

The Call – Welcome to the Journey!

With every step of this journey in Christian ministry remember, you are not alone. You join a company of saints and servants, many of whom will encourage, inspire and pray for you along the way. Most importantly, the Holy Spirit of God goes before and behind you. There is no path on this journey where God's grace cannot meet you.

Step One: Clarification of the call

- Talking and praying with spiritual mentors and local church pastor
- Is the call to ministry or vocation? Is the call to Elder (preaching) or Deacon track?

Step Two: Request for Local Minister's License

- Interview with the Local Church Board
 - Spiritual experience (salvation, entire sanctification), Doctrinal understandings, Spiritual formation and disciplines (prayer, Bible reading, etc), Ministry experience (teaching, leadership, witnessing, etc.), Gifts and graces for ministry as well as your spiritual gifts
- Establish prayer partners, begin an assignment for ministry in the church under the supervision of your local pastor, and begin to log your ministry experience
- Enroll with our Board of Ministry Secretary (Jason Riggle), even if enrolled in an educational institution.
- Must have a Local Minister's License for at least one year and completed at least six courses (1/4) in the Course of Study for Ministers as outlined in the *Manual* before the next step
- If candidate or spouse is divorced please contact our District Secretary (Patrick Shay). The divorce must be "removed as a barrier to ordination" by the Board of General Superintendents before the first district license is issued.

Step Three: Request for District Minister's License

- Full and unreserved recommendation from the local church pastor
- Have completed the required studies (6 courses) and reported to Jason Riggle, Board of Ministry Secretary.
- Interview with the local Church Board
 - Review the list above - Full and unreserved recommendation from the Church Board
 - Recommendation submitted to the District Secretary, Patrick Shay.
- Complete the application for District Minister's License by date set by the District
- Request an appointment for interview with the Board of Ministry for the annual meeting
- Recommendation to the District Assembly comes from the Board of Ministry

Step Four: Annual Renewal of District Minister's License

- Completion of at least 2 classes of required studies per year and reported to Jason Riggle
- Full and unreserved recommendation from the pastor and Local Church Board
- Annual renewal meeting with the Board of Ministry annual meeting
- Recommendation for renewal to the District Assembly comes from Board of Ministry

Step Five: Request for Consideration for Ordination

- Graduated from the *Manual* Course of Study for Ministers (This may be different from graduation from one of our schools or colleges)
- Completed the required Practice of Ministry Competencies
- Completed the required years of experience (at least 3 full years) in consecutive years of ministry
- Complete the Ordination/Recognition of Credential Questionnaire by date set by District
- Request an appointment with the Board of Ministry for annual meeting
- Spouse (if applicable) must attend the appointment with the Board of Ministry

Step Six: Ordination

- Requires recommendation from the Board of Ministry, affirmative vote of the District Assembly, and the approval of the General Superintendent in jurisdiction
- Ordination Service is held at the annual District Assembly (July)

Southwest Indiana District Church of the Nazarene

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

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Ministerial Candidates 2023-2024



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ONLINE RESOURCES

www.swidnazarene.org

<http://www.usacanadaregion.org/ministries/global-clergy-development>

<http://www.usacanadaregion.org/education/clergy-education>

Licensing Schedule 2023-2024

DECEMBER 15, 2023

BOARD OF MINISTRY PACKET DUE

All documents should be emailed by deadline to
Rev. Nathan Rogers - nrogers@swidnazarene.org

- [District License Application](#)
- [Scope & Sequence Year #1](#)
- [Church Board Recommendation for District License](#)
- [Ordination/Recognition Questionnaire \(if applicable\)](#)
- [Ministry Candidate Workshop Application & Payment](#)
- [Confidential Information Questionnaire](#)
- [Church Board Recommendation for Candidate Workshop](#)
- Photo of You (and spouse if applicable)
- [Removal of Divorce Barrier Request \(if applicable\)](#)

Download the forms above
from this brochure at

swidnazarene.org/ministryforms

JANUARY 26-27, 2024

MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE WORKSHOP

Location: Country Lake Christian Retreat
815 Country Lake Road
Underwood, IN. 47177

Registration - Friday at 3:30-4:15
Concludes - Saturday at 4:00PM

Cost: \$160 per person (1/2 paid by church)
Only \$80 for spouse

MARCH 2, 2024

BOARD OF MINISTRY DAY #1

Valley Mission Church of the Nazarene
110 Hillcrest Way. Bedford, IN 47421

- Ordination Interviews
- Removal of Divorce Barriers
- Recognition of Credentials

APRIL 13, 2024

BOARD OF MINISTRY DAY #2

Valley Mission Church of the Nazarene
110 Hillcrest Way. Bedford, IN 47421

- District License Interviews

JULY 23, 2024

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & ORDINATION SERVICE

Terre Haute Convention Center

- Recognition of first-time district licenses
- Ordination Service

It is our expectation that district licensed candidates attend all of these functions and complete applications and assignments on time.