

Registry of Professional Church Leaders of the American Baptist Churches of Michigan

2022

Listings in the Professional Registry below are in accordance with the provisions established by the ABC-MI for recognition of ministerial ordination and standing. Any corrections or questions should be referred to the Commission on Ordination and Standing, American Baptist Churches of Michigan, 4578 South Hagadorn Road, East Lansing, MI 48823-5396. You may also contact us at 800.632.2953 or office@abc-mi.org.

The Purpose of a Professional Registry

As Baptists, we believe that ideally the local fellowship of believers should nurture, call out, affirm, support (financially and spiritually), validate, pray for, and finally, lay hands on a candidate for the Christian ministry in the solemn act of ordination. As long as this "called out one" serves as a minister of that local congregation, he/she is accountable for performance of ministry to that ordaining body. However, once that minister of the Gospel leaves the membership of the ordaining church and seeks to find a place in the wider fellowship of the family of churches called the American Baptist Churches in the USA or in any of its affiliated missions or agencies, that minister is accountable to the Region for continuing validation of his/her "standing" with the wider fellowship. "Standing" or "recognition" of any Professional Church Leader ordained, commissioned, or lay, is obtained at the region level. In the case of the American Baptist Churches of Michigan Region, the recognition or standing is granted each year by the Commission on Ordination and Standing, American Baptist Churches of Michigan. The qualifications for standing are outlined under each category of the Registry. The number appearing after the name of clergy in all categories, except Categories II and III, is the year of his/her ordination.

A professional registry's purpose is to reflect the changing status of all Professional Church Leaders claiming to have standing with the American Baptist Churches of Michigan and thus standing in the General Directory of Professional Church Leaders of the American Baptist Churches in the USA, published each summer at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. If interested, one may obtain a copy of the full Standing Rules of the Commission on Ordination and Standing by writing to the American Baptist Churches of Michigan, 4578 S. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823-5396.

CATEGORY I Recognized Ordained Professional Church Leaders Having Standing with the American Baptist Churches of Michigan Region

Qualifications:

- (A) Having been listed in the national American Baptist Churches, USA or Northern Baptist Convention Registries prior to January 1, 1965, this person does not need to meet the requirement of (B).
- (B) If ordination took place in an American Baptist church since 1/1/65, the Professional Church Leader must show an educational record of at least four years of college and three years of seminary from accredited institutions, or he/she must be granted "equivalency." (See Standing Rules of the Commission on Ordination and Standing.)
- (C) The Professional Church Leader must be an active member of an American Baptist congregation in the American Baptist Churches of Michigan Region.
- (D) The Professional Church Leader must be serving at least twenty hours per week in some place of service recognized by the Region and must receive some monetary remuneration.
- (E) The Professional Church Leader must return the Annual Regional Registry Questionnaire.

Adams, Raleigh Jr (1996)
Butler, Patricia A (2010)
Escoffre, Lara
Evans, Timothy (2004)
Feldpausch, Catherine L. (2007)
Filkins, Andrew (2017)
Gidcomb Clark, Sheree G
Halliburton, Michael (1990)
Henderlong, Karen (2006)
Huli, Sandor (2018)
Hup, Cung Lian (2012)
Johnson, Brian D. (2005)
Kersten, E. Ron (2004)
Kisku, Sanchita (2017)
Lagwi, Baum Luk
Langford, Paul
Langley, Danny

Ledbetter, David (1994)
Ledbetter, Sherri (1994)
McCleary, Carol (2007)
Metzger, Adam T (2007)
Parrish, Bradley (2016)
Prochazka, Paul O (1997)
Proctor, Donald
Regester, Todd A. (1993)
Roberts, Thomas G
Sandor, Huli
Schmidt, Aleka (2018)
Van Brenk, Arie (1980)
Visser-Young, Ruth (2010)
Whitney, Keith (1980)
Zaucha, Chad (2003)

CATEGORY II Provisionally Recognized Ordained Professional Church Leaders

Qualifications:

- (A) Must be an active member of an American Baptist Church in this Region. Persons listed here have taken the steps outlined in the Standing Rules of the Commission on Ordination and Standing.
- (B) Is an ordained individual who has applied for full recognition of non-ABC ordination.
- (C) Is currently in the process of obtaining the required education through college or seminary training or is working on the equivalency program under the guidance of the Commission on Ordination and Standing.
- (D) Is currently serving an American Baptist church or approved agency, or is seeking placement within the structure of the American Baptist Churches in the USA.
- (E) Must return the Annual Regional Registry Questionnaire.

