

Minimum Standards for Ordination in ABC of the Northwest

Confirmation of call

- By personal testimony (verbal, and written in ordination paper)
- Letter from sponsoring or home congregation
- Letter from seminary / college
- Letter from pastor

Education -- generally, track 1 from “Recommended Procedures” (Track 2 or 3 can be used with the MCS’s Departments’ recommendation)

- Transcripts
- ABC/NW’s course on Baptist history and polity or its approved equivalent
- ABC/NW ministry ethics course or its approved equivalent

External Evaluation

- Center for Ministry Candidacy Assessment Report
- Letter from Executive Minister regarding receipt of report from the Center for Ministry

Theological statements / beliefs presented – see “Ordination Paper”

Affirmation of ABC/NW’s vision / mission, commonly held essentials, resolution on human sexuality

Ordination council

Quorum requirements listed in current Addendum to “Recommended Procedures”