



AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF THE SOUTH
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ORDINATION PROCEDURE

1. Each candidate for Ordination must be recommended to the ordination Council by a pastor and church. Valid letters and/or excerpts from the church's minutes must reflect their support of the candidate.
2. Each candidate must have an initial interview with the person giving leadership to the ordination and the calling Council.
3. Each candidate shall develop a "Statement of Faith" which shall include:
 - 1) Name
 - 2) Address
 - 3) Date of Birth
 - 4) Age
 - 5) Marital Status
 - 6) Church Affiliation for the past 10 years
 - I. Call to Ministry and Vocation
 - II. Christian Experience
 - III. Academic and Field Preparation
 - IV. Christian Doctrine
 - * God
 - *Jesus
 - *Holy Spirit
 - V. Baptism and the Lord's Supper
 - VI. Personal Commitment to ABC and other allied bodies
 - VII. The Minister
 - VIII. Relationship to the local congregation of the American Baptist Churches
 - IX. Understanding of the Ecumenical Movement
 - X. Women in Ministry
 - XI. The Pastoral Ministry / Relationship
 - XII. In addition to the above, each candidate will be given a list of questions that reflect on points of Ministry that should be learned. The Council may elect to ask questions from any part of the list should there be some doubt about the ordinand's preparation.
 - * Council
 - * Each candidate must come to the Council prepared to defend the written statement of faith.