The Call to Stronger Service in your current church:

Discerning God's call requires prayer, scripture, and talking with pastors, counselors, trusted mentors and friends. **If you feel called to serve your local church to the best of your ability, perhaps this program may help you.**

We are piloting the first year of a four-year project. The six-course training program includes: Christian Thought, Old & New Testament, Theology, Spiritual Discernment, Practices and Gifts, Summer Internship, Mentoring and Baptist Polity and History. Participants emerge with a deeper understanding of the church's functions and purpose.

Churches need supportive lay leaders!

Not everyone is called to pastoral ministry. God calls certain men and women to serve as supportive lay leaders in their local church.

Interested?

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Consider Your Call

Is God calling you to pastoral ministry in a church?

or

Is God calling you to stronger lay service in your current church?

For either calling, TABCOM School of Ministry might be helpful in getting you there!

TABCOM
SCHOOL OF MINISTRY PILOT PROGRAM

The School of Ministry Pilot Project is the launching phase of a certificate program for individuals serving in TABCOM congregations. Our mission is to provide affordable and practical learning opportunities that equip lay-leaders and called individuals to serve effectively in TABCOM congregations.

COURSE FORMAT

I. Each Semester *(January – March* and *September – November*) consists of:
   - 3 classes Friday evenings
   - 3 classes Saturday mornings
   - 3 classes Saturday afternoons

II. Three courses are offered each semester with homework in between. Each course will total 7.5 hours. Homework should average about 2 hours each week which totals 8 hours a month

III. Each semester will include one Saturday overnight to visit a TABCOM Church and meet with church officials

YEAR 1
"FOUNDATION AND SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT"

I. Overview

A. Biblical and Theological Studies
Introduces the participant to the basic aspects of the Old Testament and New Testament by covering the basic background and books of the Bible ; basic overview of Theology and Christian Thought introduces what Christians believe about God and Jesus as Christ.

B. Spiritual Development
Is designed to provide the participant the opportunity to examine and understand their spiritual gifts, discern their call to ministry and examine the implications and use for ministry. Participants are afforded the opportunity to reflect on one's ministry, including internship experiences and understanding ministry across generations and in the context of life passages.

C. Church and Community Praxis
Baptist History and Polity is designed to help the learner understand the historical evolution of the Baptist tradition, it's current identity and what makes it distinct from other traditions, and the basic tenets of the Baptist tradition and Church structure. Also, the second and third components of Christian Thought and Theology are offered in this discipline and are intended to enable the participant to think critically and examine practical ways to present their Christian faith to others.

II. Course Schedule

A. January – March
- New Testament
- Theology
- Spiritual Growth and Maturity
- Spiritual Practices and Gifts
- Calling and Discernment

B. September – December
- Old Testament
- Christian Thought
- Reflection on Internship experience and understanding spirituality across the ages
- Understanding the stages of Faith Development
- Personality Type
- Participant's Course Choice