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## ADDRESS

We recommend this book, the *Manual*, to our people for careful and conscientious study, as it contains the doctrines and laws of our church. In the study of this book you will find a short history of the origin and growth of the church, a clear and concise statement of doctrine, and the laws by which we consent to be governed—all of which have been simply and conveniently arranged.

This *Manual* has been formed by representative bodies of godly and consecrated men and women sitting in General Assembly, who have carefully and prayerfully sought the promotion of the kingdom of God, without regard to personal interests, which fact gives weight to the contents of this volume.

The study of this *Manual* and of the *Manuals* published by other General Assemblies will reveal the fact that no changes have been made in our doctrines at any time. We sincerely hope and believe that none will ever be made, as these doctrines are founded upon the revealed Word, which abides unchangeable for ever.

You will discover that a few minor changes have been made by the Seventh General Assembly in the laws of the church, changes deemed wise and profitable after four years of practical experience in the

operation of the church under the laws passed by the preceding General Assembly. The fundamental principles of our government remain the same. The laws founded upon these principles may from time to time undergo adjustments, but the principles underlying these laws must ever be the same. In polity we are neither purely episcopal nor wholly congregational; but we are representative in form of government, giving the laity and ministry equal authority in all deliberative bodies.

Our church has an evident and well defined commission from God, namely to propagate the gospel throughout the world, seeking the conversion of sinners, the reclamation of backsliders, the sanctification of believers, especially emphasizing the precious doctrine of full salvation. We have an objective, but this objective is not to have an existence merely for the sake of an existence. Our purpose lies outside of ourselves. It is to evangelize and conserve the results obtained. This we believe can be done best through a well organized church movement. It is true, holiness does not need to be organized; but it can be promoted and conserved effectively only through organization.

We sincerely urge our people everywhere to study the doctrines and laws contained in this book until they become thoroughly acquainted with them—that the principles contained herein may master their affections and be a foundation for their conduct. We urge loyalty to our principles, interests, and institutions. Study of our laws and doctrines

will create love for them, and love will result in genuine loyalty and faithfulness. Love and loyalty will greatly increase our efficiency and usefulness under the leadership of the Holy Ghost. Solidarity of support and effort in service with faith in God will yield gracious returns this quadrennium.

With loyalty to His cause, and faith in Jesus Christ,

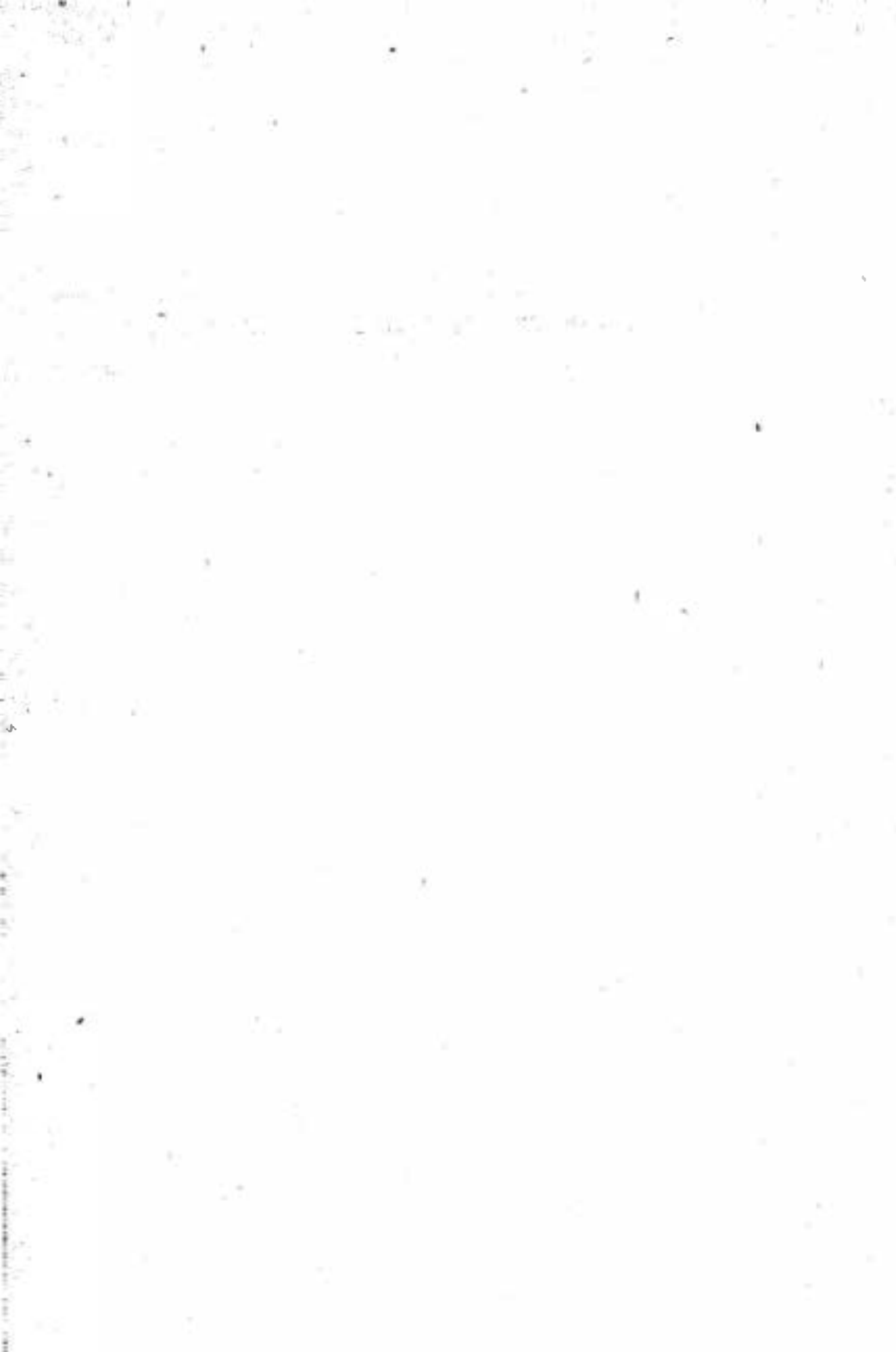
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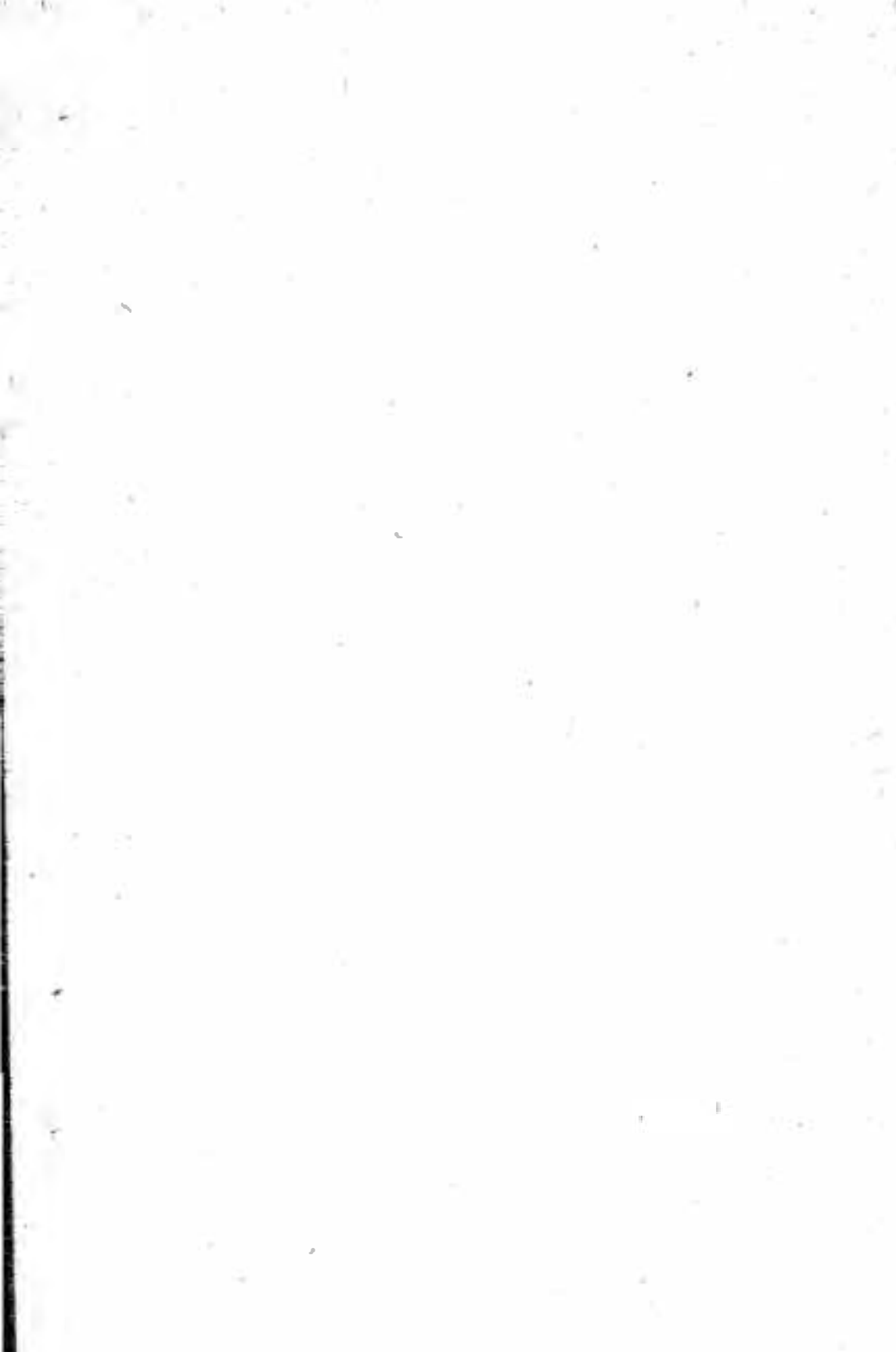
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**PART I**  
**HISTORICAL STATEMENT**



## HISTORICAL STATEMENT

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¶ 1. Near the close of the nineteenth century, a movement for the spread and conservation of scriptural holiness, corresponding somewhat to that historically known as the Wesleyan revival of the previous century, developed, almost simultaneously, in various parts of the United States—everywhere with a spontaneous drawing, in the unity of the Spirit, toward closer affiliation of those of like precious faith, and finally culminating in the organization of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

The great impulse of this movement has been the emphasis placed by the Scriptures upon the fact that, in the atonement, Jesus Christ has made provision not only to save men from their sins, but also to perfect them in love.

¶ 2. In January, 1894, William Howard Hoople, a business man in New York City, founded a mission in Brooklyn, which, in the following May, was organized as an independent church, with a membership of thirty-two, and called "Utica Avenue Pentecostal Tabernacle." A church edifice was afterward erected, and Mr. Hoople was called to the pastorate. The following February the Bedford Avenue Pentecostal Church was organized, in an abandoned church building, and a little later, the Emmanuel Pentecostal Tabernacle. In December,

1895, delegates from these three churches formed the "Association of Pentecostal Churches of America," adopting a constitution, a summary of doctrines, and by-laws. This association was duly incorporated. Associated with Rev. William Howard Hoople in this work were Rev. H. B. Hosley, Rev. John Norberry, Rev. Charles BeVier, and Rev. H. F. Reynolds.

¶ 3. In the meantime, several independent churches had been organized for the same purpose in New England, and a ministerial organization had been effected, known as the Central Evangelical Holiness Association. Prominently connected with this work were Rev. F. A. Hillery, Rev. C. Howard Davis, and Rev. F. L. Sprague. In November, 1896, upon invitation of the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America, a joint committee of these two associations and other independent churches met in the city of Brooklyn, New York. This meeting resulted in several of these churches uniting with the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America.

¶ 4. In October, 1895, a number of persons, under the leadership of Rev. Phineas F. Bresee, D.D., and Rev. J. P. Widney, LL.D., formed the First Church of the Nazarene, at Los Angeles, California, with one hundred and thirty-five charter members. They adopted statements of belief, and agreed to such general rules as seemed proper and needful for their immediate guidance, leaving to the future the making of such provisions as the work

and its conditions might necessitate. As a result of this organization, a number of churches sprang into existence, reaching as far east as Chicago.

¶5. As these two bodies came to know more of each other, it was felt that they should unite; and, after consultation by delegates from one body to the other, the following basis of union was prepared and unanimously adopted by both bodies. The first union Assembly was held in Chicago, in October, 1907.

#### ¶6. BASIS OF UNION

It is agreed that the two churches are one in the doctrines considered essential to salvation, especially the doctrines of justification by faith and entire sanctification subsequent to justification, also by faith, and, as a result, the precious experience of entire sanctification as a normal condition of the churches. Both churches recognize that the right of church membership rests upon experience; and that persons who have been born of the Spirit are entitled to its privileges.

We are agreed on the necessity of a superintendency, which shall foster and care for churches already established, and whose duty it shall be to organize and encourage the organizing of churches everywhere.

We are agreed that authority given to superintendents shall not interfere with the independent action of a fully organized church, each church enjoying the right of selecting its own pastor, subject to such approval as the General Assembly shall find wise to institute; the election of delegates to the various assemblies; the management of their own finances; and of all other things pertaining to their local life and work.

It is agreed that any church of the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America going into this organization which may feel it imperative with them to continue to

hold their property in like manner as at present, shall be at liberty to do so.

It was agreed that the name of the united body should be, "The Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene."

¶ 7. In 1894, the first organization of the New Testament Church of Christ was effected by Rev. R. L. Harris, at Milan, Tennessee, with fourteen members. This church was deemed necessary to conserve the work of holiness, and soon spread throughout Western Texas and Arkansas. Prominent among the leaders was Mrs. Mary Lee Harris (*now* Mrs. Cagle), the wife of Rev. R. L. Harris, who took up the work after the death of her husband.

¶ 8. In 1898, the first holiness churches were organized in Texas, by Rev. Thomas Rogers and Rev. Dennis Rogers, who came from California.

¶ 9. In 1900, the first Independent Holiness Church was organized, by Rev. C. B. Jernigan, at Van Alstyne, Texas, and the denomination grew and prospered until, in 1903; there were twenty church organizations.

¶ 10. In 1904, at Rising Star, Texas, the Independent Holiness Church and the New Testament Church of Christ were united in one body, called the Holiness Church of Christ.

¶ 11. At the General Assembly of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, at Chicago, in 1907, in response to an invitation, several persons were present from the Holiness Church of Christ. Some



of these were appointed to attend; but were not authorized to take any action with reference to organic union. The Assembly invited them into counsel, and provisional arrangements were made for incorporating this Church into the general body, upon proper action on their part; and this was finally consummated in the meeting of the General Assembly, at Pilot Point, Texas, October 8, 1908.

¶ 12. In the year 1898, Rev. J. O. McCiurkan and a few of God's children called a meeting of the holiness people of Tennessee and adjacent states to be held in Nashville. At this convention an association was formed known as the Pentecostal Alliance, which name was afterward changed to the Pentecostal Mission. From the beginning these people were evangelistic in spirit, having a burning desire to disseminate the doctrine and experience of sanctification; hence there came together in different sections of the Southland groups of holiness people, known as bands of the Pentecostal Mission. They were decidedly missionary in spirit, and soon were sending their representatives to "the regions beyond." Throughout their career they have been characterized by this missionary zeal.

At different times the question of the union of the Pentecostal Mission with the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene had been discussed, and on February 13, 1915, this union was effected at Nashville, Tennessee, thus uniting both the home and the foreign work of the Pentecostal Mission and the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

¶ 13. In November, 1901, the first stage in the present holiness church movement in the British Isles began, when the Rev. George Sharpe, who had been for thirteen and one-half years a preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, accepted a call to the Congregational Church at Ardrossan, Scotland. In September, 1905, he was accepted as the minister of Parkhead Congregational Church, Glasgow, where, after a strenuous, successful, and glorious ministry of thirteen months, he was evicted for preaching Bible holiness.

On September 30, 1906, the first services of the first distinctively holiness church were held in the Great Eastern Roads Hall, Glasgow. The charter members numbered eighty. Other churches were organized and became the Pentecostal Church of Scotland. Visits of Dr. E. F. Walker and Dr. H. F. Reynolds to Scotland, and a visit of Rev. George Sharpe and Mrs. Sharpe to the Fourth General Assembly, at Kansas City, Missouri, led the way to union with the Church of the Nazarene, which was consummated in November, 1915.

¶ 14. The General Assembly of 1919, in response to memorials from thirty-five District Assemblies, changed the name of the organization to "Church of the Nazarene."

**PART II**  
**DOCTRINE**

- I. ARTICLES OF FAITH**
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## CHAPTER I

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

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**Q 15.** As Christians associated together for fellowship and service in the Church of the Nazarene—that there may be no harmful and divisive difference of belief, to the injury of any, or the disturbance of the harmony and peace of the church, but that we may all be of “the same mind and the same judgment,” so that “with one mind and one voice we may glorify God,” edify His people, and give Christian testimony to the world—we formulate the following enlarged statement of doctrine:

#### I. *The Triune God*

**Q 16.** We believe in one eternally existent, infinite God, Sovereign of the universe. That He only is God, creative and administrative, holy in nature, attributes, and purpose. That He, as God, is Triune in essential being, revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

#### II. *Jesus Christ*

**Q 17.** We believe in Jesus Christ, the second person of the Triune Godhead; that He was eternally one with the Father; that He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary, so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say the Godhead and manhood, are thus

united in one person very God and very man, the God-man.

We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins, and that He truly arose from the dead and took again His body, together with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature, wherewith He ascended into heaven and is there engaged in intercession for us.

### III. *The Holy Spirit*

¶ 18. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Triune Godhead, that He is ever present and efficiently active in and with the Church of Christ, convincing the world of sin, regenerating those who repent and believe, sanctifying believers, and guiding into all truth as it is in Jesus.

### IV. *The Holy Scriptures*

¶ 19. We believe in the plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures by which we understand the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, given by divine inspiration, inerrantly revealing the will of God concerning us in all things necessary to our salvation; so that whatever is not contained therein is not to be enjoined as an article of faith.

### V. *Original Sin, or Depravity*

¶ 20. We believe that original sin, or depravity, is that corruption of the nature of all the offspring of Adam, by reason of which every one is very far gone from original righteousness, or the pure state of our first parents at the time of their

creation, is averse to God, is without spiritual life; and is inclined to evil, and that continually; and that it continues to exist with the new life of the regenerate, until eradicated by the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

#### VI. *Atonement*

**Q 21.** We believe that Jesus Christ, by His sufferings, by the shedding of His own blood, and by His meritorious death on the cross, made a full atonement for all human sin, and that this atonement is the only ground of salvation, and that it is sufficient for every individual of Adam's race. The atonement is graciously efficacious to the salvation of the irresponsible and to children in innocence but is efficacious to the salvation of those who reach the age of responsibility only when they repent and believe.

#### VII. *Free Agency*

**Q 22.** We believe that man's creation in godlikeness included ability to choose between right and wrong, and that thus he was made morally responsible; that through the fall of Adam he became depraved so that he can not now turn and prepare himself by his own natural strength and works to faith and calling upon God; but the grace of God through Jesus Christ is freely bestowed upon all men, enabling all who will to turn from sin to righteousness, believe on Jesus Christ for pardon and cleansing from sin, and follow good works pleasing and acceptable in His sight.

### VIII. *Repentance*

**Q 23.** We believe that repentance, which is a sincere and thorough change of the mind in regard to sin, involving a sense of personal guilt and a voluntary turning away from sin, is demanded of all who have by act or purpose become sinners against God. The Spirit of God gives to all who will repent the gracious help of penitence of heart and hope of mercy, that they may believe unto pardon and spiritual life.

### IX. *Justification, Regeneration, and Adoption*

**Q 24.** We believe that justification is that gracious and judicial act of God, by which He grants full pardon of all guilt and complete release from penalty of sins committed, and acceptance as righteous, to all who believingly receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

We believe that regeneration, or the new birth, is that gracious work of God, whereby the moral nature of the repentant believer is spiritually quickened and given a distinctively spiritual life, capable of faith, love, and obedience.

We believe that adoption is that gracious act of God by which the justified and regenerated believer is constituted a son of God.

Justification, regeneration, and adoption are simultaneous in the experience of seekers after God and are obtained upon the condition of faith, preceded by repentance; and to this work and state of grace the Holy Spirit bears witness.



## X. *Entire Sanctification*

¶ 25. We believe that entire sanctification is that act of God, subsequent to regeneration, by which believers are made free from original sin, or depravity, and brought into a state of entire devotion to God, and the holy obedience of love made perfect.

It is wrought by the baptism with the Holy Spirit, and comprehends in one experience the cleansing of the heart from sin and the abiding, indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, empowering the believer for life and service.

Entire sanctification is provided by the blood of Jesus, is wrought instantaneously by faith, preceded by entire consecration; and to this work and state of grace the Holy Spirit bears witness.

This experience is also known by various terms representing its different phases, such as "Christian Perfection," "Perfect Love," "Heart Purity," "The Baptism with the Holy Spirit," "The Fullness of the Blessing," and "Christian Holiness."

## XI. *Second Coming of Christ*

¶ 26. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will come again; that we who are alive at His coming shall not precede them that are asleep in Christ Jesus; but that, if we are abiding in Him, we shall be caught up with the risen saints to meet the Lord in the air, so that we shall ever be with the Lord.

## XII. *Resurrection, Judgment, and Destiny*

¶ 27. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, that the bodies both of the just and of the unjust shall be raised to life and united with their spirits—"they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

We believe in future judgment in which every man shall appear before God to be judged according to his deeds in this life.

We believe that glorious and everlasting life is assured to all who savingly believe in, and obediently follow, Jesus Christ our Lord; and that the finally impenitent shall suffer eternally in hell.

## XIII. *Baptism*

¶ 28. We believe that Christian baptism is a sacrament signifying acceptance of the benefits of the atonement of Jesus Christ, to be administered to believers, as declarative of their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior, and full purpose of obedience in holiness and righteousness.

Baptism being the symbol of the New Testament, young children may be baptized, upon request of parents or guardians who shall give assurance for them of necessary Christian training.

Baptism may be administered by sprinkling, pouring, or immersion, according to the choice of the applicant.

#### XIV. *The Lord's Supper*

¶ 29. We believe that the Memorial and Communion Supper instituted by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is essentially a New Testament sacrament, declarative of His sacrificial death, through the merits of which believers have life and salvation, and promise of all spiritual blessings in Christ. It is distinctively for those who are prepared for reverent appreciation of its significance, and by it they show forth the Lord's death till He come again. Being the Communion feast, only those who have faith in Christ and love for the saints should be called to participate therein.

#### XV. *Divine Healing*

¶ 30. We believe in the Bible doctrine of divine healing and urge our people to seek to offer the prayer of faith for the healing of the sick. Providential means and agencies when deemed necessary should not be refused.

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## CHAPTER II

### THE CHURCH

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#### I. *The General Church*

¶ 31. The Church of God is composed of all spiritually regenerate persons, whose names are written in heaven.

#### II. *The Churches Severally*

¶ 32. The churches severally are to be composed of such regenerate persons as by providential

permission, and by the leadings of the Holy Spirit, become associated together for holy fellowship and ministries.

### III. The Church of the Nazarene

¶ 33. The Church of the Nazarene is composed of those persons who have voluntarily associated themselves together according to the doctrines and polity of said church, and who seek holy Christian fellowship, the conversion of sinners, the entire sanctification of believers, their upbuilding in holiness, and the simplicity and spiritual power manifest in the primitive New Testament Church, together with the preaching of the gospel to every creature.

### AGREED STATEMENT OF BELIEF

¶ 34, §1. Recognizing that the right and privilege of persons to church membership rest upon the fact of their being regenerate, we would require only such avowals of belief as are essential to Christian experience.

§2. We, therefore, deem belief in the following brief statements to be sufficient:

(1) In one God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(2) In the plenary inspiration of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, and that they contain all truth necessary to faith and Christian living.

(3) That man is born with a fallen nature, and is, therefore, inclined to evil, and that continually.

(4) That the finally impenitent are hopelessly and eternally lost.

(5) That the atonement through Jesus Christ is for the whole human race; and that whosoever repents and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ is justified and regenerated and saved from the dominion of sin.

(6) That believers are to be sanctified wholly, subsequent to regeneration, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

(7) That the Holy Spirit bears witness to the new birth, and also to the entire sanctification of believers.

(8) In the return of our Lord, in the resurrection of the dead, and in the final judgment.

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### CHAPTER III

#### THE GENERAL RULES

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Q 35, §1. To be identified with the visible Church is the blessed privilege and sacred duty of all who are saved from their sins, and are seeking completeness in Christ Jesus. It is required of all who desire to unite with the Church of the Nazarene, and thus to walk in fellowship with us, that they shall show evidence of salvation from their sins by a godly walk and vital piety; that they shall be, or earnestly desire to be, cleansed from all indwelling sin; and that they shall evidence this—

§2. **FIRST.** By avoiding evil of every kind, including:

(1) Taking the name of God in vain.

(2) Profaning of the Lord's Day, either by unnecessary labor, or business, or by the patronizing or reading of secular papers, or by holiday diversions.

(3) Using of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or trafficking therein; giving influence to, or voting for, the licensing of places for the sale of the same; using of tobacco in any of its forms, or trafficking therein.

(4) Quarreling, returning evil for evil, gossiping, slandering, spreading surmises injurious to the good names of others.

(5) Dishonesty, taking advantage in buying and selling, bearing false witness, and like works of darkness.

(6) The indulging of pride in dress or behavior. Our people are to dress with the Christian simplicity and modesty that become holiness. "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works" (1 Timothy 2:9, 10). "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which

is in the sight of God of great price" (1 Peter 3:3,4).

(7) Songs, literature, and entertainments not to the glory of God; the theater, the ballroom, the circus, and like places; also, lotteries and games of chance; looseness and impropriety of conduct; membership in or fellowship with oathbound, secret orders or fraternities. "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? . . . Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2 Corinthians 6:14-17).

§ 3. SECOND. By doing that which is enjoined in the Word of God, which is both our rule of faith and practice, including:

(1) Being courteous to all men.

(2) Contributing to the support of the ministry and the church and its work, according to the ability which God giveth.

(3) Being helpful to those who are of the household of faith, in love forbearing one another.

(4) Loving God with all the heart, soul, mind, and strength.

(5) Attending faithfully all the ordinances of God, and the means of grace, including, the public

worship of God, the ministry of the Word, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; searching the Scriptures and meditating therein; family and private devotions.

(6) Seeking to do good to the bodies and souls of men; feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and ministering to the needy, as opportunity and ability are given.

(7) Pressing upon the attention of the unsaved the claims of the gospel, inviting them to the house of the Lord, and trying to compass their salvation.

§4. THIRD. By abiding in hearty fellowship with the church, not inveighing against its doctrines and usages, but being in full sympathy and conformity therewith.

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## CHAPTER IV

### SPECIAL RULES

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#### I. Support of the Church

"Even so the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14).

