

Checklist of Documents for Candidates for Ordination

(When all of these items are received by the ABC/MC office, you will be put on the schedule for a First Interview on a date chosen in consultation with you. That interview may be no sooner than 30 days from the date when all your materials were received.)

- _____ Application Form
- _____ Written statement from Candidate's Local Church indicating the action taken that affirms, supports, and sponsors the Candidate in the ordination process.
- _____ A statement in writing from the Candidate's seminary indicating and certifying that the Candidate has met (or is in the process of meeting and by what date) the school's academic requirements for graduation and the degree awarded (or to be awarded.)
- _____ A copy of the Candidate's transcript(s) from seminary.
- _____ If a course in Baptist History and Polity does not appear in the transcript: a list of books read in the Candidate's independent study of this subject, and a letter from the candidate's mentor in that study. (Guidelines for Independent Study in Baptist History and Polity, including a book list, may be obtained from the Region office.)
- _____ Candidate's statement in writing describing his or her spiritual journey and giving his or her responses to the other questions for the interview. (See packet for questions.)
- _____ Letter of evaluation/recommendation from a Field Education supervisor or other person under whose guidance ministry has been done. (This letter should be identified as "Ministerial Experience Evaluation".)
- _____ Three letters of reference. (Five reference letter forms are included in this packet. Give all of them to individuals who can speak to your abilities and call to ministry. A minimum of three must be returned to the ABC/MC office in order for your interview process to proceed.)
- _____ Midwest Ministry Development Services Assessment report summary. (See Procedures and Policies document for details.)
- _____ Signed copies of the Ministers Council Code of Ethics and the Ministry Committee's Disclosure Statements.

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