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District Superintendents (USA/Canada)

Dear Colleagues:

Greetings today from your Church of the Nazarene Global Ministry Center in Lenexa, Kansas! I trust you are having a good day in ministry and are experiencing God's blessings.

Many of you are aware that in the last year, the General Board was a defendant in a misconduct case involving a local church staff person. Thankfully, we were able to settle out of court.

Part of the settlement involved some non-monetary agreements. One of those agreements was that we would check the names of candidates for local and district minister's licenses against our ministerial database to assure that there are no misconduct issues involving children on our records. It is not likely, but it is possible for persons who have been granted a local or district license in one area of the country to move to another area, and for their "history" to not be transferred with them.

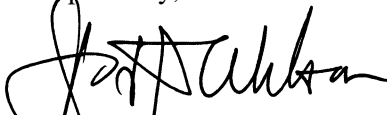
In the settlement, we agreed to review local licensed and first-year district licensed individuals. I am asking you to have your Ministerial Credentials Board (or Board of Ministry) secretary send the names of candidates for first-year district licensed ministers to the General Secretary's office for our review. I would ask that your pastors send to you the names of their current local licensed ministers, and that you also forward that information to the General Secretary's office.

One of my assistants will review each of these names and notify you if there are any concerns. I would ask that you use the form that was included with the email message you have just received to provide this information. This form will be available in the Media Library on nazarene.org.

I strongly recommend that each candidate have a background check done as a **minimum** requirement before obtaining the first local or district license. This will protect the young persons in your congregations as well as the local, district, and general church from potential legal difficulties.

I appreciate all of you so very much. I want to do everything I can as General Secretary to help you be aware of potential legal hotspots. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,



DAVID P. WILSON
General Secretary

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