

Shepherd to Shepherd

“Stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord” Micah 5:4

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From My Heart to Yours

Steps to Issuing a Local License

(With appreciation to Rev. Greg Pressley, District Secretary)

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Hunger for God



Leadership
Development



Fruitfulness



Issuing a local license is the first step in the journey for an individual that has expressed a call to ministry. However, it's important to remember that this is not just a journey for the individual, but a partnership between an individual and the church. The steps below will help guide you through this process.

Step One: The pastor should encourage the candidate to read Part II, Part III, Part IV, 400-401.6, 500-502.6, and 903-903.18 in the 2013-2017 *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene and become familiar with the *Guide to Ministerial Preparation and Ordination*. This document can be downloaded at:

<http://www.nazarene.org/sites/default/files/docs/Clergy/GuideToMinisterialPrepAndOrdination.pdf>

Step Two: The candidate completes the “Application for a Local Minister’s License” and submits a copy to the local church pastor. Download the application at:

http://www.usacanadaregion.org/images/Application_for_Local_Minister.pdf

Step Three: The local church pastor interviews the candidate regarding his or her gifts and graces for ministry and his or her call to ministry, as well as outlining the responsibilities of being a local minister (*Manual* 514.11). It is recommended the spouse be included in the interview. Download the interview guidelines at:

http://www.usacanadaregion.org/images/Interview_Guidelines_Local_License.pdf

Step Four: If the local church pastor finds the candidate has met the requirements for a local minister’s license, the pastor will schedule a candidate interview with the local church board recommending the issuance of a local minister’s license. It is recommended the spouse be included in the interview.

Step Five: The REQUEST FOR VERIFICATION OF CREDENTIAL HISTORY must be filled out and sent to the district secretary. Download the Verification of Credential History form at:

http://www.usacanadaregion.org/images/Verification_CredentialHistoryRequest_fillableForm_2016-11.pdf

Step Six: Recommended: The local church is urged to run a criminal background check on all first-time Local Minister’s License applicants. You can contact the district secretary about organizations that provide background checks.

Step Seven: The local church board interviews the candidate using the candidate’s “Application” and the “Interview Guidelines for a Local Minister’s License.” The “Guidelines” form should be completed as the interview is conducted. It is recommended the spouse be included in the interview.

Step Eight: After the interview is completed, the candidate is dismissed from the meeting. The local church board discusses the interview and votes whether or not to issue a local minister’s license (*Manual* 129.12, 503.3, 529.1).

Step Nine: Upon favorable local church board vote, a local minister’s license is issued for a period of one year (*Manual* 129.12, 529.1). The local license is now ordered online at:

<http://www.usacanadaregion.org/local-license/106-webform/692-1315-721-request-for-local-minister-s-license>

Step Ten: Upon favorable local church board vote, the local church pastor mails a copy of the completed “Interview Guidelines” to the district secretary along with a copy of the local church board’s written recommendation.

Step Eleven: The local church pastor enrolls the licensee with the District Ministerial Studies Board (DMSB) (*Manual* 231.1), who will advise the candidate on the appropriate validated course of study to begin.

Step Twelve: It is recommended that the license be presented in a public service by the local church pastor.

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The South Carolina District Church of the Nazarene exists to:

- start churches
- strengthen churches
- develop leaders

Bits-N-Pieces

PRAYER REQUESTS: Rev. Dewey Wise (former SC pastor) and family at the passing of his wife, Willadean; Carole Howard (spouse of DAB member Ron Howard) recently hospitalized; Rachel Harmon Geoppinger (daughter of West Columbia First pastor Bill and Kristi Harmon), recovering from serious surgery in England; Pastor Buck Lathan (York) recovering from a surgical procedure; Rev. Jackie Richardson (retired) recently hospitalized; Rev. John Sanders (retired) diagnosed with cancer; Dr. Jim Bearden (former SC DS); NewStart Church Planters and NewStart Church Sponsors; Awakening movement of the Holy Spirit on the South Carolina District; Progress toward the 2020 Vision (100 vibrant churches) for South Carolina; Vibrant Church Initiative (VCI)

NEWS ACROSS THE DISTRICT

TRANSITIONS:

