



Winter 2020

Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors Ministers Council

New Directions in 2020 for Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors

Special points of interest:

- Proposed Change in Bylaws
- Dues for 2020! Jubilee Year! Dues for Chapter and National are only \$25.00
- Nominations for Officers
- Join MinistrELife!

Enthusiastic response to our June dinner meeting at the Mission Summit Biennial in Virginia Beach generated great ideas * we want to pursue. To do so, we must re-organize and streamline our chapter's governance. By-laws that fit our organization years ago have become burdensome. Our top-heavy governance structure is cumbersome for getting anything done. We need a streamlined executive committee with the ability to create specific task forces as needed in order to meet the changing needs of our chapter.

Very soon, you will receive from Survey Monkey an invitation to change our by-laws, previewed on pages 4 And 5 They clarify our relationships to other ABCUSA entities and decrease the number of offices that must be filled. Please review these changes and be ready to vote on them when you receive the Survey Monkey request. We are eager to position our chapter with the ability to serve you better. Join us for an exciting year of change!

*See the Mission Summit arti-

cle on page 3 for ideas presented during our dinner meeting at the June Biennial.)

Join: Savings up to \$100.

This is the perfect year to join. The national Ministers Council, in observance of its "Year of Jubilee," has released our members from paying any dues at all for 2020. Thus, when you pay our chapter dues of \$25, you automatically become a member of both!

To join, either

1) complete the application form on page 7 and enclose a \$25 check, or

2) go to www.ministerscouncil.com, pay online, and indicate our chapter for your membership.

Register on MinistrElife

A new ABC platform, MinistrElife, has replaced ABPS, the American Baptist Personnel Services. To update your profile, go to .. <https://ministrelife.org/user/login> In addition to maintaining your profile, MinistrElife offers new ways to connect and keep current. Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors have an estab-

lished group there. Hopefully, this will be the place to keep in touch.

Connect on Facebook

See us on the Ministers Council Facebook page. You will find helpful ways to network, voice concerns, and stay abreast on what is going on in the denomination that affects chaplains and pastoral counselors.

Your Executive Committee

President

Rev. Elizabeth Ritzman

Past President

Rev. Karen Pickler

Secretary/Treasurer:

Rev. Sarah L. Fogg, PhD

Chaplain Rep

Rev. Dale Pracht

Military Rep

Col. William Sean Lee

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Save the Dates for 2020



MClive Webinar Series –
Ministers Council– second
Thursday each month at
11:00 AM CST



MAY 11-14, 2020
APC CONFERENCE

**20/20 VISION The Future of
Spiritual Care –Cleveland**
Ohio All cognate groups



June 16-19, 2020
Green Lake, Wisconsin
Radical. Redeemed. Ready
Celebrating Ministering
Women on the 40th Anniver-
sary of the Women in Ministry
Project



Space For Grace
Sept. 21-22 •
Kansas City, Mo.
American Baptist Chaplains,
Pastoral Counselors and Spe-
cialized Ministers Conference
at Space for Grace 2020, The
Westin Hotel

Will You Serve?

Consider being an officer
of the Chaplains and
Pastoral Counselors
Chapter. You will have
an opportunity at the end
of our voting survey to
state your interest and/or
name others for
consideration.

Once by-laws are
approved, the following
positions will be
available:
President
2 Members at Large

The Rev. Dr. Peter Yuichi
Clark, who felt called from
an early age to serve people
as a Christian minister and
passionately and cheerfully
followed that vocation
throughout his life, died on
December 6, 2019 at age fifty-
four from complications of
biliary tract cancer
(cholangiocarcinoma) at his
home in Alameda, CA.

At the time of his death, Peter
held the positions of Director
of Spiritual Care Services for
UCSF Health at the Universi-
ty of California, San Francis-
co, and Professor of Pastoral
Care at the American Baptist
Seminary of the West, a
member school of the Gradu-
ate Theological Union (GTU)

in Berkeley, CA. A graduate
of Plano (TX) Senior High
School, Baylor University
(B.A.), the Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary
(M.Div.), and Emory Univer-
sity (Ph.D.), Peter was or-
dained by Seventh and James
Baptist Church in Waco, TX;
endorsed as a healthcare
chaplain by the American
Baptist Home Mission Socie-
ties; and held certifications
from the Association of Pro-
fessional Chaplains (APC)
and the Association for Clini-
cal Pastoral Education
(ACPE). He received the
PRIDE Award from UCSF in
2017; the Institutional Chap-
lain Merit Award from the
American Baptist Churches
USA in 2007; dissertation

fellowships from the Lilly
Endowment (through the
Louisville Institute) and from
the Civil Liberties Public
Education Fund in 1999; and
was inducted into Phi Beta
Kappa in 1987—but he was
proudest of being the hus-
band of Tilly Roche Clark
and the father of Adam Kiy-
oshi Clark..