¶ 36, §1. There can be no doubt (1) that the church is obligated to support its ministers, who have been called of God, and who, under the direction of the church, have given themselves wholly to the work of the ministry; nor (2) that all the members of the church have voluntarily committed themselves to this task of supporting the ministry. We urge, therefore, that money be gathered weekly for this holy business, and that, wherever possible



and practicable, the pastor's salary be paid regularly every week.

§2. We believe that the scriptural method of gathering money for the support of the Church is by means of tithes and offerings. We urge that our people adopt tithing as the scriptural and satisfactory plan, that each member may do his minimum share in the support of the whole church, local, district, and general. And on the basis of the divine promises to liberal givers, we exhort our people to make freewill offerings, in addition to tithes, as generous as circumstances will permit.

§3. In disbursing to meet the requirements of the local, district, and general programs of the Church of the Nazarene, local churches are urged to adopt and practice the budget plan, and wherever possible the general and the district apportionments be paid monthly.

## II. Temperance and Prohibition

¶ 37, §1. The Holy Scriptures and human experience alike condemn the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage. The manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for such purposes is a sin against God and the human race. Total abstinence from all intoxicants is the Christian rule for the individual, and total prohibition of the traffic in intoxicants is the duty of civil government.

§2. Only unfermented wine and unleavened bread should be used in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

### III. Marriage and Divorce

¶ 38, §1. The institution of marriage was ordained of God in the time of man's innocency, and is, according to apostolic authority, "honorable in all"; it is the mutual union of one man and one woman for fellowship, helpfulness and the propagation of the race. Our people should cherish this sacred estate as becomes Christians, and should enter it only after earnest prayer for divine direction, and when assured that the contemplated union is in accordance with scriptural requirements. They should seek earnestly the blessings which God has ordained in connection with the wedded state, namely, holy companionship, parenthood and mutual love—the elements of home building. The marriage covenant is morally binding so long as both shall live, and, therefore, may not be dissolved at will.

§2. We hold that persons who obtain divorce under the civil law where the scriptural ground for divorce, namely, adultery, does not exist, and subsequently remarry, are living in adultery, and are unworthy of membership in the Church of the Nazarene; and though there may exist such other causes and conditions as may justify divorce under the civil law, yet only adultery will supply such ground as may justify the innocent party in remarrying.

§3. The ministers of the Church of the Nazarene are positively forbidden to solemnize the mar-

riage of persons not having the scriptural right to marry.

#### IV. Church Officers

¶ 39. We direct our local churches in selecting their church officers to elect only such as are clearly in the experience of entire sanctification.

#### V. Growth in Grace

¶ 40. There is a marked distinction between a perfect heart and a perfect character. The former is obtained in an instant, the result of entire sanctification, but the latter is the result of growth in grace.

Our mission to the world is not alone the spreading of scriptural holiness as a doctrine, but it is also that we be "an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." Our people should give careful heed to the development of holiness in the fear of the Lord, and to the development of the Christian graces in the heart and of their manifestation in the daily life.

#### VI. Stewardship

¶ 41. Our people should recognize God's ownership of all things and our trusteeship—that we are but stewards of our own lives and in the use of our time, means, and other possessions; and that we are under the sacred obligation of systematic and proportionate giving of our time and means for the support of Christian work, and of holding and using all possessions sacredly unto the Lord. This

being essential to the more abundant life, we should seek by all proper means to promote the practice of stewardship throughout the church.

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## CHAPTER V

### THE MINISTER

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¶ 42, §1. The perpetuity and the efficiency of the Church of the Nazarene, largely, if not wholly, depend upon the spiritual qualifications, the character, and the manner of life of its ministry.

§2. The minister of Christ is to be in all things a pattern to the flock—in diligence, earnestness, discretion, punctuality. “By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left” (2 Cor. 6:6, 7).

§3. A minister of the gospel of the Church of the Nazarene must know that he has peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and that he is sanctified wholly by the baptism with the Holy Spirit. He must have a deep sense of the fact that souls for whom Christ died are perishing, and that he is called of God to proclaim to them the glad tidings of salvation.

He must likewise have a deep sense of the necessity of believers' going on unto perfection and developing the Christian graces in practical living, that their “love may abound yet more and more in

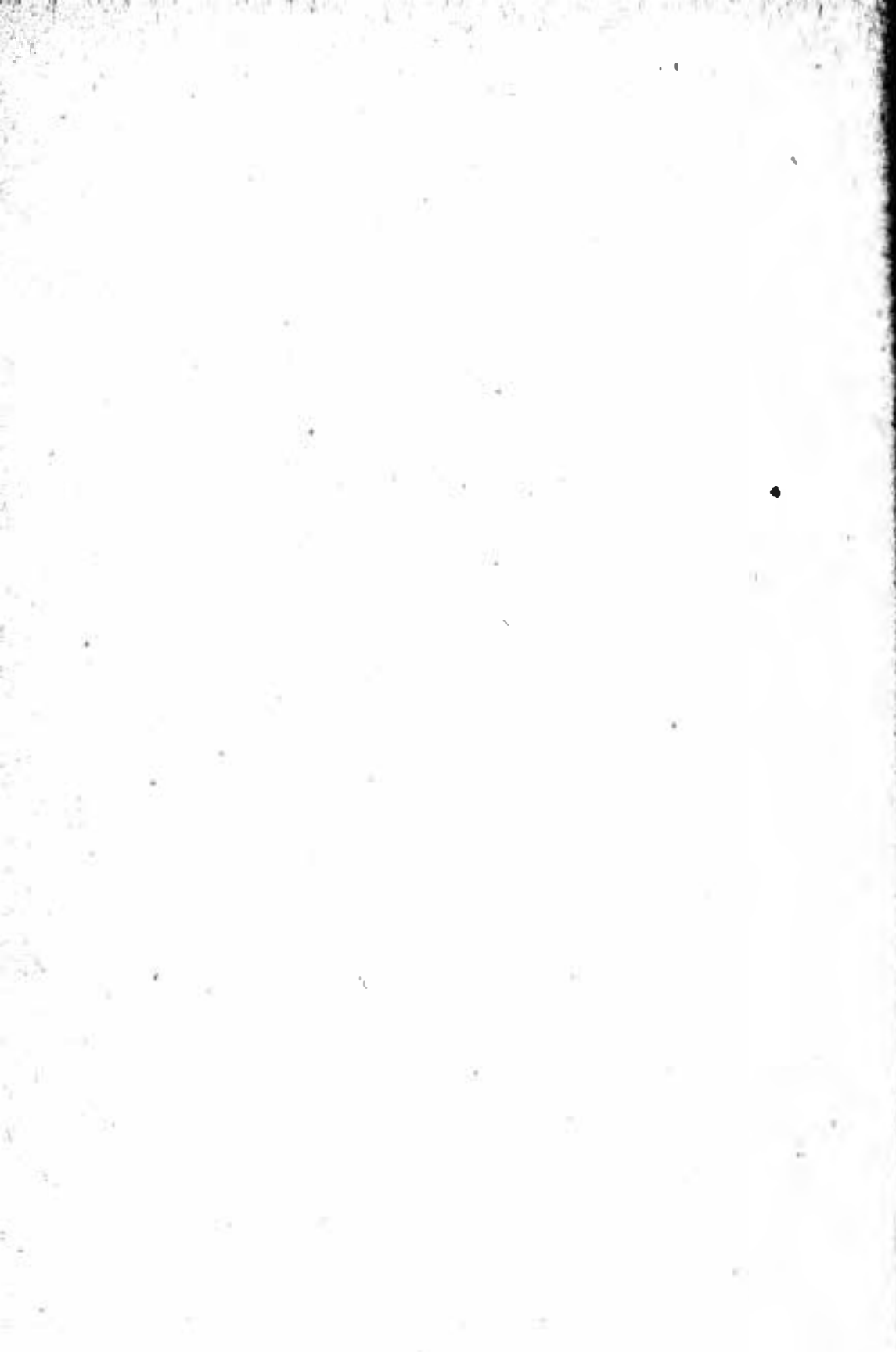
knowledge and in all judgment." He must have a strong appreciation of both salvation and Christian ethics.

§4. As our Lord called unto Him whom He would, and chose and ordained His twelve apostles "that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach," so He still calls and sends forth messengers of the gospel. The Church, illuminated by the Holy Spirit, will recognize the Lord's call.

When the church discovers this divine call, the proper steps should be taken for its recognition and indorsement, and all suitable help should be given to open the way into the ministry.

§5. A minister must have gifts, as well as grace, for the work. He will have a thirst for knowledge, especially of the Word of God; sound judgment and good understanding; clear views concerning the plan of redemption and salvation as revealed in the Scriptures. Saints will be edified and sinners converted through his ministry. He must be an example in prayer.

§6. Any person sustaining a marriage relation contrary to that allowed as justifiable in the foregoing rules [ Q 38, §§1-2 ] shall be ineligible to the office of the ministry in the Church of the Nazarene.



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## CHAPTER 1

### THE LOCAL CHURCH

#### PREAMBLE

**Q 43, §1.** All life must have law; all organization must have government. He who is Head over all things unto the Church Himself gave form and order unto His body of followers and representatives. We seek as a church to conform to principles of government in accord with the Holy Scriptures and Divine providences, that all things may be done scripturally, decently, and in order.

§2. The government of the Church of the Nazarene is representative, and thus avoids the extremes of episcopacy on the one hand, and unlimited congregationalism on the other.

#### I. Organization of Local Churches

**Q 44.** Local churches may be organized by the District Superintendent, or by the General Superintendent having jurisdiction, or by an elder authorized by either of them. [ **Q Q 134 §1, 244 §5.** ]

#### II. Membership

**Q 45.** The full members of the local church shall be all persons who have been organized into a local church by those authorized so to do, and all who have been publicly received by the pastor, the District Superintendent, or the General Super-

intendent, after having declared their experience of salvation, and their belief in the doctrines of the Church of the Nazarene, and their willingness to submit to its government. [¶ ¶ 44, 50, 64 §2, 134 §1, 244 §5.]

¶ 46. When, at any time, there are persons who desire to unite with the church, having been favorably considered by the pastor and the church membership committee, the minister having charge shall call the applicants forward, and explain to them briefly the privileges of membership in the church and especially with reference to the General Rules [¶ 35], and question them in reference to their faith and experience, using the approved form found in Part IV, Chapter II, ¶ 361, *Reception of Members in the Manual*. [¶ 50, §§ 1-2.]

### III. Probationary Membership

¶ 47. Any local church may, through its church board, [¶ 100, §20] establish a system of probationary membership; but probationers must not be counted as full members.

¶ 48. Probationers shall have all the privileges of church membership, with the exception of voting and holding church office.

¶ 49. Probationers may be received into full membership or dropped at any time, at the discretion of the pastor and church membership committee.

### IV. Church Membership Committee

¶ 50, §1. The church board shall provide a church membership committee of not fewer than

three persons whose duty it shall be to act in the capacity of an advisory committee with the pastor as chairman, and to approve applications of persons seeking admission into the local church. [¶¶ 46, 100 §21.]

§2. No person shall be received into the membership of the local church without the prior approval of the church membership committee.

### V. Church Letters

¶51. The pastor, when requested by a member, may grant a transfer of church membership [see form in ¶371] to any local church of the Church of the Nazarene that may be named, such transfer to be valid for three months only. He may, when requested by a member, grant a certificate of commendation [see form in ¶369] to any evangelical church that may be named, such person's membership in the local church issuing the certificate ceasing immediately. He may, when requested by a member, grant a letter of dismissal [see form in ¶370], such person's membership ceasing immediately. [¶¶ 64 §13.]

¶52, §1. A member of a local church, on removing his place of residence, is required to report to his pastor at least once in six months; and upon failure so to do, his name may be removed from the church roll by the action of the church board. After such action of the church board the pastor shall write opposite his name "Removed without letter." [¶ 100 §22.]

§2. When a member of a local church shall absent himself from all religious services of the church for six successive months without a reason deemed justifiable by the church board, his name may be removed from the church roll by action of the church board, and after such action of the church board the pastor shall write opposite his name "Removed by the church board." [¶ 100 §23.]

¶ 53. When a member of a local church removes to another locality, his pastor shall notify the pastor of the local church nearest to the locality, giving the name and address, if known, of the member who has moved. [¶ 64 §9.]

#### VI. Church Meetings

¶ 54. An annual church meeting of the full members shall be held for each local church within sixty days prior to the meeting of the District Assembly, public notice of the same always being given from the pulpit at least two Sundays preceding. [¶ ¶ 69, 71, 81, 90.]

¶ 55. The pastor, who shall be, *ex officio*, president of the local church, the District Superintendent, or the General Superintendent having jurisdiction, or someone appointed by the District Superintendent or the General Superintendent, shall preside at the annual church meeting. [¶ ¶ 65, 134§11, 244 §9.]

¶ 56. Reports shall be given at the annual church meeting by the pastor [¶ 64 §14], the superintendents of the church schools [¶ 105 §5],

the presidents of the Nazarene young people's societies [ ¶ 112 ], the presidents of the local woman's foreign missionary societies [ ¶ 119 ], the deaconesses [ ¶ ¶ 73, 180, 185 ], the local preachers [ ¶ 78 ], the stewards [ ¶ 86 ], the trustees [ ¶ 97 ], and the secretary [ ¶ 101 §2 ], and the treasurer [ ¶ 102 §5 ] of the church board.

¶ 57. At the annual church meeting, there shall be an election, by ballot, of the stewards [ ¶ 81 ], the trustees [ ¶ ¶ 87, 90 ], and the members of the church school board [ ¶ 103 ], of the local church, to serve for the next church year and until their successors are elected and qualified.

¶ 58. At the annual church meeting, there shall be an election, by ballot, of lay delegates to the District Assembly, on the basis of representation fixed by the General Assembly according to ¶ 127.

¶ 59. Special meetings of the full members of the local church, for conference or the transaction of business, may be called at any time by the pastor or the church board, public notice of the same always being given from the pulpit in at least two preceding regular services, or in such manner as meets the requirements of civil law. [ ¶ ¶ 69, 71, 81, 85, 90, 96.]

¶ 59a. The pastor, the District Superintendent, or the General Superintendent having jurisdiction, or some one appointed by the District Superintendent or the General Superintendent, shall preside at special meetings of the local church.

¶ 60. The secretary of the church board shall be the secretary of all church meetings, and in his absence a secretary *pro tempore* shall be elected. [¶ 101 §5.]

¶ 61. Any business, including elections, in harmony with the spirit and harmony of the church, and not otherwise specially provided for, may be transacted at any church meeting. [¶ 300 §1.]

¶ 62. The church year shall close with the final adjournment of the District Assembly of the Assembly District in which the local church is situated. But the annual reports of the local church to the District Assembly shall close with the last day of the month preceding the month in which the District Assembly is held.

## VII. The Pastor

¶ 63. A pastor is an elder or a licensed minister [¶ 69] who, under the call of God and His people, has the oversight of a local church.

¶ 64. The duties of a pastor are:

§1. To preach the Word. [¶ ¶ 200, 202.]

§2. To receive persons into membership in the local church according to ¶ ¶ 45 and 46.

§3. To administer the sacraments in harmony with ¶ ¶ 200 and 201.

§4. To care for the people by pastoral visitation, particularly of the sick and needy.

§5. To comfort those who mourn.

§6. To reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with all longsuffering and doctrine.

§7. To seek, by all means, the conversion of sinners, the sanctification of the converted, and the upbuilding of God's people in their most holy faith.

§8. To have the care of all departments of local church work.

§9. The pastor shall, when a member of a local church removes to another locality, notify the pastor of the local church nearest to the locality, giving the name and address, if known, of the member who has moved. [¶ 53.]

§10. The pastor shall administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at least once a quarter. If he be a licensed minister and has failed to pass in the prescribed course of study as provided in ¶ 200 [see also ¶ 362], he shall arrange for such administration by an elder.

§11. The pastor shall, within each church year [¶ 62], read to the congregation the doctrines of the Church of the Nazarene [¶ ¶ 15-42], and that part of the government relating to the local church [¶ ¶ 43-124], and to the District Assembly [¶ ¶ 125-129].

§12. The pastor may, when requested by a member, grant a transfer of church membership [¶ ¶ 371, 372], a certificate of commendation [¶ 369], or a letter of dismissal [¶ 370]. [¶ 51.]

§13. The pastor shall submit a report to the annual church meeting. [¶ 56.]

¶ 65. The pastor shall be, *ex officio*, president of the local church, chairman of the church board, and head of the church schools, the Nazarene young

people's societies, and all other subsidiary organizations in connection with the local church. [¶ 55.]

¶ 66. The pastor shall always show due regard for the united advice of the District Superintendent and the district advisory board. [¶ ¶ 132, 145, 148 §1.]

¶ 67. For the exercise of his office the pastor shall be amenable to the District Assembly, to which he shall report annually and give brief testimony to his personal Christian experience. [¶ ¶ 129 §1, 201, 208.]

¶ 68. The pastor shall automatically become a member of the local church of which he is pastor; or, in case of more than one local church on his charge, of the church of his choice. [¶ ¶ 198, 207.]

#### VIII. Calling of a Pastor

¶ 69. An elder or a licensed minister [¶ 63] may be called to the pastorate of a local church by a two-thirds favorable vote of the full members present and voting by ballot at a duly called annual or special meeting of the local church; *provided*, that such elder or licensed minister shall have been nominated to the local church by majority vote by ballot of all the members of the church board; *and provided*, the nomination shall have received the approval of the District Superintendent [¶ 134 §8]. In case of disagreement between the church board and the District Superintendent, the church board or the District Superintendent may submit the matter to the General Superintendent



having jurisdiction for his decision. From such decision either the church board or the District Superintendent may appeal to the Board of General Superintendents for a final decision.

¶ 70. In case any local church has not called a pastor prior to the convening of the District Assembly, the General Superintendent presiding at the District Assembly, the District Superintendent, and the district advisory board, in concurrence with the delegates from such local church, shall make pastoral arrangements for that local church. [¶ 131, 148 §2, 244 §6.]

¶ 71. The call of a pastor shall be renewed for the second year and each succeeding year of his pastorate without the nomination of the church board, at a church meeting duly called for this purpose [¶ 59] at least three months prior to the District Assembly, by two-thirds vote, by ballot, of all the full members present and voting; *provided*, such renewal call shall be approved by the District Superintendent [¶ 134 §8] within thirty days after such call. His failure to disapprove shall be considered and treated as approval. But in case of disapproval of the renewal call by the District Superintendent within that time, either the church or the District Superintendent may submit the matter to the General Superintendent having jurisdiction for his decision. From such decision either the church or the District Superintendent may appeal to the Board of General Superintendents for a final decision.

**Q 72.** When a pastor is called, the local church should specify the remuneration he may expect, such amount having been recommended by the church board; and the local church should also make provision for his traveling and moving expenses. [ Q 100 §§4, 5.]

#### IX. The Local Deaconess

**Q 73.** A woman member of the Church of the Nazarene who feels divinely led to engage in ministering to the sick and the needy, comforting the sorrowing, and doing other works of Christian benevolence, and who gives evidence in her life of ability, grace, and usefulness, after proper examination by the church board as to her qualifications for that work, and recommendation by the pastor, may be licensed as a local deaconess for one year by the church board of the local church. She shall be a member of the local church where she is engaged. She shall make a report to the local church at the annual church meeting. [ Q 56, 100 §8.]

**Q 74.** The church board shall issue to each local deaconess a license signed by the pastor and the secretary of the church board.

**Q 75.** The local deaconess shall work under the direction of the pastor at all times, and should be accorded respect and careful pastoral guidance in this holy calling for her very work's sake.

**Q 76.** The license of the local deaconess may be renewed annually by the church board upon the recommendation of the pastor. The license may be

suspended or revoked by the church board, upon recommendation of the pastor, after giving her a fair hearing. [ ¶ 100 §§8, 24.]

¶ 77. The local deaconess, after serving for one year, may, upon nomination of the pastor, be recommended by the church board of the local church of which she is a member, to the District Assembly for district deaconess' license. [ ¶ ¶ 100 §11, 180.]

### X. The Local Preacher

¶ 78. Any member of the Church of the Nazarene, who feels called of God to do special work in preaching and conducting special meetings in the interest of salvation, when the call is evidenced by grace, gifts, and usefulness, after proper examination as to his personal experience of salvation, his knowledge of the doctrines of the Bible and the order of the church, and after recommendation by the pastor, may be licensed by the church board as a local preacher for one year. He shall make a report to the local church at the annual church meeting. [ ¶ ¶ 56, 100 §7.]

¶ 78a. The church board shall issue to each local preacher a license signed by the pastor and the secretary of the church board.

¶ 79. The license of a local preacher may be renewed by the church board, upon the recommendation of the pastor. [ ¶ 100 §7.]

¶ 80. A local preacher, having served in that relation for at least one full year, and having passed

the complete course of study for local preachers [¶388], may be recommended by the church board to the District Assembly for minister's license; and, if not received, he shall sustain his former relation. [¶100 §9.]

#### XI. The Stewards

¶81. The stewards of the local church shall be not fewer than three nor more than thirteen in number. They shall be elected by ballot, at the annual or a special church meeting, from among the members of the local church, to serve for the next church year and until their successors have been elected and qualified. [¶¶57, 98.]

¶82. The stewards, under the direction of the church board, shall give special attention to raising money for the support of the pastor, that he may be free from secular care and anxiety, and may give himself wholly to the work of the ministry. [¶100 §5.]

¶83. The stewards shall provide the elements for the Lord's Supper, and, when requested by the pastor, may assist in the distribution of the same. [¶¶37 §2, 64 §11.]

¶84. The stewards may also co-operate with the deaconesses in caring for the needy and distressed. [¶¶73, 75, 180.]

¶85. A vacancy in the office of steward may be filled by the local church at a duly called church meeting. [¶¶54, 59.]

¶86. For faithfulness in the discharge of their

duties the stewards shall be amenable to the local church. They shall make a report to the local church at the annual church meeting. [ ¶ 56.]

## XII. The Trustees and Incorporation

¶ 87. The trustees of the local church shall be not fewer than three nor more than nine in number. They shall be elected from among the members of the Church of the Nazarene to serve for the next church year and until their successors have been elected and qualified. [ ¶ 57, 98.]

¶ 88. Where the local church is not incorporated, or where the civil law requires it, or where for other reasons it is deemed best by the District Superintendent or the district advisory board, the trustees shall hold the title to church property and manage it as trustees of the local church. [ ¶ 159 §2.]

¶ 89. In all cases where the civil law requires a specific mode of election of church trustees, that mode shall be strictly followed.

¶ 90. Where no particular mode of election is required by civil law, the trustees shall be elected by ballot, at the annual meeting of the local church, or at a special meeting duly called for that purpose. [ ¶ 57, 59.]

¶ 91. In all places where the statutes will permit, the trustees shall have the local church incorporated. Where not inconsistent with civil law the articles of incorporation shall set forth the powers of the corporation and provide that the

corporation shall be subject to the government of the Church of the Nazarene, as from time to time authorized and declared in its *Manual* by the General Assembly of said church. All the property of this corporation shall be managed and controlled by the trustees subject to the approval of the local church. [¶ ¶ 159 §3, 271 §2.]

¶ 92. When a local church is incorporated, all property acquired shall be deeded directly to the church in its corporate name when it is possible to do so.

¶ 93. The real estate of the local church shall not be mortgaged to meet current expenses.

¶ 94. The local church may not purchase real estate encumbered by mortgage, nor sell, mortgage, exchange or otherwise dispose of real estate except by majority vote of the members present at an annual meeting, or at a special meeting duly called for that purpose, and except upon the written approval of the District Superintendent.

¶ 95. A local church contemplating the purchase of real estate, or the erection of a church building or parsonage, shall submit the proposition to the District Superintendent and the district board of church extension for their consideration and advice. [¶ ¶ 271 §2, 159 §4.]

¶ 96. A vacancy in the office of trustee may be filled by the local church at a duly called church meeting. [¶ ¶ 54, 59.]

¶ 97. For faithfulness to their trust the church

trustees shall be amenable to the local church, to which they shall make annual report. [ ¶ 56.]

### XIII. The Church Board

¶ 98. Every local church shall have a church board, composed of the pastor, who shall be, *ex officio*, chairman, the Sunday Bible school superintendents (except assistant superintendents), the presidents of the Nazarene young people's societies, the presidents of the local woman's foreign missionary societies, the stewards, and the trustees of the local church. [ ¶ ¶ 65, 81, 87, 103, 112, 119.]

¶ 99. The church board shall have a regular meeting within the first ten days of each calendar month, and shall meet specially when called by the pastor, the District Superintendent, or the secretary when there is no pastor. [ ¶ ¶ 65, 134 §2, 101.]

¶ 100. The business of the church board shall be:

§1. To care for the interests of the local church and its work, not otherwise provided for, in harmony with the pastor. [ ¶ 300 §1.]

§2. To nominate to the local church, with the approval of the District Superintendent, any elder or licensed minister whom it may deem the proper person to become pastor. [ ¶ ¶ 69, 134 §8.]

§3. To arrange for pastoral supply, after conference with the District Superintendent, until such time as a pastor shall be regularly called by the local church. [ ¶ 134 §6.]

§4. To recommend to the local church the pecuniary support the pastor should receive. [ ¶ 72.]

§5. To provide ways and means for the support of the pastor, the pastoral supply, or any other paid workers of the local church. [ ¶ ¶ 72, 82.]

§6. To give proper attention to the support of the District Superintendent and the General Superintendents, in accordance with the authorized plans.

§7. To license as local preacher, at its discretion, any person who has been recommended by the pastor; and to renew such license. [ ¶ ¶ 78, 79.]

§8. To license as local deaconess, at its discretion, any person who has been recommended by the pastor; and to renew such license. [ ¶ ¶ 73, 76.]

§9. To recommend, at its discretion, upon nomination by the pastor, a local preacher to the District Assembly to be licensed as a licensed minister. [ ¶ ¶ 80, 196.]

§10. To recommend, at its discretion, upon nomination by the pastor, a licensed minister to the District Assembly for renewal of license. [ ¶ 198.]

§11. To recommend, at its discretion, upon nomination by the pastor, a local deaconess to the District Assembly to be licensed as a licensed deaconess. [ ¶ ¶ 77, 180.]

§12. To recommend, at its discretion, upon nomination by the pastor, a licensed deaconess to the District Assembly for renewal of license. [ ¶ 182.]

§13. To elect, upon nomination by the church school board, the superintendent of the Sunday



Bible school, and, where organized, the superintendent of the daily vacation Bible school, and the superintendent of the weekday Bible school. [ ¶ 105 §5.]

§14. To have, in harmony with the pastor and through the church school board, general supervision of the church schools. [ ¶ 105 §1.]

§15. To approve or disapprove, at its discretion, the election of any officer by the church school board. [ ¶ 105 §6.]

§16. Before a church school board has been provided in a newly organized local church, the church board and pastor shall appoint a Sunday Bible school superintendent, and shall perform the duties of a church school board until such board has been regularly provided. [ ¶ 103.]

§17. To elect a secretary at the first regular meeting of the year, to serve until the close of the church year and until his successor has been elected and qualified. [ ¶ ¶ 101 §§1-5, 60.]

