

# **LAY STUDY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NEW YORK STATE**

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Lay Study Certificate Program of American Baptist Churches of New York State is two-fold:

- Recognize the completion of a solid base of training for leadership development
- Provide training for specialized fields of ministry

## **CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

### **Certificate in Local Church Leadership Studies**

Certificate recognizes the successful completion of a course of study designed to prepare the student for leadership in the local church.

The requirements for the Certificate in Local Church Leadership Studies are the successful completion of the following courses:

- Baptist Heritage
- Basic Christian Beliefs
- Christian Ethics
- Church Administration
- Ministry to Individuals
- New Testament
- Old Testament
- Spiritual Development

### **Certificate in Advanced Church Leadership Studies**

Certificate recognizes the successful completion of a course of study designed to prepare the student for expanded leadership in the church and Association.

The requirements for the Certificate in Advanced Church Leadership Studies are:

1. Earn the Certificate in Local Church Leadership Studies offered by the ABC/NYS Lay Study Program
2. Maintain active participation in a local church
3. Successfully complete the following courses:
  - Christian Education
  - Church History
  - Introduction to Christian Counseling
  - Ministry Through the Small Church
  - Preaching
  - Worship

### **Certificate in Lay Pastoral Studies**

Certificate recognizes the successful completion of a course of study designed to prepare the student for pastoral ministry.

The requirements for the Certificate in Lay Pastoral Studies are:

1. Earn the Certificate in Local Church Leadership Studies offered by the ABC/NYS Lay Study Program
2. Maintain active membership in an ABC/NYS church
3. Consult regularly with a mentor appointed by the Association Lay Study Committee
4. Successfully complete the following courses:
  - Christian Education
  - Church History
  - Introduction to Christian Counseling
  - Ministry Through the Small Church
  - Preaching
  - Worship
5. Meet with representatives of the Association Lay Study Committee to plan field work
6. Successfully complete approved, supervised field work