



**THE 2009 PROFESSIONAL REGISTRY
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF MICHIGAN
COMMISSION ON ORDINATION AND STANDING**

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Following, you will find the 2009 Professional Registry Questionnaire. If you wish to be listed in the 2009 Professional Registry of the American Baptist Churches of Michigan, you must complete and return the questionnaire no later than **January 15, 2009**. Failure to complete and return the questionnaire **each year** may affect your listing in the ABCUSA directory.

If you completed the form last year, and your name is listed in the 2008 Registry, and your status or information has not changed, you may fill out the first part of the questionnaire and then check the box marked "No Change." If you did not return a questionnaire last year, or your name does not appear in the 2008 Registry, you must complete the entire form. You may visit the ABC-MI website as instructed below, to see a copy of the 2008 Professional Registry.

Any professional church leader (ordained or non-ordained) is welcome and encouraged to fill out the questionnaire, provided you meet the following qualifications:

- You hold membership in an American Baptist Church affiliated with the American Baptist Churches of Michigan;
- You are serving in a professional capacity in an American Baptist church or ministry related setting at least twenty hours per week;
- You receive some monetary remuneration for your service.

Exceptions to the 20 hour / remuneration rule are licensed candidates, seminary students, retirees, and those who are currently waiting for placement. However, persons in these categories must return a completed questionnaire.

The online form is in PDF format. You may download it, fill it out and fax or mail it to the number or address listed below or you may scan the filled out document and Email it to: skaminski@abc-mi.org.

American Baptist Churches of Michigan
Commission on Ordination and Standing
(Related to the Leadership Ministries Team)

2009 ANNUAL REGISTRY QUESTIONNAIRE

Date: _____ Title (check one) Miss Mrs. Ms. Mr. Rev. Dr. Rev. Dr.

Name of Professional Church Leader: _____

Home Address: _____

Office Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

CURRENT MINISTRY:

What is your position or title? _____

In what church do you hold membership? _____

Where does your ministry take place? _____

If your ministry takes place outside of an ABC related church, institution or organization, which church, institution or organization is your ministry affiliated with?

PLEASE SELECT THE CATEGORIES THAT APPLY. ARE YOU:

_____ Full-time Active Clergy

_____ Licensed Clergy

_____ Bi-vocational Clergy

_____ Seminarian

_____ Retired Clergy

_____ Certified Lay Professional

_____ Ordained Clergy

_____ Non-ordained Professional Church Leader

Are you ABC recognized? _____ Year of recognition: _____

Region in which status was recognized _____

Other: _____ Year of Recognition: _____

Place in which status was recognized: _____

If your name was listed correctly in the * 2008 Region Directory and you have no new information to report, please check the box below and do not proceed further, but be sure the top part of this page is completely filled out. Please return questionnaire via email, U.S. mail or fax to the address indicated at the end of this document. Thank you.

NO CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR'S REGISTRY.

* To view the current professional registry, go to www.abc-mi.org. In the left-hand column click on *document library*, then click on *Registry of Professional Church Leaders*.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please answer the following questions as accurately and completely as possible. Your response will determine your official category in the regional and national professional leaders registry. If your name was listed correctly in the 2008 registry you do not need to fill out this section of the questionnaire. If you believe you should be listed in a different category of the registry, please note reasons in the comments section IV below.

I. CURRENT MINISTRY

1. Do you work 20 or more hours per week? Yes _____ No _____
2. Do you receive remuneration for this work? Yes _____ No _____
3. If you are a non-Baptist giving leadership in an American Baptist church/institution, with what denomination are you affiliated? _____
4. If your ministry takes place outside the church of your membership, in what way is your pastor or church involved in your ministry? _____

II. EDUCATION

1. From what college or university did you graduate?
Name of school _____
Degree(s) _____
Graduation Year(s) _____
2. Are you a seminary graduate? Yes _____ No _____
Name of school _____
Degree(s) _____
Graduation Year(s) _____
3. Were you granted equivalency to educational requirements for ordination by an American Baptist church or region?
Yes _____ No _____
Name of church or region _____
4. Are you a Certified Lay-Professional? Yes _____ No _____

III. ORDINATION ACCREDITATION

1. In what year were you:
Licensed _____ Certified as Lay-Professional _____
Ordained _____ Commissioned _____
In what church, region or denomination were you granted the above status? _____

2. Has your accreditation been recognized by an ABC region through an interview process with a Committee on Ministerial Standing? Yes_____ No_____

If yes, please give the name of the recognizing Region and the year of recognition:_____

3. If you are an institutional or military chaplain or pastoral counselor, are you endorsed by the Committee on Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors of the ABCUSA? Yes_____ No_____

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:_____

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY JANUARY 15, 2009

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