

**ORDINATION/RECOGNITION QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**For Ordination Candidate or Ordained Minister 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 District Ministerial Credentials Board or Board of Ministry will use it to consider your request for ordination or recognition.

<p><b>Candidate for Ordination</b> Choose one:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Elder Candidate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deacon Candidate</p>	<p><b>Candidate for Recognition of Credentials</b> Choose one:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Elder Candidate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deacon Candidate</p>	<p>Date: _____ / _____ / _____ mm/dd/yyyy</p>
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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Government ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 include with 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 district licensed ministers?  Yes  No

Total number of lifelong learning hours completed this year: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Twenty hours of lifelong learning is the minimum expectation each year, according to *Manual 527.6*.)

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.

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

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

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

- 4a. Have you been divorced?  Yes  No
- 4b. Has your marriage been annulled\*?  Yes  No

\*Note: If the marriage was consummated, the annulment would be treated as a divorce; if it was not consummated, the annulment would not be treated as a possible barrier to ordination.

- 4c. Was the marriage consummated?  Yes  No
- 4d. Have you ever had a legal separation?  Yes  No

Details of said divorce/annulment/legal separation of the applicant must be submitted to the Board of General Superintendents for its review, in accordance with *Manual* paragraphs 320 and 532.1 (#7, #8). "...and provided further that their marriage relationship does not render them ineligible for a district license; and in case of a previous divorce, the recommendation of the District Board of Ministry/District Ministerial Credentials Board along with supporting documents will be given to the Board of General Superintendents, which may remove this as a barrier to pursuing a license."

4e. Have you already submitted the supporting documents?  Yes  No If these details have not been submitted, immediate contact should be made with the District Secretary.

5. Has your spouse been divorced, had an annulment, or a legal separation?  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, please 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" section?  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: \_\_\_\_\_

19a. Do you sense the urgency of Christians being entirely sanctified, and does your ministry result in the sanctification of believers?  Yes  No

19b. 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 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  No If yes, state particulars: \_\_\_\_\_

22. Year first granted a district minister's license: \_\_\_\_\_ By which district: \_\_\_\_\_

23a. Record of Licensed Ministry

Year	Licensed by District	Served as *	Place

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

23b. If currently assigned as an associate pastor (PSV), is the assignment:  full-time?  part-time?

**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 24 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 of Ministers."*

24. Date ordained: \_\_\_\_\_  Elder  Deacon
25. Name of church: \_\_\_\_\_
26. Name of district or conference: \_\_\_\_\_
27. What signatures appear on your credentials?  
 Chairperson's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secretary's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**28. Record of Ministry for Last Seven Years**

<b>Year</b>	<b>District or Conference</b>	<b>Served as *</b>	<b>Place</b>

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

29. Did you give full-time to the ministry?  Yes  No  
 If any additional occupation, please 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 Credentials" section?  Yes  No

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_