



# THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS

*Churches Partnering To Transforming Lives and Communities*

*Go therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost:*

*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20a*

## COMMISSION ON ORDAINED MINISTRY

### **FEE FOR SERVICES**

#### MINISTERIAL PREPARATION

- **Initial Fee to Open File**.....\$100.00
- **Renewal Fee (up to 7 years)** .....\$100.00 per year

The initial fee must accompany the application along with the notice of licensing from a local church. The renewal fee is paid yearly and must accompany the renewal of licensing from the local church. Renewals can be requested for a maximum of seven (7) years. If, after the seventh year, or if Ministerial Preparation has not received a renewal of licensing from a local church, the candidate's file will be closed.

#### MINISTERIAL STANDING

- **For Privilege of Call** .....\$ 75.00

The \$75.00 fee shall be sent in with information and application for designation. In addition to other information the Ministerial Standing Committee may request the following be submitted:

- ▶ Reasons for seeking Privilege of Call with The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts
- ▶ A statement of faith and brief outline of your faith journey
- ▶ A statement of support and understanding of Baptist polity and history

- **Recognition of Ordination & Standing**.....\$100.00
- **Renewal of Application for Recognition**.....\$ 25.00 per year (3-year maximum)

The \$100.00 fee must accompany the request. Upon receipt of the request and the fee, a list of necessary documents required by Ministerial Standing will be sent. A renewal of Application for Recognition of Ordination may be secured for up to three (3) years with the submission of a \$25.00 renewal fee each year. After three (3) years, the file will be closed.

- **Application for Reinstatement of Standing** .....\$125.00

If the Commission on Ordained Ministry has removed and/or suspended standing, a request for reinstatement may be made to the Ministerial Standing Committee of the Commission. A \$125.00 fee must accompany the request. The Ministerial Standing Committee will determine what other materials need to be furnished to the Committee.

#### THE COMMISSION ON ORDAINED MINISTRY'S FEE FOR SERVICES PROGRAM STATES:

- All fees shall be made payable to: The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts*
- It is hoped that the licensing body or the employing organization will assist the individual with the fee payments.*
- If the fees prohibit someone from making an application, the appropriate committee of the Commission can modify and/or waive the fee requirement.*
- Fees will apply only to those entering or re-entering this structure as of January 1, 2008.*

Thank you! In the ministry of Christ's love, justice, and peace,  
Commission on Ordained Ministry

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