Peter was a long-time, faithful
member of our chapter of Chap-
lains and Pastoral Counselors.
We shall miss him!

Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors Gather at Mission Summit by the Sea 2019

On June 20th, Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors met for dinner and discussion in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on the eve of the Mission Summit Biennial. Greetings were brought by outgoing national President of Ministers Council, Rev. Dr. DeeDee Turlington, and Rev. Dr. Patricia Hernandez, national Director of American Baptist Women in Ministry. Dale Pracht, executive committee member, gave the invocation.

Following fellowship and dinner, Rev. Dr. Sarah Fogg, chapter treasurer and dinner convener, led a discussion about the future of our chapter of Ministers Council. She began with survey results obtained earlier from chapter members, noting that two-thirds on the respondents were seasoned chaplains and counselors with more than 10 to 20 years' experience.

A significant finding was survey respondents' involvement with ABC organizations. The local level ranked highest for involvement, which decreased through regional and national groups. Dinner attendees were not surprised to hear that the low-

est level of involvement was with the Ministers Council chapter of chaplains and pastoral counselors. They cited a strong preference for "real" connection to those who are local, face-to-face, and available for immediate feedback and support. Attendees also remarked that individual job requirements sometimes conflict, especially in timing, with denominational offerings.

Nevertheless, survey respondents revealed high interest in receiving future services from the chapter. Dinner attendees prioritized those potential services, ranking them from highest to lowest—workshops or seminars offered at regional and national meetings, an up-to-date membership roster of chapter members, a website with job opening postings, reviews of books and articles relevant to our ministry fields, etc., and opportunities for networking among chapter members.

Next came dinner attendees' best thinking on how to provide such desired benefits when our chapter has no paid staff or large-enough budget

to employ a staff person. The following ideas surfaced: unpaid interns, volunteer grant writers, TIM grant support, platforms available through MinstrElife, Facebook or national Ministers Council, more participation in monthly MC webinars from our membership (see MC Webinar highlights below), asking those who showed high interest in specific chapter services to plan, launch, and/or maintain a particular service, network this evening at the dinner or through follow-up emails, and encourage more people to join the chapter, increasing funds and talent pool.

Some dinner attendees joined the chapter immediately. Many more stayed to mingle and discuss their interest and enthusiasm for moving the chapter forward. Join us this year in that effort!



Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors Dinner Mission Summit by the Sea 2019

Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors featured in 2019 Ministers Council Webinars

How do chaplains and pastoral counselors observe the practice of Jubilee in our work? Elizabeth Ritzman, current president of our chapter, and Sarah Fogg, current treasurer, provide examples from their respective practices of Pastoral Counseling and Chaplaincy. See them at

www.ministerscouncil.com/archives/video archives, May 9, 2019.

What blessings are there beyond the pulpit? Chaplains in hospice, CPE supervision, and hospital care give testimony on the October 10, 2019 MC webinar available

through the archives location listed above. Get to know Dale Pracht of Nebraska, Doug Vardell of Michigan, and Barbara Bullock of Ohio as they provide a glimpse into their ministry areas.



Current BY-LAWS

The Ministers Council for Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors
American Baptist Churches USA as of June 25, 2009

VOTE!

A month after delivery of this letter, members of the Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors Chapter will be invited to vote on the by-laws changes. Watch for an email from Sarah Fogg (sarahfogg4@gmail.com) with a survey tool for voting and commenting.

Highlights of Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

Clarify our relationship with national Ministers Council. (We are a Chapter of the national Ministers Council.)

Update re-named ABCUSA organizations.

Eliminate honorary Life memberships.

Change the number of officers from 14 to 5.

Provide flexibility Of both time and manner for convening the Membership.

Change the Executive Committee quorum from four to three.

Article I – Name

The name of this body shall be The Ministers Council for Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors, American Baptist Churches USA

Article II – Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this body is to build up the Church of Jesus Christ by sustaining and improving the professional church leadership of the American Baptist Churches USA in general, and chaplains and pastoral counselors in particular.

Section 2. To achieve this purpose this body shall:

- a. maintain professional and ethical standards of the Christian ministry;
- b. give support to the members of this body and be an advocate for them in their professional associations and in denominational life
- c. interpret the appropriate roles of chaplains and pastoral counselors to the constituent parts of our denomination and to the local American Baptist churches;
- d. encourage the recruitment and nurture of candidates for chaplaincy and pastoral counseling;
- e. provide a means for expression and debate by members of this body on issues that affect the professional leadership of the American Baptist Churches USA
- f. cooperate with the appropriate units of the American Baptist Churches USA in matters of mutual interest and concern including: 1) recruitment, 2) placement, 3) compensation, 4) continuing education, and 5) counseling
- g. encourage the members of this body to fully participate in the

constituent Ministers Council in their Region;

- h. give support to the Committee on Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors and to National Ministries' Office of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Counseling Services.

