ABCOPAD COMMISSION ON MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP
<u>REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOGNITION OF ORDINATION, STANDARD PROCESS AND NON-STANDARD PROCESS</u>

<u>NOTES</u>:   Only those persons meeting current ABCOPAD standards should be Ordained.
The Ordination of persons not meeting those standards will not be recognized by ABCOPAD.

<u>CHECKLIST FOR THE CONGREGATION</u>

Name of Candidate _____

<u>THE CONGREGATION SHALL</u>:

1. Affirm that the candidate is a member of an ABCOPAD American Baptist Church.

2. Verify that the candidate has been Licensed for at least six months by an American Baptist Church, or a church with which the American Baptist Churches, USA, has an ecumenical relationship; and notify the ABCOPAD Commission on Ministerial Leadership of the date of Licensure and name of licensing church.

    Date of Licensure _____ Licensing Church _____

3. Request the Association to begin the Ordination process through the Association Credentials Committee (the Association committee responsible to assist the candidate in preparation for Ordination).

4. Verify that the candidate has prepared an Ordination Paper as listed in the current ABCOPAD guidelines (See ABCOPAD Region website [www.abcopad.org] for current requirements).

5. Upon recommendation of the Association Credentials Committee, and in cooperation with the Association, convene an Ordination Examining Council.

    Date of Ordination Examining Council _____

6. Upon recommendation of the Ordination Examining Council, assist the candidate in planning a Service of Ordination. Provide an appropriate, signed Certificate of Ordination for the candidate. Certificates can be obtained through the ABCOPAD office.

7. Notify and invite Association churches and your Regional Minister to the planned Service of Ordination.

8. Notify the ABCOPAD office of the completed Ordination, using the current ABCOPAD report form (COM-R3) available from the ABCOPAD Region website (www.abcopad.org).

If you have any questions about any part of this process, please call the ABCOPAD office (1-888-687-0883).

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