- **Carolinas School of Ministry (CSM):** Rev. Scott Crandall has been elected as director of Carolinas School of Ministry, effective March 12, 2018. He will succeed Dr. Larry Wagner, who has announced his retirement.
- **Hartsville First:** Rev. Mike Smith has resigned, effective November 19, 2018. Dr. Jim Stocks will be serving as interim pastor.
- **Manning New Start Community:** Dr. Jim Thrower is serving as interim pastor.
- **Simpsonville LifeSpring Community:** Rev. Terry Weyman and the Greenville First staff are serving as interim pastor.
- **Midland Valley Community:** Nolan Meyer (Brooke) has accepted the call to serve as full-time Sports & Young Adult Ministries Director.

Rev. **Vilma Horne** celebrated her 90th birthday on November 13. Belated cards of congratulations can be sent to: 1307 Manning Road, Sumter, SC 29150

Rock Hill Trinity celebrated their 75th anniversary on November 5, 2017.

Rev. **Jayne Himmelwright** has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Ministry which occurred with the resignation of Rev. Dale Turner. The term expires 2018.

Congratulations to **Pastor Allan Rashford** and the **Charleston Sea Islands International Community** church board on a positive 13-year review.

2017-2018 VCI Churches Chosen

The following pastors/churches have been selected to participate in this year's **Vibrant Church Initiative (VCI)** on the South Carolina District:

- West Columbia First: Pastor Bill Harmon
- Sumter First: Pastor Greg Pressley
- Batesburg: Pastor Libby Newman
- Myrtle Beach - The Connection: Pastor Will Harvey

VCI involves the selection of a local church VCI Team, Community Demographic Research, local church Assessment Survey, site visits, and an Action Plan/Strategy Day.

EVENTS TO SHAPE MINISTRY

Register your Lifelong Learning hours at: <https://learning.nazarene.org/>

December 4, 2017

District Christmas Banquet
Venue: West Columbia Central (1 LL hour)

January 11-14, 2018

District Ministry Team Retreat
Presenter: Dr. Stan Reeder, Oregon Pacific DS
Venue: Myrtle Beach Resort at Grande Dunes - Marriott (3 LL hrs.)

April 12-15, 2018

Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference
Estes Park, Colorado; www.whwomenclergy.org

TNU PALCON has been rescheduled for 2020.

Resources for Pastors

We are excited to announce the grand opening of **Sabbath Inn**, the South Carolina District Ministers' Cottage located on the district campground. Sabbath Inn was built to provide a place for rest, reflection, and rejuvenation for ministers and their immediate families on the South Carolina District. Any minister (ordained or district licensed and actively serving in a local assignment) or SC evangelist can reserve the cottage for up to three nights a year. Pastors may make online reservations at <http://southcarolinanazarene.org/sabbath-inn.php>. The first reservation availability is December 1.

The 2017 **Thank Offering for the World Evangelism Fund** is quickly approaching. This annual offering is critical to the Church of the Nazarene's mission to *make Christlike disciples in the nations*. The global offering date is November 19, 2017. For questions about the offering, please contact Stewardship Ministries at 1-800-544-8413 or stewardship@nazarene.org.

The new film, **Phineas Bresee: Pastor to the People**, produced by the USA/Canada Region Church of the Nazarene and *Grace & Peace Magazine*, is now available online. You have full permission to follow the link and display this film in private and public gatherings. You can download or watch the film at <http://www.usacanadaregion.org/bresee-film>. Many churches and small groups will want to use this film for newcomers to the Church of the Nazarene. This 50-minute presentation will be a tool for education and discipleship for all age groups. Newcomers to the church, as well as those who have spent their lives serving Christ through the Church of the Nazarene, will find informative and inspiring points of connection.

UW Sports Ministry is a non-denominational sports ministry, headquartered here in South Carolina, that works with evangelical churches across the United States. Their mission is to be an equipping ministry that enhances the vision of the church by providing sports related resources for the effective communication of the gospel. They specialize in a summer sports camp strategy that has all the ministry elements of a vacation bible school. Their president, Tim Conrad, can be contacted at 843-540-3281 or you can visit their website at www.uwsportsministry.org.