Article III – Relationships

Section 1. The Ministers Council for Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors cooperates with the American Baptist Churches USA in the purposes and objectives of that body.

Section 2. The Ministers Council for Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors is for those persons in relationship with the Committee on Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors and with the Office of Chaplaincy and pastoral Counseling Services, and will work in a cooperative and supportive manner with them.

Section 3. It is at the option of each endorsee to relate to the Ministers Council for Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors or to the nearest Council, or both.

Article IV – Membership

Section 1. Eligibility for membership in this body shall be for individuals who are approved or endorsed for ministry to persons in special need by the Committee on Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors, or who are retired endorsees, and who pay dues to this body.

Section 2. Membership in this body shall be for the calendar year.

Section 3. Dues for this body shall be payable at the beginning of each calendar year.

Section 4. Dues shall be estab-

lished by the Executive Committee with the approval of this body. The privilege of voting and holding office in this body is reserved for those active members who pay dues.

Section 5. Honorary life membership shall be conferred upon those persons who are listed as retired in the "Directory of Professional Church Leaders of the American Baptist Churches USA" and who were active members of this body, or another Ministers Council, for at least three of the five years prior to their retirement. Life members shall not be required to pay annual dues, but may choose to do so, and shall be considered active members.

Section 6. With the exception of honorary life members, membership in the Ministers Council for Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors shall cease when either:

- a. dues are not paid;
- b. an individual is no longer approved or endorsed by the Committee on Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors.

Article V – Officers

Section 1. Titles: The Officers of the Ministers Council for Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors shall be: a President, a Vice President, the immediate past President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Senator(s), and Endorsee Representatives. All officers of this body shall be active members of this body at the time of their election, except the spouse Representative.

Section 2. Representation and Terms of Office:

- a. The President shall be elected by the body to a four year term.

b. The Vice President shall be elected by the body for a two year term. The Vice President may serve two consecutive two year terms.

c. Seven Endorsee Representatives shall be elected from their respective constituencies by the body to four year terms in two classes of three and four each, a class being elected in each biennium. The Endorsee Representatives shall be designated as follows: 1) Military Chaplain on Extended Active Duty, 2) Military Chaplain not on Extended Active Duty, 3) Spouse of Military Chaplain on Extended Active Duty, 4) Institutional Chaplain/CPE Supervisor, 5) Institutional Chaplain Not a CPE Supervisor, 6) Pastoral Counselor, and 7) Retired Endorsee. Geographical, racial, ethnic, and gender balance must be considered in the nomination and election of Endorsee Representatives.

d. No President or Endorsee Representative may immediately succeed himself or herself in the same election category.

e. Terms of office shall begin on September 1 of the election year.

Section 3. Executive Committee:

a. Upon election, the President, Vice President, immediate Past President and Endorsee Representatives shall elect a Secretary and a Senator(s) from among the Endorsee Representatives.

b. Upon election, the President, Vice President, immediate Past President, Secretary, Senator(s) and Endorsee Representatives will appoint or renew the appointment of a Treasurer from among the current body of the Ministers Council for Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors.

c. All Officers serve as mem-

bers of the Executive Committee
 d. With the exception of the President, terms of office within the Executive Committee shall be two (2) years. The Senate Delegate(s) and the Vice President may serve two consecutive two (2) year terms. The treasurer is appointed by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Duties:

a. The President shall:

1. preside at all meetings of the Ministers Council for Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors and the Executive Committee;
2. be an ex-officio member of all other committees of this body.

b. The Vice President shall serve in the place of the President when designated

c. The Secretary shall:

1. keep an accurate record of the current proceedings of this body and the Executive Committee
2. provide for the safekeeping of the records and official documents of this body

d. The Treasurer shall:

1. assist the President and the Executive Committee in all areas of finance
2. be authorized to sign checks
3. submit financial records for an annual audit

e. The Senator(s) shall:

1. represent this body in the Ministers Council Senate
2. represent this body in other Ministers Councils as directed

f. The Endorsee Representatives shall:

1. represent this body's constituents
2. participate as Officers in the duties of the Executive Committee

Article VI – Executive Committee

Section 1. Executive Committee
 a. There shall be an Executive

Committee of this body composed of the President, the Vice President, the immediate past President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Senator(s), the other duly elected Endorsee Representatives and the Endorsing Agent (ex-officio).

b. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to:

1. conduct the affairs of this body between meetings
2. appoint the committees needed to perform the work of this body
3. determine the size and term of appointed committees, and review annually the work of such committees
4. plan for the national meetings and other programs of this body
5. name representatives from this body to other organizations upon request
6. appoint an Assistant Editor of Minister magazine, as needed
7. appoint a Nominating Committee which shall present a slate of officers to the body
8. fill all positions vacated between elections.

