**Southwest Indiana District Church of the Nazarene**

**Board of Ministry**

Resources for Licensing and Ordination Interviews

Those who come before the Board of Ministry to apply for a District Minister’s License, or continue to hold a District license, and to be considered for ordination in the Church of the Nazarene will be asked to demonstrate their grasp of subject matter and its application in a wide range of Biblical, theological, historical and practical studies. In an attempt to aid the applicant in communicating in some key areas of understanding, he or she will be asked to do the following:

1. Provide a clear testimony of when you came to Christ, of your experience of entire sanctification, and your call to ministry. Do this in 2-3 minutes.
2. Demonstrate your grasp of the contents of Scripture by giving us a chronology of the story of God’s interaction with man, according to the Bible, starting with Adam and Eve through to the birth of Jesus, including key characters and events. While the “what” is important, you will also connect it to the “why”. Do this in around 5 minutes.
3. Provide clear Biblical instruction, including scripture references and/or quotes, describing how a person can become a Christian.
4. Provide clear Biblical instruction, including scripture references and/or quotes, describing how a person can be entirely sanctified.
5. Demonstrate your grasp of the Articles of Faith of the Church of the Nazarene by being able to name them, describe them, and provide the Scriptural foundation for each of them.

In order to aid the applicant in preparing for his or her interview, the following resources are suggested:

To aid in providing a chronology of God’s interaction with man (item 2 above)

1. Read through the Old Testament
2. Pages 416-432 of Exploring the Old Testament, edited by WT Purkiser and available at Nazarene Publishing House (NPH.com) and at Amazon.com, provides a chronological table of Old Testament history.
3. Refer to material found in the module coursework in the Nazarene Course of Study for Ministers on Telling the Old Testament Story of God.

To aid in describing how a person can become a Christian (item 3 above)

1. Refer to the Course of Study module/coursework on Evangelism
2. Pertinent passages of Scripture include: Proverbs 14:12; James 2:10; Romans 3:23, 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:24-25; John 3:16, 6:47, 14:6, 19:30; 1 Peter 2:24-25; Isaiah 53:6; Acts 16:31; 1 John 1:9; Revelation 3:20

To aid in describing how a person can be entirely sanctified (item 4 above)

1. Refer to the Course of Study module/coursework in the courses Becoming a Holy People, Exploring John Wesley’s Theology and Investigating Christian Theology I and II
2. Pertinent passages of Scripture include
   1. The call to holiness- 1 Thess. 4:3, 7-9; 1 Peter 1:15-16
   2. The concern for holiness- Luke 11:5-10 and 13, 24:49; Acts 1:14
   3. Consecration- Matt. 6:33; Romans 6:13 and 19, 12:1
   4. Claiming- Acts 26:17-19; 1 Thess. 5:23-24; Galatians 3:2 and 14, Romans 4:19-21
   5. Cleansing- Ezekiel 36:25-27; 1 John 1:7, 2:1-6; Titus 2:12-14

To aid in demonstrating your grasp of the Articles of Faith of the Church of the Nazarene the following resources are suggested:

1. Manual of the Church of the Nazarene, Articles of Faith
2. Articles of Faith What Nazarenes Believe and Why, by Gay Leonard. Available from Nazarene Publishing House
3. Articles of Faith StudyMap

* Printable StudyMap:

<https://www.whdl.org/sites/default/files/media/ArticlesOfFaithEnglish.jpg>

* StudyMap with guide (although the guide alludes to an earlier Manual,the material is helpful in describing the Articles of Faith): <http://www.studymaps.org/files/pdfs/GuideArticlesOfFaithEnglish.pdf>.
* StudyMap app available on Google Play for Android and in the App Store for iOS mobile platforms. Search for AOF StudyMap.