§18. To elect a treasurer at the first regular meeting of the year, to serve until the close of the church year and until his successor has been elected and qualified. [ ¶ 102 §§1-5.]

§19. To cause careful account to be kept of all moneys received and disbursed by the local church, making report of the same at its regular monthly meetings, and to the annual meeting of the local church. [ ¶ 102 §3.]

§20. To establish, at its discretion, a system of

probationary membership for the local church.  
[¶ 47.]

§21. To provide a church membership committee of not fewer than three persons. [¶ 50 §1.]

✓ §22. The church board may remove the name of a nonresident church member from the church roll upon his failure to report to the pastor at least once in six months. [¶ 52 §1.]

✓ §23. The church board may remove the name of a church member from the church roll who absents himself from all religious services of the church for six successive months without a reason deemed justifiable by the church board. [¶ 52 §2.]

§24. The church board may suspend or revoke the license of a local deaconess in harmony with ¶ 76.

§25. To recommend a licensed deaconess to the District Assembly for election as a consecrated deaconess. [¶ 185.]

**¶ 101.** The duties of the secretary of the church board shall be:

§1. To record correctly and preserve faithfully the minutes of all meetings of the church board, and do whatever else may pertain to his office.

§2. To present to the annual meeting of the local church an annual report of all the activities of the local church including statistics concerning the membership. [¶ 56.]

§3. To forward to the District Assembly complete annual financial and statistical reports of the

local church covering the past year, in harmony with ¶62. [¶139 §2.]

§4. To hold in trust all papers, records, and legal documents, including deeds, abstracts, insurance policies, pertaining to the local church, promptly turning over all papers, records, and other documents to his successor in office. [¶60.]

§5. To be the secretary of all annual and special church meetings; and to be custodian of the minutes and other papers of such annual and special church meetings. [¶60.]

¶102. The duties of the treasurer of the church board shall be:

§1. To receive all moneys not otherwise provided for, and disburse the same only on order of the church board.

§2. To make monthly remittances of all district funds to the district treasurer, and of all general funds to the General Treasurer.

§3. To keep a correct book record of all funds received and disbursed.

§4. To present a monthly financial report to the church board.

§5. To present an annual financial report to the annual church meeting. [¶56.]

#### XIV. The Church School and the Church School Board

¶103. The church school board shall be composed of the pastor, *ex officio*, the superintendents, *ex officio*, as herein provided, and not fewer than three nor more than seven members elected by the

local church at the annual church meeting, to hold office until the close of the next church year and until their successors are elected and qualified [¶ 57, 62]. As soon as the superintendent of the Sunday Bible school is elected and duly installed, he becomes a member, *ex officio*, of the church school board, except he shall neither hold other office on this board nor have a voice in his nomination for re-election.

¶ 103a. The superintendent of the Sunday Bible school shall be a member, *ex officio*, of the District Assembly. [¶ 126.]

¶ 104, §1. The church school board shall be regularly organized with a chairman, a vice chairman, and a secretary.

§2. The treasurer of the local church may act as treasurer of the church school board. [¶ 102.]

§3. The church school board shall hold regular meetings at least once each quarter, to receive reports from the superintendents, and to transact such other business as may be within its jurisdiction.

§4. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or the secretary, with the approval of the pastor.

¶ 105. The business of the church school board shall be:

§1. To have full charge of all local church school interests, in harmony with the pastor, and any regulations adopted by the local church or the church board. [¶ 100 §14.]

§2. To organize or cause to be organized, in conjunction with the pastor, one or more Sunday Bible schools in connection with the local church, and, when practicable, arrange for vacation Bible school work and for weekday Bible school work, and provide for the supervision and maintenance of the same.

§3. To encourage Bible study, mission study, temperance study, and leadership training, and to organize and to foster local classes for the same as may be practicable, appointing officers and teachers, and arranging for equipment and maintenance of such classes.

§4. To have for its object in conducting the affairs of the Sunday Bible school, and other schools, thorough instruction in the principles of our holy faith, personal salvation, the promotion of scriptural holiness and Christian living and service among our people, and among all others whom we may influence, through the prayerful and careful study of the Word of God—the Bible.

§5. With the approval of the pastor, to nominate to the church board the superintendent of the Sunday Bible school, and, where organized, the superintendent of the daily vacation Bible school and the superintendent of the weekday Bible school. The church board shall elect superintendents. Church school superintendents shall make a quarterly report to the church school board, and an annual report to the annual meeting of the local church. [¶ ¶56, 100 §13.]

§6. To elect the other officers of the schools and the supervisors of the departments, upon nomination by the superintendent and the pastor. [¶ 100 §15.]

§7. To elect the other department officers, upon nomination made by the supervisor, the superintendent and the pastor.

§8. To have the right to disapprove the appointment of any teacher appointed by the Sunday school cabinet. [¶ 100 §13.]

§9. To declare vacant, by majority vote of the members present and voting at any regular meeting of the church school board, the office of any officer or teacher, in case of imprudent conduct or neglect of duty.

¶ 106. Each Sunday Bible school shall be organized, as far as possible, under the bylaws for Sunday Bible school found in ¶ 365 of this *Manual*. The Department of Church Schools [¶ 275] should be consulted relative to the form of constitution for other schools.

¶ 107. The church school year shall begin immediately following the final adjournment of the District Assembly and end with the final adjournment of the next succeeding District Assembly. [¶ 62.]

#### XV. Nazarene Young People's Societies

¶ 108. Local societies of young people may be organized for the spiritual benefit of the young people, co-operation in seeking the salvation of other young people, and the advancement of the

work of the church. [See Article II of local constitution in ¶ 366 §3.]

¶ 109. The organization of such local societies of young people shall be perfected in harmony with the constitution of local organizations of the Nazarene Young People's Society as approved by the General Assembly of 1923, and amended by the General Convention of the General Nazarene Young People's Society and approved by the General Assembly of 1928. [See ¶ 366 §3.]

¶ 110. These societies shall be in full subordination to the Church of the Nazarene, and may inaugurate no movement contrary to the judgment of the local church, or without the consent of the pastor. [¶ 65.]

¶ 111. The times and places of the meetings of such societies shall be chosen under the advice of the pastor and the church board. [¶ 65.]

¶ 112. The president of the local society shall be elected by the local society with the approval of the church board. He shall be a member, *ex officio*, of the church board, to which he shall make a monthly report [¶ 98]. He shall submit a report to the annual meeting of the local church [¶ 56].

¶ 113. Each local organization of the Nazarene Young People's Society shall be represented in the District Assembly by its president, of which District Assembly he shall be a member. He shall report the condition of the society to the District Assembly. [¶ 126.]

¶ 113a. Intermediate Nazarene young people's

societies may be organized under the supervision of the local Nazarene young people's society, with an intermediate supervisor having the oversight thereof. The intermediate supervisor may be nominated by the intermediate executive board and shall be elected by the executive board of the local Nazarene young people's society.

¶ 114. Each local society shall raise an amount equivalent to twenty-five cents a member per annum and remit the same to the General Treasurer for the use of the General Nazarene Young People's Society. [¶ ¶ 283, 425 §7.]

¶ 115. Junior Nazarene young people's societies may be organized under the supervision of the local Nazarene young people's society, with a junior supervisor having the oversight thereof. The junior supervisor shall be nominated by a committee composed of the superintendent of the Sunday Bible school, the president of the local Nazarene young people's society, and the second vice president of the local woman's foreign missionary society, in concurrence with the pastor, and shall be elected by the executive board of the local Nazarene young people's society. [¶ 366 §5.]

#### XVI. Missionary Societies

¶ 116. In each local church there shall be one or more missionary societies, organized under the direction of the pastor, whose duty it shall be, by all means, to awaken and sustain interest in, and promote the support of, the sacred cause of missions—both home and foreign.



## XVII. The Local Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

¶ 117. Local organizations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society may be formed in harmony with the constitution of such local societies in use prior to June, 1928, and amended by the Quadrennial Convention of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and approved by the General Assembly of 1928. [¶ 367 §3.]

¶ 118. These societies shall be auxiliary to the district woman's foreign missionary society and subsidiary to the local church. [¶ 367 §3, Articles I, II.]

¶ 119. The president of the local society shall be elected by the local society with the approval of the church board. She shall be a member of the church board, and also a member of the District Assembly. She shall present a report to the annual meeting of the local church. [¶ 56, 98, 126.]

¶ 120, §1. It is required that all funds raised be credited on the foreign missionary portion of the general budget, except such specials as are approved by the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene.

§2. Money may be raised by assigning district objects; *provided*, that all such objects shall be allotted by the Department of Foreign Missions and under its supervision, and included in the general budget.

§3. All missionary money raised by the woman's foreign missionary society of a local church, and

credited on the general budget allotment to that local church, shall be paid by the treasurer of the local woman's foreign missionary society to the treasurer of the local church, by cash, receipts, or other vouchers; and the amount so raised shall be reported in the district statistics to the credit of the local society that raised it.

#### XVIII. Disorganization of Churches

¶ 121. When it seems clear to a District Superintendent that a local church organization should no longer continue as such, it may be disorganized by action and formal pronouncement of the Board of General Superintendents on recommendation of the District Superintendent.

¶ 122. In case a local church becomes disorganized, any church property which shall exist may in no way be diverted to other purposes, but shall pass to the control of the District Assembly, for the use of the Church of the Nazarene at large, as the District Assembly shall direct; and trustees holding property for the disorganized local church shall sell or dispose of the same only on the order and under the direction of the appointed agent of the District Assembly, and turn the funds over to such agent. [¶ ¶ 87-97.]

¶ 123. No board of trustees may divert property from the use of the Church of the Nazarene. [¶ ¶ 87-97.]

#### XIX. Withdrawal of Churches

¶ 124. No local church may withdraw as a body from the Church of the Nazarene, or in any

way sever its relation thereto, except by provision of the General Assembly, and upon agreed conditions and plans.

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## CHAPTER II

### THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

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#### I. Bounds, Membership, and Time of Meeting

¶ 125. The bounds and name of a church Assembly District shall be such as shall be declared by the General Assembly; or by the Assembly District involved, with the final approval of the General Superintendent or Superintendents having jurisdiction.

¶ 126. The District Assembly shall be composed of all the elected [¶ 203] and received [¶ 212] elders; all the licensed ministers [¶ 201]; the district secretary [¶ 138]; the district treasurer [¶ 143]; the chairman of the district church school board [¶ 168]; the president of the district Nazarene young people's society [¶ 172a]; the president of the district woman's foreign missionary society [¶ 177]; the superintendents of local Sunday Bible schools [¶ 103a]; the presidents of local Nazarene young people's societies [¶ 113]; the presidents of local woman's foreign missionary societies [¶ 119]; the eligible deaconesses [¶ 184, 188]; the lay members of the district advisory board [¶ 147]; and the lay dele-

gates from each local church in the Assembly District [¶ ¶ 58, 127].

¶ 127. Local churches shall be entitled to representation in the District Assembly as follows: two lay delegates from each local church of fifty or fewer full members, and one additional lay delegate for each successive fifty full members and the final major part of fifty full members. [¶ ¶ 58, 126.]

¶ 128. The District Assembly shall be held annually, at the time appointed by the General Superintendent having jurisdiction, and in the place designated by the preceding District Assembly or arranged for by the District Superintendent. [¶ 244 §3.]

## II. Business of the District Assembly

4 ¶ 129. The business of the District Assembly shall be:

§1. To hear reports from and consider the character of all pastors, evangelists, and other elders and licensed ministers, all deaconesses, and song evangelists. [¶ ¶ 67, 201, 208, 219, 221, 188, 184.]

§2. To license as licensed ministers, after careful examination, persons who have been recommended by church boards, and whom it may judge to be called to the ministry; and to renew such license. [¶ ¶ 80, 100 §§9-10, 196, 198.]

§3. To license as licensed deaconesses, after careful examination, persons who have been recommended by church boards, and whom it may judge

to be called to the office of deaconess; and to renew such license. [ Q Q 77, 100 §§11-12, 180, 182.]

§4. To elect to the eldership persons whom it may judge to have fulfilled all the requirements for elders' orders. [ Q 203.]

§5. To recognize the orders of persons coming from other denominations, and whom it may judge qualified and desirable for place in the Church of the Nazarene. [ Q 209.]

§6. To receive into its membership, by transfer from other districts, elders, licensed ministers, and deaconesses, who have been properly recommended, and whom it may judge as desirable for place in the Assembly District. [ Q Q 190-193, 213-216.]

§7. To issue a transfer to elders, licensed ministers, and deaconesses, who desire to transfer to another Assembly District. [ Q Q 190, 191, 213, 214.]

§8. To commission elders and licensed ministers, who devote their time to evangelism, to serve as evangelists for one year. [ Q 217.]

§9. To commission persons whom it deems qualified to serve as song evangelists for one year. [ Q 220.]

§10. To elect, by two-thirds favorable vote, by ballot, an elder to the office of District Superintendent, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified. - [ Q 132.]

§11. To elect a district secretary, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly

and until his successor is elected and qualified. [ § 136.]

§12. To elect a district treasurer, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified. [ § 141.]

§13. To elect, by ballot, two elders and two laymen to the district advisory board, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ § 145.]

§14. To elect a district board of examination, of five or more elders, to serve for four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ § 150.]

§15. To elect a district board of missions, of as many members as the District Assembly may choose, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ § 154.]

§16. To elect a district board of education of five members, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ § 156.]

§17. To elect a district board of church extension of five members, including the District Superintendent, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ § 158.]

§18. To elect a district board of ministerial relief, of as many members as the District Assembly may choose, to serve until the final adjournment of

the next District Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ ¶ 162.]

§19. To elect a district board of social welfare of five members, including the District Superintendent, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ ¶ 160.]

§20. To elect a district church school board of five members, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ ¶ 166.]

§21. To elect a district court of appeals, consisting of five elders, including the District Superintendent, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ ¶ ¶ 244 §8, 300 §1.]

§22. The District Assembly may elect annually a district colporteur, upon the recommendation of the Department of Publication of the General Board. [ ¶ 164.]

§23. To elect, by ballot, in the annual session of the District Assembly immediately preceding the convening of the General Assembly, both ministerial and lay delegates to the General Assembly; *provided*, that no nominee for delegate shall be declared elected until after he has solemnly promised to attend faithfully all the meetings of the General Assembly from the opening to the closing, unless prevented by some serious providence, such as sickness or death in his immediate family

[¶ 231]. The District Assembly shall elect alternate delegates not exceeding the number of its delegates.

§24. To present to the General Assembly, through the district secretary, a full official journal for the preceding quadrennium for review and revision. [¶ 139 §6.]

§25. To consider and care for the entire work of the Church of the Nazarene within the bounds of the Assembly District. [¶ 301 §1.]

§26. To transact any other business pertaining to the work, in harmony with the spirit and order of the Church of the Nazarene.

### III. The District Assembly Journal

¶ 130, §1. The journal or minutes shall be a copy of the record of the regular proceedings of the District Assembly.

§2. The journal shall be signed by the president and the district secretary.

§3. The journal must be either written or typewritten manuscript, or printed, and substantially bound.

§4. Separate items of business shall be placed in separate paragraphs.

§5. Every secretary who edits minutes should be careful to present the same with a view to their examination by the General Assembly. [¶ ¶ 129 §24, 139 §6.]

¶ 131. The list of pastoral arrangements should contain not only the assignment of pastors to local churches, but also all regular and special



engagements entered into by ministerial and lay members of the District Assembly who are engaged in any line of denominational service that would entitle them to consideration if applying for assistance from the Department of Ministerial Relief of the General Board. [ Q 69, 70, 71, 244 §6, 163 §1, 272 §2.]

#### IV. The District Superintendent

Q 132. The District Superintendent, elected by the District Assembly, shall serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified. [ Q 129 §10.]

Q 133. If a vacancy occur in the office of District Superintendent, for any cause, in the interim of sessions of the District Assembly, the General Superintendents, jointly and severally, may appoint someone to fill the vacancy. [ Q 244 §7.]

Q 134. The duties of a District Superintendent shall be:

§1. To organize, recognize, and supervise local churches within the bounds of his Assembly District, subject to the approval of the General Superintendent having jurisdiction. [ Q 44.]

§2. To visit the local churches in his Assembly District, at least once a year, and meet with the church board, at which time he shall preside, and consult with reference to spiritual, financial, and pastoral matters, giving such helpful advice and assistance as he may deem proper. [ Q 99.]

§3. To have special supervision of all the missions of the Church of the Nazarene within the bounds of his Assembly District.

§4. To appoint someone to fill the vacancy when a vacancy occurs in the office of district secretary. [¶ 137.]

§5. To appoint someone to fill the vacancy when a vacancy occurs in the office of district treasurer. [¶ 142.]

§6. The District Superintendent may, with the consent of the church board, appoint a pastoral supply to fill a vacancy until the next District Assembly. Such appointed pastoral supply shall be subject to removal by the District Superintendent, when his services are not satisfactory to the church board and the local church. [¶ 100 §3.]

§7. The District Superintendent may perform for a local church within the bounds of his Assembly District all the functions of pastor when that local church is without a pastor or pastoral supply.

§8. The District Superintendent shall approve or disapprove the nomination of an elder or a licensed minister to the pastorate of a local church in harmony with ¶ 69. He shall approve or disapprove the renewal of the call of a pastor in harmony with ¶ 71.

§9. If for any reason the General Superintendent having jurisdiction fails to be present or to appoint a representative to be present in his stead at the District Assembly, the District Superintendent shall call the District Assembly to order, and

shall preside until other provision may be made by the District Assembly. [ ¶ 244 §3.]

§10. The District Superintendent may fill vacancies occurring in the district board of examination. [ ¶ 151.]

§11. The District Superintendent may preside at the annual, or a special, meeting of a local church, or appoint someone to represent him. [ ¶ 55.]

§12. The District Superintendent shall be a member; *ex officio*, of the executive board of the district Nazarene young people's society. [ ¶ 174.]

§13. The District Superintendent shall be, *ex officio*, chairman of the district advisory board.

§14. The District Superintendent shall be chairman of the district advisory council. [ ¶ 179.]

¶ 135. All official acts of the District Superintendent shall be subject to review and revision by the District Assembly, and subject to appeal as stated in ¶ 301 §1.

#### V. The District Secretary

¶ 136. The district secretary, elected by the District Assembly, shall serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified. [ ¶ 129 §11.]

¶ 137. If the district secretary shall cease to serve, for any cause, in the interim of sessions of the District Assembly, the District Superintendent shall appoint someone to succeed him. [ ¶ 134 §4.]

¶ 138. The district secretary shall be a member, *ex officio*, of the District Assembly. [¶ 126.]

¶ 139. The duties of the district secretary shall be:

§1. To record correctly and preserve faithfully all minutes of the District Assembly.

§2. To record correctly and preserve all statistics of the district. [¶ 101 §3.]

§3. He shall be custodian of all documents of the District Assembly, promptly turning over the same to his successor.

§4. To preserve carefully all records of trials of elders or licensed ministers which have been filed with him. [¶ 297 §6.]

§5. The district secretary shall forward twenty-five copies of the printed minutes of each District Assembly to General Headquarters for distribution among the general officers and general boards of the Church of the Nazarene.

§6. To present to the General Assembly, for the District Assembly, the full official journal for the preceding quadrennium. [¶ ¶ 129 §24, 130 §5.]

§7. He shall do whatever else may pertain to his office.

¶ 140. The district secretary may have as many assistants as the District Assembly shall elect.

#### VI. The District Treasurer

¶ 141. The district treasurer, elected by the District Assembly, shall serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until

his successor is elected and qualified. [ Q 129 §12.]

**Q 142.** If the district treasurer shall cease to serve, for any cause, in the interim of sessions of the District Assembly, the District Superintendent shall appoint someone to succeed him. [ Q 134 §5.]

**Q 143.** The district treasurer shall be a member, *ex officio*, of the District Assembly. [ Q 126.]

**Q 144.** The duties of the district treasurer shall be:

§1. To receive all such moneys from his district as may be designated by the General Assembly, or by the District Assembly, or as the needs of the Church of the Nazarene may require, and disburse the same according to direction.

§2. He shall render an itemized monthly report to the General Treasurer of all receipts and disbursements. [ Q 259 §7.]

§3. He shall keep a correct record of all moneys received and disbursed and shall render an annual report to the District Assembly, to which he shall be amenable.

## VII. The District Advisory Board

**Q 145.** The district advisory board shall be composed of the District Superintendent, *ex officio*, and two elders and two laymen elected annually by ballot by the District Assembly, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ Q 129 §13.]

**Q 146.** A vacancy in the district advisory

board may be filled by the remaining members thereof.

¶ 147. The two lay members of the district advisory board shall be, *ex officio*, members of the District Assembly. [¶ 126.]

¶ 148. The duties of the district advisory board shall be:

§1. To give information to and consult with the District Superintendent respecting the ministers and local churches of the Assembly District. [¶ 66.]

§2. To inform and advise with the General Superintendent regarding the pastoral arrangements for the coming year. [¶ ¶ 70, 244 §6.]

§3. The district advisory board may issue a transfer of membership to an elder, a licensed minister, or a deaconess, who desires to transfer to another District Assembly before the meeting of the District Assembly in which such person's membership is held. Such transfer may be accepted by the District Assembly to which presented. [¶ ¶ 129 §7, 191, 214.]

§4. The district advisory board may suspend the license of a licensed deaconess when it is required for the good of the church, after a conference with the church board of the local church of which the licensed deaconess is a member, and after giving her a fair hearing, and with the approval of the District Superintendent. [¶ 183.]

§5. The district advisory board may recommend ministers of its Assembly District to the Depart-

ment of Ministerial Relief of the General Board for retirement relation, when it deems them entitled to such relation.. [ ¶ 272 §§1, 2.]

¶ 149. The District Superintendent shall be, *ex officio*, chairman of the district advisory board.

**VIII. The District Board of Examination**

¶ 150. The district board of examination shall be composed of five or more elders, elected by the District Assembly, to serve for a term of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ ¶ 129 §14.]

¶ 151. Vacancies occurring in the district board of examination, in the interim of sessions of the District Assembly, may be filled by the District Superintendent. [ ¶ 134 §10.]

¶ 152, §1. As soon as elected, the first member chosen shall call a meeting of all the members of the district board of examination (hereinafter called the board) for organization, as follows: The board shall elect from among its members a permanent chairman and a permanent secretary, both of whom may be exempt from the direct work of examination, and shall faithfully do the work as herein provided.

§2. The chairman shall assign to the other members of the board the studies of the year in the course of study on which each member shall examine. Such assignments shall be for the entire term of the board, unless otherwise mutually arranged.

§3. The chairman shall attend all meetings of the board, unless providentially prevented, and shall oversee the work of the board each year. In case of necessary absence of the chairman, the secretary shall do his work, *pro tempore*.

§4. The secretary shall, at the expense of the District Assembly, provide a suitable record book of examinations, which shall be the property of the District Assembly.

§5. He shall enter therein the name and address of each candidate for examination, and the name of the local church recommending him, the date of licensing, the course of study pursued, and the record of examinations. The secretary shall provide and fill out suitable blanks, and present to each candidate a duplicate of his record as preserved in the records of the District Assembly.

¶ 153, §1. All examinations shall be held at the meeting place of the District Assembly on the day preceding the opening meeting, unless otherwise provided by the board.

§2. Any member of any class who fails to appear for examination as directed shall not be advanced in his studies by the District Assembly, unless his absence is satisfactorily explained in writing to the chairman, and he shall have arranged with his examiner for his examination in the studies of his year, and shall pledge to complete his entire work before the final examinations.

§3. All examinations shall be conducted in writing.



§4. The examiner shall furnish the candidate with a list of not fewer than ten questions for each study and book.

§5. All papers shall be marked on a scale of 100.

§6. An average of 75 shall be required on all studies as a condition of passing to the studies of the next year; *provided*, however, if any candidate fail to receive a grade of 70 on any study or book, he shall be conditioned on that study or book, and shall be required to pass an examination on that study or book before he may be permitted to take the examination for advanced work.

§7. On the completion of the examinations, the board shall report to the District Assembly the record of examinations, and make recommendations for election to the studies of the next year of such candidates as shall have satisfactorily passed the examinations.

§8. Candidates pursuing the course of study, who may be attending any of the recognized schools of the Church of the Nazarene, and pursuing the same or similar studies as those which are in the course of study, may present a school record in lieu of examination, and, if satisfactory to the board, may be recommended for advancement in those studies without further examination.

#### IX. The District Board of Missions

Q 154. The district board of missions shall be composed of as many members as the District As-

sembly may choose, elected by the District Assembly, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [¶ 129 §15.]

**¶ 155.** The duties of the district board of missions shall be:

§1. To seek by the diffusion of information, by the holding of local meetings and district conventions, by the employment of speakers who have the vision and the spirit, and by any other contributive agency, to stir the people to holy zeal and devotion for, and liberality toward, the sacred cause of missions—both home and foreign.

§2. The district board of missions, under direction of the District Assembly, and in co-operation with the District Superintendent, may have charge of all home mission work conducted by the Assembly District within its bounds.

#### **X. The District Board of Education**

**¶ 156.** The district board of education shall be composed of five members elected by the District Assembly, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [¶ 129 §16.]

**¶ 157.** The duty of the district board of education shall be to foster the cause of education as represented by the Church of the Nazarene, in co-operation with the Department of Education of the General Board. [¶ 274 §§1-14.]

**XI. The District Board of Church Extension**

¶158. The district board of church extension shall be composed of five members, including the District Superintendent, elected by the District Assembly, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [¶129 §17.]

¶159. The duties of the district board of church extension shall be:

§1. To advance the cause of building houses of worship and parsonages within the bounds of the Assembly District, in co-operation with the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension of the General Board. [¶271 §§1-4.]

§2. To verify and conserve the titles to church property. [¶271 §2.]

§3. To assist local churches to incorporate. [¶¶90, 91, 271 §2.]

§4. To consider propositions submitted by local churches relating to the purchase of real estate or the erection of church buildings or parsonages, and to advise them concerning the propositions submitted. [¶95.]

§5. To do whatever else the District Assembly may direct regarding the matter of church property.

**XII. The District Board of Social Welfare**

¶160. The district board of social welfare shall be composed of five members, including the District Superintendent, elected by the District Assembly, to serve until the final adjournment of

the next District Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ ¶ 129 §19.]

**¶ 161.** The duty of the district board of social welfare shall be to foster the work of moral education, prevention, restoration, and general betterment, in connection with the Church of the Nazarene. [ ¶ 274 §13.]

### **XIII. The District Board of Ministerial Relief**

**¶ 162.** The district board of ministerial relief shall be composed of as many members as the District Assembly may choose, elected by the District Assembly, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ ¶ 129 §18.]

**¶ 163.** The duties of the district board of ministerial relief shall be:

§1. To recommend to the Department of Ministerial Relief of the General Board the disbursement of funds for the temporal relief of aged ministers, and for the widows and orphans of ministers who have died in the work. [ ¶ ¶ 131, 223, 272 §2.]

