

Anaheim District Board of Ministry

Questionnaire for 2024 Interviews

Welcome to the Anaheim District Board of Ministry licensing process. We are delighted that you journeyed with us. We look forward to the upcoming interview with you, and we pray that we can help you in discerning the call to serve Christ and his church. You will find below a series of questions we want you to answer in preparation for your interview. The questions are drawn from the core duties of ordained clergy, both elders and deacons.

Please answer these questions as fully as you are able. Generally, we expect 250-500 words per answer, but be clear, concise, and demonstrate proficiency. Also, should be both professionally clear to another minister, but also understandable by a knowledgeable and attentive layperson. We will review these answers carefully in preparation for your interview date. **We do understand that this is a process, so do not feel that your answers to these questions now will be as you might answer them as you grow in grace and knowledge.** We are interested in knowing where you are on this journey. Please answer all questions with transparency and integrity. Also, this questionnaire is in addition to the license application form you will fill out. We are praying for you!

Call, Worship, and Spiritual Formation

1. How do you practice prayer in your life and ministry? Do you have a pattern or favorite way of praying?
2. In what ways do you support the ministry of prayer in your local church?
3. What is a sacrament? What sacraments are practiced in the Church of the Nazarene?
4. Christian worship has an essential shape and pattern to it through time and different cultures. What are the essential movements/activities of worship?
5. Is pornography a challenge to your ministry? What steps do you take to prevent engaging in pornography?

Doctrine and Scripture

1. What does the Church of the Nazarene believe about scripture, specifically from Article 4 of the Articles of Faith?
2. What is the Agreed Statement of Belief in Manual paragraph 20-20.8? What is its purpose?
3. What is entire sanctification? What scriptural foundations can you provide for this doctrine? What is the role of entire sanctification in Christian discipleship?
4. What is the doctrine of justification by grace through faith?
5. If you were to preach on 1 John 1:5-10, show what you understand this passage to mean, and outline the argument. What resources, commentaries, etc., would you use for this?

Ministry Practices

1. If you are currently serving as a pastor, outline a typical week of ministry for you. If you are not serving in that role, what do you imagine are key essentials to the work of a pastor in a typical week?
2. Caring for persons at the end of their lives is very important ministry. What practices and resources are you aware of to assist you in end of life ministry?
3. How do you deal with conflict? What is your approach?
4. Why is it necessary for pastors to be engaged in care for the poor?