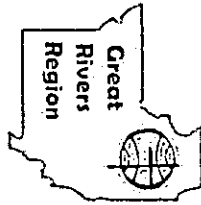


*How do I
Enroll in this program?*

1. First, talk to your church and your GRR Area Minister. Call the Dean of the AME if you have questions about the program.
2. Ask your church to endorse you for admission into the program. They will consider your evidence of a call to the ministry, your journey of faith, Christian character, leadership experience and reasons for seeking ordination. A form is required for this with church clerks indication of the church vote to endorse.
3. Send in your Application form to the Dean of the AME. Upon approval, the candidate is free to pursue courses. Normal progress is expected to be 2 or 3 courses each year to completion in 3 - 4 years.
4. When all course-work is completed, the candidate is eligible for the usual ordination process and standards in the Great Rivers Region if they have a place of service in a GRR church. This includes writing an Ordination Paper, screening by the Midwest Ministry Development Service, meeting with COMSAO and the area Examination Council.

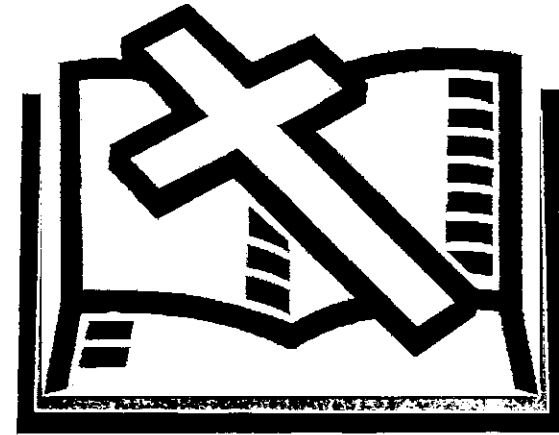


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Great Rivers Region

Alternative Ministerial Education

*A Preparation
For Pastoral Ministry*



*American Baptist Churches
of the
Great Rivers Region*

The purpose of the AME program is to provide a preparation for pastoral ministry for those who for financial or other reasons cannot attend seminary.

Course requirements

Ten (10) courses will be required



GRR Courses

1. Practice of Congregational Ministry.

This is a very practical course which covers such topics as: planning and leading worship, baptism, the Lord's Supper, weddings, funerals, counseling and visitations. It will use an experienced ABC pastor as a mentor. Cost is \$50.00.

2. ABC History and Polity.

This course is offered at American Baptist seminaries both as live classes and online. GRR offers a classroom experience for this occasionally, based on numbers of students.

3. Professional Boundaries.

This is a one-day seminar type class using the Sacred Trust materials from Faith Institute. It deals with ethical issues of pastoral ministry.

Core Academic Courses. These five (5) courses are to be equivalent to a 2-hour college course and may be taken at accredited community colleges, Bible colleges or seminaries (traditional or on-line).

4. New Testament Survey

5. Old Testament Survey

6. Introduction to Christian Theology

7. Preaching

8. Principles of Pastoral Leadership

Electives (2 courses)

These must be equivalent to a 2-hour college course and relate to the student's specific needs in pastoral ministry.

Some possible topics are worship, evangelism, discipleship training, biblical studies, and church growth. These courses must be prior approved by the Dean for the Alternative Ministerial Educational Program.

Limited scholarship assistance is available for students who are currently serving as ministers in GRR churches.

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