

**APPLICATION FOR LOCAL MINISTER'S LICENSE  
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

**First-time Local License**

**Renewal Local License**

Candidate Name:			Birthdate:		
Home Address					
Cell Phone #:			Email:		
If Married, name of Spouse:				Year Married	[     ]
Do you currently hold a Local Minister's License?	[   ] Yes	[   ] No	Year Granted: [     ]	If No, last year held:	[     ]
If yes, name of local church issuing your current local license?					

***Please answer the following questions with full answers, where requested.***

1. Describe your conversion.
  
2. Describe your experience of entire sanctification.
  
3. Describe your call into the ministry.
  
4. Does your spouse support your calling to the ministry? [   ] Yes [   ] No [   ] Does not apply  
*If No; explain:*
  
5. Do you feel God may be calling you to full-time ordained ministry? [   ] Yes [   ] No [   ] Unsure
  
6. Is there a particular ministry role you believe God is leading you to pursue (i.e. pastor, evangelist, missionary, other)? [   ] Yes [   ] Not at this time  
*If Yes, please comment:*
  
7. Describe your involvement in ministering to others up to this point in time and ways it seems God has enabled you in such ministry?

8. Are you now, or have you ever been, involved in a court case where charges were brought against you?  Yes  No

*If Yes, please explain.*

9. Have you ever been divorced?  Yes  No

*If YES, please read explanation below\*\**

10. Are you current on all debts?  Yes  No

*If No, please explain:*

11. Describe ways you demonstrate financial responsibility:

12. Describe your current practices in the giving of tithes and offerings.

13. Having read the Church Constitution (pages 26-43), the Covenant of Christian Conduct (pages 46-61), and paragraphs 500-502.6, 531-531.7 of the *Church of the Nazarene Manual 2017-2021*, do you find you are in harmony with the doctrine, polity, and practices of the Church of the Nazarene?

Yes  No

*Please note any questions or differences:*

14. If granted a Local Minister's License, will you faithfully follow the guidance of your pastor and avail yourself of opportunities to serve the church?  Yes  No

*If No; please explain:*

15. If granted a Local Minister's License, will you diligently prepare for ministerial service by following the Course of Study\* prescribed by the Church of the Nazarene?  Yes  No

*If No; please explain:*

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\*\*Explanation regarding Divorce and licensing:

The Church of the Nazarene upholds the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman as a sacred bond. Divorce breaks that bond and is a sinful response to the intent and plan of God. However, the Church also realizes that divorce is sometimes unavoidable. For one called to ministry, divorce is a barrier to district licensing and future ordination. A local license may be issued to a candidate with a divorce because the local license grants no actual ministerial authority. However, as the candidate moves through the process, but before a first-time district license is considered, the divorce barrier must be removed. The candidate should consult with their local pastor and make contact with the District Secretary, who shall give direction as to the procedure required.

**RELEASE PERMISSION**

I attest the above information is true and accurate. I also acknowledge that consideration for a Local Minister's License is contingent, in part, upon the completion of a background check on me for the purpose of informing the General Church, its district leaders or its boards, and my local church pastor and leaders as to my fitness for ministry. I also understand my history, if any, of previous credentialing in the Church of the Nazarene will be reviewed upon my submission of this application. Pending issuance of a Local Minister's License, I further agree to provide information deemed relevant by the local church board, district superintendent or district boards with respect to my progress in and completion of the Course of Study requirements.

**Signature of Applicant:**

**Date:**

Please return this application to the pastor of your local church. (Keep a copy for your records)

\*See *Guide to Ministerial Preparation and Ordination* (<http://www.nazarene.org/licensing-and-ordination>). Particularly in the case of candidates who are under age 18, the provisions of *Manual* 531.4 may apply.