

Join ABCOPAD Ministers Council
Today!

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Date of Ordination/Certification (if applicable)

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ABCOPAD Ministers Council Dues are:

- \$25 for Individuals
- \$40 for Clergy Couples

**National Ministers Council Dues are on
a personal income sliding scale**

- \$55,000+..... \$100
- \$25,000 - \$54,999 \$50
- \$10,000 - \$24,999 \$25
- < \$10,000 \$10

Both ABCOPAD and National dues are
Payable **online** at **abcopad.org** see Pastoral
Leadership / Ministers Council

Or, **mail** form with check, payable to:
ABCOPAD MINISTERS COUNCIL
c/o Rev. David Braneky
221 S High St.
West Chester, PA 19382

**Centered in Christ
Competent in Ministry
Colleagues in Community**

These words summarize our vision for the ABCOPAD Ministers Council. We live this vision by promoting collegial relationships and sponsoring continuing education events. We pursue this vision because we know:

- The importance of collegial support
- That Ministry is extremely difficult
- Learning new skills is necessary to remain an effective pastor
- Lone Rangers can often burn out

In addition to this we pursue this vision to carry on the legacy we have received from our colleagues who have gone before us. (See the inside page for historical highlights of Ministers Council such as educating congregations on adequate compensation, developing ordination standards, code of ethics and Together in Ministry Program)

Lastly, we pursue this vision because we care for our colleagues in ministry.

We look forward to partnering with you in ministry!

I am convinced that priests and ministers, especially those who relate to many anguishing people, need a truly safe place where they can share their deep pain and struggles with people who do not need them, but who can guide them ever deeper into the mystery of God's love."

-Henry J. M. Nouwen+

Welcome to
**ABCOPAD
Ministers
Council**

The Ministers Council is our professional association. It is the only organization in ABCUSA life which is solely dedicated to supporting and advocating for our ministerial leaders.



Our Vision

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Ways we are living the vision of your ABCOPAD Regional Ministers Council

- Co-sponsoring spring **Pastor's Retreats** with region staff
- **Discounts** for Minister Council Members who attend Spring Pastors Retreat
- Sponsoring Prayer Summits, Pastor Appreciation Banquets and Continuing Education Events
- Partnership with Coaching 4 Clergy ABCOPAD MC members receive:
 - 3 Months of pro bono coaching
 - 25% Discount on Coaching 4 Clergy Coach Training
 - 25% Discount training events offered to MC members' churches
- Encouraging participation in collegial **support groups**
- Providing Continuing Ed. Events with Valley Forge Chapter, for clergy near Valley Forge
- Directly responding to your questions and needs E-mail us at: Ministerscouncil@abcopad.com



**Your
ABCOPAD
Ministers Council
Exists to serve you!**



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History Highlights of the Ministers Council

1935-1944

Ministers Council Organized
Code of Ethics Adopted
Ordination Standards Proposed

1945-1954

Pre-Convention Programs for clergy started
Social Security Study to determine clergy eligibility

1955-1964

1st Professional Magazine Published
Pilot Placement Plan
Certified Lay Ministers Program Established

1965- 1974

New Code of Ethics Developed
Supports creation of "Center for Ministry"
Partner in developing ABPS
Became an advocate for women in ministry

1975-1984

Advocated open listing of vacant church positions
Green Lake Together in Ministry Conference

1985- 1994

Changed Code of Ethics in response to ethical dilemmas around areas of abuse and confidentiality
Adopted Sexual Harassment Guidelines
Healthy Marriages, Pastors to Pastors, New Humanity & Over 50 Tasks Forces active
Revision of Minister / Church Agreement in response to tax changes
Compensation Task Force Publishes Compensation Workbook

1995- 2003

Developed web-site
PRC Training Video Produced
Updated compensation workbook with MMBB

2004-2013

Launched Together in Ministry groups with over 1,100 participants supported by \$3 million in Lilly Grants.
Began sponsoring National Ministers Conference in Orlando