**American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains (ABCRM)**

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# ABCRM Recognition Process for Clergy

# Ordained in Other Denominations

This process is available to ordained ministers who have been ordained by a local church in another denomination, have served in a “called” position for at least two years, hold an M.Div. or equivalent from a seminary that is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools recognized Seminary and are currently a member of or are serving an American Baptist Church or ministry. Prior to beginning the process, the candidate should meet with the Mission and Ministry Coach and the Executive Minister for their advice and evaluation of success in entering this process.

## Documents to Be Submitted Prior to Meeting with Ministerial Leadership Committee:

* Applicant made initial contact with Ministry and Mission Coach.
* Applicant met with Executive Minister.
* Scheduled meeting with coach and representative of MLC (date) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Met with coach and representative of MLC Chair (date) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Completed application form.
* Submitted $100 fee for Background Check
* Submitted a copy of ordination certificate.
* A Letter of Good Standing from Ordaining Church and/or Denomination
* Submitted a copy of ordination certificate. Get letter of reference from ordaining church or institution.
* Submitted autobiographical sketch/personal faith history.
* Supplied references.
* Reference #1
* Reference #2
* Reference #3
* Reference #4
* Supplied official transcript.
* Submit a copy of M.Div. or Equivalent Diploma
* Submit a Profile, Resume or CV Showing Current and Past Ministry Experience
* Submit documentation showing completion of an ABC Polity Class
* Submit documentation of completion of an appropriate Boundaries Course within the last 3 years
* Submit a signed Copy of ABC Ministerial Code of Ethics
* Submit a 5-10 Page Reflection Paper on “What I Have Learned about Myself, My Call and Ministry Since Being Ordained”
* Submit a 5-10 Page Paper on “Why I Seek Recognition by the ABC and How My Ministry and Theology Align with ABC”

## Meeting with ABCRM Ministerial Leadership Committee:

Upon receiving the necessary documents, a 90-minute meeting will be scheduled with the MLC for the purpose of examining the candidate on the two papers. After the examination, the committee will recognize the ordination of the candidate, provide additional details in order to grant recognition or refuse to recognize the ordination with some statement of their reasoning.