Standards Proposed

1955-1964

1st Professional Magazine Published
Pilot Placement Plan
Certified Lay Ministers Program Established

1965-1974

New Code of Ethics Developed
Supports creation of "Center for Ministry"
Partner in developing ABPS
Became an advocate for women in ministry

1975-1984

Advocated open listing of vacant church positions
Green Lake Together in Ministry Conference

1985- 1994

Changed Code of Ethics in response to ethical dilemmas around areas of abuse and confidentiality
Adopted Sexual Harassment Guidelines
Healthy Marriages, Pastors to Pastors, New Humanity & Over 50 Task Forces active
Revision of Minister / Church Agreement in response to tax changes
Compensation Task Force Publishes Compensation Workbook

1995- 2003

Developed web-site
PRC Training Video Produced
Updated compensation workbook with MMBB

2004-2013

Launched Together in Ministry groups with over 1,100 participants supported by \$3 million in Lilly Grants.

2015

Ministries Team - Network of Chapter Reps formed

2018

Local Chapter Revitalization Report
Clergy Health Initiative
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Initiative

2019

Subsidized 2019 Small Church/Big Deal Pastor Retreat

2020

Membership (Year of Jubilee) to over 350 ministers