§2. To have full power to dispense local relief according to its judgment, subject to the approval of the District Assembly.

### **XIV. The District Colporteur**

**¶ 164.** A district colporteur may be elected annually by the District Assembly upon the recommendation of the Department of Publication of the General Board, who shall labor under the juris-

diction of the District Superintendent and shall be amenable to the District Assembly. [¶ 129 §22.]

¶ 165. The district colporteur shall co-operate with the Department of Publication in the systematic distribution of gospel literature. [¶ 273 §2.]

#### XV. The District Church School Board

¶ 166. The district church school board shall be composed of five members elected as follows: the church school committee of the District Assembly shall nominate to the District Assembly ten persons to serve in the district church school board, from which number the five persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected members of the district church school board, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [¶ 129 §20.]

¶ 167, §1. The district church school board shall organize with a chairman, a vice chairman and a secretary.

§2. The district treasurer may act as the treasurer of the district church school board.

§3. There may also be a superintendent of leadership training, a superintendent of children's division, a superintendent of young people's division, a superintendent of adult division, and a superintendent of vacation Bible schools.

¶ 168. The chairman of the district church school board shall be, *ex officio*, a member of the District Assembly. [¶ 126.]

¶ 169. An annual meeting of the district church school board shall be held at the same time as, or immediately preceding, the meeting of the District Assembly. This shall be a meeting with the superintendents of all the local church schools of the district, to receive their annual reports, to consult with them, to receive suggestions from them relative to the district work, and to transact such other business as may be desirable. Superintendents not attending this meeting must send their annual reports, using the official blanks, to the secretary of the district church school board in time for this annual meeting. The district church school board may hold special meetings as often as necessary.

¶ 170. The duties of the district church school board, in harmony with the program of the Department of Church Schools of the General Board, shall be:

§1. To have full charge of all the district church school interests.

§2. To conduct district and group conventions and leadership training institutes or schools.

§3. To compile carefully the annual church school statistics and report the same to the District Assembly and to the Department of Church Schools of the General Board.

§4. To assist the Department of Church Schools of the General Board in securing district and local information as need may require.

§5. To promote and encourage church school work throughout the Assembly District.

§6. To present an annual report to the District Assembly, including a statement of the general conditions of the church school work of the Assembly District, and a statement of the work done by the district church school board during the past year, the annual church school statistics, and such recommendations as it desires to make for the work of the ensuing year:

§7. To recommend to the District Assembly the amount necessary to finance the district church school work for the ensuing year, to be placed in the district budget or otherwise provided as the District Assembly may arrange.

#### XVI. The District Nazarene Young People's Society

Q 171. The district Nazarene young people's society shall be composed of the local Nazarene young people's societies of the Assembly District.

Q 172. It shall be governed by the constitution of the district Nazarene young people's society approved by the General Assembly of 1923, and amended by the General Convention of the General Nazarene Young People's Society and approved by the General Assembly of 1928, as found in Q 366 §2.

Q 172a. The president of the district Nazarene young people's society shall be elected by its annual convention, subject to the approval of the district advisory board. When so elected and ap-

proved he shall be a member, *ex officio*, of the District Assembly. [¶ 126.]

¶ 173. The district convention of the Nazarene young people's society, which shall meet annually, shall be composed of the District Superintendent, the pastors of local churches, district zone presidents, presidents of local societies, and two delegates from each local society of twenty-five or fewer members, and one additional delegate for each successive twenty-five members and the final major part of twenty-five members. One delegate shall be appointed by the pastor of each local church not having a fully organized local Nazarene young people's society. [¶ 366 §2.]

¶ 174. The executive board of the district Nazarene young people's society shall consist of the officers of the district society, the district zone presidents, and the District Superintendent. [¶ 134a, 366 §2, Art. VI. Sec. 3.]

#### **.XVII. The District Woman's Foreign Missionary Society**

¶ 175. The district woman's foreign missionary society shall be composed of the presidents of all the local societies of the Assembly District, one delegate from each local society having ten members, and one additional delegate for each additional ten members. This society shall be auxiliary to the Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council. [¶ 367 §2.]

¶ 176. It shall be governed by the constitu-



tion of the district woman's foreign missionary society in use prior to June, 1928, and amended by the Quadrennial Convention of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and approved by the General Assembly of 1928, which constitution may be amended only by the Quadrennial Convention with the approval of the General Assembly. [¶ 367 §3.]

¶177. The president of the district woman's foreign missionary society shall be a member, *ex officio*, of the District Assembly. [¶ 126.]

¶178. There shall be an executive committee composed of the president, the two vice presidents, the corresponding secretary, the recording secretary, the treasurer, and the superintendent of study and publicity of the district society. [¶ 367 §2.]

#### XVIII. The District Advisory Council

¶179. The district boards shall form an advisory council over which the District Superintendent shall preside, said council to meet, if possible, once each six months for counsel and advice as to the best methods of forwarding the work of the Assembly District. [¶ 134b.]

#### XIX. The Licensed Deaconess

¶180. A local deaconess in good standing in the Church of the Nazarene who feels divinely led to advance the cause of Christ by (1) ministering to the sick and the needy, (2) comforting the sorrowing, (3) praying with the dying and pointing them to the Savior, (4) seeking the lost and wan-

dering and endeavoring by all means to lead them to Jesus Christ and salvation, may be licensed as a licensed deaconess for one year by the District Assembly; *provided*, however, she (1) shall be at least twenty-one years of age, (2) shall have served as local deaconess in a satisfactory manner for at least one year, (3) shall have been recommended for such license by the church board of the local church of which she is a member, (4) shall have given evidence of ability, grace, and usefulness, (5) shall have passed a satisfactory examination before the district board of examination in Bible doctrine, in government of the Church of the Nazarene, and in domestic qualifications, and (6) shall declare her purpose to pursue immediately and faithfully the course of study prescribed for licensed deaconesses. [¶ ¶ 77, 100 §11, 129 §3.]

¶ 181. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue to each licensed deaconess a license signed by himself and the district secretary.

¶ 182. The license of a licensed deaconess may be renewed annually by the District Assembly. If the license be not renewed she shall no longer serve as deaconess. [¶ 100 §12.]

¶ 183. In the interim of sessions of the District Assembly the license of a licensed deaconess may, when it is required for the good of the church, be suspended until the next District Assembly by the district advisory board, with the approval of the District Superintendent, after a conference with

the church board of the local church of which the deaconess is a member, and after giving her a fair hearing. [¶ 148 §4.]

¶ 184. All licensed deaconesses who have passed at least one-half of the prescribed course of study for licensed deaconesses [¶ 390] shall be members of the District Assembly, *provided* they are in active service. [¶ ¶ 126, 129 §1.]

### XX. The Consecrated Deaconess

¶ 185. When a licensed deaconess shall have served as a licensed deaconess for two years, and shall have successfully passed in the prescribed course of study, upon recommendation of the church board of the local church of which she is a member, she may be elected by the District Assembly as a consecrated deaconess.

¶ 186. The candidate so elected shall be consecrated by the District Assembly with appropriate religious services, under the direction of the President of the District Assembly, after which she may put on the deaconess garb.

¶ 187. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue to the deaconess so consecrated a certificate of consecration signed by himself and the district secretary.

¶ 188. All consecrated deaconesses shall be members of the District Assembly, *provided* they are in active service. [¶ ¶ 126, 129 §1.]

¶ 189. The deaconess garb shall consist of an all-black suit with white collar and cuffs or an all-

white suit, with the regulation bonnet adopted by the General Assembly of 1907.

### XXI. Transfers of Deaconesses

¶ 190. When a licensed or a consecrated deaconess desires to transfer to another District Assembly, a transfer of membership may be issued by vote of the District Assembly in which her membership is held, which transfer may be received by the District Assembly to which it is addressed. [ ¶ 129 §§6, 7.]

¶ 191. When a licensed or a consecrated deaconess desires to transfer to another District Assembly before the meeting of the District Assembly in which her membership is held, a transfer of membership may be issued by the District Superintendent and the district advisory board, which transfer may be received by the District Assembly to which it is addressed. [ ¶ ¶ 129 §6, 148 §3.]

¶ 192. The transfer of a licensed deaconess shall be valid only when accompanied by a detailed record of her grades in the course of study for licensed deaconesses, properly certified by the secretary of the district board of examination of the issuing District Assembly.

¶ 193. All transfers shall be sent direct to the District Assembly to which addressed. The receiving District Assembly shall notify the issuing District Assembly of the reception of the transferred deaconess' membership. Until the transfer is received by vote of the District Assembly to

which addressed, the deaconess thus transferred shall be a member of the issuing District Assembly. Such transfer to be valid only until the close of the next session of the receiving District Assembly following date of issue. [ ¶ 129 §6.]

#### **XXII. Restoration of Membership of Consecrated Deaconesses**

¶ 194. If for any reason the name of a consecrated deaconess shall be removed from a District Assembly roll, such consecrated deaconess shall not be recognized by any other District Assembly without having secured the written consent of the District Assembly from the roll of which her name had been removed.

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### **CHAPTER III**

#### **THE MINISTRY**

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¶ 195. While we recognize and insist that all believers have committed unto them a dispensation of the gospel which they are to minister unto all men, we also recognize and hold that the Head of the Church calls some to the more official and public work of the ministry.

##### **I. The Licensed Minister**

¶ 196. When there are members of the Church of the Nazarene who feel called to the ministry, they may be licensed as licensed ministers by the District Assembly and enrolled as members of the District Assembly; *provided*, they (1) have held

local preacher's license for one full year; (2) have passed the complete course of study for local preachers; (3) have been recommended for such work by the church board of the local church of which they are members; (4) have given evidence of grace, gifts, and usefulness; (5) have been carefully examined, under the direction of the District Assembly of the district within the bounds of which they hold their church membership, regarding their spiritual, intellectual, and other fitness for such work; (6) and have promised to pursue immediately the course of study prescribed for licensed ministers and candidates for ordination. [¶ ¶ 80, 100 §9, 129 §2.]

¶ 197. Minister's license shall terminate with the close of the next District Assembly (except when reasons satisfactory to the District Assembly are presented, subject to the approval of the President of the District Assembly) unless the candidate shall have passed the year's course of study required, and, by vote of the District Assembly, shall have been advanced to the studies of the next year. [¶ ¶ 153 §§1-8, 388 §§1-4.]

¶ 198. It is required that applicants for renewal of minister's license must be recommended to the District Assembly by the church board of the local church wherein the applicant holds his membership. [¶ ¶ 68, 100 §10, 129 §2.]

¶ 199. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue to each licensed minister a

minister's license signed by himself and the district secretary.

¶ 200. Such licensed ministers shall be vested with authority to preach the Word [ ¶ 69 §1 ], and (only when acting as pastors) to administer the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper in their own congregations, and to officiate at marriages where the laws of the state do not prohibit; *provided*, that they annually pass the prescribed course of study. [ ¶ ¶ 64 §11, 153 §§1-8, 388 §§1-4. ]

¶ 201. All licensed ministers shall hold their ministerial membership in the District Assembly, to which body they shall report annually. [ ¶ ¶ 67, 126, 129 §1. ]

## II. The Elder

¶ 202. We recognize but one order of the official ministry—that of the eldership. This is a permanent order in the Church. The elder is to rule well in the Church, to preach the Word, to administer the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and to solemnize matrimony, all in the name of and in subjection to Jesus Christ the great Head of the Church. [ ¶ ¶ 63, 64. ]

¶ 203. Those who are called of God to this ministry, and who have fulfilled all the requirements of the church for the same, who have been orderly passed in the full course of study prescribed for licensed ministers and candidates for ordination, and have been carefully considered and favorably reported upon by a committee appointed by

the District Assembly, may be elected to elder's orders by two-thirds vote of the District Assembly; *provided*, they have been in active ministry not less than two years. [¶ ¶ 126, 129 §4, 153 §§1-8, 388 §§1-4.]

¶ 204. A licensed minister may be ordained to the eldership; *provided*, he has been a regular pastor for two years; and, *provided*, he has passed the full four years' course of study prescribed for licensed ministers and candidates for ordination. [¶ 388 §§1-4.]

¶ 205. The candidate thus elected shall be ordained by the laying on of the hands of the elders, and other religious exercises, under the direction of the President of the District Assembly. [¶ 244 §4.]

¶ 206. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue to the person so ordained a certificate of ordination signed by himself and the district secretary.

¶ 207. All elders shall hold church membership in some local church. [¶ 68.]

¶ 208. All elders shall hold their ministerial membership in the District Assembly of the District wherein their church membership is held, to which body they shall report annually. Any elder, who for two consecutive years does not report to his District Assembly, either in person or by letter, shall, if the District Assembly so elect, cease to be a member thereof. [¶ ¶ 67, 126, 129 §1.]



III. Recognition of Orders

¶ 209. Elders from other evangelical denominations, desiring to unite with the Church of the Nazarene and presenting their ordination papers, may have their orders recognized by the District Assembly, after satisfactory examination as to personal experience and doctrine; *provided*, they have passed an examination in studies judged by the district board of examination to be the equivalent of studies required for ordination in the Church of the Nazarene. [¶ 129 §5.]

¶ 210. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue to the elder so recognized a certificate of recognition signed by himself and the district secretary.

¶ 211. When the orders of a minister from another church shall have been duly recognized, his credentials issued by said church shall be returned to him inscribed in writing or stamped across the face as follows:

Accredited by the ..... District  
 • Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene this  
 ..... day of ....., 19....,  
 as the basis of new credentials.

..... President

..... Secretary.

¶ 212. The elder received shall have his name enrolled as a ministerial member of the District Assembly. [¶ 126, 129 §1.]

#### IV. Transfers of Ministers

¶ 213. When an elder or a licensed minister desires to transfer to another District Assembly, a transfer of membership may be issued by vote of the District Assembly in which his membership is held, which transfer may be received by the District Assembly to which it is addressed. [¶ 129 §7.]

¶ 214. When an elder or a licensed minister desires to transfer to another District Assembly before the meeting of the District Assembly in which his membership is held, a transfer of membership may be issued by the District Superintendent and the district advisory board, which transfer may be received by the District Assembly to which it is addressed. [¶ ¶ 129 §7, 148 §3.]

¶ 215. The transfer of a licensed minister shall be valid only when accompanied by a detailed record of his grades in the course of study for licensed ministers, properly certified by the secretary of the district board of examination of the issuing District Assembly.

¶ 216. All transfers shall be sent direct to the District Assembly to which addressed. The receiving District Assembly shall notify the issuing District Assembly of the reception of the transferred person's membership. Until the transfer is received by vote of the District Assembly to which addressed, the person thus transferred shall be a member of the issuing District Assembly. Such transfer to be valid only until the close of the next session

of the receiving District Assembly following date of issue. [ § 129 §6.]

**V. The Evangelist**

§ 217. An elder, or a licensed minister who has completed at least one year of the course of study for licensed ministers, who devotes his time to evangelism, may, by two-thirds vote of the District Assembly, be commissioned to do the work of an evangelist. Such commission shall continue only until the close of the next District Assembly. [ § 129 §8.]

§ 218. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue to each commissioned evangelist an evangelist's commission signed by himself and the district secretary.

§ 219. The evangelist shall report annually to the District Assembly of which he is a member, and shall attend the District Assembly in person, unless he can give a satisfactory reason for his absence. Failing to report, his commission shall not be renewed. [ § 129 §1.]

**VI. The Song Evangelist**

§ 220. When there are members of the Church of the Nazarene who feel called to the special ministry of song evangelism, they may be commissioned as song evangelists for one year by the District Assembly; *provided*, they (1) have been recommended for such work by the church board of the local church of which they are members; (2) give evidence of grace, gifts, and usefulness; (3)

have had at least one year of experience in song evangelism; (4) have had not less than one year of vocal study under an accredited teacher; (5) are regularly engaged as song evangelists; (6) have been carefully examined, under the direction of the District Assembly of the Assembly District within the bounds of which they hold their church membership, regarding their spiritual, intellectual, and other fitness for such work. [¶ 129 §9.]

¶ 221. All song evangelists shall report annually to the District Assembly from which they receive their commissions. [¶ 129 §1.]

¶ 222. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue to each song evangelist a song evangelist's commission signed by himself and the district secretary.

#### VII. The Retired Minister

¶ 223. A retired minister is a minister who is so disqualified by physical disability or old age as to be incapacitated for such active ministerial labors as will afford him sufficient income for support. The question of his disability shall be determined by the Department of Ministerial Relief of the General Board upon the recommendation of the district advisory board of the district of which he is a member. His retirement shall not compel him to cease such active ministerial labors as his strength permits. [¶ ¶ 163 §1, 131.]

#### VIII. Restoration of Membership of Elders

¶ 224. If for any reason the name of an elder shall be removed from a District Assembly roll,

such elder shall not be recognized in any other District Assembly without having secured the written consent of the District Assembly from the roll of which his name had been removed.

#### IX. Restoration of Credentials

¶ 225. When an elder in good standing surrenders his credentials for any reason, that District Assembly to which they were surrendered may restore the same at any subsequent time, upon recommendation of the local church of which he is a member and of the District Superintendent and of the district advisory board.

¶ 226. When an elder has been deprived of his credentials by expulsion or otherwise, they shall be carefully filed and preserved with the papers of his District Assembly.

¶ 227. If at any future time he shall give satisfactory evidence of amendment of life and conduct the said District Assembly may restore them; *provided*, the church board of the local church of which he is a member shall recommend him to that District Assembly for the restoration of his credentials, endorsed by the District Superintendent and the district advisory board.

¶ 228. Any minister who is expelled or withdraws under charges may reunite with the Church of the Nazarene only with the consent of the District Assembly of the Assembly District from which he withdrew or was expelled.

## CHAPTER V

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**I. Function, Membership, and Time of Meeting**

¶ 229. The General Assembly is the supreme doctrine-expressing and law-making authority of the Church of the Nazarene.

¶ 230. The General Assembly shall be composed of ministerial and lay delegates in equal numbers, elected thereto by the District Assemblies of the Church of the Nazarene; of the General Superintendents; of the General Secretary; of the General Treasurer; and of the superintendent of each foreign mission district or one representative therefrom selected by the district. [¶ ¶ 242, 252, 257.]

¶ 231. Assembly Districts shall be entitled to representation in the General Assembly as follows: two elders and two laymen from each Assembly District of five hundred or fewer full church members, and one additional elder and one additional layman for each successive five hundred full church members and the final major part of five hundred full church members. [¶ 129 §23.]

¶ 232. The General Assembly shall meet in the month of June, every fourth year from the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, at such time and place as shall be determined by the General Superintendents and a commission of four persons chosen by the Board of General Superintendents. The General Superintendents and said

commission shall also have power, in case of an emergency, to change the time and place of the meeting of the General Assembly.

¶ 233. The General Assembly shall open on Sunday and close on the second Sunday following, in order to afford the desired time for the orderly and careful transaction of business, and a full day of devotional services in the opening of the session and a full day of devotional and inspirational services at the close of the session.

¶ 234. The Board of General Superintendents, or a majority thereof, by and with the written consent of two-thirds of all the District Superintendents, shall have power to call a special session of the General Assembly in case of an emergency, the time and place thereof to be determined by the General Superintendents and a commission chosen by the Board of General Superintendents.

¶ 235. In case of a special session of the General Assembly, the delegates and alternates to the last preceding General Assembly, or their duly elected and qualified successors, shall serve as delegates and alternates to the special session.

¶ 236. The General Secretary, the General Treasurer, and three persons appointed by the Board of General Superintendents at least one year before the convening of the General Assembly, shall constitute the General Assembly entertainment committee.

¶ 237. The General Assembly entertainment committee shall have authority to arrange all nec-

essary details regarding offices, exhibits and space, entertainment and meals, and whatever else may be needful to contribute to the comfort, convenience, and efficiency of the General Assembly, and enter into contracts necessary to provide the same.

¶ 238. The General Assembly entertainment committee with the General Superintendents shall formulate a program for the General Assembly, including anniversaries for each of the general interests; a communion service; and other religious services for the first three days of the General Assembly or until a committee on public worship shall have been appointed; all of which program shall be subject to approval by the General Assembly.

¶ 239. The General Assembly shall be presided over by the General Superintendents, jointly and severally.

¶ 240. The General Assembly shall elect its other officers and organize itself for the transaction of its business according to its wisdom and pleasure.

## II. Business of the General Assembly

¶ 241. The business of the General Assembly shall be:

§1. To elect, by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, two or more (the number to be determined by itself) General Superintendents who shall hold office until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified; *provided*, that no person shall be elected to the office of General Superin-



tendent who has not attained to the age of thirty-five years, or who has reached the age of seventy years; *but provided*, that the age limit shall not apply prior to the Eighth General Assembly. [ Q Q 242, 391.]

§2. To elect a General Secretary, who shall hold office until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified. [ Q Q 251, 392.]

§3. To elect a General Treasurer, who shall hold office until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified. [ Q Q 256, 394.]

§4. To elect a General Board of thirty members to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ Q Q 260 §1, 261 §§1-3, 397.]

§5. To elect a Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council, consisting of eighteen members, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ Q Q 284, 401.]

§6. To elect a General Orphanage Board, consisting of eight members, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ Q Q 276, 398.]

§7. To elect a General Court of Appeals, consisting of five elders, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until

their successors are elected and qualified. [¶ ¶ 301 §1, 400.]

§8. To elect a Book Committee of three members, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [¶ ¶ 273 §3, 404.]

§9. To elect an Editor of the *Herald of Holiness*, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified. [¶ ¶ 273 §4, 395.]

§10. To elect an Editor of church school periodicals, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified. [¶ ¶ 273 §5, 396.]

§11. To do anything else, in harmony with the Holy Scriptures, that wisdom may dictate for the general welfare of the Church of the Nazarene, and the holy cause of Christ.

### III. The General Superintendents

¶ 242. The General Superintendents, elected by the General Assembly, shall serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [¶ ¶ 230, 241 §1.]

¶ 243. The General Superintendents shall be members, *ex officio*, of the General Assembly. [¶ 230.]

¶ 244. The duties of the General Superintendents shall be:

§1. To have general supervision of the Church

of the Nazarene, subject to the law and order as adopted by the General Assembly.

§2. To preside<sup>d</sup> over the General Assembly and over the General Board, jointly and severally. [¶ 267 §2.]

§3. A General Superintendent shall preside over each District Assembly; or, should he be hindered, shall make suitable arrangements for such presidency. [¶ ¶ 128, 134 §9.]

§4. To ordain, or appoint others to ordain, in connection with the elders present, those who have been duly elected to be elders. [¶ 205.]

§5. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction may organize local churches or recognize the local churches already organized, after consulting with the District Superintendent, wherever there may seem to be need and providential openings. He may appoint pastors to have charge of such local churches until such time as pastors may be duly elected. [¶ 44.]

§6. The General Superintendent presiding over a District Assembly, the District Superintendent, and the district advisory board, in concurrence with the delegates of local churches, shall appoint pastors over such local churches as have not regularly called pastors. [¶ ¶ 70, 131, 148 §2.]

§7. The General Superintendents, jointly and severally, may appoint District Superintendents over Assembly Districts where vacancies occur. [¶ 133.]

§8. The General Superintendent having juris-

diction shall appoint an elder to fill a vacancy that may occur in a district court of appeals in the interim of sessions of the District Assembly. [¶ 129 §21.]

§9. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction may preside at the annual, or a special, meeting of a local church, or appoint someone to represent him. [¶ 55.]

¶ 245. The General Superintendents shall be members, *ex officio*, of the Executive Board of the General Nazarene Young People's Society. [¶ 281.]

¶ 246. The General Superintendents shall not be members of any of the general boards of the Church of the Nazarene.

¶ 247. All official acts of the General Superintendents shall be subject to review and revision by the General Assembly.

#### IV. The Board of General Superintendents

¶ 248. The General Superintendents shall organize as a board, and arrange for and assign to the members thereof the particular work over which they shall have special jurisdiction.

¶ 249, §1. If a vacancy occur, by death or otherwise, in the Board of General Superintendents, in the interim of sessions of the General Assembly, the General Secretary shall at once notify all the District Superintendents of the Church of the Nazarene, who shall, by two-thirds vote of all, elect some elder of the Church of the Nazarene to fill

the vacancy and to perform the duties of General Superintendent until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly; *provided*, the question of calling for an election to fill the vacancy shall be decided by the Board of General Superintendents. [ Q 254 §5.]

§2. The General Secretary shall report the result of the vote to the Board of General Superintendents, which shall announce the same to the Church of the Nazarene through the Herald of Holiness. [ Q 254 §5.]

Q 250. The duties of the Board of General Superintendents shall be:

§1. To have supervision of the missionary work of the Church of the Nazarene in all foreign fields. Each field shall be visited by at least two different General Superintendents in each quadrennium. The Board of General Superintendents shall assign to the members thereof the particular fields for visitation. They shall approve or disapprove all nominations made by the Department of Foreign Missions to the General Board for appointment as foreign missionaries. [ Q 268 §§1, 4.]

§2. To have supervision of all general boards and departments thereof. The policies and plans adopted by any board or department shall have the approval of the Board of General Superintendents. [ Q 268 §1, 270 §1, 271 §1, 272 §1, 273 §1, 274 §1, 275 §1, 277.]

§3. To fill vacancies that may occur in the office of General Secretary and in the office of General

Treasurer in the interim of sessions of the General Assembly. [Q Q 253, 258.]

§4. To fill vacancies that may occur in the membership of the General Orphanage Board and in the General Court of Appeals in the interim of sessions of the General Assembly. [Q Q 276, 398, 301 §1, 400.]

§5. To approve the appointments and elections made by the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene in filling vacancies that may occur in its membership. [Q 263.]

§6. The Board of General Superintendents shall fill vacancies, upon nominations made by the remaining members thereof, in the following corporate bodies, namely, General Board of Foreign Missions, General Board of Home Missions and Evangelism, General Board of Church Extension, General Board of Ministerial Relief, General Board of Education, and the Nazarene Publishing House. [Q Q 268 §7, 270 §6, 271 §4, 272 §4, 273 §8, 274 §15.]

§7. The Board of General Superintendents and the Department of Education shall arrange courses of study for local preachers, licensed ministers, and licensed deaconesses. [Q Q 274 §14, 388, 389, 390.]

§8. The Board of General Superintendents shall be the authority for the interpretation of the law and doctrine of the Church of the Nazarene, and the meaning and force of all provisions of the

*Manual*, subject to an appeal to the General Assembly. [ Q 301 §4.]

§9. The Board of General Superintendents shall have authority to do anything else in the service of the Church of the Nazarene, not otherwise provided for, according to the dictates of its wisdom, and in harmony with our general church order.

#### V. The General Secretary

Q 251. The General Secretary, elected by the General Assembly, shall serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified. [ Q Q 230, 241 §2.]

Q 252. The General Secretary shall be a member, *ex officio*, of the General Assembly. [ Q 230.]

Q 253. If, in the interim of sessions of the General Assembly, for any cause, the General Secretary shall cease to serve, the Board of General Superintendents shall elect someone to succeed him. [ Q 250 §3.]

