

Standing Committee on Ordained Ministry
American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island
2018 Annual Report
Rev. Dr. Jonathan Malone, Chair

The Standing Committee on Ordained Ministry (SCOM) continues to work with individuals who have felt a call from God to pursue ordained ministry. We strive to help individuals achieve a standard of training and preparation that would be considered appropriate at a regional and national level. One of the greatest challenges currently facing the work of SCOM is helping those who cannot go to seminary on a full or part time basis get the training and education considered appropriate. We are working to offer courses here in Rhode Island, connect individuals with opportunities in nearby Regions, and when appropriate, encourage on-line education. Many have heard a call from God to go into professional ministry and we are encouraged to offer guidance and support.

In addition, SCOM has worked to develop a set of rules and guidelines to help adjudicate and respond to questions and allegations of professional misconduct that may occur within our ABCORI churches. These standards can be found on the ABCORI website.

This is my final report as the chair and I want to express what a joy and honor it has been to work with the committee and to walk with individuals through such important and profound moments of their faith journeys. I am especially thankful for the help and leadership of the Rev. Dr. Tom Wiles – he has been and continues to be a profound resource and guide in our work.

Peace,
Jonathan Malone