

Applicant Insights– 1st Year, 1st time in NEO and Ordination

Please send a copy of your completed form to the District Office (neokdistrict@neokdistrict.com or 6705 E. 81st St, Suite 130, Tulsa, 74133)

Full Name: _____ Current Assembly Year: _____

Please answer the following questions so that the Ministerial Development Board can track your growth in grace and your understanding of the church and your call. Brief, but thorough, answers will provide a basis for your interview.

1. Read Manual paragraph numbers 503 – 528.2, “**Categories and Roles of Ministry**”. Define your call to ministry and indicate which category describes where you sense the Lord leading you.
2. What led you to choose the Church of the Nazarene for the exercising of your ministry?
3. What’s your understanding of the position of the Church of the Nazarene regarding “**sanctification**”?
4. Read again the Covenant of Christian Character (Manual paragraph 21 – 21.3) and the Covenant of Christian Conduct (Manual paragraph 28 - 34). How do we differ from the position of other Evangelical Churches? Are you in full agreement with the standards of the Church of the Nazarene?
5. What is your understanding of the government (polity) of the Church of the Nazarene? How does it compare to other forms or styles of church polity?
6. Understanding that fruitfulness is a confirmation of the call to ministry, what evidences are present in your ministry? Please be specific.

7. Please explain how the external budget process (those budgets assessed by the district and general church) is established. Why is it necessary for the pastor to take an active role assuring budget payment?

8. To be sure you understand how the money is used, please tell us what the money goes for and why it is important that each of the following be paid in full each year?
 - a) World Evangelism Fund

 - b) Pensions and Benefits Budget

 - c) Education Budget

 - d) District and Departmental Budget (SS, NYI, NMI)

9. Describe your mate's attitude toward, and understanding of, their role in ministry.

10. Describe your perception of your mate's role in your present and your future ministry.

11. How would you characterize your home life?

12. What are some of the pressure points you are facing at this time? (i.e. communication, children, finances, illness...)

13. How is Christ making a difference in your life since you have been Entirely Sanctified?

14. A good reputation and wholesome relationships are important for those in pastoral ministry to be effective in the Kingdom of God. Discuss the following regarding your relationships and reputation:
- a) Local Church

 - b) Church Board

 - c) Your Family

 - d) Members of the Opposite Sex

 - e) Credit Buying

 - f) Your Community

 - g) Clergy (within our denomination and outside of it)
15. What steps are you taking to safeguard yourself in areas of personal vulnerability? (Physically, emotionally, sexually, spiritually...)
16. List your financial debts and tell us if you are current in all debt payments and obligations.
17. Are you and your family in good health? If not, state particulars.
18. Is there any reason why you might not be seriously considered for ordination?
19. Is there anything that you would like to discuss with the Ministerial Development Board this year?

Signed: _____

Date: _____