

**American Baptist Churches/Metro Chicago  
Reference Form**

**Candidate Information**

To: (reference) \_\_\_\_\_  
From: (candidate) \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying as a candidate for Ordination to the Christian Ministry through the American Baptist Churches/Metro Chicago, and am asking you to write a letter of reference for me. Please complete this form as soon as possible and mail it to Ordination Commission, ABC/MC at the address listed below.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I waive my right to review this reference.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reference Instructions**

The Ordination Commission of the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago would appreciate a candid statement from you concerning the above named candidate for ordination. Ordained ministers are entrusted with the spiritual leadership of the congregations and institutions that comprise our denomination. Your honesty and candor will assist us in making a fair and responsible decision regarding this applicant. Please share with us your perspective and insights on the following points. You may use the reverse side of this form, or attach a separate sheet with your comments.

- 1) How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?
- 2) Faith commitment and spiritual maturity
- 3) Nature, clarity and strength of call to ministry
- 4) Character and personality
- 5) Emotional stability and maturity. Please indicate known strengths and weaknesses as they relate to the tasks of ministry.
- 6) Loyalty to the ABC/USA
- 7) Other issues or information that would assist us in our discernment process

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this reference to: Ordination Commission  
American Baptist Churches MetroChicago  
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Chicago, IL 60707