Beesley, Kenneth E. Jr.

CATEGORY III Recognized Seminary Students and Approved Licensed Candidates for Ordination

Qualifications:

- (A) Persons listed here have taken the steps outlined in Procedures.
- (B) The person must return the Annual Regional Registry Questionnaire.
- (C) The person is an active member of a church in the ABC/M Region.

NOTE: Year shown after name is year name was placed on list.

Fair-Matthews, Mary Joyce (2022)

CATEGORY IV Other Professional Church Leaders serving within the American Baptist Churches of Michigan Region and American Baptist Churches in the USA. Ordained persons listed here may apply for standing under Category I of Rules of Procedure.

Qualifications:

- (A) Must be an active member of an American Baptist church of the American Baptist Churches of Michigan Region.
- (B) Must return the Annual Regional Registry Questionnaire.
- (C) The Professional Church Leader must be serving at least twenty (20) hours per week in some place of service recognized by the Region and must receive some monetary remuneration.

NOTE: Persons in this category vary widely in skills, education, and background. Included are non-ordained but commissioned missionaries or denominational staff, ordained clergy who hold non-recognized ordination from a local church or another denomination, laymen and laywomen employed by local churches and recognized agencies. Some persons on this list may hold earned doctorates, while others have no degrees. Many are specialists in their fields of service.

Anderson, David J
Ankerberg, James
Blackmer, Terrence A.
Bryan, Michael
Ceu, Paul A (2011)
Dengler, Brandon
Dockter, Dean Dutch
Erickson, Nathaniel
Flippin, Dallas
Friedman, James
Goolsby, Damont
Harris, John
Harrison, Daniel F
Hiebert, Becky
Koller, Gerard
Landis, John
Lilly, Josh (2010)

Martyn, Philip
Monroe, Shawnthea
Peterson, Kenneth W.
Pickens III, Alex (2007)
Pool, James E.
Rodgers, Lawrence W.
Rogers, Phillip (1982)
Runyon, Scott (2015)
Scott, Michael Thomas Sr.
Stolt, Jim (2004)
Twist, Teri (2009)
Thompson, Craig (2005)
Teamor, D. L.
Vinson, James
Wyne, William J

CATEGORY V Retired Professional Church Leaders

Qualifications:

- (A) The person is an active member of an American Baptist church in the American Baptist Churches of Michigan Region. (Exceptions may be granted by the Commission on Ordination and Standing in special cases.)

- (B) The Professional Church Leader must return the Annual Regional Registry Questionnaire.
- (C) The persons listed below must have at one time been listed in the Registry of Professional Church Leaders of the American Baptist Churches in the USA but are not seeking full time (twenty hours or more per week) employment in the ABC/USA. Some persons listed below are Certified Interim Ministers and some are in the Ministers-at-Large program, or are engaged in other part-time ministries with remuneration.

Anglin, Craig (1991)
Cary, Ronald E. (1974)
Case, Thomas S. (2004)
Conlin, Peter (1978)
Dahlen, Roger (1976)
Freeburg, Karen (1996)
Harris, Jack (1961)
Kent, James N. (1975)
Lambrides, George (1979)
Martin, Frederick Jay (1979)

McMahon, David L. (1981)
Montei, Mark (2013)
McNeil, Charles (1978)
Owens, Edgar (1984)
Paschen, John C. (1981)
Robinson, James E. (1982)
Unger, James L. (1971)
Williams, Michael A. (1984)

CATEGORY VI Temporarily Not in ABC Ministry but Seeking 20-Hour Call or More

Qualifications:

These persons are seeking a full-time call to service in ABC/USA. The Professional Church Leader must return the Annual Regional Registry Questionnaire and be an active member of a church in the American Baptist Churches of Michigan Region. A Professional Church Leader may be listed for a maximum of five years, after which the name will be removed from this list and the national ABC Directory. *Number after name indicates year of ordination if applicable.*

CATEGORY VII Certified Lay Pastor

Qualifications:

- (A) Must be an active member of an American Baptist Church affiliated with the American Baptist Churches of Michigan.
- (B) Must return the Annual Regional Registry Questionnaire.
- (C) Must have completed the requirements for Certified Lay pastor status (Appendix VII of the Procedures document).

- (D) Must have been granted Certified Lay Pastor status by the Region Commission on Ordination and Standing.

Wallen, Kathleen