

NOMINATION FORMS

for

NATIONALLY NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES (Class of 2015) ABC OFFICERS (2012-2013) STATEMENTS OF CONCERN COMMITTEE MEMBERS (Class of 2015)

The procedure for the attached/enclosed forms is as follows:

1. The candidate is to complete and return the PROFILE FORM (Form #1).
2. The person making the recommendation is to complete and return the RECOMMENDATION FORM (Form #2). Please see that the Candidate receives and reads the "Qualifications and Commitments" sheet.
3. Once the PROFILE FORM is received, we will send the local church and region their RECOMMENDATION FORMS for the Candidate.
4. Once all forms are completed and received the information will be reviewed by the ABC Nominating Committee.
5. The current pool of candidates will be considered in November 2010. Candidate PROFILE FORMS received after October 8, 2010 cannot be considered due to the need for time to secure RECOMMENDATION FORMS from churches and regions. The earlier the PROFILE FORMS are received the better.
6. Nationally Nominated Representative (NNR) Nominees will be elected in their regions during 2011 and take office January 1, 2012.
7. Please note that for the 2012-2013 Biennium the category for President is Laywoman and the category for Vice President is Clergyman.
8. Statements of Concern Committee members take office following the June 2011 Biennial Meeting.

Questions concerning this process may be addressed to Marilyn Tyson,
1-800/ABC-3USA, Ext. 2292. (1-800-222-3872, x2292)



ABC REPRESENTATIVES, OFFICERS, STATEMENTS OF CONCERN COMMITTEE

QUALIFICATIONS AND COMMITMENTS:

1. Commitment to Jesus Christ and the whole mission of the church to evangelize, educate and encourage.
2. Understanding of and respect for the purpose, history, diversity and traditions of the ABCUSA and its ministries.
3. Demonstrate active membership in a contributing ABCUSA church and region and an individual commitment to support its missions financially.
4. Regular participation and involvement in board and committee meetings and willingness to contribute your unique skills and abilities.
5. The ability to listen, negotiate and reconcile which enables us to discern the mind of Christ and build up this community of faith.
6. The ability to lead as well as serve, to envision the future as well as plan for it.
7. The desire to study and grow in your Christian faith and your understanding of the work of Christ in our world today.
8. The ability to communicate to others the goals, programs and ministries of the ABCUSA.
9. Time Commitment: a) Officers - travel and speaking on behalf of the denomination, plus attending General Board and related committee meetings; b) Statements of Concern Committee - two days of meetings twice a year (fall and spring), meeting two days prior to the Biennial and during the Biennial meeting; c) Representatives – five days once a year; two to three days per year for communication, interpretation and advocacy in your region; quarterly meetings of your region; other time as mutually agreed on for extra committee meetings.

FUNCTIONS OF A GENERAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

1. Active Learning and Policy Making. You will receive reports from staff, proposals for budgets, readings for resolutions, declarations, policy statements and letters from your constituency. It is vital that you take responsibility for your own education on these matters so that the decisions we make are responsible and informed. The General Board is the primary policy-making body of the ABCUSA. This includes electing persons to offices and committees, voting on budgets and policies and program direction.
2. Communication and Public Relations. It is our task to be interpreters and advocates for the work of the denomination as a whole. Each of us has particular spheres of activity (church, region and other bodies) in which we can exercise this role. We represent the denomination in those spheres. We are also channels for communication from our constituency to denominational leadership. This involves an exercise of judgment: it is important that widely held views and other significant elements of opinion be reported; but every individual letter a Representative receives cannot be afforded General Board time.
3. Evaluation and Oversight. General Board Representatives are responsible for holding denominational staff accountable to our policies and program direction. All evaluation should be done candidly, constructively and directly.
4. Affirmation and Encouragement. Staff members and missionaries work on behalf of us. It is our role to encourage and pray for each of these, including the work of the local church. Words of appreciation, questions for clarification, suggestions and resources are all appropriate ways to fulfill this function. Your active participation in committee meetings also will provide encouragement.
5. Envisioning and Creative Input. We are a “think tank” to envision the future God has planned for us. We are more than the sum of our parts as we energize each other with ideas, reflections and visions. In this way, the Holy Spirit can work through our diversity to bring a unity of mission. This in turn determines the direction of our denomination and each of its ministries.
6. Financial Stewardship. With membership on the Board, each person has responsibility to contribute personally and to aid in the task of raising mission dollars. Such a responsibility comes with membership on any board of any organization. It is denominational policy to expect that Representatives tithe and promote tithing in ABC churches.



Form #1 - CANDIDATE please complete this **PROFILE** (Check below*)

(Can be used for self nomination.)

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES in the U.S.A.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

***Officer of ABC/USA**

- President
 Vice President
 Budget Review Officer

***Other Position**

- General Board Representative
 Statements of Concern Committee
 Other: _____

(Please Specify)

(Please note: Current employees of Region, National or General offices of ABC/USA are not eligible to serve as Officers or Representatives on the General Board or on the Statements of Concern Committee.)

