

Commission on Ordained Ministry
The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts
Standing task Sheet
ALL DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO TABCOM
email: minstanding@tabcom.org or by mail to
TABCOM, 189 Prescott St. Groton, MA 01450, attn Standing

			Candidate	Church	Assn	COOM
Candidate wishes to obtain standing with the ABC			X			
Candidate completes application for Standing			X			
Candidate informs church board/congregation of application for standing			X			
Candidate and church choose mentor to work with Candidate during process			X	X		
Candidate mails application and fee to TABCOM office along with photo of candidate			X			
Commission on Ordained Ministry (COOM) opens file for candidate						X
Candidate signs CORI Request form and submits to TABCOM			X			X
COOM runs CORI on candidate						X
Candidate signs Code of Ethics form and submits to TABCOM			X			
Candidate signs self -disclosure and Release form and submits to TABCOM			X			
COOM notifies, Association, Standing Committee and Church that a file has been opened						X
Candidate has initial meeting with Standing Committee, sets requirements for standing			X			X
Candidate submits resume/documentation of education			X			
Candidate, if previously ordained submits documentation of Ordination			X			
Candidate submits a 5-7 page paper of spiritual Journey & theology			X			
Three references submitted directly to TABCOM			X			
Church checks in with candidate along the standing process				X		
Candidate , if Standing requires it, completes evaluation from Career Development Center. (cost is shared by the candidate, church, and/or association)			X			
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Candidate completes course in Baptist polity and History			X			
Candidate completes course in Personal Ethics and Boundaries			X			
Candidate attends association and TABCOM events			X	X	X	
Standing Committee reviews all paperwork and makes decision on standing						X
COOM will schedule a final meeting with candidate and Standing						X
COOM/Standing informs candidate of its decision						X
COOM prints up Standing Certificate and arranges for it to be presented to candidate						X