

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.

Candidate for Ordination Choose one: <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Candidate <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon Candidate	Candidate for Recognition of Credentials Choose one: <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Candidate <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon Candidate	Date: _____ / _____ / _____ mm/dd/yyyy
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APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
Address: _____

(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 530.1 (#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?

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

Year	District or Conference	Served as *	Place

*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:** _____