



**ORDINATION AND RECOGNITION CANDIDATES**

*All persons applying for ordination or for recognition by the District Assembly should complete questions 1 through 18.*

1. Do you have a definite call to preach?  Yes  No  
Do you have a definite call to lifetime Christian ministry?  Yes  No  
How long have you had such a call? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Date converted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date sanctified: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Personal testimony: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. If married, have either you or your spouse been divorced?  Yes  No  
Details of said divorce must be submitted to the Board of General Superintendents for their review, in accordance with *Manual* paragraph 320. Are you willing to do so?  Yes  No

5. If married, are you now living with your spouse?  Yes  No  
If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are your spouse and children in good health?  Yes  No If no, state particulars: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Are there physical irregularities in your family that would hinder your ministry?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Does your spouse support you in your commitment to fulfill your calling?  Yes  No  
If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. List your financial debts.

Financial Debt	Amount

10. Are you behind on any debt or obligation?  Yes  No If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. Are you in full sympathy and hearty accord with the standards, doctrines and government of the Church of the Nazarene?  Yes  No

12. If after you have been ordained (or recognized) by the Church of the Nazarene you find you cannot conform to the standards, doctrines, and government of said church or wholeheartedly support the church and its institutions, will you voluntarily surrender your credentials and withdraw from the ministry without charges or trial?  Yes  No
13. Have you read in the Church of the Nazarene *Manual* "The Ministry & Christian Service?"  Yes  No
14. Will you wholeheartedly support the church and its institutions?  Yes  No
15. Members received on profession of faith for past two years \_\_\_\_\_  
 Net Membership Increase \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Decrease \_\_\_\_\_
16. Has your church met its financial obligations? District:  Yes  No  
 Education:  Yes  No  
 General Church:  Yes  No
- If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
17. Number of pastoral calls made annually for the past two years \_\_\_\_\_
18. Do you sense the urgency of Christians being entirely sanctified, and does your ministry result in the sanctification of believers?  Yes  No  
 How many would you estimate were sanctified wholly under your ministry during the past two years?  
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**ORDINATION CANDIDATES ONLY**

*All persons applying for ordination by the District Assembly should complete questions 19 through 22.*

19. Do you plan to give your full time to the ministry?  Yes  No
20. Have you had trouble with any local church of which you were either a pastor or associate pastor?  Yes  No  
 If yes, state particulars: \_\_\_\_\_
21. Year first granted a district minister's license: \_\_\_\_\_ By which district? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Record of Licensed Ministry

Year	Licensed by District	Served as*	Place

\* Evangelist, pastor, teacher, student, other. If other, explain.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 mm/dd/yy

**RECOGNITION OF CREDENTIALS ONLY**

*Ordained ministers from another denomination desiring to have his/her credentials recognized by the Church of the Nazarene should complete questions 23 through 32. Exception: If the minister was originally ordained in the Church of the Nazarene, the process for a current credential is to be “Restored to the Roll.”*

23. Date ordained: \_\_\_\_\_  Ordained Elder  Ordained Deacon

24. Name of church: \_\_\_\_\_

25. Name of district or conference: \_\_\_\_\_

26. What signatures appear on your credentials?

Chairman’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

27. Record of Ministry for Last Seven Years

Year	District or Conference	Served as*	Place

*\* Evangelist, pastor, teacher, student, other. If other, explain.*

28. Did you give full time to the ministry?  Yes  No  
If any additional occupation, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

29. If a pastor, have you had trouble with any church you were pastoring?  Yes  No  
If yes, state particulars: \_\_\_\_\_

30. Are you now in active ministry?  Yes  No  
If no, why? \_\_\_\_\_

31. Explain your reason(s) for joining the Church of the Nazarene. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

32. Have you read in the Church of the Nazarene *Manual* the “Recognition of Ordained Minister’s Orders?”  Yes  No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
mm/dd/yy

**Instructions:** This questionnaire should be provided to the district secretary or the district superintendent at least two weeks in advance of your district assembly. The Ministerial Credentials Board of your district will use it to consider your request for ordination or recognition.

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