

ABCOPAD COMMISSION ON MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP
REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOGNITION OF LICENSURE
LEADING TO ORDINATION

NOTES: Licensure must occur at least six months prior to the date of a requested service of Licensure. Only those persons meeting ABCOPAD standards should be Licensed. The Licensure of persons not meeting those standards will not be recognized by ABCOPAD.

CHECKLIST FOR THE CONGREGATION

Name of Candidate _____

THE CONGREGATION SHALL:

1. Verify that the applicant is a member in good standing of the church in which Licensure is sought.
2. Verify that the candidate has been accepted by, or is attending, an accredited college or seminary according to current ABCOPAD guidelines.
3. Request the Association to begin the Licensure process through the Association Credentials Committee (the Association committee responsible to assist a candidate in preparation for Licensure).
4. Verify that the candidate has prepared a Licensure Paper as listed in the current ABCOPAD guidelines (contact the ABCOPAD Region website [www.abcopad.org] for current requirements).
5. Upon recommendation of the Association Credentials Committee, grant a License and assist the candidate in planning a Service of Licensure. Provide an appropriate, signed Certificate of Licensure for the candidate. Certificates are obtained through the ABCOPAD office.
6. Notify and invite Association churches and Regional Pastors to the planned Service of Licensure.
7. Notify the ABCOPAD Commission on Ministerial Leadership and the ABCOPAD office of the completed Licensure, using the current ABCOPAD report form (COM-R1) available from the ABCOPAD Region website (www.abcopad.org).

If Ordination is not completed within three years of Licensure, a candidate must participate in the review process described in current ABCOPAD guidelines.

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