Q 254. The duties of the General Secretary shall be:

§1. To record correctly and preserve the journal of the proceedings of the General Assembly.

§2. To record correctly and preserve all general statistics of the Church of the Nazarene.

§3. To preserve all documents belonging to the General Assembly, promptly delivering the same to his successor.

§4. To preserve carefully, in permanent form,

all decisions rendered by the General Court of Appeals. [¶ 301 §7.]

§5. To do faithfully whatever else may be necessary for the fulfillment of his office. [¶ 249 §§1, 2.]

§6. The General Secretary shall be the custodian of, and hold in trust, such legal documents as belong to the general church.

§7. The General Secretary, in conjunction with the General Superintendents, shall, prior to the opening of the General Assembly, prepare all necessary forms, including *Rules of Order, Manual Abridgment* for revision, and other things necessary for expediting the work of the General Assembly. The expense incurred shall be provided for out of the General Assembly expense fund.

¶255. The General Secretary may have as many assistants for his work as the General Assembly shall elect, or, in the interim of sessions of the General Assembly, the Board of General Superintendents may appoint.

#### VI. The General Treasurer

¶256. The General Treasurer, elected by the General Assembly, shall serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified. [¶ ¶ 230, 241 §3.]

¶257. The General Treasurer shall be a member, *ex officio*, of the General Assembly. [¶ 230.]

¶258. If, in the interim of sessions of the



General Assembly, for any cause, the General Treasurer shall cease to serve, the Board of General Superintendents shall elect someone to succeed him. [ Q 250 §3.]

**Q 259.** The duties of the General Treasurer shall be:

§1. To have the custody of all funds belonging to the general interests of the Church of the Nazarene.

§2. To receive, and disburse on order, the funds of the Department of Foreign Missions, the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension, the Department of Publication, the Department of Ministerial Relief, the Department of Education, and the Department of Church Schools, and such other funds as properly belong to the General Board, or to any of its departments; the General Superintendents' fund; the general contingent fund; the General Assembly expense fund; and other general benevolent church funds; and the funds of the General Nazarene Young People's Society. [ Q 260 §3, 283.]

§3. To give bond for the faithful performance of his duties, in a reliable surety company, in a good and sufficient sum, as the General Board may direct.

§4. To furnish such reports to the boards and departments, for whose funds he may be custodian, as may be required by them.

§5. To furnish to the General Board an annual

report of all the finances of the Church of the Nazarene, including investments. [¶ 267 §9.]

§6. To safeguard annuity funds invested in real estate by proper insurance policies and to provide against the lapsing of such policies.

§7. To secure monthly reports of receipts and disbursements from all schools, orphanages, rescue homes, and other institutions of the Church of the Nazarene. [¶ 144 §2.]

### VII. The General Board

¶ 260, §1. The General Board of the Church of the Nazarene shall be composed of thirty members who shall be elected by ballot by the General Assembly from among the persons nominated to serve in the several departments of the General Board as established by the General Assembly. [¶ ¶ 241 §4, 397.]

§2. The General Secretary of the Church of the Nazarene shall be, *ex officio*, secretary of the General Board. [¶ 251.]

§3. The General Treasurer of the Church of the Nazarene shall be, *ex officio*, treasurer of the General Board and also of the departments thereof. [¶ 256.]

¶ 261, §1. The delegations representing the Assembly Districts of each geographical zone, as established by the Seventh General Assembly, shall nominate to the General Assembly six persons to be members of the General Board, one from each geographical zone to serve in the Department of

Foreign Missions, one from each geographical zone to serve in the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension, one from each geographical zone to serve in the Department of Publication and in the Department of Ministerial Relief, and one from each geographical zone to serve in the Department of Education, and the persons so nominated shall, if acceptable, be elected by the General Assembly to serve in the departments to which nominated. The geographical zones referred to herein shall be and are the same as the educational districts for college purposes adopted by the Sixth General Assembly in 1923. [¶ ¶ 241 §4, 264, 353-358.]

§2. The Executive Committee of the Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council shall nominate to the General Assembly two members of the Council to be members of the General Board and to serve in the Department of Foreign Missions, and the women so nominated shall, if acceptable, be elected by the General Assembly to serve in that Department. [¶ ¶ 264, 289.]

§3. The General Assembly committee on church schools shall nominate to the General Assembly four persons at large, to be members of the General Board and to serve in the Department of Church Schools, and the persons so nominated shall, if acceptable, be elected by the General Assembly to serve in that department. [¶ 264.]

¶ 262. The members of the General Board, and also of the departments thereof, shall serve until the final adjournment of the next regular Gen-

eral Assembly and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Election to the General Board shall be also election to the respective departments to which the nominations were made.

¶ 263. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the General Board, and also the departments thereof, shall be filled by the remaining members of the General Board, subject to the approval of the Board of General Superintendents. [¶ 250 §5.]

¶ 264. The General Board of the Church of the Nazarene shall have the following departments, which are hereby established, membership on which departments shall be as provided by ¶ 261 §§1, 2, and 3, to wit:

1. Department of Foreign Missions
2. Department of Home Missions and Church Extension
3. Department of Ministerial Relief
4. Department of Publication
5. Department of Education
6. Department of Church Schools

¶ 265. All business transacted by said departments shall be subject to the approval of the General Board as hereinafter provided. [¶ ¶ 268 §1, 270 §1, 271 §1, 272 §1, 273 §1, 274 §1, 275 §1.]

¶ 266, §1. The Department of Foreign Missions shall have eight members. [¶ 397 §3 (1).]

§2. The Department of Home Missions and Church Extension shall have six members. [¶ 397 §3 (2).]

§3. The Department of Ministerial Relief shall

have six members, and the Department of Publication shall have six members, but the same persons shall compose the membership in each of these two departments. [Q 397 §3 (4).]

§4. The Department of Education shall have six members. [Q 397 §3 (5).]

§5. The Department of Church Schools shall have four members. [Q 397 §3 (6).]

#### POWER AND DUTIES OF THE GENERAL BOARD

Q 267, §1. The General Board shall promote the financial and material affairs of all the departments of the Church of the Nazarene, subject to such instructions as may be given by the General Assembly; it shall co-ordinate, correlate and unify the plans and activities of the several constituent departments so that a unified policy may be established by and in all the activities of the Church of the Nazarene; it shall have the power to direct the auditing of the accounts of all departments and institutions relating to or associated with the Church of the Nazarene, with a view to securing such uniformity of method and completeness of form as shall be most efficient; and it shall be an advisory body in the business and administrative affairs of the several departments of the General Board and of all the organizations and institutions that are a part of, related to or associated with this denomination, and these departments, organizations, and institutions shall give due consideration

to the advice and recommendations of the General Board.

§2. The General Board shall meet before or immediately following the final adjournment of the General Assembly and shall organize by electing officers and committees required by its articles of incorporation and bylaws, to serve until the next annual meeting of the General Board and until their successors are elected and qualified. The General Superintendents, jointly and severally, shall preside over the meetings of the General Board. [ § 244 §2.]

§3. The General Board shall meet in annual session at ten a. m., on the second Thursday of February, at Kansas City, Missouri; *provided*, however, that the hour, date, and place of the annual meeting may, by resolution adopted at any regular or special meeting, be changed to suit the best interests of the General Board and its departments. [ § 291.]

§4. Special meetings of the General Board may be called by the chairman, the president, or the secretary.

§5. The General Board shall choose a finance committee consisting of one member from each department. Each department shall have the right to nominate one of its members as a member of the finance committee. The finance committee shall have charge of the proper investment of trust funds. The General Board shall refer to this committee all budget askings for the ensuing year submitted

from the several departments, upon which askings this committee shall report with its recommendations. This committee shall perform any other work assigned to it by the General Board. It shall keep accurate minutes of all its meetings and submit them to the General Board for approval.

§6. The General Board shall at its annual meeting receive from each of its constituent departments a detailed report of its activities for the past year including a financial report, together with a more or less detailed statement of the proposed activities and expenditures as its budget for the ensuing year; from these statements and the statement from the General Treasurer it shall determine the amount to be allotted from the general budget to each department and fund; *provided*, however, that the General Board shall have authority to increase or diminish the amount asked for any department or fund.

§7. When the general budget with its proposed allotment to each department shall have been agreed upon, it shall be submitted to the Board of General Superintendents for its consideration and suggestions before final adoption by the General Board. The Board of General Superintendents may suggest changes in the proposed general budget and make recommendations in writing before the final adjournment of the General Board, and the General Board shall give due consideration to such suggestions and recommendations.

§8. The general budget shall be the grand total

of all department budgets and other funds to be raised by the whole denomination for the support, maintenance, and promotion of its general activities.

§9. The General Treasurer shall annually present to the General Board a detailed financial report of receipts and disbursements of all funds of which he has been custodian during the past year, including trust funds and investments, together with a detailed statement of the proposed expenditures for the ensuing year of funds not included in the budgets of departments of the General Board. The General Treasurer shall be responsible to the General Board for the faithful performance of his duties. [Q 259 §§3, 5.]

§10. Each department shall meet before or immediately following the final adjournment of the General Assembly and organize by choosing a department chairman, a vice chairman, and a recording secretary. These officers shall serve in the usual capacity of their respective offices. Department committees may be provided at the pleasure of each department.

§11. Each department shall meet as many days prior to the meeting of the General Board as may be necessary to transact its business. Each department may hold special meetings when called by the chairman or by the recording secretary.

§12. Each department shall meet separately for the purpose of considering the business pertaining to that department. It shall formulate its plans



and policies, prepare its budget, and submit a comprehensive report of the business transacted for the information and approval of the General Board. Any department on request shall furnish to the General Board any other information required.

§13. Each department shall file with the secretary of the General Board complete minutes of each meeting of the department.

§14. Each department may employ such help as it may deem necessary, provided it keeps within its disbursing budget.

§15. Each department shall prepare a report of all work done during the preceding four years, including funds received from all sources and the amounts and purposes for which disbursed, and a program of activities for the next succeeding quadrennium, and this report when approved shall become a part of the report of the General Board to the General Assembly.

§16. No department, organization or institution that is a part of related to or associated with the Church of the Nazarene, should issue annuity bonds, life notes or other similar financial contracts contrary to the advice of the General Board.

#### THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

¶ 268, §1. The Department of Foreign Missions shall perform the work of diffusing Christianity more generally by supporting, maintaining and promoting missionary activity and evangelism by the Church of the Nazarene in foreign mission territory.

It shall supervise and administer the work of organizing, maintaining and supporting churches, mission schools, dispensaries, hospitals, and orphanages, and providing them with proper buildings, equipment and workers; and do whatever else may be proper and necessary for the welfare and progress of foreign missionary work, subject to the approval of the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents. [ ¶ ¶ 265, 250 §§1, 2.]

§2. The Department of Foreign Missions shall prepare an annual detailed report of its activities for the past year including a financial report, together with a more or less detailed statement of its proposed activities and expenditures as its budget for the ensuing year, and submit the same to the General Board at its annual meeting for approval; *provided*, however, that no budget shall be in excess of the goal set by the General Assembly for this department.

§3. Foreign mission territory shall consist of those countries considered advisable by the General Board for foreign missionary work.

§4. Missionaries to foreign mission territory, both lay and ministerial, shall be appointed and commissioned by the General Board from nominations made by the Department of Foreign Missions; *provided*, however, that all such nominations shall have been duly approved in writing by the Board of General Superintendents. [ ¶ 250 §1.]

§5. The Woman's General Missionary Council

shall work under the direction of the Department of Foreign Missions. [¶ ¶ 241 §5, 284-289.]

§6. The Department of Foreign Missions shall have supervision of the sanitarium and hospital work of the Church of the Nazarene. Such work to be recognized must meet the following requirements:

(1). A first aid course, to be offered in connection with any of our schools under the following requirements: the course to consist of at least five hours work per week, under the direction of a registered nurse (R. N.) or a doctor of medicine (M. D.).

(2). A training school for nurses to be offered in connection with any of our schools under the following requirements: a general hospital, sanitarium, or infirmary having at least twenty beds; having a governing board of directors or trustees; having a dean or president of staff who is a doctor of medicine (M. D.); having a superintendent and head nurse, each of whom must be a registered nurse (R. N.). Each member of the governing board and each officer must be in the experience of entire sanctification.

§7. The eight members of the Department of Foreign Missions, *ex officio*, together with four members chosen at large by the General Assembly, shall constitute the members of the General Board of Foreign Missions, a corporation, of Kansas City, Missouri. Vacancies therein shall be filled by the Board of General Superintendents upon nomina-

tions made by the remaining members of the aforesaid corporation. [¶ 250 §6.]

### THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

¶ 269. The Department of Home Missions and Church Extension shall function clearly in the two distinct divisions of its work, namely, home missions, and church extension.

#### DIVISION OF HOME MISSIONS

¶ 270, §1. This department, in the division of home missions, shall perform the work of diffusing Christianity more generally by supporting, maintaining and promoting all phases of church work and missionary activity conducted by the Church of the Nazarene in the home mission territory, including work among foreign speaking people and others not cared for by regular pastors, and in all home mission districts with the exception of the Mexicans in the Southwest, subject to the approval of the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents. [¶ ¶ 265, 250 §2.]

§2. It shall be the duty of this department, in the division of home missions, to supervise and manage the work of evangelistic campaigns, organize churches and otherwise extend Christianity and the Church of the Nazarene in home mission territory.

§3. It shall be the duty of this department, in the division of home missions, to promote an aggressive evangelism throughout the Church of the

Nazarene and to co-operate in every way with the General Superintendents, the District Superintendents, the pastors and the evangelists in the work of evangelism; to inspire members of our local churches to zeal in soul winning through intercessory prayer, personal evangelism and the distribution of gospel literature.

§4. (1) An Assembly District having not more than five hundred members may become a home mission district by majority vote of the District Assembly and at the discretion of the General Board.

(2) The District Superintendent of such home mission district shall be nominated by the Board of General Superintendents and elected by vote of the District Assembly. In case the nomination be rejected by the vote of the District Assembly, the General Superintendent presiding shall continue submitting nominations until there is an election by vote of the District Assembly.

(3) An Assembly District having five hundred members, and fewer than six hundred members, may be eligible to consideration for help from the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension in its division of home missions.

§5. This department, in its division of home missions, shall prepare an annual detailed report of its activities for the past year including a financial report, together with a more or less detailed statement of its proposed activities and expenditures as its budget for the ensuing year, and submit the

same to the General Board at its annual meeting for approval; *provided*, however, that no budget shall be in excess of the goal set by the General Assembly for this division of work.

§6. The six members of the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension, *ex officio*, together with three members chosen at large by the General Assembly, shall constitute the members of the General Board of Home Missions and Evangelism, a corporation, of Kansas City, Missouri. Vacancies therein shall be filled by the Board of General Superintendents upon nominations made by the remaining members of the aforesaid corporation. [¶ 250 §6.]

#### DIVISION OF CHURCH EXTENSION

¶ 271, §1. This department, in the division of church extension, shall perform the work of promoting the cause of providing and constructing suitable church buildings for local congregations of the Church of the Nazarene, and of suitable parsonages for the use of its pastors, subject to the approval of the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents. [¶ ¶ 265, 250 §2.]

§2. It shall be the duty of this department, in the division of church extension, to devise means by which funds may be secured, held and managed for its purposes; to make loans from its loan funds and grants from its gift funds under regulations approved by the General Board; to give careful study to proposed church locations and building sites and

to make such recommendations therein as it may deem advisable; to furnish such assistance in devising building plans and to supply such architectural service as its facilities and means may provide; to assist local churches in raising funds for new buildings and for liquidating indebtedness on church property; and to assist local churches to incorporate and establish valid titles to church property. [ Q 95, 159 §§1-3.]

§3. This department, in its division of church extension, shall prepare an annual detailed report of its activities for the past year including a financial report, together with a more or less detailed statement of its proposed activities and expenditures as its budget for the ensuing year, and submit the same to the General Board at its annual meeting for approval; *provided*, however, that no budget shall be in excess of the goal set by the General Assembly for this division of work.

§4. The six members of the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension, *ex officio*, together with one member chosen at large by the General Assembly, shall constitute the members of the General Board of Church Extension, a corporation, of Kansas City, Missouri. Vacancies therein shall be filled by the Board of General Superintendents upon nominations made by the remaining members of the aforesaid corporation. [ Q 250 §6.]

THE DEPARTMENT OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Q 272, §1. The Department of Ministerial Relief shall perform the work of providing for the

temporal support of disabled ministers, aged ministers and their needy dependents, and the widows and orphans of ministers of the Church of the Nazarene, subject to the approval of the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents. [¶ 265, 250 §2.]

§2. It shall be the duty of this department to devise means by which funds may be secured, held, and managed for its purposes, to make appropriations from its funds for the aid of needy and disabled ministers and the needy and disabled members of the ministers' families, under regulations approved by the General Board; to carry out such plans for funds, relief, support, and pensions, as may be authorized by the General Assembly or by the General Board; to control, manage and supervise such old people's homes as may be established or approved by the General Assembly or by the General Board. [¶ 131, 148 §5, 163 §1.]

§3. The Department of Ministerial Relief shall prepare an annual detailed report of its activities for the past year including a financial report, together with a more or less detailed statement of the proposed activities and expenditures as its budget for the ensuing year, and submit the same to the General Board at its annual meeting for approval; *provided*, however, that no budget shall be in excess of the goal set by the General Assembly for this department.

§4. Five of the six members of the Department of Ministerial Relief chosen by the General As-



sembly shall, *ex officio*, constitute the members of the General Board of Ministerial Relief, a corporation, of Kansas City, Missouri. Vacancies therein shall be filled by the Board of General Superintendents upon nominations made by the remaining members of the aforesaid corporation. [¶ 250 §6.]

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICATION

¶273, §1. The Department of Publication shall perform the work of spreading Christianity, by the publication, sale and distribution of moral and religious literature, subject to the approval of the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents. [¶ ¶ 265, 250 §2.]

§2. This department shall have the general supervision and management of all publications affecting the interests of the Church of the Nazarene, except as herein otherwise limited; it shall conduct a systematic distribution of Bibles, books, tracts, and gospel literature; and it shall provide such literature and other materials as may be deemed necessary for the interests of the denomination. [¶ 165.]

§3. No book or tract shall be published with the sanction of the Church of the Nazarene or the Nazarene Publishing House, or have the imprint of the Nazarene Publishing House, unless approved in writing by the Book Committee, and by it recommended as suitable to promote Christianity and the Church of the Nazarene. [¶ ¶ 241 §8, 404.]

§4. The Editor of the *Herald of Holiness* shall

perform such duties as generally belong to the editorial office, and in such a manner as the interests of the Church of the Nazarene may require and in harmony with the editorial policy agreed upon between the Editor and the Department of Publication; *provided*, however, that in matters of denominational polity and doctrine he shall be governed by the recommendation of the Board of General Superintendents. [¶ 241 §9.]

§5. The Editor of church school periodicals shall perform such duties as generally belong to that office, in such a manner as the interests of the Church of the Nazarene may require, and in harmony with the editorial policy agreed upon between the Editor of church school periodicals and the Department of Publication; *provided*, however, that in matters of denominational polity and doctrine he shall be governed by the recommendations of the Board of General Superintendents. [¶ 241 §10.]

§6. The Department of Publication may employ a manager of the Nazarene Publishing House. He shall conduct the business under the direction of the department.

§7. The Department of Publication shall prepare an annual detailed report of its activities for the past year including a financial report, together with a more or less detailed statement of its proposed activities and expenditures as its budget for the ensuing year, and submit the same to the General Board at its annual meeting for approval;

*provided*, however, that no budget shall be in excess of the goal set by the General Assembly for this department. Upon the basis of such reports and statements the Department of Publication shall determine and reserve that portion of the net profits of the Nazarene Publishing House for the preceding year necessary to meet its financial obligations and finance its business of the current year. The entire balance of the net profits, if any, shall be applied to the benevolent work of the Church of the Nazarene as directed by the General Assembly.

§8. The six members of the Department of Publication, *ex officio*, together with one member chosen at large by the General Assembly, shall constitute the members of the Nazarene Publishing House, a corporation, of Kansas City, Missouri. Vacancies therein shall be filled by the Board of General Superintendents upon nominations made by the remaining members of the aforesaid corporation. [ Q 250 §6.]

#### THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Q 274, §1. The Department of Education shall perform the work of promoting the cause of education, subject to the approval of the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents. [ Q Q 265, 250 §2.]

§2. It shall sustain an advisory relationship to all educational institutions now and hereafter related to or associated with the Church of the Nazarene in matters of courses of study, of buildings,

location, general business and administrative policy.

§3. It may recommend to the General Board and to the Board of General Superintendents, and to the trustees of the schools affected thereby, that two or more schools be merged or otherwise disposed of, whenever in its judgment the highest educational interests of the denomination will be conserved by so doing.

§4. The schools and colleges now and hereby recognized as under the auspices of the Church of the Nazarene, and the geographical zones for educational purposes sanctioned by the General Assembly are:

- (1) Eastern Nazarene College, Eastern Zone [¶ 344.]
- (2) Trevecca College, Southeast Zone [¶ 345.]
- (3) Olivet College, Central Zone [¶ 346.]
- (4) Bethany-Peniel College, West Central Zone [¶ 347.]
- (5) Pasadena College, Southwest Zone [¶ 348.]
- (6) Northwest Nazarene College, Northwest Zone [¶ 349.]
- (7) Bresee College (Academy), Kansas and Nebraska [¶ 350.]
- (8) Central Nazarene College (Academy), New Mexico and Texas [¶ 351.]

§5. It shall be the duty of this department to awaken proper interest in education; to encourage the schools and colleges to attain higher standards and greater efficiency; to determine the number of schools and colleges that may receive financial sup-

port from this department; and to declare their classification and standards, and the supporting territory of each. [¶ 157.]

§6. Each educational institution shall prepare an annual detailed report of its activities during the past year, including a financial report duly audited by a public accountant, and a detailed statement of its proposed activities and expenditures together with a statement of probable income, as its budget for the ensuing year, and shall forward this report to the Department of Education.

§7. The Department of Education shall prepare an annual report of (1) its own activities for the past year, including a financial statement, and (2) a general report of the activities and finances of each educational institution, together with (3) a more or less detailed statement of the proposed activities and expenditures as its budget for the ensuing year of the department, and also (4) a more or less detailed statement of the proposed activities and expenditures as its budget for the ensuing year of each school or college, and (5) of the amount proposed to be allotted to each institution, and submit the same to the General Board at its annual meeting for approval; *provided*, however, that no budget shall be in excess of the goal set by the General Assembly.

§8. The Department of Education shall create and maintain an educational fund for the expense of the department and the promotion of its work, and also for the purpose of assisting the educational

institutions under its supervision. It shall receive such funds as may be contributed to it for educational purposes through gifts and donations, or through the general budget funds of the church, and shall annually appropriate to each educational institution such an amount as the department may determine for the purpose of assisting such institutions to meet their current operating expenses. The department shall also have power to administer any and all other funds, gifts, donations, or bequests that may be committed to it for educational purposes; and to solicit and create special funds for scholarships, endowment or other purposes of the department, and to administer these funds under such rules and regulations as it may adopt.

§9. The Department of Education shall make such recommendations to the management of each educational institution as in its judgment will serve to increase its efficiency.

§10. The Department of Education shall determine, and at least quadrennially advise the minimum requirements to be maintained for admission, for graduation, for promotion to baccalaureate or other degrees in the educational institutions recognized by the Church of the Nazarene. The requirements thus established shall provide in all cases for the historical, literary, practical, and devotional study of the Bible.

§11. No educational institution shall employ or retain permanently in its employment any faculty member who is not in full accord with the doctrine

of, and in the experience of, entire sanctification, and who is not in full agreement and sympathy with the Bible doctrines and usages held by the Church of the Nazarene as set forth in the Articles of Faith and the *Manual* of government of said church.

§12. No educational institution of the Church of the Nazarene shall hereafter be established or receive support from the funds of the department without its plans and organization having first been submitted to the Department of Education for approval; and no institution shall continue to receive regular support unless its educational standards, plan of organization, and financial methods are approved by the Department of Education.

§13. The Department of Education shall have charge of all matters pertaining to general moral education. This department shall provide that a brief course in moral education be given annually in schools under the supervision of the Church of the Nazarene, and that as many local churches as possible be reached with moral instruction. [¶ 161.]

§14. The Department of Education, in conjunction with the Board of General Superintendents, shall arrange courses of study for local preachers, licensed ministers, and licensed deaconesses. [¶ ¶ 250 §7, 388, 389, 390.]

§15. The six members of the Department of Education, *ex officio*, together with four members chosen at large by the General Assembly, shall

constitute the members of the General Board of Education, a corporation, of Kansas City, Missouri. Vacancies therein shall be filled by the Board of General Superintendents upon nominations made by the remaining members of the aforesaid corporation. [¶ 250 §6.]

#### DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH SCHOOLS

¶ 275, §1. The Department of Church Schools shall perform the work of promoting Christian religious education and the training of church school workers in local churches of the Church of the Nazarene. It shall have full supervision of the work of the church school in harmony with the doctrines of the Church of the Nazarene and the program of the General Assembly and the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene, subject to the approval of the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents. [¶ ¶ 106, 265, 250 §2.]

§2. *The Department of Church Schools shall promote the organization and work of Sunday Bible schools, vacation Bible schools and week-day Bible schools, and provide courses of study and lesson helps therefor; shall promote interest in Bible study and mission study and provide materials for the same; shall arrange for such expressional activities as are in harmony with the spirit and teaching of the Church of the Nazarene; shall promote the work of leadership training, provide courses of study, texts and instructions for the same, and shall*



issue certificates of graduation; shall arrange for correspondence work, local classes, and standard institutes and schools; shall arrange for and conduct, and shall assist district church school boards in arranging and conducting, conventions and leadership training institutes and schools; shall provide standards of efficiency; shall arrange for the publishing of such papers, periodicals and pamphlets as may be needed for the successful prosecution of these objects, and employ the necessary office and field workers.

§3. The Department of Church Schools shall prepare an annual detailed report of its activities for the past year, including a financial report, together with a more or less detailed statement of its proposed activities and expenditures as its budget for the ensuing year, and submit the same to the General Board at its annual meeting for approval; *provided*, however, that no budget shall be in excess of the goal set by the General Assembly for this department.

§4. The Department of Church Schools shall recommend to the General Board an amount to be placed in the general budget for the purpose of carrying on the work of this department, the same to be within the limits of any goal that may be set by the General Assembly for this department. All actual disbursements shall not exceed the amount allotted out of the general budget for this department.

### VIII. The General Orphanage Board

¶276. The General Orphanage Board, consisting of eight members, shall be elected by the General Assembly, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ ¶ 241 §6, 250 §4, 398.]

¶277. The General Orphanage Board shall have charge of the orphanage interests of the Church of the Nazarene subject to the approval of the General Assembly and the Board of General Superintendents. [ ¶ 250 §2.]

### IX. The General Nazarene Young People's Society

¶278. The General Nazarene Young People's Society shall be composed of all district and local Nazarene young people's societies.

