



District of Columbia Baptist Convention

APPLICATION FOR ORDINATION ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ORDINATION

First Name Middle Name Maiden Name Last Name

Complete Residence Address (Please do not give a PO Box here. Include Street Name, Apt. #, Floor, etc.)

City State Zip Code

Is the above address temporary? Or permanent?

If temporary what is your expected final date at that address? _____

What is your permanent mailing address? _____

If you use a separate address for mailing purposes, please give that address below:

Telephone numbers (include area codes):

Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

PERSONAL HISTORY

Date of Birth: _____

Name of Father: _____

Name of Mother: _____

Hometown: _____

Date you became a Christian/ or Baptism date: _____

Name/address/Telephone No. of baptizing church: _____

Pastor at time of baptism: _____

Name/address/Telephone No. of Church where you are currently a member:

Name of your current Pastor: _____

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Give name and location of Undergraduate/College: _____

Date of Graduation: _____ Degree name: _____

Give name and location of Seminary or Bible College: _____

Did you take a course related to Baptist history, polity, and doctrine while in Seminary?

Yes No If yes, provide name of course and instructor: _____

Date of Graduation: _____ Degree name: _____

List name, location and degrees (and year) from any other graduate or professional institutions:

Give name of Seminary Professor (and institution where he/she is serving) that will be sending your letter of reference:

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Give name and location of current Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

MINISTRY-RELATED EXPERIENCE

Were you ever issued a Minister's License or License to Preach? Yes No

If yes, give date of issue: _____

Name/Address/ Telephone No .of issuing church:

Pastor of issuing church: _____

Briefly describe any ministry-related (or church leadership) experience you have had already, whether in a paid or volunteer capacity, or as an intern, or other. Indicate location(s) and date(s) of experience:

Applicant Name _____

Have you been offered, or are you a finalist for a ministry-related position? Yes No
If yes, give name, address, and location of employer, and job title:

Prepare an essay of 12-15 pages in length (double-spaced) wherein you discuss the topics below. Please note: The ordination paper is a confessional paper, not an academic paper. While the paper will reflect your academic preparation, you are not being asked to write an objective academic treatise for a graduate seminar. While footnotes and bibliographies are required when quoting secondary sources, the readers will be more interested in “**your**” point of view, rather than the viewpoints of others who are not appearing before the Advisory Council on Ordination:

- Christian Experience
- Call to Ministry
- Preparation for Ministry
- Sense of Specific Call or Vocation in the field of Ministry (spiritual gifts, what specifically you feel God is calling you to be or do).
- Baptist Identity (Explain how you identify as a Baptist in terms of heritage or personal history, denominational affiliation, local church affiliation, and ecclesiological perspective. Where do you call home as a Baptist and why?)
- As a Baptist minister, discuss your understanding of the following items:
 1. Ordinances in the Baptist church
 - What are they?
 - What is the Biblical warrant for them?
 - What is their purpose or function in the church of Jesus Christ?
 2. Christology
 - Who is Jesus?
 - Human or Divine?
 - What was the purpose of his earthly ministry?
 - What is His ministry today?
 - What does He mean to you?
 3. Holy Spirit
 - Definition?
 - Nature and work?
 - Meaning of the Holy Spirit to you personally?
 4. Salvation/Soteriology
 - What is salvation?
 - Nature of salvation
 - Process of Salvation
 5. Church
 - Nature and Purpose of the NT Church?
 - Importance of the Church in today's society?

Note:

You are required to submit (or have submitted) the following documents along with your application. Your completed application and following documents should be submitted to the DCBC Liaison for the Advisory Council on Ordination at the address below:

- Please submit a photocopy of your minister's license or License to Preach with this application. **Completed** Yes No
Check status:
- Please submit a verification of status from Registrar of Seminary or a photocopy of seminary degree. **Completed** Yes No
- Please submit or have forwarded a letter of recommendation from a Seminary professor. **Completed** Yes No
- Please submit or have forwarded a letter of recommendation from your Pastor. **Completed** Yes No

Applicant Name _____

Once your completed application has been received by the Staff Liaison for the Advisory Council on Ordination, it will be reviewed and assessed by members of the Advisory Council on Ordination. All applicants that satisfy requirements for an Ordination Interview will be notified of date and time for your Interview.

Certification:

By signing below, I certify that I believe that God has called me to pursue ordination to the Christian ministry. The information that I have provided is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Submit Completed Application to:

Coordinator
Advisory Committee on Ordination
DC Baptist Convention
1628 16th Street NW
Washington DC 20009

Direct inquiries to:

Dr. Jeffrey Haggray on 202.265.1526