

CHECKLIST FOR LOCAL CHURCH BOARD INTERVIEWS OF CANDIDATES SEEKING **FIRST** LOCAL MINISTER'S LICENSE

Church Board action to grant a Local Minister's License is permitted only upon recommendation by the pastor and, when the pastor is not an elder in the Church of the Nazarene, upon prior approval of the pastor's recommendation by the district superintendent (*Manual* 531.1, 3). If the candidate is serving as a supply pastor, read the section at the end of this form before proceeding with the interview.

Name of Candidate: _____ Date of Board Interview _____

	YES	NO
1. Has the candidate read Part II, III, 500-502.6, and 531-531.7 of the <i>2017-2021 Manual</i> of the Church of the Nazarene?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the candidate have a clear testimony of salvation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Does the candidate testify to being sanctified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Does the candidate witness to a sense of being called of God to a life of ministerial service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Does the candidate understand and accept the doctrine and polity of the Church of the Nazarene?*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the candidate active in local church ministry? **	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Is the candidate responsive to pastoral and local church leadership?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Does the candidate's spouse appear supportive of the candidate's calling?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Is the candidate a faithful tither?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Does the candidate demonstrate financial responsibility, such as being current on all debts and obligations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. In your judgment, does the candidate demonstrate		
• An ability to relate well with others?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• A teachable spirit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Patterns of servanthood?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Gifts and graces for ministry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. In what ways is the candidate's spiritual growth, emotional health, and understanding of ministry evident?		

COMMENTS (use additional sheets as required):

	YES	NO
Criminal background check completed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Request for Verification of Credential History submitted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local License issued?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signatures: _____

Pastor

Church Board Secretary

*Depending on age and background, candidates for a Local Minister's License will exhibit various levels of understanding of Nazarene doctrine and polity. Assuming the candidate possesses a posture of support of Nazarene doctrine and polity, licensing anticipates growth in this area.

**Local Church ministry may be ministry in some other local church. This is often the case if the candidate is a college student.

IF THE CANDIDATE FOR LOCAL MINISTER'S LICENSE IS A SUPPLY PASTOR . . .

In the event the candidate is serving as supply pastor of his or her own local church, issuing or renewing a local minister's license is the sole responsibility of the district superintendent and the district advisory board (*Manual* renewal).