¶279. It shall be governed by the constitution of the General Nazarene Young People's Society approved and adopted by the General Assembly of 1923, and amended by the General Convention of the General Nazarene Young People's Society and approved by the General Assembly of 1928, which constitution may be amended only by the approval of the General Assembly. [ ¶ 366 §1.]

¶280. The General Convention, which shall meet every four years, shall be composed as follows: each district Nazarene young people's convention preceding the General Assembly shall elect two delegates for each five hundred or fewer members, and one additional delegate for each successive five hundred members and the final major part

of five hundred members. Assembly Districts not having a district organization shall be entitled to representation on the same basis of representation, such delegates to be elected by the District Assembly.

¶281. The General Convention shall elect a president, a secretary, and five persons to have charge of the several departments of the society, who, with the General Superintendents, *ex officio*, shall constitute an Executive Board. The work of the Executive Board shall be subject to the sanction of the Board of General Superintendents. [¶245.]

¶282. Vacancies in the Executive Board shall be filled by the remaining members of the Executive Board in consultation with the Board of General Superintendents. [¶245.]

¶283. Money for the use of the General Nazarene Young People's Society shall be raised through an assessment of an amount equivalent to twenty-five cents a member per annum, the same to be paid direct to the General Treasurer by the local societies, and by him disbursed on order of the Executive Board. [¶¶114 §2, 425 §7.]

#### **X. The Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council**

¶284. The Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council shall be composed of eighteen members elected by the General Assembly, from nominations made by the Quadrennial Convention, of whom sixteen shall be elected from the United

States, one from the British Isles, and one from Canada, to serve until the final adjournment of the next regular General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled by majority vote of the members of the Council. [¶ ¶ 241 §5, 268 §5, 401.]

¶ 285. It shall be governed by the constitution of the Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council approved by the General Assembly of 1923, and amended by the Quadrennial Convention of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and approved by the General Assembly of 1928, which constitution may be amended only with the approval of the General Assembly. [¶ 367 §1.]

¶ 286. The object of this council shall be to plan and encourage the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society throughout the Church of the Nazarene, and it shall work in harmony with and under the direction of the Department of Foreign Missions of the General Board. [¶ 268 §5.]

¶ 287. The Quadrennial Convention shall be held at the same time as, or immediately preceding, the General Assembly. The membership of the Quadrennial Convention shall consist of the members of the Council, the presidents of the district woman's foreign missionary societies, and one delegate from each Assembly District elected by the district convention.

¶ 288. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the president, the first vice president,

the second vice president, the secretary, the treasurer, the superintendent of study, and the superintendent of publicity, three of whom shall constitute a quorum. Vacancies shall be filled by majority vote of the members of the Council.

¶ 289. The Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council shall be represented on the General Board by two members of the Council elected to the Department of Foreign Missions thereof by the General Assembly, to serve until the final adjournment of the next regular General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [ ¶ 261 §2.]

#### XI. The Organization of General Boards

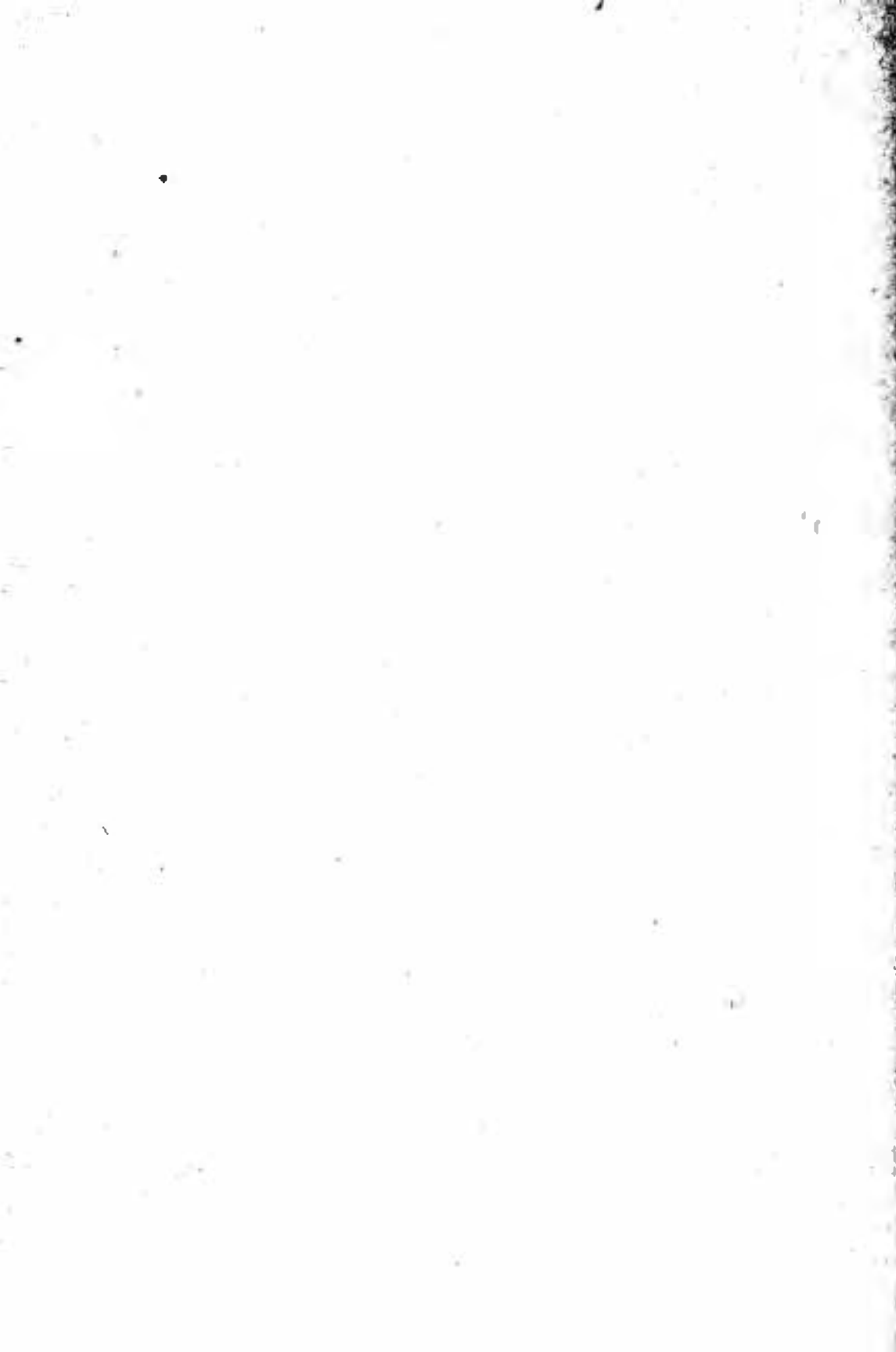
¶ 290. The general boards shall have their bylaws and policies published immediately after the General Assembly, and copies of these shall be kept on hand at Headquarters for those desiring them.

#### XII. The Annual Meetings of General Boards

¶ 291. The annual meetings of all the general boards of the Church of the Nazarene shall be held at the same time and the same place, in order that all their work, plans, and efforts may be fully correlated. [ ¶ ¶ 267 §§11, 12, 276.]

#### XIII. The Fiscal Year

¶ 292. The fiscal year for all general interests of the Church of the Nazarene shall close on April 30th of each year.



**PART IV**  
**JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION**

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## CHAPTER I

### DISCIPLINE OF A CHURCH MEMBER

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¶ 293. The object of church discipline is not the punishment of offenders, but the vindication of the truth, the purification of the Church, the warning of the careless, and the reformation and salvation of the guilty.

¶ 294. Members of the Church of the Nazarene who do violence to the General Rules [ ¶ 35 ], or show disregard for the Special Rules [ ¶ ¶ 35-42 ], which are set forth in the *Manual*, should be dealt with kindly yet faithfully, according to the grievousness of their offenses.

¶ 295, §1. In case a member of the Church of the Nazarene be accused of unchristian conduct, the pastor shall appoint an investigating committee, consisting of not fewer than three nor more than five members. Such committee shall carefully examine into the accusation, which shall be in writing, signed by the accuser or accusers, and shall confer with the accused person. In case it finds that there are grounds for the accusation, a reasonable time shall be given for repentance and reformation.

§2. If it seem necessary, the investigating committee shall prepare and sign charges, and the accused shall be brought before a trial committee of not fewer than three nor more than five (not including any member of the investigating committee), appointed by the church board, which trial committee shall have authority to try the case and ascertain the guilt or innocence of the accused. The pastor shall preside at the trial unless he, himself, is involved; in such case the church board shall appoint another person to preside. If the accused be found guilty, such findings shall have the effect of expelling the person accused from membership in the Church of the Nazarene.

§3. An appeal from the decision of the trial committee may be made to the district court of appeals within twenty days, and its decision shall be final.

§4. A faithful record of the proceedings of any church trial conducted within a local church shall be kept by a person chosen by the trial committee. It shall be his duty, in case of an appeal, to furnish his record to the appellate court.

§5. The appellant shall transmit to the district court of appeals his appeal in writing, accompanied by a statement setting forth the grounds of his appeal. The written statement shall also be accompanied by a copy of the charges filed prior to the trial, and a copy of the record and the evidence taken at the trial. All such copies must be endorsed

as correct by a majority of the members of the trial committee.

§6. In all such cases of appeal by a member to the district court of appeals from a decision of a trial committee, the person presiding shall act as respondent and shall file with the district court of appeals a brief review of the case, and his reasons, if any, why the judgment should be affirmed.

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## CHAPTER II

### DISCIPLINE OF A MINISTER

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¶ 296, §1. In case an elder or a licensed minister be accused of unchristian or imprudent conduct, or promulgating doctrines out of harmony with the doctrinal statement of the Church of the Nazarene, or serious laxity in the enforcement of our General Rules [ ¶ 35] and covenant vows [ ¶ 361], the district advisory board shall appoint an investigating committee of two elders, which shall carefully examine into the accusation, which shall be in writing, signed by the accuser or accusers. Such committee shall confer with the accused person. In case it shall find that there are grounds for the accusation, a reasonable time shall be given for repentance and reformation. The investigating committee shall report its findings to the district advisory board either that there seem no sufficient grounds for charges or that there are grounds for

charges together with the facts as to repentance or otherwise.

§2. If the investigating committee report that there are grounds for charges, then such charges, with specifications, shall be made in writing, signed by two elders, and the minister so charged shall be tried before a court of five elders (not including any of the investigating committee), who shall be disinterested and not related by blood or marriage to the accused, selected by the district advisory board of the district in which the accused has membership, unless one of the members of such district advisory board is himself the subject of such charges, in which event the other members of such district advisory board shall choose such court which shall have jurisdiction of the entire case. Or written charges with specifications may be presented against an elder or a licensed minister by any church board with the consent of the District Superintendent, unless the District Superintendent is the subject of such charges, in which event a majority of the other members of the district advisory board may give their consent.

§3. Written notice shall be served upon the elder or licensed minister so charged, at least twenty days before trial. Such notice shall set forth the nature of the charges, together with the specifications, and the time and place of trial. The accused shall be allowed counsel, who shall be a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

§4. In case the elder or licensed minister so ac-

cused shall be found guilty by the unanimous judgment of the members of the court after being tried according to the rules of evidence, judgment shall be pronounced by the court in accordance with the nature of the offense. Such judgment may take the form of expulsion from the membership and the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene, or that of suspension for a limited time from its membership and its ministry.

§5. In case it be impossible for all the members of the court to agree on a verdict, they shall declare a mistrial and notify the district advisory board, which shall at once proceed as before to select a court of five elders. The same procedure shall thereafter be followed as in the first instance.

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### CHAPTER III

#### PROCEDURE IN THE TRIAL OF A MINISTER

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¶ 297. The following shall invariably be the course of procedure in connection with the trial of an accused elder or a licensed minister:

§1. The written notice, provided in ¶ 296 §3 shall be prepared by the District Superintendent and the district advisory board, and signed by them.

§2. The charges shall be general, merely setting forth the nature of the offense, but the specifications, which must be numbered, shall state the facts constituting the alleged offense, with such particulars of time, place, circumstances, and persons present, as may be necessary fully and fairly to ap-

prise the accused of the evidence which he will be required to meet, and thus enable him to prepare his defense.

§3. The District Superintendent, if not disqualified, or an elder in the Church of the Nazarene designated by the District Superintendent and the district advisory board, shall conduct the prosecution. The defendant also shall be represented by one or more elders of the Church of the Nazarene, selected by himself, or by the trial court in case such defendant is absent from the trial, or, if present, fails to make such selection; or he may conduct his own trial if he so desire.

§4. No defendant shall be compelled to testify against himself, or to furnish evidence in his possession that may tend to incriminate him.

§5. No defendant shall be found guilty because he fails or refuses to make any defense, but his guilt must be established by affirmative evidence.

§6. A correct record shall be kept of the evidence taken at the trial, the objections made by either party, and the rulings thereon by the court. A copy of this record shall in every case be filed with the district secretary, and shall be accessible to convicted elders or licensed ministers who desire to appeal. [¶139 §4.]

§7. No findings or judgments of trial courts shall be published until the time for appeals has passed and the actions of such courts have become final.

§8. In no case shall the character of any elder or

licensed minister be questioned at the District Assembly of which he is a member, unless written charges are pending against him.

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## CHAPTER IV

### PROCEDURE IN THE APPEAL OF A MINISTER

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**Q 298.** Upon conviction by a trial court, as provided for in Chapter II hereof, any elder or licensed minister shall have the right of appeal within thirty days to the General Court of Appeals, of which he shall not be deprived by his inability to obtain access to the transcript of the testimony and proceedings at the trial.

**Q 299.** The procedure in cases of appeal by elders or licensed ministers shall be as follows:

§1. The appellant shall transmit to the General Court of Appeals his appeal in writing, accompanied by a written statement setting forth the grounds of his appeal. Copies of such appeal and written statement shall be forwarded respectively to the District Superintendent, the district advisory board and the trial court. The statement must also be accompanied by a copy of the charges and specifications filed prior to such trial, the written notice thereof served upon the party accused, the judgment pronounced by the court, which shall always be in writing, and a copy of the official record of the trial. The dates of filing or presentation of such documents should invariably appear on the

copies thereof. Such copies must be endorsed as correct by the District Superintendent, or a majority of the members of the trial court.

§2. In all cases of appeal to the General Court of Appeals from the judgment of a trial court, the District Superintendent of the Assembly District in which the trial occurs shall act as respondent, and shall file with the General Court of Appeals a brief review of the case, and his reasons, if any, why the judgment should be affirmed.

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## CHAPTER V

### APPEALS

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#### I. District Court of Appeals

¶ 300, §1. The district court of appeals shall be composed of the District Superintendent, *ex officio*, and four elders elected thereto by the District Assembly [¶ 129 §21]. This court shall have jurisdiction to hear complaints and appeals of members of any local church within an Assembly District, concerning any action of a local church [¶ 54-62] or of a church board [¶ 100 §§1-24], due notice of which must have been given within twenty days of the action complained of or appealed from, to the local church or to the church board concerning whose action the complaint or appeal is made. This court is authorized to approve, modify, or reverse such action; and its decision shall be final.



§2. *The district court of appeals shall also have jurisdiction to hear and determine all appeals by lay members from decisions of trial committees of local churches within the Assembly District. This court is authorized to affirm, modify, or reverse such judgments, and its decision, which must be in writing, shall be final; or the court may remand the case for a new trial.*

## II. General Court of Appeals

¶301, §1. The General Court of Appeals shall be composed of five elders elected by the General Assembly [¶241 §7]. This court shall have jurisdiction to hear all appeals that are brought before it in the manner prescribed in Chapter IV, of Part IV, of the *Manual*, from the judgments of trial courts concerning ministers charged with imprudent or unchristian conduct, or promulgating doctrines out of harmony with the doctrinal statement of the Church of the Nazarene (Part II), or serious laxity in the enforcement of our General Rules [¶35] and covenant vows [¶361], and all complaints of and appeals from the actions of District Assemblies [¶129 §§1-26] in matters affecting the interests of ministers whose membership is in such District Assemblies, and all complaints of and appeals from the actions of District Superintendents [¶134 §§1-11] in matters affecting the interests of ministers who are amenable to the lawful authority of such District Superintendents.

§2. In all such cases due notice of such complaint or appeal must have been given within thirty

days to the District Assembly or District Superintendent whose action is complained of or appealed from.

§3. This court is authorized to approve, modify, or reverse such judgment or action, and its decision, which must be in writing, shall be final.

§4. This court, when called upon by the General Assembly or by the Board of General Superintendents to give its construction of the meaning and force of any of the provisions of this *Manual*, shall promptly comply with such request, giving its opinion in writing, and the construction thus placed by it upon the provisions in question shall be authoritative and final.

§5. The publication [¶ 250 §8] of the opinions and decisions of the General Court of Appeals shall be left to the discretion of the court in consultation with the Board of General Superintendents.

§6. The General Court of Appeals shall prepare and have printed blank forms of charges and specifications to be used in trials of elders and licensed ministers. These forms shall be printed and kept in stock by the Nazarene Publishing House. The cost of their printing shall be paid out of the general contingent fund.

§7. Within thirty days after the rendition of its judgment or decree the General Court of Appeals shall file a true copy thereof with the General Secretary of the Church of the Nazarene. The General Secretary shall keep all such decisions in permanent form. [¶ 254 §4.]

**PART V**  
**BOUNDARIES**

- I. ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS**
- II. EDUCATIONAL ZONES**
- III. GEOGRAPHICAL ZONES**

## CHAPTER I

### ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS

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§ 302. (1) ALABAMA DISTRICT shall include the state of Alabama and that portion of the state of Florida west of the Apalachicola and the Chattahoochee rivers.

§ 303. (2) ALBERTA DISTRICT shall include the province of Alberta, Canada, and that portion of the province of British Columbia, Canada, east of the Rocky mountains.

§ 304. (3) ARIZONA DISTRICT shall include the state of Arizona.

§ 305. (4) ARKANSAS DISTRICT shall include the state of Arkansas.

§ 306. (5) BRITISH ISLES DISTRICT shall include England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

§ 307. (6) CAROLINA DISTRICT shall include the state of North Carolina; and the state of Virginia, except that portion of the state lying east of the Chesapeake Bay, namely, the counties of Accomac and Northampton, and further excepting that portion of the state bordering upon the District of Columbia, namely, the county of Fairfax; and that portion of the state of South Carolina lying east of the Peedee river, namely, the counties of Marlboro, Dillon, Marion, and Horry.

¶ 308. (7) CENTRAL NORTHWEST DISTRICT shall include the states of Minnesota and South Dakota.

¶ 309. (8) CHICAGO CENTRAL DISTRICT shall include the states of Illinois and Wisconsin.

¶ 310. (9) DALLAS DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Texas east of the ninety-seventh meridian, with the exception of that portion of Denton county east of said meridian.

¶ 311. (10) COLORADO DISTRICT shall include the state of Colorado.

¶ 312. (11) EASTERN OKLAHOMA DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Oklahoma east of the following line: the Santa Fe railway from Red river to Oklahoma City; the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway north from Oklahoma City to the Arkansas river; thence to the Kansas line.

¶ 313. (12) FLORIDA DISTRICT shall include the state of Florida except that portion of the state west of the Apalachicola and the Chattahoochee rivers.

¶ 314. (13) GEORGIA DISTRICT shall include the state of Georgia, and the state of South Carolina except that portion lying east of the Peedee river, namely, the counties of Marlboro, Dillon, Marion and Horry.

¶ 315. (14) HAMLIN DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Texas north of the thirty-second parallel and west of the ninety-seventh meridian, with the addition of that portion

of Denton county east of said ninety-seventh meridian.

¶ 316. (15) IDAHO-OREGON DISTRICT shall include the state of Utah, and that portion of the state of Idaho south of the Salmon river; and that portion of the state of Oregon embracing the following counties, namely, Wallowa, Union, Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur.

¶ 317. (16) INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Indiana south of the fortieth parallel of latitude.

¶ 318. (17) IOWA DISTRICT shall include the state of Iowa.

¶ 319. (18) KANSAS DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Kansas lying west of the east boundaries of the following counties, namely, Marshall, Pottawatomie, Wabaunsee, Lyon, Greenwood, Elk, and Chautauqua.

¶ 320. (19) KANSAS CITY DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Kansas lying east of the west boundaries of the following counties, namely, Nemaha, Jackson, Shawnee, Osage, Coffey, Woodson, Wilson and Montgomery; and that portion of the state of Missouri lying west of the easterly boundaries of the counties of Mercer, Grundy, Livingston, Carroll, Saline, Pettis, Morgan, Camden, Laclede, Wright, Douglas, and Ozark.

¶ 321. (20) KENTUCKY DISTRICT shall include the state of Kentucky; and that portion of the state of West Virginia west of a line running

south from Ravenswood, W. Va., to the Virginia line.

§ 322. (21) LOUISIANA DISTRICT shall include the state of Louisiana.

§ 323. (22) MANITOBA-SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT shall include the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Canada.

§ 324. (23) MICHIGAN DISTRICT shall include the state of Michigan.

§ 325. (24) MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT shall include the state of Mississippi.

§ 326. (25) MISSOURI DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Missouri lying east of the westerly boundaries of the counties of Putnam, Sullivan, Linn, Chariton, Howard, Cooper, Moniteau, Miller, Pulaski, Texas, and Howell.

§ 327. (26) ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT shall include the states of Montana and Wyoming.

§ 328. (27) NEBRASKA DISTRICT shall include the state of Nebraska.

§ 329. (28) NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT shall include the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island; that portion of the state of Connecticut east of a line running north from Bridgeport, Conn., excluding Bridgeport, to the Massachusetts line; and the provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Canada.

§ 330. (29) NEW MEXICO DISTRICT shall include the state of New Mexico; and that portion of the state of Texas west of the one hundred third meridian.



**Q 331.** (30) NEW YORK DISTRICT shall include the state of New York; that portion of the state of New Jersey north of Boundbrook, N. J.; and that portion of the state of Connecticut west of a line running north from Bridgeport, Conn., including Bridgeport, to the Massachusetts line.

**Q 332.** (31) NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT shall include the state of North Dakota.

**Q 333.** (32) NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT shall include the state of Nevada; that portion of the state of California north of the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino counties, with the addition of that portion of Kern county north of the Tehachipi mountains.

**Q 334.** (33) NORTHERN INDIANA DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Indiana north of the fortieth parallel of latitude.

**Q 335.** (34) NORTH PACIFIC DISTRICT shall include that portion of British Columbia, Canada, west of the Rocky mountains; that portion of the states of Washington and Oregon west of the Cascade mountains; and the counties of Klamath and Lake in Oregon, east of the Cascade mountains.

**Q 336.** (35) NORTHWEST DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Washington east of the Cascade mountains; that portion of the state of Idaho north of the Salmon river; and the following counties in the state of Oregon, namely, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Jefferson, Wheeler, Des Chutes, and Crook.

§ 337. (36) OHIO DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Ohio lying west of a line running south from Cleveland to Belpre, Ohio, excepting Cleveland.

§ 338. (37) PITTSBURGH DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Ohio east of a line running south from Cleveland to Belpre, Ohio, including Cleveland; that portion of the state of Pennsylvania west of the Allegheny mountains; and that portion of the state of West Virginia east of a line running south from Ravenswood, W. Va., to the Virginia line, excepting the following counties: Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, Mineral, Grant, Hardy, and Pendleton.

§ 339. (38) SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Texas lying between the ninety-seventh meridian and the one hundred third meridian, south of the thirty-second parallel.

§ 340. (39) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of California south of the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino counties with the exception of that portion of Kern county north of the Tehachipi mountains.

§ 341. (40) TENNESSEE DISTRICT shall include the state of Tennessee.

§ 342. (41) WASHINGTON-PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Pennsylvania east of the Allegheny mountains; the states of Delaware and Maryland; that por-

tion of the state of Virginia lying east of the Chesapeake Bay, namely, the counties of Accomac and Northampton, and also the county of Fairfax; the District of Columbia; that portion of New Jersey south of Boundbrook; that portion of West Virginia, namely, the counties of Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, Mineral, Grant, Hardy, and Pendleton.

§343. (42) WESTERN OKLAHOMA DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Oklahoma west of the following line: the Santa Fe railway from Red river to Oklahoma City; the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway north from Oklahoma City to the Arkansas river; thence to the Kansas line.

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## CHAPTER II

### EDUCATIONAL ZONES

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#### I. For College Purposes

§344. *Eastern Zone* shall include England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales; the District of Columbia; the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland; that portion of Virginia included in the Washington-Philadelphia District; and that portion of the state of Ohio included in the Pittsburgh District; and the provinces of Quebec and Ontario, Canada. The territory comprises the Assembly

Districts of British Isles, New England, New York, Washington-Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh.

§ 345. *Southeast Zone* shall include the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee; that portion of the state of Virginia included in the Carolina District; and that portion of West Virginia included in the Kentucky District. The territory comprises the Assembly Districts of Alabama, Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

§ 346. *Central Zone* shall include the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri, and Iowa, excepting that portion of the state of Ohio included in the Pittsburgh District, and excepting that portion of Missouri included in the Kansas City District. The territory comprises the Assembly Districts of Chicago Central, Northern Indiana, Indianapolis, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, and Iowa.

§ 347. *West Central Zone* shall include the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. The states of Kansas and Nebraska and that portion of the state of Missouri included in the Kansas City District, as auxiliary territory for college purposes. The territory comprises the Assembly Districts of Arkansas, Dallas, Hamlin, Louisiana, New Mexico, San Antonio, Eastern Oklahoma, and Western Oklahoma; and the Assembly Districts of Kansas, Nebraska, and

Kansas City as auxiliary territory for college purposes.

¶348. *Southwest Zone* shall include the states of California, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado. The territory comprises the Assembly Districts of Arizona, Northern California, Southern California, and Colorado. The Southwest (Mexican) District also falls within the boundary of the Southwest Zone.

¶349. *Northwest Zone* shall include the provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan, Canada; and the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. The territory comprises the Assembly Districts of Alberta, Manitoba-Saskatchewan, North Pacific, Northwest, Idaho-Oregon, Montana-Wyoming, North Dakota, and Central Northwest.

## II. For Secondary School Purposes

¶350. *Bresee College Zone* shall include the states of Kansas and Nebraska, and that portion of the state of Missouri included in the Kansas City District. Also the state of Colorado as auxiliary territory for secondary school purposes. The territory comprises the Assembly Districts of Kansas, Kansas City, and Nebraska. Also the Colorado District as auxiliary territory for secondary school purposes.

¶351. *Central Nazarene College Zone* shall include the states of New Mexico and Texas. The

territory comprises the Assembly Districts of New Mexico, Hamlin, San Antonio, and Dallas.

¶ 352. *Alberta School of Evangelism Zone* shall include all of western Canada for secondary school purposes.

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## CHAPTER III

### GEOGRAPHICAL ZONES

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RESOLVED, That the Geographical Zones for the General Board shall be and are the same as the Educational Districts for college purposes as adopted by the Sixth General Assembly. [Adopted by General Assembly of 1928. See ¶ 261 §1.]

