

**AMERICAN BAPTIST
CHURCHES USA
SEMINARIAN CHECKLIST**



American Baptist Personnel Services

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- Contact the Financial Aid Office of National Ministries at the Mission Center in Valley Forge for information about seminarian financial resources, such as grants and loans.
(800-ABC-3USA, X2067)
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