

APPENDIX B.1

REFERENCE FOR A PERSON SEEKING ABCOM COMMISSIONING

The ABCOM Commission to serve as a Christian Minister certifies that the credentials of the candidate have been examined and approved by the Committee on the Ministry. The Commission is to minister, whether in Pastoral Ministry (as Pastor, Chaplain, Administrator, Counselor, or other pastoral capacity) or in Specialized Ministry (in Christian Education, Youth Work, Music, or some other specialty). The ABCOM Commission will be granted for a period of five years and is renewable.

You have been asked to serve as a reference for _____

who is seeking an ABCOM Commission. Would you complete the questions on this form and mail your response to: Secretary, Committee on the Ministry, ABCOM, PO Box 617, Augusta, ME 04332-0617. We thank you for your cooperation.

Questions for person providing reference:

1. How long and in what ways have you known the applicant? _____

2. What are the applicant's strengths that will be an asset to the work of the Christian Church? _____

3. In what areas of life or ministry do you sense the need for continued growth? _____

4. How has the applicant demonstrated that he or she will continue in personal spiritual and academic growth? _____

5. At this time, as the Committee on the Ministry considers this candidate's request, what is your response to the possibility of affirmative committee action?
_____ Highly supportive _____ Supportive _____ Hesitant
_____ Opposed _____ Not enough information to react

6. Comments:

Signed _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Are you currently an AIM Mentor for this candidate: _____ yes _____ no