

ABC Face To Face

PRE-REGISTRATION WORK For Church Search Committees

- Contact your ABC Region Minister and let him/her know you plan to register for the Face to Face Event. If you do not know who or how to do that, call your ABC Region Office for that information.

ABC Region Office phone numbers are available at: abc-usa.org/regional-ministries/

- Find out from your church leadership if your church is able to meet the minimum pastor compensation required for participation in this Face to Face Event.
 - To participate, your church must be committed to support your future pastor with **at least the minimum total pastor compensation package of \$60,000**. This amount is to include only...
 - cash salary
 - housing
 - health insurance premium amount provided
 - retirement benefit amount provided
 - If you have questions, speak with your Region Minister or Face to Face Region Representative. Contact information for Face to Face Region Representatives will be available...
 - in the Registration Information Packet which will be available by January
 - by contacting the Face to Face Registrar, Jennifer Greene
 - 317.635.3552 ext. 221
 - jennifergreene@abc-indiana.org
- If a Church Profile hasn't already been created, create one to share with clergy candidates at the Face to Face event. This is something a region minister within your ABC Region Ministry can guide you in doing. This will be a "snap shot" of your community, church and ministry. Many Church profiles include information about...
 - the community your church is located and serves
 - website links for the...
 - city or town
 - county
 - state
 - What are the attractions to living in that area?
 - If the church isn't located in a major city, what is the closest city?
 - your church
 - website link
 - history
 - current ministries

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- leadership structure
 - people that make-up the congregation, your search committee, etc.
 - pictures—some examples used in the past...
 - places in the community
 - historical ones for your church
 - current church building
 - church greeters
 - church sanctuary
 - picture of the congregation from the pulpit
 - elected leadership
 - Sunday school class groups
 - choir
 - youth group
 - ministries at work
 - BE CREATIVE, use color. Some churches put their profiles in a report folder or three ring notebook, and others, bind the pages with a plastic binding comb.
- Discuss the following things asked on your registration and be prepared to provide information in less than 50 words:
- *Significant Ministries of your Church*—you would include some of the obvious as well as **specific/unique ways** your church ministers and serves those within the church family, the community and beyond.
 Examples: Sunday morning worship; children’s church; Sunday evening or mid-week worship; child care ministry during service; hospitality; Sunday School-children only, all ages, etc.; weekly Bible study; adult choir; children’s choir; small groups; discipleship groups; youth group for teens; sending kids to church camp; shut-in ministry; hospital visits; nursing home visits; prayer ministry; food pantry; meals on wheels; community meals; clothing ministry; annual mission trip; etc.
 - *Hopes and Expectations for Your New Pastor*--this could include strengths, general areas of focus for a pastor’s ministry in your church, etc. **This is also something clergy candidates will receive.** Please keep in mind, you are not describing the ideal perfect pastor no one could live up to. Also, “Growing your church numbers” is not something to include.
 - *Vision for Ministry for Your Church*—this could include your Church mission statement, your primary focus in ministry and/or your church’s vision for ministry now and for the future.
- When registration opens in January, registration forms and additional information will be available...
- print & complete the church registration form before attempting to register on-line. There will be information you will need to look up or obtain.
 - have each committee member read, complete and sign a *Covenant of Confidentiality– Search Committee Member* form. Even if a committee member may not attend the event, they will most likely see information about candidates that are participating in the event.
- Determine which committee members are willing and able to commit to attend the event.
 Friday Schedule 8:30am-7:00pm; Saturday Schedule 8:00am-1:30pm