

# ABC History and Polity

A required course for the  
Pastoral Development Academy  
of the ABC-GRR, for all ordinations, and  
for ministers with other backgrounds to  
have their ordination recognized by the ABC

Rev. Dr. Adrian Lamkin, Instructor

This online Zoom class will be four (4) sessions on Mondays from 6:00—  
8:00pm: April 6, 13, 27 & May 4, 2026

Cost: \$100, to be sent with this completed form to the American Baptist Churches  
of the Great Rivers Region, PO Box 13457, Springfield, IL 62791-3457 or register &  
pay online at <https://abcgrr.org/events/>.

The required textbooks are *Down by the Riverside: a Brief History of Baptist Faith*,  
by Everett C. Goodwin, and *A BAPTIST MANUAL OF POLITY & PRACTICE*, by  
Norman H. Maring and Winthrop S. Hudson. Both books are available from Judson  
Press. Also highly recommended is *The Baptist Identity: Four Fragile Freedoms*, by  
Walter B. Shurden. You will be required to write an 8-page paper on some aspect  
of Baptist History or Polity, due 30 days after the class.

Questions may be addressed to Brian Romanowski, Dean of the Academy at  
[brian@abcgrr.org](mailto:brian@abcgrr.org) or 217-726-7366 ext. 14. We must have a minimum of five  
students by March 25. If you have not registered by March 25, you may not  
receive the student packet before the first class session.

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## Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Position in Church \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an Academy student? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you interested in the Academy? \_\_\_\_\_