Article VII – Committees and Task Forces

Section 1. The Nominating Committee will make nominations reflecting geographic balance, the constituency of male/female and ethnic diversity as well as those in specialized areas of ministry of this body.

Section 2. Other committees or task forces may be established as the need arises.

Article VIII – Meetings

Section 1. The body shall convene at the time of the Biennial Meeting of the American Baptist Churches USA to determine general policies, formulate recommendations, elect officers, set dues on recommendation of the

Executive Committee, and adopt the budget. Persons unable to attend the Biennial Meeting may vote by absentee ballot.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall meet annually and at such other times as it may deem necessary.

Section 3. Those present at the meeting of this body at the Biennial Meeting of the American Baptist Churches USA shall constitute a quorum. Four elected officers present shall constitute a quorum for the Executive Committee.

Article IX – Parliamentary Authority

The current edition of Roberts' Rules of Order shall be the manual to guide this body in all matters of parliamentary practice not prescribed in these Bylaws or special rules which this body may adopt.

Article X – Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the body by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided that the amendment has been recommended by the Executive Committee of this body or proposed upon written signature of fifteen (15) members and notice of such an amendment has been submitted in writing to all at least one month prior to the meeting at which such amendment is to be voted upon.

Proposed By-Laws Changes and Rationale

1. Clarify our Chapter's relationship to national Ministers Council.

- a. Add "Chapter" following "Ministers Council" and prior to "for Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors" to read, "Ministers Council Chapter for Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors," in
 - Article I
 - Article III, Section 2
 - Article V, Section 4a.1

2. Describe our relationship to re-named organizations within ABCUSA.

- a. National Ministries to American Baptist Home Mission Society, and
- b. Office of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Counseling Services to Office of Chaplaincy and Specialized Ministries, in
 - Article II, Section 2h
 - Article III, Section 2
 - Article IV, Section 1, and Section 6b

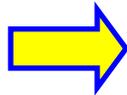
3. Omit items out of our control or outdated in

- a. Article III, Section 3 (obvious/we have no control over individual choices)
- b. Article IV, Section 5 (outmoded. National Ministers Council canceled this category.) and Section 6 (reference to omitted Section 5 above.)
- c. Article V, Section 2b (Vice President position no longer exists), Section 3b (Various positions deleted in Article V), Section 2d (to avoid recruiting issues) and Section 3d (Refers to replaced and deleted positions.)
- d. Article VI, Section 1b (Position/publication no longer in operation), and Section 4e (Refers to a deleted position.)

4. Change the number of elected officers for Executive Committee (Article VI).

- a. Delete position of Vice-President in Article V, Section 1
- b. Combine positions of Secretary and Treasurer in Article V, Section 1, Section 3a, and Section 4c, and d
- c. Reduce constituent representatives from seven to two.

c. Replace the seven positions of the following constituencies



with at least two members at-large positions from the same constituencies

- i. Senators,
- ii. Endorsed Representatives,
- iii. Military Chaplain on Extended Active Duty
- iv. Military Chaplain not on Extended Active Duty
- v. Spouse of Military Chaplain on Extended Active Duty
- vi. Institutional Chaplain/CPE Supervisor
- vii. Institutional Chaplain not a CPE Supervisor
- viii. Pastoral Counselor
- ix. Retired Endorsee

At least two (2)
Members-at-large
Article V,
Section 1,
Section 2c and d,
Section 3a, and
Section 4a.

Article VI,
Section 1a (refers to deleted and changed officer titles).

5. Provide flexibility to

Time of convening the body in Article VIII, Section by changing "shall" to "may," and manner of convening the body in Article X by Deleting "...at any meeting of the body..." and "...to the meeting at which such amendment is..."

6. Change the number required for a quorum of the executive committee

From four (4) to three (3) in Article VIII, Section 3.

(With the above changes, the Executive Committee will be composed of President, Past-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and at least two (2) members at large.)

Membership Application



Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

Phone Number: HOME: _____ CELL: _____

Place of Ministry: _____

Job Title: _____

Areas of Expertise: (lecture, workshop, etc.) _____

- 1) National Ministers Council Dues \$ n.a. Free for 2020 Year of Jubilee
- 2) Ministers Council chapter Dues \$ 25.00
(Chaplains & Pastoral Counselors)
- 3) Total Dues to be Submitted: \$.00

Mail your check and this completed form to:

(Check payable to **Ministers Council**)

Rev. Sarah L. Fogg, Secretary/Treasurer
ABC Chaplains & Pastoral Counselors
17301 Four Seasons Dr.
Dumfries, Virginia 22025

Once your check and information is processed, you will receive a membership card and/or this year's sticker for your permanent membership card from the national office.

