

The Professional Ministries Team met virtually on May 12, 2021 with 9 members present, welcoming new members Miriam Mendez and Lee Axtell.

The **team continued and completed its review of the** “Professional Registry” document, now called the “ABC Leadership Registry.” This document, housed in the American Baptist Churches Information System (ABCIS), functions as the repository of the many individuals who currently serve and/or have served in some leadership capacity in an American Baptist-related ministry. This includes both ordained and commissioned persons as well as lay ministers. In its entirety, the registry intends to be a comprehensive list of these individuals, particularly clergy, thereby preserving the credentials and job history of ABC leadership. The registry also serves as the credentials granting procedure for clergy. The document now contains two sections, namely the “Ordained and Commissioned Registry” and the “Lay Ministry Registry.” A complete document detailing changes is available upon request.

This was the PMT’s last meeting with Geri Blier, coordinator of ABCIS. Geri has been an excellent presence and contributor of information as well as a great collaborator on this review project. It was important to complete the review of the registry in order to have precise labels and locations for the migration of data from its current database into NetSuite, a data transfer process currently underway in ABCIS.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. C. Jeff Woods, Chair