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From: The Committee on the Ministry (responsible for ABCOM Commissioning and ABCOM recognized Ordination)

To: Candidate for ABCOM Commissioning or Ordination

Congratulations on reaching this important step in your calling of our Lord Jesus Christ!

This packet of information explains the requirements for ABCOM Commissioning or ABCOM recognized Ordination. While the process and paperwork required may appear overwhelming at first glance – it really is not all that bad, and most importantly, you are not alone: The Committee on the Ministry (COM) is here to help!

One of your first and most important steps toward ABCOM Commissioning or ABCOM recognized Ordination is to contact and be partnered with your COM representative. Each Association within ABCOM has a COM representative. You may find their name on the ABCOM website (www.abcom.org) under Servant Leaders. If you need further assistance, please contact the ABCOM office (622-6291).

Don't try to go it alone! Your COM representative can answer all your questions concerning the Commissioning/Ordination process. He or she can help you with the application, offer coaching and guidance regarding the interview with the COM, and perhaps most importantly, offer feedback and help with your theology paper. Everything tends to go better when taking advantage of wise counsel!

So again, congratulations, and please be sure to contact and introduce yourself to your COM representative who can greatly assist you in the process!

Sincerely,
The ABCOM Committee on the Ministry