

ABCOPAD COMMISSION ON MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP
SAMPLE SERVICE OF LICENSURE OR ORDINATION

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn
Invocation

THE CHALLENGE OF THE WORD

Scripture Readings
Ministry in Music
Prayer for Illumination
Sermon
Hymn of Consecration

THE ACT OF LICENSURE OR ORDINATION

Ministry of Music, if desired
Report of Licensure or Ordination Council (given by the Association Moderator or Clerk)
Presentation of the Candidate (by a member of the sponsoring church, his/her sponsor)
Vow of Licensure or Ordination*⁽¹⁾
Laying on of Hands*⁽¹⁾ and Consecration Prayer (all ordained ministers and three members of the Licensing or Ordaining church are invited to come forward to participate)
Declaration of Licensure or Ordination*⁽²⁾
Right Hand of Fellowship*⁽²⁾

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SERVICE

Charge to the candidate
Charge to the sponsoring church*⁽¹⁾
Welcome to the church
Welcome to the American Baptist ministry
Greetings from:
 The Moderator of the Association
 A minister or representative of the local Ministerium
 The sponsoring church

HYMN

BENEDICTION BY THE NEWLY-LICENSED OR ORDAINED MINISTER

POSTLUDE

RECEPTION

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- *1. An ordained American Baptist Pastor should be invited to:
- a. Lead in the vows of Licensure or Ordination
 - b. Lead in the Laying on of Hands
 - c. Give the Charge to the sponsoring church
- *2. The presentation of the Certification of Ordination and the Right Hand of Fellowship should be given by a Regional Pastor or his/her representative. All Ordination Certificates are prepared by the Regional Executive Pastor.

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