



American Baptist Seminary of the West (ABSW) is seeking a gifted leader to become its next president.

ABSW is a multi-racial Christian seminary with historic ties to the American Baptist Churches USA and maintains a vibrant partnership with The Graduate Theological Union. These relationships create a diverse student body and a rich ecumenical experience with international reach. The Seminary is located in Berkeley, CA within walking distance of the main campus of the University of California. ABSW has a reputation for preparing gifted academic, church, and community leaders who excel in their professional fields, and who are able to fulfill their unique calling while sustaining a keen social awareness and passion for justice.

The successful candidate will be able to build on the Seminary's storied past (it was formed in 1968 by the merger of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School and the California Baptist Theological Seminary) and cast a vision for its ongoing role in the rapidly changing cultures of church, community, and education. The president will need to successfully leverage the opportunities and creatively overcome the challenges presented by our changing economy and boldly lead a diverse faculty, staff, and academic community.

It is the desire of the Board of Trustees that the 7th President of the Seminary begin employment prior to the start of the 2017-2018 academic year. The new president will serve as the Seminary's Chief Executive Officer and will report directly to the Board of Trustees.

Letters of Nomination may be sent, no later than October 1, 2016, to:

Presidential Search Committee
American Baptist Seminary of the West
2606 Dwight Way
Berkeley, CA 94704-3029

Letters of Interest, together with a current CV and five professional references, should be sent to the same address no later than October 15, 2016. Interested persons who have a current ABPS (American Baptist Personnel Services) profile are encouraged to include a copy with their Letter of Interest.