TITLE:	<input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Rev.	Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
			Ordination Date: _____	
NAME: _____			ETHNIC/LANGUAGE GROUP	
ADDRESS: _____			<input type="checkbox"/> African American	
			<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Pacific American	
			Specify: _____	
PHONE: H: _____ W: _____			<input type="checkbox"/> European American	
E-MAIL: _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Haitian	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American	
FAX: H: _____ W: _____			Specify: _____	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Specify: _____	
AGE CATEGORY				
<input type="checkbox"/> 18-35 <input type="checkbox"/> 36-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-65 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 65				
Birth Date (Month/Day): _____				
Is your spouse a General Board Representative? If yes, please provide spouse's name: _____				

(PLEASE USE LIMITED SPACE BELOW. ATTACHMENTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.)

EDUCATION	PROFESSION:
Degrees _____	Current Position: _____
Institutions _____	_____
LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP (Name/City/State): _____	
Pastor: _____	
LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD (Past and Present)	
<u>LOCAL CHURCH:</u>	
<u>DENOMINATIONAL:</u>	
Area/Association/Region	
National	
<u>OUTSIDE ABC/USA:</u>	

OVER

PLEASE FIT INFORMATION ON ONE PAGE. ATTACHMENTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

1. Have you read the outline of qualifications, functions and commitments related to the areas for which you wish to be a candidate? Yes; No
2. If elected, will you be willing and able to undertake the time commitments described to you? Yes; No
3. Do you personally contribute to the financial support of both local and wider missions for American Baptist Churches (ABCUSA)? Yes; No
Will you be an advocate for United Mission and other American Baptist mission support? Yes; No

4. What excites you about Christian service through denominational work, and what is your vision for the ABCUSA?

5. Please summarize briefly your personal faith journey.

6. What particular area(s) of denominational work especially interest you? Please indicate why.

7. What skills, experience and/or expertise would you bring to a particular position (Officer, Representative, Member of the Statements of Concern Committee)?

8. What else would you like to share with the ABC/USA Nominating Committee?

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

**RETURN TO: ABC/USA Nominating Committee
c/o General Secretary
American Baptist Churches
P.O. Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851**

**CANDIDATE FORMS RECEIVED AFTER October 8, 2010 WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED
(For additional information, contact your region office or 1-800/ABC-3USA, Ext. 2292.)**

Form #2 - To be completed by the person making the recommendation

ABCUSA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES in the U.S.A.

RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION AS (Check below*):

Please complete all sections, in order that the committee may make a truly informed decision.

***Officer of ABCUSA**

- President
 Vice President
 Budget Review Officer

***Other Position**

- General Board Representative
 Statements of Concern Committee
 Other: _____

(Please Specify)

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

(Please note: Current employees of Region, National or General offices of ABCUSA are not eligible to serve as Officers or Representatives on the General Board or on the Statements of Concern Committee.)

CANDIDATE:

(Name and Address)

PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM:

(Name and Address)

PHONE: H: W:

I AM COMPLETING THIS FORM:

- as an individual (Please **send Profile Form** to Candidate; Candidate has Profile Form)
 on behalf of (Name of Church/Region/Caucus): _____
 I do/ **do not** recommend the candidate for the position(s) indicated. *(If you do NOT recommend the candidate, a written rationale is required for the review of the ABC Nominating Committee. Please attach the rationale to this form and return it to the address indicated on the back of the form.)*

(PLEASE USE LIMITED SPACE BELOW. ATTACHMENTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.)

A. My knowledge of the candidate:

- covers approximately _____ years.
- is extensive; moderate; slight; based on reputation only, and was gained in connection with or on the basis of:
- The candidate **is/** **is not** an active **member** in good standing of an American Baptist Church. Church Name: _____
- Does this congregation participate in American Baptist Mission Support? Yes; No

B. Rate (1=Lowest; 6=Highest) the following regarding your perception of the candidate's

- Personal Faith:** (lowest) 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 (highest)
Comments:
- Commitment to the mission of the church to worship, evangelize, educate and serve**
(lowest) 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 (highest)
Comments:
- Understanding of American Baptist polity and the history, diversity and traditions of the ABCUSA and our ministries**
(lowest) 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 (highest)
Comments:

(OVER)

4. motivation for Christian service through denominational channels

(lowest) 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 (highest)

Comments:

5. ability to listen, negotiate and reconcile

(lowest) 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 (highest)

Comments:

6. leadership abilities

(lowest) 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 (highest)

Comments:

7. ability to communicate

(lowest) 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 (highest)

Comments:

8. willingness and ability to undertake the time commitments of denominational service

(lowest) 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 (highest)

Comments:

C. I believe the candidate can make especially valuable contributions in the following particular areas of our denominational work:

D. The candidate would bring the following spiritual gifts, skills, experience and/or expertise:

E. The ABCUSA Nominating Committee also should know the following about the candidate:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

**RETURN TO: ABCUSA Nominating Committee
c/o General Secretary
American Baptist Churches
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Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851**

RECOMMENDATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY October 21, 2010.
(For additional information, contact your region office or 1-800/ABC-3USA, Ext. 2292.)