

# Proposed Ministers Council Structure

**Individual Members**

Individual ministerial leaders = **Ministers Council members**  
 Encouraged to regularly meet with a covenant group of their choosing  
 Pay annual dues to national and local chapter of the Ministers Council  
**Annual Meeting** open to all ministerial leaders, with all members of the Ministers Council encouraged to attend

**Affiliate with**

**Local Chapters**

Regional and affinity groups of Ministers Council members =  
**Local Ministers Council Chapters**  
 Expected to provide regular workshops and retreats for professional effectiveness and personal/spiritual wholeness  
 Set local dues in addition to national dues  
 Appoint a Local Chapter Representative to liaison with national

**Chapter Representatives convene at**

National Ministers Council  
 Annual Meeting

**To hear and ratify reports from**

Board of Governors, Development Council, and Ministries Team

**Ministries Team**  
 Chapter Representatives appointed by Local Chapters.  
 Organize as and/or appoint Committees as needed.  
 Chaired by Pres [or Vice President]  
 Staffed by person(s) responsible for membership, communications, and program implementation.

Tasks: membership, communication, programming and other such initiatives as required at national and local levels; encouragement of TIM; liaisons with Local Chapters.

Accountable to Governing Board

Monthly electronic meetings plus meet at annual meeting, with local chapters covering expenses

**Development Council**  
 Appointed by Board of Governors and approved by Local Chapter Reps.

6 members, with 2 elected each year  
 Board selects a Chairperson, who serves on the Board of Governors

Staffed by Executive Director; contact with President and Treasurer

Tasks: fund development, marketing, advisory on budget and investments.

Two meetings each year, with members paying own expenses  
 Electronic contact between meetings as needed

**Board of Governors** of 9 members  
 Executive Director  
 Chairperson of the Advisory Council, Chairperson of the Ministries Team, and Executive Director of American Baptist Women In Ministry,  
 National Officers: President, Secretary and Budget Officer, and 2 Members-at-Large.  
 [national officers and members-at-large are elected by Local Chapter Reps at annual meeting and must be members of the Ministers Council]

Tasks: Governance, recommends advisory council members, administrative oversight and public representation of Ministers Council and ministerial voice in denomination  
 Two meetings each year, one at annual meeting, with stipends available as needed; electronic meetings as needed

