

**A SAMPLE FORM FOR
THE CALL TO AN ORDINATION COUNCIL**

(Date)

Greetings from the _____ Church of

_____ Maine.

You are invited to join with us and other American Baptist churches of the
_____ Association in comprising a church council for the purpose of examining
_____ who desires to be ordained to the Christian ministry.

This person has been granted a license to minister in recognition of capacity and qualifications for ministry by this church and by the state Committee on the Ministry, which has also recommended that the church call this council to determine what action it should take with respect to this request for ordination.

This church, therefore, invites you to send your pastor and two delegates, plus one delegate for each hundred resident members, or fraction thereof, above the first hundred, to join in forming such a council. To establish a quorum, your attendance is most important. The council is called to meet at the _____ Church, on _____, at _____ o'clock.

In accordance with the vote of the church,

Church Clerk

The churches and persons invited are:

[By the inclusion of the names of those churches and persons invited they may know that the council is valid, and a roll to establish a quorum is at hand. If the invitation is to a person, the clause of the last paragraph with respect to sending delegates should be omitted.]

American Baptist Churches of Maine
Committee on the Ministry
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