

Ordination/Recognition Questionnaire

For Ordination Candidate or Ordained Ministers Requesting Recognition of Credentials

Church of the Nazarene

Instructions: This questionnaire should be provided to the district secretary or the district superintendent at least two weeks prior to your scheduled interview or the deadline set by your district, if earlier. The Ministerial Credentials Board of your district will use it to consider your request for ordination or recognition.

<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate for Ordination <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Candidate <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon Candidate	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Requesting Recognition of Credentials <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Candidate <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon Candidate	Date: _____
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APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 _____ E-mail: _____

 (City/State or Province/Postal Code)
 District: _____ Local Church Membership: _____
 Social Security #: _____ Birth Date: _____ Birthplace: _____
 Marital Status: _____ Date of Marriage: _____
 Spouse's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Birthplace: _____
 Child's Name: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female Birth Date: _____
 Child's Name: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female Birth Date: _____
 Child's Name: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female Birth Date: _____

* For additional children's names and birth dates, please list on a separate piece of paper and attach to this application.

EDUCATION INFORMATION

List all schools attended and degrees earned.

School	Name	Year Graduated	Degree	Major/Minor
High School				
College/University				
Bible College				
Seminary				
Other				

Have you completed a validated Course of Study for licensed ministers? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever been licensed or ordained by the Church of the Nazarene? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list the most recent district that granted you a district license along with the date it was granted or the year of ordination and district on which it took place :

District: _____ Date: _____

ORDINATION AND RECOGNITION CANDIDATES

All persons applying for ordination or for recognition by the District Assembly should complete questions 1 through 19.

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:

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4. Have you been divorced? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Details of said divorce of the applicant must be submitted to the presiding General Superintendent in jurisdiction for their review, in accordance with *Manual* paragraphs 320 & 429.1 (#7, #8).

Have you done so? ☐ Yes ☐ No If these have not been submitted, immediate contact should be made with the District Secretary about it.

5. Has your spouse been divorced? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. If married, are you now living with your spouse? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please explain: _____

7. Are your spouse and children in good health? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, state particulars: _____

8. Are there physical irregularities in your family that would hinder your ministry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: _____

9. Does your spouse support you in your commitment to fulfill your calling? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please explain: _____

10. List your financial debts.

Financial Debt	Amount

11. Are you behind on any debt or obligation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain: _____

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

13. 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

14. Have you read in the Church of the Nazarene *Manual* "The Ministry & Christian Service?"
☐ Yes ☐ No

15. Will you wholeheartedly support the church and its institutions? ☐ Yes ☐ No

16. Members received on profession of faith for the past two years _____
Net Membership Increase _____ Membership Decrease _____

17. Has your church met its financial obligations? District: ☐ Yes ☐ No
General Church: ☐ Yes ☐ No Education: ☐ Yes ☐ No
If no, please explain: _____

18. Number of pastoral calls made annually for the past two years _____

19. 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? _____

ORDINATION CANDIDATES ONLY

All persons applying for ordination by the District Assembly should complete questions 20 through 23.

20. Do you plan to give your full time to the ministry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

21. Have you had trouble with any local church of which you were either a pastor or an associate pastor?
☐ Yes If yes state particulars: ☐ No

22. Year first granted a district minister's license: _____ By which district? _____

23. Record of Licensed Ministry

Year	Licensed by District	Served as *	Place

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

RECOGNITION CANDIDATES ONLY

Ordained ministers from another denomination desiring to have his/her credentials recognized by the Church of the Nazarene should complete questions 23 through 33. **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."*

24. Date ordained: _____ ☐ Ordained Elder ☐ Ordained Deacon

25. Name of church: _____

26. Name of district or conference: _____

27. What signatures appear on your credentials?

Chairman's Name: _____

Secretary's Name: _____

Other: _____

28. Record of Ministry for Last Seven Years

Year	District or Conference	Served as *	Place

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

29. Did you give full time to the ministry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If any additional occupation, explain: _____

30. If a pastor, have you had trouble with any church you were pastoring? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, state particulars: _____

31. Are you now in active ministry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, why? _____

32. Explain your reason(s) for joining the Church of the Nazarene

33. Have you read in the Church of the Nazarene *Manual* the "Recognition of Ordained Minister's Orders"? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____ Date: _____