¶ 353. EASTERN ZONE shall include the Assembly Districts of British Isles, New England, New York, Washington-Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh, except that portion of the Pittsburgh lying in the state of Ohio, as of 1923.

¶ 354. SOUTHEAST ZONE shall include the Assembly Districts of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee, and the home mission Districts of North Carolina and South Carolina, as of 1923.

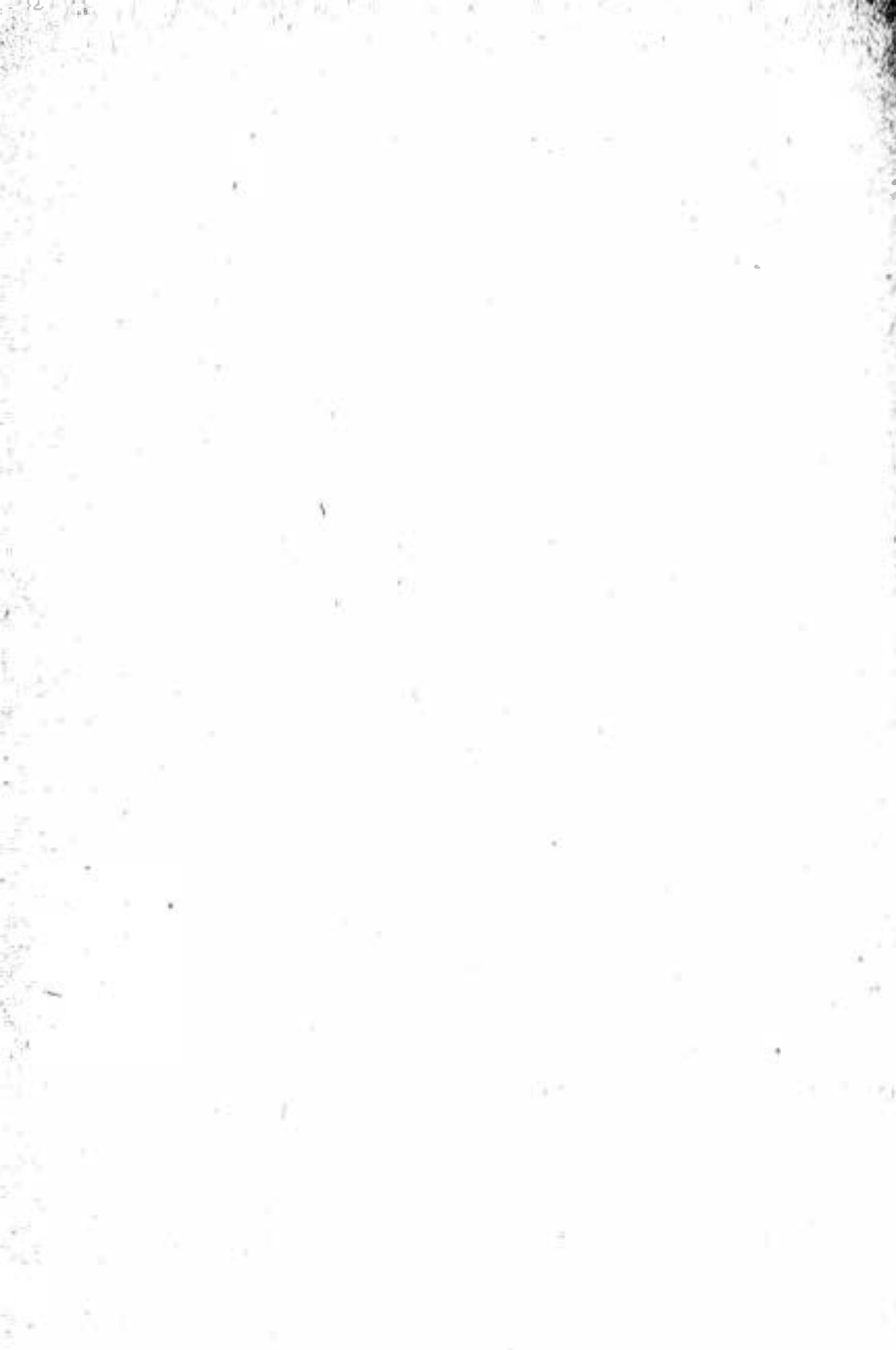
¶ 355. CENTRAL ZONE shall include the Assembly Districts of Chicago Central, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, and Iowa, with the addition of that portion of the Pittsburgh District lying in Ohio, as of 1923.

¶ 356. SOUTHERN ZONE shall include the As-

sembly Districts of Arkansas, Dallas, Hamlin, Louisiana, New Mexico, San Antonio, Eastern Oklahoma, and Western Oklahoma, as of 1923.

Q 357. SOUTHWEST ZONE shall include the Assembly Districts of Arizona, Kansas, Nebraska, Northern California, Southern California, Western Colorado-Utah, Eastern Colorado-Wyoming, excepting the state of Wyoming, as of 1923.

Q 358. NORTHWEST ZONE shall include the Assembly Districts of Alberta, Manitoba-Saskatchewan, North Pacific, Northwest, Idaho-Oregon, Montana, Minneapolis, North Dakota-Minnesota, and Eastern Colorado-Wyoming, excepting the state of Colorado.





**PART VI**  
**RITUAL**

- I. BAPTISM**
- II. RECEPTION OF MEMBERS**
- III. THE LORD'S SUPPER**
- IV. MATRIMONY**
- V. BURIAL SERVICE**

# CHAPTER I

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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### Q359. I. Baptism of Believers

*Dearly Beloved:* Believing that God has given you forgiveness of sins, and spiritual life through Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior, and that you are thus graciously prepared to receive Christian baptism, as declarative of your saving faith and covenant of obedience, you will now give avowals of your belief and purpose.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord? that He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary? that He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried? that the third day He rose from the dead? that He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from thence shall come again to judge the quick and the dead? and

Do you believe in the Holy Ghost? the Church of God? the communion of saints? the remission of sins? the resurrection of the body? and the life everlasting?

*Answer:* All this I stedfastly believe.

Will you be baptized in this faith?

*Answer:* I will.

Do you renounce the devil and all his works? the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the flesh and of the mind?

*Answer:* I renounce them all.

Will you then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of your life?

*Answer:* I will.

[The minister, asking the name, shall say]:

A. B., I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

### **C360. II. Baptism of Infants**

*Dearlly Beloved:* Baptism is the external seal of the new covenant of grace.

In presenting this child for Christian baptism, you must remember that it is your part and duty to see that he be taught, as soon as he shall be able to learn, the nature and the end of this holy sacrament. You shall call upon him to give reverent attendance upon appointed means of grace; see that he is taught the truth of God as contained in the Holy Scriptures, and help him, as you may be able, in the way of life.

[The minister may then ask the friends of the child to name the child, and baptize it, saying]:

I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

[The minister may offer prayer, the congregation uniting in the Lord's Prayer]:

## CHAPTER II

## Q361. RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

*Dearlly Beloved:* The privileges and blessings which we have in association together in the Church of Jesus Christ are very sacred and precious. There is in it such hallowed fellowship as can not otherwise be known.

There is such helpfulness with brotherly watch-care and counsel as can be found only in the Church.

There is the godly care of pastors, with the teachings of the Word, and the helpful inspiration of social worship. And there is co-operation in service, accomplishing that which can not otherwise be done. It is necessary that we be of one mind and heart. The doctrines upon which the Church rests as essential to Christian experience are brief. We believe in God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; we especially emphasize the deity of Jesus Christ and the personality of the Holy Spirit; that man is born in sin; that he needs the work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration; that, after the work of regeneration, there is the further work of heart-cleansing, or entire sanctification, which is effected by the Holy Ghost. And to each of these works of grace the Holy Spirit gives witness. We believe in eternal destiny, with its rewards and punishments.

Do you heartily believe these truths?

Do you take Jesus Christ as your Savior, and do you realize that He saves you now?

Desiring to unite with the Church of the Nazarene, do you covenant to give yourself to the fellowship and work of God in connection with it, as set forth in the General Rules and Special Rules of the Church of the Nazarene? to endeavor in every way to glorify God, by a humble walk, godly conversation, and holy service; devotedly giving of your means; faithful attendance upon the means of grace; and, abstaining from all evil, seek earnestly to perfect holiness of heart and life in the fear of the Lord?

[These questions being satisfactorily answered, the persons may be received. The minister, taking them by the hand, shall say]:

I welcome you into this church, to its sacred fellowship, duties, and privileges. May the great Head of the Church bless and keep you, and enable you to be faithful in all good works.

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### CHAPTER III

#### Q362. THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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[The administration of the Lord's Supper may be introduced by an appropriate sermon or a suitable address, and the reading of 1 Corinthians 11:23-29, Luke 22:14-20, or some other appropriate passage. Let the minister give the following invitation]:

The Lord himself ordained this Holy Sacrament. He commanded His disciples to partake of the bread and wine, emblems of His broken body and

shed blood. This is His table. The feast is for His disciples. Let all those who have with true repentance forsaken their sins, and have believed in Christ unto salvation, draw near and take these emblems, and, by faith, partake of the life of Jesus Christ, to your soul's comfort and joy. Let us remember that it is the memorial of the death and passion of our Lord; also a token of His coming again. Let us not forget that we are one, at one table with the Lord.

[The minister, with the congregation, kneeling, may offer prayer of confession and supplication, with the following prayer of consecration]:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech Thee, and grant that we, receiving these Thy creatures of bread and wine, according to Thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be made partakers of the benefits of His sacrificial death; who in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise, after supper, He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this, for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for

many, for the remission of sins; do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. *Amen.*

[Then may the minister, himself partaking, with the assistance of any other ministers present, and, when necessary, of the stewards, administer the Communion to the people kneeling.]

[If there be those who can not kneel, let them receive it sitting or standing. While the bread is being distributed, let the minister say]:

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was broken for thee, preserve thee blameless, unto everlasting life. Take and eat this, in remembrance that Christ died for thee.

[As the cup is being passed, let the minister say]:

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thee blameless unto everlasting life. Drink this, in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

[The Lord's prayer with extempore prayer of thanksgiving.]

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## CHAPTER IV

### Q363. MATRIMONY

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[At the day and time appointed for the solemnization of matrimony, the persons to be married—having been qualified according to law—standing together, the man on the right hand and the woman on the left, the minister shall say]:

*Dearly Beloved:* We are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the presence of these witnesses, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony, which is an honorable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocency, signifying unto us the mystical union that exists



between Christ and His Church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with His presence and first miracle that He wrought, in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of St. Paul to be honorable among all men; and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly; but reverently, discreetly, and in the fear of God.

Into which holy estate these persons present come now to be joined. Therefore, if any can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else for ever hold his peace.

[And also speaking unto the persons that are to be married, the minister shall say]:

I require and charge you both, that if either of you know any impediment why you may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, you do now confess it; for be ye well assured that so many as are coupled together otherwise than God's Word doth allow, are not joined together by God, neither is their matrimony lawful.

[If no impediment be alleged, then shall the minister say unto the man]:

Wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

[The man shall answer]:

I will.

[Then shall the minister say unto the woman]:

Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

[The woman shall answer]:

I will,

[Then shall the minister pray thus]:

O Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life, send Thy blessing upon these Thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in Thy name; that, as Isaac and Rebecca lived faithfully together, so these persons may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant between them made, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to Thy laws: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Then shall the minister join their right hands together, and say]:

Forasmuch as this man and this woman have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and have declared the same by joining of hands, I pronounce that they are husband and wife together. in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder. *Amen.*

[And the minister shall add his blessing]:

God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with His favor look upon you, and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

[Then may the minister offer the following prayer, or may use extemporary prayer]:

● God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, bless this man and this woman, and sow the seed of eternal life in their hearts, that whatsoever in the Holy Word they shall profitably learn, they may indeed fulfill the same. Look, O Lord, mercifully on them from heaven, and bless them; as Thou didst send Thy blessing upon Abraham and Sarah, to their great comfort, so vouchsafe to send Thy blessing upon this man and this woman, that they, obeying Thy will, and always being in safety under Thy protection, may abide in Thy love unto their lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, who at the beginning didst create our first parents, Adam and Eve, and didst sanctify and join them together in marriage, pour upon these persons the riches of Thy grace, sanctify and bless them, that they may please Thee, both in body and soul, and live together in holy love unto their lives' end. *Amen.*

## CHAPTER V

## Q364. BURIAL SERVICE

[At the home, or at the church, let suitable services be held, consisting of appropriate hymns, prayer, and reading of the Scriptures, together with a brief sermon or address suited to the occasion.]

[After the coffin is lowered in the grave, let the minister say]:

We come hither to lay all that was mortal of our dear friend in this new-made sepulcher. He is not here. His absence occasions our coming hither today. This is but the house in which he lived. While he abode in it, it was alive. But he has gone, and the house is silent and lifeless. As it was taken from the earth, so it will go back and mingle with its kindred elements. We can do no other than to bring it hither, and, laying it back upon the bosom of mother earth, say: Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Despite the shadow and sorrow caused by his absence, we recognize the immortality of the soul; that through Christ we have hope of eternal life in heaven. Also that these mortal bodies shall come forth to the final awards of eternity.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but

deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*



**PART VII**  
**CONSTITUTIONS**

- I. SUNDAY BIBLE SCHOOLS**
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- III. WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCI-  
ETIES**



## CHAPTER I

### §365. BYLAWS FOR THE LOCAL SUNDAY BIBLE SCHOOL

#### ARTICLE I. *Name*

The name of this organization shall be the Sunday Bible School of the ..... Church of the Nazarene.

#### ARTICLE II. *Membership*

*Section 1.* There shall be three classes of membership: active members shall be persons enrolled in the regular school where attendance at the Sunday session is expected; cradle roll members shall be children under four years of age enrolled in the cradle roll department; home department members shall be persons unable to attend the regular sessions who are enrolled in the home department.

*Sec. 2.* All persons eligible to active membership shall be considered visitors until they have attended two consecutive sessions. They may be enrolled as active members at the third session. Cradle roll members and home department members shall be enrolled by the supervisors of the respective departments.

*Sec. 3.* Active members may be dropped from the roll whenever they have absented themselves from the class sessions four consecutive times without a reasonable excuse. Cradle roll members should be transferred promptly to active membership when the proper age is reached.

#### ARTICLE III. *Object*

The object of this school shall be the salvation of the unsaved, the sanctification of believers, the promotion of the Christian life, and training for Christian service, through the devout and diligent study of the Word of God

—the Bible, and such expressional activities as may be helpful to this end.

#### ARTICLE IV. *Administration*

*Section 1.* This school shall be an organic part of the local church, and the local church educational program, and shall be under the control and management of the church board through the church school board. It shall be under the direct pastoral care of the pastor, and the special supervision and leadership of the superintendent.

*Sec. 2.* There shall be a cabinet consisting of the pastor, the Sunday Bible school officers, and the department supervisors. This cabinet shall meet regularly on the ..... of each month, with the superintendent presiding. It shall (a) consider the general interests of the school, (b) recommend to the church school board such matters as should have its consideration, and (c) appoint teachers and substitute teachers for the different classes upon recommendation of the supervisor and superintendent, with the approval of the pastor.

*Sec. 3.* Each department shall have a department council consisting of the department supervisor, the department officers and teachers, which shall meet regularly each week (or month) to consider the interests of the department.

*Sec. 4.* The Sunday Bible school year shall begin immediately following the adjournment of the District Assembly. All regular elections of officers and appointments of teachers shall take place prior to this date, and the name and full post-office address of the newly elected superintendent shall be reported to the District Assembly. On the first Sunday of the Sunday Bible school year a simple service of installation and consecration of officers and teachers should be held, conducted by the pastor.

#### ARTICLE V. *Meetings*

This school shall meet regularly at ..... o'clock each Sunday.

## ARTICLE VI. *Departments and Classes*

*Section 1.* For greater efficiency in the teaching work and promotion of the school interests, the school shall be divided into the following departments according to ages: cradle roll department, from birth to four years; beginners' department, four and five years of age; primary department, six to eight years of age; junior department, nine to eleven years of age; intermediate department, twelve to fourteen years of age; senior department, fifteen to seventeen years of age; young people's department, eighteen to twenty-three (or thirty-five) years of age; adults, twenty-four (or thirty-five) and over; home department, persons unable to attend the regular sessions.\*

\*[In smaller schools the following combinations may be made: beginner-primary department, four to eight years of age; junior department, nine to eleven years of age; intermediate-senior department, twelve to seventeen years of age; young people-adult department, eighteen years of age and upward. In rare cases the beginners, primary and junior departments may be combined into a children's department, with ages four to eleven years.]

*Sec. 2.* Each department (a) shall be organized with the necessary officers, (b) shall have a department council holding regular meetings, and (c) shall strive to meet the department standard set by the Department of Church Schools.

*Sec. 3.* Each department shall be divided into classes under the care of competent teachers suited to the grades of the classes. Beginning with the junior department each class should be organized and undertake some definite Christian service.

## ARTICLE VII. *Officers*

*Section 1.* The pastor of the local church is the first officer of the Sunday Bible school by virtue of his relation to the local church, and is ex officio member of the cabinet and councils and all committees.

*Sec. 2.* The officers of the Sunday Bible school shall be a superintendent, one or more assistant superintendents, a secretary, a treasurer, a librarian, a music director, and one or more ushers.

Sec. 3. The officers of each department shall be a supervisor, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as may be needed.

Sec. 4. The class officers shall be a teacher, a president, a secretary, and a treasurer. There should be at least three class committees, namely, devotional, membership, and social.

Sec. 5. The superintendent shall be elected annually by the church board upon the nomination of the church school board, the pastor concurring. The superintendent must be in the experience of sanctification, a member of the Church of the Nazarene, and in full sympathy with the doctrines and polity of said church.

Sec. 6. The other officers of the school and the supervisors of the departments shall be elected annually by the church school board upon nominations made by the superintendent and the pastor.

Sec. 7. The other officers of the departments shall be elected annually by the church school board upon nominations made by the supervisor of the department, the superintendent, and the pastor.

Sec. 8. The teachers of the classes in each department shall be appointed by the Sunday Bible school cabinet upon nominations made by the department supervisor and concurred in by the superintendent and the pastor.

Sec. 9. The officers of each class, except the teacher, shall be elected by the class subject to the approval of the supervisor of the department.

Sec. 10. All officers and teachers of the Sunday Bible school must be professing Christians and exemplary in life, and in full harmony with the doctrines and polity of the Church of the Nazarene.

#### ARTICLE VIII. *Duties of Officers*

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the superintendent (a) to have general supervision of the entire school; (b) to preside at all meetings of the cabinet and the school; (c) to counsel with the cabinet relative to the general interests

and with the department supervisors relative to their departments; (d) to give a quarterly report to the local and the district church school boards and an annual report to the annual church meeting; (e) and to attend the annual meeting of the district church school board and the District Assembly [the local Sunday Bible school should make this financially possible].

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the assistant superintendent to co-operate with the superintendent in the promotion of the best interests of the school, and in the absence of the superintendent to perform the functions belonging to his office. Assistant superintendents may be placed in charge of special work including membership and missionary promotion.

Sec. 3. (1) It shall be the duty of the secretary (a) to keep an accurate record of the enrollment of the entire school [the regular enrollment cards should be used], the record of attendance, absentees and visitors, and such other items as may be required; (b) to furnish the superintendent as early as possible each week a list of all absentees and visitors with their addresses; (c) to keep a record of all moneys received by classes; (d) to keep correct minutes of all meetings of the Sunday Bible school cabinet; (e) and to fill out and forward promptly all statistics and information blanks requested by the district church school boards, and the Department of Church Schools.

(2) The department secretaries shall be assistants to the school secretary. They shall keep an accurate record of all meetings of the department council, gather and furnish to the school secretary the information necessary for the school records, and keep such records as may be desired by the department.

(3) The class secretaries shall be assistants to the department secretary. They shall keep an accurate record of all class attendance and class meetings, gather and furnish to the department secretary all information requested, and keep such other records as may be desired by

the class. [In case the school has no department secretaries, the class secretaries should furnish this information direct to the school secretary.]

Sec. 4. (1) It shall be the duty of the school treasurer to receive all funds raised by the Sunday Bible school and disburse the same as directed. He shall keep an accurate account and make a monthly report to the Sunday Bible school cabinet and a quarterly report to the church school board. He shall co-operate with the officers and teachers in an endeavor to impart proper instruction relative to Christian stewardship.

[(1) In case the Sunday Bible school expense is placed in the church budget, it shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive, keep a careful record of and turn over to the church treasurer all funds raised by the Sunday Bible school with any needed information concerning the funds. He shall receive from the church treasurer the budget money for the Sunday Bible school and shall pay it out as directed, keeping an accurate account of all funds handled and make a monthly report to the Sunday Bible school cabinet and a quarterly report to the church school board. He shall co-operate with the officers and teachers in an endeavor to impart proper instruction relative to Christian stewardship.]

(2) The department treasurer shall be ~~assistant~~ to the school treasurer and shall function within the department.

(3) The class treasurer shall be assistant to the department treasurer and shall function within the class.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the librarian (a) to have charge of all Sunday Bible school literature, books and periodicals and direct their proper distribution; (b) to have charge of, and promote, a worker's library; (c) to promote proper standards of literature and encourage wholesome reading.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the music director (a) to have general charge of the music of the school; (b) to see that proper persons are selected to lead the singing and to

play the musical instruments; (c) to see that proper song books are provided for each department; (d) to create throughout the school an appreciation for and a knowledge of how to use music in Christian worship, service, and character building; (e) to organize and promote such ensemble work as may be desirable and helpful.

*Sec. 7.* It shall be the duty of the usher to welcome visitors and introduce them to suitable classes. He shall endeavor to promote a spirit of wholesome sociability among the members of the school.

#### ARTICLE IX. *Adaptation*

To meet special conditions the Sunday Bible school cabinet may sometimes find it necessary to make certain adaptations of these bylaws, but all such adaptations must be in harmony with the provisions of the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene. All adaptations must be submitted to the local church school board for approval.

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## CHAPTER II

### ¶366. CONSTITUTIONS FOR NAZARENE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

#### §1. General Nazarene Young People's Society

##### ARTICLE I. *Membership*

All district and local Nazarene young people's societies shall constitute the General Nazarene Young People's Society.

##### ARTICLE II. *Convention*

*Section 1.* Immediately preceding or during each General Assembly the General Convention of the General Nazarene Young People's Society shall convene. The length and time that the Convention shall be in session shall be decided upon by the Executive Board in consultation with the General Superintendents.

*Sec. 2.* The Executive Board shall announce the time

and place of the General Convention at least ninety (90) days previous.

#### DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION

Sec. 3. Each district Nazarene young people's society convention preceding the General Assembly shall elect to the General Convention two delegates for each five hundred or fewer members, and one additional delegate for each successive five hundred members and the final major part of five hundred members.

Sec. 4. Districts not having a district organization shall elect delegates to the General Convention at the preceding District Assembly on the same basis as in Article II, Sec. 3 hereof. Such delegates must be members of the Nazarene young people's society.

#### ARTICLE III. *Executive Board*

Section 1. The General Convention shall elect a president, a secretary, and five members who shall have charge of the different departments of the society, all of whom shall constitute an Executive Board.

Sec. 2. The General Superintendents shall be ex officio members of the Executive Board, and all work of said Board shall be subject to the sanction of the Board of General Superintendents.

Sec. 3. The Executive Board, in consultation with the Board of General Superintendents, shall fill any vacancy that may occur on the Executive Board between general conventions.

#### DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sec. 4. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and at the general convention.

Sec. 5. The secretary shall perform the usual duties devolving upon such officer.

Sec. 6. All moneys for the General Nazarene Young People's Society shall be deposited with the General Treasurer of the Church of the Nazarene to be disbursed by him when and as approved by the Executive Board.



ARTICLE IV. *Amendments*

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds favorable vote of all members present and voting at the *General Convention* of the General Nazarene Young People's Society, and by the approval of the General Assembly.

**§2. District Nazarene Young People's Society**

ARTICLE I. *Membership*

All local Nazarene young people's societies within the boundaries of ..... District shall be members of the district Nazarene young people's society.

ARTICLE II. *Convention*

*Section 1.* The district Nazarene young people's society convention shall be composed of the District Superintendent, pastors of local churches, district zone presidents, presidents of local societies, and two delegates from each local society of twenty-five or fewer members, and one additional delegate for each successive twenty-five members and final major part of twenty-five members.

*Sec. 2.* One delegate shall be appointed by the pastor of each local church not having a fully organized Nazarene young people's society.

*Sec. 3.* There shall be an annual convention of the district Nazarene young people's society at which reports shall be received from the officers and committee chairmen and the presidents or representatives of the local societies. At this time campaigns and goals for the ensuing year will be presented and acted upon and all other business pertaining to the success of the district Nazarene young people's society.

ARTICLE III. *Officers*

*Section 1.* At the annual convention of the district Nazarene young people's society there shall be elected by ballot the following officers: A president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

*Sec. 2.* The election of the president of the district Naza-

rene young people's society shall be subject to the approval of the district advisory board.

#### ARTICLE IV. *Duties of Officers*

*Section 1.* The district president shall preside over all meetings of the district executive board, and the business meetings of the district convention.

*Sec. 2.* The secretary shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings in the executive board meetings and district conventions and shall attend to all matters of correspondence for the district Nazarene young people's society.

*Sec. 3.* The treasurer shall perform those duties usually devolving upon such an officer, rendering a report of all moneys raised and disbursed to the annual district Nazarene young people's society convention.

#### ARTICLE V. *Committees*

At the annual convention of the district Nazarene young people's society there shall be ordered standing missionary, evangelistic, organization, literature, and convention committees.

#### ARTICLE VI. *Organization*

##### ZONES

*Section 1.* When desirable for the best interests of the work of the District the district convention may divide the district into zones with the election of a zone president by each zone. Suitable bylaws shall be arranged by the district convention to govern the work of these zones.

##### DISTRICT COMMITTEE

*Sec. 2.* The district committee shall be composed of officers of the district Nazarene young people's society, chairmen of the different standing committees, the district zone presidents, the presidents of the local societies, and the District Superintendent. This committee shall meet at the annual convention, and at the call of the president or secretary, and shall plan for the best interests of the district Nazarene young people's society and so far as possible see that these plans are executed.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sec. 3. The executive board shall consist of the officers of the district Nazarene young people's society, the district zone presidents, and the District Superintendent. This board shall meet upon the special call of the president or secretary at such time as it is found impossible to convene the district committee. Notices of all meetings of the executive board shall be sent to the presidents of the local societies at which meeting they shall be privileged to sit when possible.

ARTICLE VII. *Expense*

The expenses of the district Nazarene young people's society may be taken care of by whatever plan is deemed wise by the executive board.

ARTICLE VIII. *Amendments*

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds favorable vote of all members present and voting at the district Nazarene young people's society convention.

**§3. Local Nazarene Young People's Society**

ARTICLE I. *Name*

The society shall be called the Nazarene Young People's Society of the ..... Church of the Nazarene.

