

## APPENDIX F

### PROCESS FOR APPEAL AND BOARD OF REVIEW

#### **A: FOR THE CANDIDATE**

If a candidate believes that the Standards have been unfairly applied in determining application for recognition at the levels of ABCOM Commission or Ordination, the candidate may request a hearing before a Board of Review. This request may be made in writing to the Chair, Committee on the Ministry.

A Board of Review will be appointed, and chaired by a person appointed by the candidate's association executive committee. The candidate will be notified of a date and place for meeting.

The candidate will bring in writing a statement clarifying the appeal. Appeals can be received only that call into question the application of ABCOM current standards. The candidate may also name and bring an advocate in the process.

A decision shall be made by the Board of Review, and shall be signed by the Board of Review chairperson and appealing candidate. The decision shall be made as a recommendation to the Committee on the Ministry.

If the candidate wishes to appeal further, the process may be instituted through the Executive Minister and ABCOM Executive Committee or the Board of the ABCOM Ministers Council through its Executive Director.

#### **B: FOR COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY**

**APPOINTMENT:** When an appeal regarding the application of standards of recognition has been filed by a candidate, the Committee on the ministry shall appoint a Board of Review who shall report to the Committee on the Ministry its recommendations.

The Board of Review shall consist of one person each from the candidate's local church, the appropriate association, the Ministers' Council, the Committee on the Ministry, and an advocate of the candidate's choosing. A person appointed by the candidate's association executive committee shall convene and chair the Board of Review, and report its findings to the Committee on the Ministry.

**ACTION:** The Board shall convene at a time negotiated with all concerned parties. The candidate shall bring in writing the appeal to be discussed with the Board. The Board is charged to respond to the appeal by applying the ABCOM standards of recognition in place at the time.

Their decision shall be in writing, signed by the Board of Review chairperson and candidate, and presented to the Committee on the Ministry as a recommendation.