

Recommendation for Granting/Renewal of a District Ministers License to District Assembly

(to be completed annually for the district licensed ministers)

The local church carries a vital role in the process of licensing ministers. A minister cannot receive a District Minister's License without the recommendation of the pastor and church board (or District Advisory Board in the case of a District Licensed Minister serving as the pastor). The recommendation of the local church pastor and board is invaluable to the Ministerial Credentials Board. It is in the context of the local church where the minister lives his or her life and exercises their gifts for ministry.

While there are many areas that a local church may wish to examine, the questions below are of particular interest to the Michigan District Ministerial Credential's Board. Thoughtful consideration of the following questions is greatly appreciated. Please know, any information provided below will be held in the strictest confidence.

Name of Candidate _____

Name of Church _____

Does the candidate have a clear testimony of salvation? Yes ___ No ___

Does the candidate have a clear testimony of sanctification? Yes ___ No ___

Is the candidate loyal to the local church body and amenable to leadership? Yes ___ No ___

Does the candidate understand and accept the doctrine and polity of the Church of the Nazarene? Yes ___ No ___

Does the candidate demonstrate loyalty to the Church of the Nazarene? Yes ___ No ___

Does the candidate participate in district and/or denominational ministries? Yes ___ No ___

Is the candidate a faithful tither? Yes ___ No ___

Is the candidate's character reflective of a holy life? Yes ___ No ___

In your judgement, does the candidate have a clear call of God? Yes ___ No ___

If any explanation is needed for the above questions, please provide additional information at the end of this form or on an attached sheet.

How has the candidate demonstrated his or her call to ministry during this past year?

Is there any additional information that the Ministerial Credentials Board needs to know?

Additional Comments:

If the candidate is currently serving in a Part-Time role (either paid or un-paid) how many estimated hours will the candidate serve in ministry this current church year?
(In order to be considered Full-Time, one must work 30+ hours per week & earn at least 51% of their income from the church.)

_____ x _____ = _____
(Weekly Hours) (Number of Weeks) (Annual Hours)

The Church Board of the _____

Recommends _____ to the Ministerial Credentials Board for

- ___ First District Minister's License
- ___ Renewal of District Minister's License
- ___ Renewal of Deaconess' License
- ___ Renewal of Director of Christian Education License

Ministry Role Certification (Manual 402-423)

CED – Christian Education Minister

EDU – Education (employed to serve on the administrative staff or faculty of one of the educational institutions of the Church of the Nazarene)

EVR – Evangelist, Registered (is devoted to traveling and preaching the gospel as his or her primary ministry, promoting revivals and spreading the gospel abroad in the land)

MIS – Missionary (appointed by the General Board to minister for the church through the World Mission/Evangelism Committee or through the USA/Canada Mission/Evangelism Committee or through the USA/Canada Mission/Evangelism Committee)

PSV-FT – Pastoral Service Full-Time

PSV-PT – Pastoral Service Part-Time (associate pastor, performing pastoral service in connection with a church, in specialized areas of ministry recognized and approved by the appropriate governing, licensing and endorsing agencies)

SER – Song Evangelist, Registered (devotes the major portion of his or her time to the ministry of evangelism through music as his or her primary assignment)

SPC – Special Service/Interdenominational (in active service in a manner not otherwise provided for, which must be approved by the district assembly upon recommendation by the District Advisory Board and/or the Ministerial Credentials Board)

STU – Student

U – Unassigned

Review the minimal requirements for ordination (*Manual* 428.3, 429.3) and also the procedures for formalization of relationship, either paid or unpaid. (*Manual* 160-60.3) This is important for establishing and maintaining the candidate’s history of ministry.

If a designation other than “STU” or “U” is indicated above, describe the formal relationship that exists with the candidate, as approved by the church board and the district superintendent.

We certify that the candidate named above has fulfilled all the requirements for such a request. By vote of the board on this (date) _____ and by receipt of a letter of permission from the district superintendent this (date) _____.

Signature of Pastor: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Board Secretary: _____ **Date:** _____