



THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS

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*

Dear: _____

_____ has requested Ministerial Standing or Privilege of Call in The American Baptist Churches USA through The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts. You have been suggested as a character reference. Would you please supply the following information about this applicant? If needed, please feel free to add additional pages. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. Please return this form to The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts, 189 Prescott Street, Groton, MA 01450 or electronically at minstanding@tabcom.org

1. Please describe the applicant's gifts for ministry.
2. Please describe the applicant's use of gifts for ministry.
3. In what ways is the applicant able to work with others?
4. How would you define the applicant's leadership style?
5. What would you say characterizes the applicant's personal relationships and character?
6. In your opinion, are there any reasons why this person should not receive standing?

If there is other information regarding this candidate that you would like to communicate verbally, please contact me. Please return this form to The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts.

Sincerely yours,
Commission on Ordained Ministry, The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts

Name of person completing form _____ Date _____

Relationship to the Candidate _____

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