



Guidelines for Spiritual Reflection Paper

Purpose

The Ministerial Leadership Committee seeks to not only understand the technical and academic prowess of the candidate but also their spiritual history and Christian maturity. In order to do this we require a Spiritual Reflection Paper that serves as a springboard for a 60 to 90 minute interview. The result of this interview could require additional information, work or readings to prepare the candidate for the final stage in the ordination recognition process. Candidates who complete the first part of the process can also be granted Regional Licensing and Recognition which provides for limited ministry while being supervised and mentored by a mentor Pastor.

The Paper

For your Spiritual Reflection Paper, answer these four questions:

- Tell us about your family history, especially as to how it relates to your understanding of God and Christ. We will be looking for evidence that you have spent some time thinking about this.
- Tell us about your “salvation experience” or how you came to know Jesus as Savior
- Tell us about how you were discipled by the church and mature Christians. Who are you working with now on this journey and what areas of spiritual growth do you see as being important for your future.
- Tell us about how you came to understand a call to professional ministry.
- Tell us why you are seeking or want to seek ordination through ABC-USA.

The paper should be no longer than ten pages double spaced. The paper should have a title page, page numbers, and name of candidate in the footer on each page.

Papers must be submitted two weeks prior to the candidate’s first meeting. Candidates may submit the paper earlier to their Mission and Ministry Coach for review and editing, but will still be held to a hard deadline of two weeks prior.