



AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF THE SOUTH

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ABC SEMINARIAN CHECKLIST

The following are items you need to consider carefully in preparation for seeking your place as a Professional Church Leader (PCL) in active ministry within the American Baptist Churches / ABC.

- Candidate: Keep your membership in an American Baptist Church.
- Candidate: Be sure that your Seminary Registrar's office has you enrolled in school **as an American Baptist.**
- Candidate: Take the American Baptist history / polity course in order to meet the ordination requirements of the American Baptist Churches, USA.
- Candidate: Know the ordination requirements of the region where this ordination will take place.
- Candidate: Enroll in **American Baptist Personnel Services (ABPS)** before your final year in school.
This requires a Validation Form signed by the Executive Minister where you have your church membership or seminar sponsorship for one year.
- Candidate: Update your ABPS profile the semester prior to graduation.
- Candidate: Meet your Executive Minister *prior to your senior year.*
- Candidate: Join the *American Baptist Ministers Council* in your region.
- Candidate: Discover and utilize the resources of the Seminary for your first placement in professional ministry.
- Candidate: Attend conferences for seminarians to become better acquainted with the ABC / USA.
Contact *American Baptist National staff located at the Mission Center in Valley Forge* who are responsible for ministries in which you have special abilities / interest: Overseas Missions, Chaplaincy, Christian Center Ministries, Ethnic Ministries, etc.