

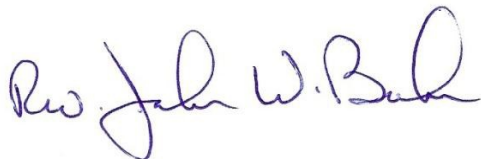
Greetings,

Let me be one of the first to say, “Welcome to our Greater Ohio Team!” The journey you are about to take is one filled with joy and struggle. When God places his call upon us to be the shepherds of His flock it is an incredible honor, but also an even bigger responsibility. The days that lay ahead will be exciting as you learn new concepts, are challenged in your thinking, and develop your skills to work with God’s church. It can also become frustrating as you write papers, read books, stretch your mental resources further than they have been before, and fill out a lot of paperwork documenting your journey and your call.

Our district looks forward to partnering with you, not just to prepare you for a license or ordination but to walk with you throughout your entire pastoral journey. The purpose of our board is to welcome you to our team and guide you as you prepare for ministry within the kingdom. We want you to know that we are here for you. While part of our time is making sure that you are completing all the requirements and filling out all the paperwork, our biggest joy is just getting to know you and seeing you blossom into ministry. If you have questions about this process, please talk with us. If you need counsel, help, or guidance, you are welcome to give any of us a call.

Now as you begin this process, may I encourage you to be responsible with this incredible adventure. This is your journey and no one should care as much about it as you do. We hope to see you pursue preparation for your call with all diligence and effort so that you can most effectively influence, lead, and guide God’s church in order to fulfill his incredible call upon your life!

Helping You Prepare for the Journey,



In His Service
Rev. John W. Baker
Chairman of the District Board of Ministerial Development