

## MINISTRY FOLLOW UP REPORT

*This report should be typewritten or produced on a computer if at all possible. Please give complete information under each of the sections below:*

**Student Name and Number:**

**Course Name and Number:**

**Date of Course:**

**Professor's Name:**

**Short description of the ministry innovation you attempted or of the material from your notes that you integrated into a teaching or preaching situation.**

**Careful discussion of the results of this ministry experience.** *Please tell us*

1. Whether you felt the activity was successful, not very successful, disappointing or a failure. Explain what factors led you to this conclusion.
2. What you did to plan and prepare for the activity, as well as what happened as the plan was put into practice.
3. How the activity impacted your class, congregation, colleagues and/or organization
4. Why you think it turned out the way it did.
5. What lessons you learned and what you will do differently next time.

If you were unable to put the innovation into practice, or to teach the proposed lessons or sermons, please tell us

1. Whether you were hindered or changed your mind about this plan.
  - a. If you changed your mind, please tell us why. What factors in your particular ministry made this idea inadvisable?
  - b. If you were hindered, please explain what hindered you. Do you intend to try again later?
  - c. If your idea was rejected, please explain how you prepared and presented your idea, who rejected it, and why you think this happened. Do you think the decision was a good one?
2. What lessons you learned and what you will do differently next time.

***Please note:*** You must send at least 3 Ministry Follow Up reports to the ABTS Headquarters office in order to complete portfolio requirements for the In-Ministry MRE degree program.

## **Ministry Follow-Up Report - Explanation.**

*When to submit this report:* 6 months to a year after the course is completed.

*Expected length:* 1-3 pages

*Format:* The student may choose to write this report in essay form (paragraphs) or may type selected questions and answers.

*Where to submit this report:* To the ABTS Headquarters office. We will send a copy to the professor of the course.

*Minimum requirement:* 3 Follow-Up Reports for each degree program.

From each course that you take in your ABTS master's program, we hope that you will discover some new ideas that you want to try in your ministry situation. Or you might decide to teach/preach a series of lessons/sermons using the material you learned. After you have had time to apply what you have learned in class to your ministry, you need to analyze how the plan worked out in practice.

The Follow Up Report outline has a series of ideas that will help you to think about what happened. We don't necessarily expect that you will answer every question, but we do want an honest report telling details about the plan, the results, why you think it turned out the way it did and what you learned. Don't forget that failures can be good learning experiences; we want to hear about both failures and successes.

It is possible that you will try to put into practice something that you learned, but then decide that this wasn't such a good idea after all – or perhaps your ministry colleagues will vote against the idea. This doesn't mean you can't write a good report. Just tell us why you decided against the idea, or why you think the other people in your ministry reacted the way they did, and what you learned from the whole experience.

Please note that these reports must be connected specifically to something you learned in one of your classes and must include analysis and evaluation. General descriptions of disconnected ministry experiences will not fulfill this requirement.