



Calvary Baptist Church

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Memo to: Rev. Judith Fackenthal, President, ABCUSA
Ms. Susan Gillies, Interim General Secretary, ABCUSA

From: Rev. Anne Jernberg Scalfaro, Senior Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church of Denver, CO.
The Church Council, Calvary Baptist Church of Denver, CO.

CC: Rev. Dr. Steven Van Ostran, ABCRM Executive Minister

Date: October X, 2016

Subject: Calvary Baptist Church of Denver, CO and ABCUSA Ordination Recognition

Attached is a concern, approved by our Church Council on October 5, 2016, which is *“To enable ABCUSA recognition of a local church’s ordination of persons who meet all of the requirements for ordination outlined in the American Baptist Policy Statement on Ordained Ministry.”* (The circumstances that led to this concern are included in the attached three-page document.)

We request that the appropriate bodies within ABCUSA seriously consider the issues raised by this concern and initiate a dialogue to find a solution that would be acceptable to all. We are willing to help think through the alternative solutions we have outlined (and any others if suggested) and to be of assistance in any way we can.

Our desire is to find an appropriate solution to the issue of ordination recognition that will serve the needs of ABCUSA’s diverse membership, honor the autonomy of the local church, and preserve and strengthen relationships across all elements of ABCUSA.

(signed Anne Jernberg Scalfaro)
(signed Kristina Adams, Co-Moderator, Calvary Council)
(signed Lawrence Davila, Co-Moderator, Calvary Council)

Attachment