ARTICLE II. *Object*

The object of the society shall be to build up its members in Christian experience and in holy character, and to instruct them in the doctrines of the church, and to bring about the salvation of other young people. The activities of this society shall be distinctively religious and spiritual.

ARTICLE III. *Membership*

Section 1. Members of this society shall be divided into three classes: active, associate, and honorary.

Sec. 2. Active members of this society shall be young people between the ages of fourteen and forty, and who are members of the Church of the Nazarene. [See Note\*]

Sec. 3. Associate members shall be young people between the ages of fourteen and forty who are of good

moral character and give testimony to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. [See Note\*]

Sec. 4. Honorary members shall be Christian men and women above forty years of age who desire to be affiliated with the society.

Sec. 5. Only active members shall vote in the business meetings of the society, and only active members shall hold office and serve as chairmen of standing committees.

Sec. 6. Associate members shall have the privilege of holding membership on the committees of the Nazarene young people's society, but only to a minority extent.

#### ARTICLE IV. *Organizations*

Section 1. Where it is desirable for the best work among the young people of any local church they may have societies organized as follows: A junior society, including ages from seven to twelve; an intermediate society, including ages from thirteen to nineteen [these societies to be organized under constitutions recommended]; and a young people's society, including ages twenty to forty, organized under the adopted constitution for a local Nazarene young people's society. The junior and the intermediate societies shall be auxiliary organizations to the young people's society. [See Note\*]

Sec. 2. The intermediate supervisor may be nominated by the intermediate executive board and shall be elected by the young people's executive board.

Sec. 3. The junior supervisor shall be nominated by a committee composed of the Sunday school superintendent, the president of the young people's society, and the second vice president of the local woman's foreign missionary society in concurrence with the pastor and shall be elected by the young people's executive board.

#### ARTICLE V. *Officers*

Section 1. The officers of this society shall consist of a president, a vice president, a recording secretary, a cor-

responding secretary, and a treasurer, and the supervisors of the intermediate and the junior societies where organized.

*Sec. 2.* The officers, the chairmen of standing committees, and the supervisors of the intermediate and junior societies, where organized, with the pastor as *ex officio* chairman, shall constitute the young people's executive board.

*Sec. 3.* The officers shall be elected annually by the members of the society. The president shall be nominated by a nominating committee of which the pastor shall be a member, and shall be elected by a majority vote of the active members present and voting by ballot. His election shall be subject to the approval of the church board.

*Sec. 4.* Any officer or committee chairman who fails to be present at three consecutive meetings of the executive board without an acceptable excuse, shall by such absence, vacate his office.

#### ARTICLE VI. *Duties of Officers*

*Section 1.* The president shall preside over all business meetings and have general oversight of the society. He shall make a monthly report of the spiritual and financial status of the society to the church board.

*Sec. 2.* The vice president shall co-operate with the president in every way to carry out the work of the society, and, in the absence of the president, shall perform his duties in office.

*Sec. 3.* The recording secretary shall keep a correct record of all proceedings in business meetings and in executive board meetings.

*Sec. 4.* The corresponding secretary shall attend to all matters of correspondence for the society.

*Sec. 5.* The treasurer shall take charge of and disburse all moneys of the society keeping a correct account of the same. He shall render a report of all moneys raised to the annual district Nazarene young people's society convention.

### ARTICLE VII. *Committees*

*Section 1.* The society may have devotional, evangelistic, membership, missionary, educational, visiting, music and such other committees as desired.

*Sec. 2.* The devotional committee shall appoint all leaders, arrange for topics, and have general oversight of the pre-prayer service and of all spiritual work of the society.

*Sec. 3.* The evangelistic committee shall arrange for and have charge of all special services such as Nazarene young people's society evangelistic campaigns, open air services, hospital, jail and other such meetings under the advice and supervision of the pastor.

*Sec. 4.* The membership committee shall be on the lookout for new members and report to the society those acceptable for membership.

*Sec. 5.* The missionary committee shall have charge of all missionary activities of the society, planning them and directing the same, arranging for a missionary service at least once each quarter under the advice and supervision of the pastor.

*Sec. 6.* The visiting committee shall visit the sick and absent members of the society.

*Sec. 7.* The music committee shall have general charge of the music of the society arranging for special numbers and for all musical programs.

### ARTICLE VIII. *Meetings*

*Section 1.* Regular business meetings of the society shall be held on dates fixed by the society.

*Sec. 2.* The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held within thirty days preceding the District Assembly.

### ARTICLE IX. *Amendments*

This constitution shall not be altered except by two-thirds vote of all members present at a meeting called for that purpose, having been announced at a previous meeting, and such alterations must be in accordance with the

provisions of the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene and have the approval of the pastor and of the church board.

\*NOTE.—When advisable this age limit may be changed to suit local conditions, according to the method provided in Article IX.

#### §4. Suggested Constitution for Intermediate Nazarene Young People's Society

##### ARTICLE I. *Name*

This society shall be called the intermediate Nazarene young people's society of the ..... Church of the Nazarene.

##### ARTICLE II. *Object*

The object of the intermediate Nazarene young people's society shall be to deepen the spiritual life of its members, to build them up in Christian character, to engage them in Bible instruction, to enlist them in all forms of Christian service for the development of leadership, and to bring about the salvation of other young people.

##### ARTICLE III. *Membership*

*Section 1.* Membership in this society shall be divided into two classes: active and associate.

*Sec. 2.* Active members shall be young people between the ages of thirteen and nineteen who are members of the Church of the Nazarene. [See Note \*.]

*Sec. 3.* Associate members shall be young people between the ages of thirteen and nineteen of good moral character who give testimony to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. [See Note \*.]

*Sec. 4.* All members shall have the privilege of voting, but only active members shall hold office and serve as chairmen of standing committees.

*Sec. 5.* Associate members shall have the privilege of holding membership on the committees of the society, but only to a minority extent.

#### ARTICLE IV. *Officers*

*Section 1.* The officers of this society shall consist of a supervisor, a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

*Sec. 2.* The officers, and the chairmen of the standing committees, shall constitute the intermediate executive board.

*Sec. 3.* The intermediate supervisor may be nominated by the intermediate executive board, in conference with the pastor, and shall be elected by the young people's executive board, of which he shall be a member.

*Sec. 4.* The officers shall be elected semiannually by the members of the society. The president shall be nominated by a nominating committee of which the pastor shall be a member, and shall be elected by majority vote of the members present and voting by ballot.

*Sec. 5.* Any officer, with the exception of the supervisor, may be removed by a majority vote of the intermediate executive board.

#### ARTICLE V. *Duties of Officers*

*Section 1.* The intermediate supervisor shall have general oversight of the society in its several activities. He shall be ex officio member of all committees and shall render a report of the activities of the society to the regular business meetings of the young people's executive board.

*Sec. 2.* The president shall preside over all business meetings of the society. He shall prepare a report of the activities of the society for the regular business meeting of the young people's executive board.

*Sec. 3.* The vice president shall co-operate with the president in every way to carry out the work of the society, and in the absence of the president shall perform his duties in office.

*Sec. 4.* The secretary shall keep a correct record of all proceedings in the business meetings of the society and the meetings of the intermediate executive board. He shall keep a complete and accurate record of the membership



of the society, and attend to the correspondence of the society.

*Sec. 5.* The treasurer shall have charge of and disburse all moneys of the society, keeping a correct account of the same. He shall render a report to the monthly meeting of the intermediate executive board.

#### ARTICLE VI. *Committees*

*Section 1.* The society may have the following committees: devotional, missionary, membership, evangelistic, educational, and such other committees as are desired.

*Sec. 2.* The devotional committee, together with the supervisor, shall have general oversight of the weekly devotional meetings of the society, and may help the leaders plan the meetings, using generally the topics in the *Nazarene Young People's Society Journal*.

*Sec. 3.* The missionary committee shall have charge of the missionary work of the society, arranging for a missionary service at least once each quarter.

*Sec. 4.* The membership committee shall be on the lookout for new members, reporting to the society those acceptable for membership; shall encourage attendance upon all meetings; and shall look after and visit the sick and absent members of the society.

*Sec. 5.* The evangelistic committee shall have charge of and arrange for all special evangelistic meetings of the society.

*Sec. 6.* The educational committee shall enlist all members of the society in the daily Bible reading course and supervise all the educational work of the society.

#### ARTICLE VII. *Meetings*

*Section 1.* The regular devotional and business meetings of the society shall be held on dates fixed by the society.

*Sec. 2.* The intermediate executive board shall have a monthly business meeting at which time reports are to be given by each officer and the chairman of each committee.

*Sec. 3.* The first semi-annual meeting for the election of

officers shall be held within thirty days preceding the District Assembly. Due notice of these meetings must be given at the regular devotional meetings of the society.

Sec. 4. Special meetings of the society may be called by the supervisor or president at such times as may be necessary.

Sec. 5. At all business meetings of this society ..... members shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE VIII. *Amendments*

This constitution shall not be altered except by a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting at a meeting called for that purpose; such alterations must have the approval of the supervisor and the young people's executive board.

\*NOTE—When advisable the age limits may be changed to suit local conditions, according to the method provided in Article VIII.

### §5. Suggested Constitution for Junior Nazarene Young People's Society

#### ARTICLE I. *Name*

This society shall be called the junior Nazarene young people's society of the ..... Church of the Nazarene.

#### ARTICLE II. *Object*

The object of the junior Nazarene young people's society shall be the development of its members along spiritual lines through the encouragement of Bible reading, public prayers and testimony, and instruction in the simpler forms of Bible study.

#### ARTICLE III. *Membership*

The membership of this society shall be composed of boys and girls between the ages of seven and twelve. [See Note\*.]

#### ARTICLE IV. *Officers*

Section 1. The officers of this society shall consist of a supervisor, a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Sec. 2. The officers and the chairmen of the standing committees shall constitute the junior executive board with the supervisor as ex officio chairman.

Sec. 3. The junior supervisor shall be elected annually by the young people's executive board of which he shall be a member.

Sec. 4. The officers shall be elected quarterly by the members of the society under the direction of the supervisor.

#### ARTICLE V. *Duties of Officers*

Section 1. The junior supervisor shall have general oversight of all activities of the society, arranging for and helping execute all programs of the society, generally basing the program upon the topics provided for the junior Nazarene young people's society. He shall be ex officio member of all committees and shall render a report of the activities of the society to the regular business meetings of the young people's executive board.

Sec. 2. The duties of the officers shall be those usually pertaining to such offices.

#### ARTICLE VI. *Committees*

Committees may be ordered at the discretion of the supervisor.

#### ARTICLE VII. *Meetings*

Regular devotional and business meetings of the society shall be held on dates fixed by the society.

#### ARTICLE VIII. *Amendments*

This constitution may be altered by two-thirds vote of the members of the young people's executive board present and voting, at any regular or special meeting, such changes having been recommended by the junior supervisor.

\*NOTE.—When advisable the age limits may be changed to suit local conditions, according to the method provided in Article VIII.

## CHAPTER III

## 9367. CONSTITUTIONS FOR WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

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### §1. Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council

#### ARTICLE I. *Name*

This organization shall be called the Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council of the Church of the Nazarene, and shall work in harmony with and under the direction of the Department of Foreign Missions.

#### ARTICLE II. *Object*

The object of this Council shall be to plan and encourage the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society throughout the Church of the Nazarene.

#### ARTICLE III. *Membership*

The Council shall consist of eighteen members elected by the General Assembly, of whom sixteen shall be elected from the United States, one from the British Isles, and one from Canada.

#### ARTICLE IV. *Officers*

This Council shall meet every four years, at the same time as, or immediately preceding, the General Assembly. At that time, when the Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council shall have been elected for the ensuing four years, it shall elect the following officers by ballot: a president, a first vice president, a second vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, a superintendent of study, and a superintendent of publicity. These officers shall constitute an Executive Committee, three of whom shall form a quorum. They shall hold office until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified.

#### ARTICLE V. *Vacancies*

*Section 1.* Should a vacancy occur in the Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council during the quadrennium,

the vacancy shall be filled by majority vote of the members of the Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council.

Sec. 2. Should a vacancy occur in the Executive Committee during the quadrennium, the vacancy shall be filled by majority vote of the members of the Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council. But only members of said Council are eligible to office on the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VI. *The Quadrennial Convention*

There shall be a Quadrennial Convention held under the direction of the Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council, composed of the following members: the members of the Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council; the presidents of the district woman's foreign missionary societies; and one delegate from each Assembly District elected from the membership of the woman's foreign missionary societies of the Assembly District. When the president of a district society is unable to attend the Quadrennial Convention it shall be the duty of one of the vice presidents in order of office to take her place. If neither of these officers can be present, the executive committee of the district woman's foreign missionary society shall elect one of the other members of the committee to represent the Assembly District. In the event that none of these is able to attend they may elect a representative from the societies at large. This election, together with that of an alternate, shall take place at the time of the annual district convention preceding the next meeting of the Quadrennial Convention.

#### ARTICLE VII. *Time of Meeting*

The Quadrennial Convention shall hold meetings at the same time as, or immediately preceding, each regular General Assembly. At the time of this meeting it shall be the duty of the Quadrennial Convention to nominate to the General Assembly thirty-six (36) women from the membership of the woman's foreign missionary societies, of which number thirty-two (32) shall be from the United States, two (2) from the British Isles, and two (2) from Canada,

from which number the General Assembly shall elect the eighteen (18) members of the Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council to serve until the final adjournment of the next regular General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. Each district woman's foreign missionary society shall have the privilege of recommending one name to the nominating committee which shall be appointed at the Quadrennial Convention, said committee to supply the other necessary names of nominees for the Council. The nominating committee shall consist of one woman from each of the educational zones.

**ARTICLE VIII. Representation on General Board**

The Executive Committee shall nominate to the General Assembly two (2) members of the Council to serve in the Department of Foreign Missions of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene, and the women so nominated shall be elected by the General Assembly to serve in said Department and on said General Board until the final adjournment of the next regular General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified.

**ARTICLE IX. Amendments**

This constitution may be amended by majority vote of any Quadrennial Convention of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society with the approval of the General Assembly.

**§2. District Woman's Foreign Missionary Society**

**ARTICLE I. Name**

This organization shall be called the ..... district woman's foreign missionary society and shall be auxiliary to the Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council of the Church of the Nazarene.

**ARTICLE II. Object**

The object of this society shall be to awaken interest in the sacred cause of missions by (1) organizing local woman's foreign missionary societies, (2) holding missionary conventions, (3) planning for systematic mission study and circulation of missionary literature, (4) promoting interest in Christian stewardship and in regular and gen-

erous contributions, (5) encouraging the women to earnest, believing prayer, and (6) the intelligent and godly supervising of the work of the woman's foreign missionary society in the district.

ARTICLE III. *Membership*

The district woman's foreign missionary society shall be composed of the following members: the presidents of all local societies, one delegate from each society having a membership of ten, and an additional delegate for each additional ten members. In the absence of the president one of the vice presidents in order of office shall take her place.

ARTICLE IV. *Officers*

The officers of this society shall be a president, two vice presidents, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, a treasurer, and a superintendent of study and publicity. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual session of the woman's district foreign missionary society, and shall constitute the executive committee.

ARTICLE V. *Amendments*

This constitution may be amended by majority vote of the Quadrennial Convention and approval by the General Assembly: *provided*, no alterations shall be made that will be inconsistent with the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene.

**§3. Local Woman's Foreign Missionary Society**

ARTICLE I. *Name*

This organization shall be called the woman's foreign missionary society of the ..... church, and shall be auxiliary to the district woman's foreign missionary society of the ..... District of the Church of the Nazarene.

ARTICLE II. *Object*

The object of this society shall be to enlist the women, young women, and children of the church in active missionary service, in united prayer, and in the study of the needs of the world; to promote a wider knowledge of the

mission fields of the Church of the Nazarene; and to raise funds for the evangelization of those fields. This society shall be subsidiary to the local church, with which it is connected.

### ARTICLE III. *Membership*

The membership shall be divided into three classes as follows:

*Section 1. ACTIVE MEMBERS.* Any woman who is a member of the Church of the Nazarene may become an active member of this society by giving prayer and service and paying dues of ten cents a month or a freewill offering.

*Sec. 2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.* Any man who is a member of the Church of the Nazarene may become an associate member, taking part in the devotional exercises and the mission study. Associate members may not vote or hold office.

*Sec. 3. HONORARY MEMBERS.* Any person not a member of the Church of the Nazarene, but in sympathy with the object of this society and desiring to do missionary work through this organization and the Church of the Nazarene, may become an honorary member. Honorary members may not vote or hold office.

### ARTICLE IV. *Life Membership*

Life membership shall be divided into three classes as follows:

*Section 1.* An active member of the society may become an active life member by the payment of \$25.

*Sec. 2.* An associate member may become an associate life member by the payment of \$25.

*Sec. 3.* Any active, associate, or honorary member may become an honorary life member by the payment of \$100.

The money paid for active life memberships, for associate life memberships, and for honorary life memberships, must be paid for that special purpose and no other. All life membership payments shall become a part of the general fund.



ARTICLE V. *Officers*

The officers of this society shall be a president, two vice presidents, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, a treasurer, and a superintendent of study and publicity, to be elected annually by the members of the society. These officers shall constitute an executive committee.

ARTICLE VI. *Meetings*

This society shall hold one or more meetings each month for the transaction of business, for the study of missionary work, and for united prayer.

The last regular monthly meeting prior to the District Assembly shall be the annual meeting of this society, at which officers shall be elected for the ensuing year.

The newly elected officers shall be installed at the first regular monthly meeting following the District Assembly.

ARTICLE VII. *Funds*

The general fund, to be used for the maintenance of the general foreign missionary work of the Church of the Nazarene, shall be raised in the following manner: (1) from the thank offering which shall be a freewill gift which each member is requested to make annually; (2) from the regular dues of the members; (3) from moneys received from all life memberships; (4) from gifts and offerings designated for the general fund. No part of the general fund shall be used for local or district expenses or for charitable purposes.

ARTICLE VIII. *Fund for Work among Foreigners in the Homeland*

Wherever it may be deemed advisable a sum not exceeding one-fourth of all dues may be set aside to be known as the fund for work among foreigners in the homeland.

ARTICLE IX. *The Relief and Retirement Fund*

The relief and retirement fund, to be held in trust by the treasurer of the Woman's General Foreign Missionary Council and to be used for the relief of sick or retired foreign missionaries, shall be raised by (1) the placing of

names on the memorial roll by the payment of \$25 for that special purpose, by (2) annual payments by members of ten cents each, and by (3) freewill gifts or offerings designated for the relief and retirement fund.

#### ARTICLE X. *Specials*

Opportunities shall also be given to make offerings for the support of some particular work, such contributions to be known as specials

#### ARTICLE XI. *Amendments*

This constitution may be amended by majority vote of the Quadrennial Convention and approved by the General Assembly; provided, no alterations shall be made that will be inconsistent with the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene.

**PART VII**  
**FORMS**

- I. FOR USE OF LOCAL CHURCH**
- II. FOR USE OF DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**
- III. BILLS OF CHARGES**

# CHAPTER I

## FOR USE OF LOCAL CHURCH

### Q368. Recommendation to the District Assembly

The Church Board of the ..... Church of the Nazarene at ....., recommends A.... B.... to the ..... District Assembly for \* .....

We certify that .... has fulfilled all the requirements for such request.

By vote of the Church Board this .... day of .... 19....

.....*Chairman.*

.....*Secretary.*

- Minister's license.
- Renewal of minister's license.
- Song evangelist's commission.
- District deaconess' license.
- Consecration as deaconess.

NOTE.—This form may be used for five different recommendations. Fill in the starred (\*) phrase you need.

### Q369. Certificate of Commendation

This certifies that A.... B.... is a member of the Church of the Nazarene at ....., and is hereby commended to the Christian confidence of those to whom this Certificate may be presented.

.....*Pastor.*

NOTE.—When a certificate of commendation is given a person his membership immediately ceases in the local church issuing the certificate. [See ¶51.]

### 370. Letter of Dismissal

This certifies that A.... B.... has been until this date a member of the Church of the Nazarene at ....., and, at h... request, is granted this letter of dismissal.

.....*Pastor.*

Date ..... 19....

NOTE.—Membership terminates immediately upon issuance of a letter of dismissal. [See ¶51.]

**Q371. Transfer of Members**

This certifies that A.... B.... is a member in good standing in the Church of the Nazarene at ..... and, at h... request, is hereby transferred to the Church of the Nazarene at ..... in the ..... District.

When the reception of this transfer is acknowledged by the receiving local church, membership in this local church will cease.

.....*Pastor.*  
.....19... ..*Address.*

**NOTE.**—A transfer is valid for three months only. [See ¶11.1]

**Q372. Transfer Acknowledged**

This certifies that A.... B.... has been received into membership by the Church of the Nazarene at ..... this ..... day of ..... 192...

.....*Pastor.*  
.....*Address.*

**Q373. Local Preacher's License**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that ..... is licensed as a Local Preacher in the Church of the Nazarene for one year; *provided*, ..... spirit and practice are such as become the Gospel of Christ, and ..... teachings correspond with the established doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as held by said Church.

By Order of the Church Board of the ..... Church of the Nazarene.

Done at ....., the ..... day of ....., 19...

.....  
**CHAIRMAN.**  
.....  
**SECRETARY.**

**Q374. Local Deaconess' License**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ..... is licensed as a Local Deaconess in the ..... Church of the Nazarene for one year; *provided*, her spirit and practice are such as become the Gospel of Christ, and she holds to the established doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as held by said Church.

*By Order of the Church Board of the ..... Church of the Nazarene.*

Done at ..... the ..... day of ....., 19...

.....  
CHAIRMAN.  
.....  
SECRETARY.

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**CHAPTER II**

**FOR USE OF DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

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**Q375. Ordination**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That, under the protection of Almighty God, and with an eye single to His glory, by prayer and other religious services, ..... has this day been set apart for the office of Elder in the Church of God, according to the rules of the Church of the Nazarene, .... being judged worthy and well qualified for that work by the ..... District Assembly, and .... is hereby recommended to all whom it may concern as a proper person to administer the Sacraments and Ordinances and to feed the flock of God so long as ..... spirit and practice are such as become the Gospel of Christ and .... continueth to hold fast the form of sound words according to the established doctrines of the Gospel.

*In Testimony Whereof* we have hereunto set our hands and the seal of the Church of the Nazarene, this .....

....day of ....., in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and .....  
Done at .....

.....  
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT  
.....  
DISTRICT SECRETARY

**376. Certificate of Recognition**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That, under the protection of Almighty God, and with an eye single to His glory, ..... has this day been recognized as an Elder in the Church of God, according to the rules of the Church of the Nazarene, .... being judged worthy and well qualified for that work by the ..... District Assembly, and .... is hereby recommended to all whom it may concern as a proper person to administer the Sacraments and Ordinances and to feed the flock of God so long as ..... spirit and practice are such as become the Gospel of Christ and .... continueth to hold fast the form of sound words according to the established doctrines of the Gospel.

*In Testimony Whereof* we have hereunto set our hands and the seal of the Church of the Nazarene, this ..... day of ....., in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and .....  
Done at .....

.....  
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT  
.....  
DISTRICT SECRETARY

**377. Deaconess' Certificate**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ..... has this day been consecrated to the office of Deaconess in the Church of God, according to the rules of the Church of the Nazarene, she being judged worthy and well qualified for that work by the ..... District Assembly, and she



is hereby recommended to all whom it may concern as a proper person to do the work of a Deaconess so long as her spirit and practice are such as become the Gospel of Christ and she continueth to hold fast the form of sound faith according to the established doctrines of the Gospel.

In Testimony Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and the seal of the Church of the Nazarene this ..... day of ....., in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and .....

Done at .....

.....  
 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT  
 .....  
 DISTRICT SECRETARY.

**Q378. Minister's License**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ..... is licensed as a License Minister of the Gospel in the Church of the Nazarene for one year; *provided*, ..... spirit and practice are such as become the Gospel of Christ, and ..... ministry corresponds with the established doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as held by said Church.

By Order of ..... District Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene.

Done at ....., the ..... day of ....., 19..

.....  
 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT  
 .....  
 DISTRICT SECRETARY.

**Q379. Deaconess' License**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ..... is licensed as a Licensed Deaconess in the Church of the Nazarene for one year; *provided*, her spirit and practice are such as become the Gospel of Christ, and she holds to the established

doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as held by said Church.

By Order of ..... District Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene.

Done at ....., the ..... day of ....., 19..

.....  
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

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DISTRICT SECRETARY.

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**Q380. Evangelist's Commission**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ..... is commissioned as an Evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene, having been commissioned by the ..... District Assembly.

This Commission is for one year from date, and ..... field of labor to be more especially the .....

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Done at ....., the ..... day of ....., 19..

.....  
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

.....  
DISTRICT SECRETARY.

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**Q381. Song Evangelist's Commission**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ..... is commissioned as a Song Evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene, having been commissioned by the ..... District Assembly.

This Commission is for one year from date, and ..... field of labor to be more especially the .....

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Done at ....., the ..... day of ....., 19..

.....  
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

.....  
DISTRICT SECRETARY.

**Q382. Transfer by District Assembly**

To the President

Of ..... District Assembly:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the bearer, .....,  
is a .....

[ELDER, LICENSED MINISTER, DEACONE S]

in good standing in the ..... District Assembly  
of the Church of the Nazarene, and having requested a  
transfer, is hereby transferred and recommended to the  
..... District Assembly of said Church, subject  
to the action of the receiving District Assembly [*Manual*  
Q Q193, 216].

Done by order of the ..... District Assembly,  
held at ....., on the ..... day of ....., 19..

.....  
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

.....  
DISTRICT SECRETARY.

NOTE.—This transfer is valid only until the close of the  
next session of the receiving District Assembly following  
date of issue [*Manual* Q Q193, 216].

NOTE.—The transfer of a licensed minister or a licensed  
deaconess shall be valid only when accompanied by a de-  
tailed record of his or her grades in the course of study,  
properly certified by the secretary of the district board of  
examination of the issuing District Assembly [*Manual* Q Q  
192, 215].

**Q383. Transfer by the District Advisory Board**

To the President

Of ..... District Assembly:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the bearer, .....,  
is a .....

[ELDER, LICENSED MINISTER, DEACONESS]

in good standing in the ..... District of the  
Church of the Nazarene, and having requested a transfer, is

hereby transferred and recommended to the .....  
District Assembly of said Church, subject to the action of  
the receiving District Assembly [Manual ¶¶ 193, 216].

Done by order of the District Advisory Board of the  
..... District on, the ..... day of  
....., 19... .

.....  
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.

.....  
SECRETARY OF DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.

### Q384. Acknowledgment of Reception of Transfer

To the District Secretary  
Of ..... District:

THIS IS TO NOTIFY you that the transfer of correspond-  
ing number, issued to ....., has been  
duly received by the ..... District Assembly  
of the Church of the Nazarene, on the ..... day of  
....., 19... , in session at .....  
and the above named bearer enrolled as a member of the  
receiving District Assembly.

.....  
DISTRICT SECRETARY.

NOTE.—The receiving District Assembly shall notify the  
issuing District Assembly of the reception of the trans-  
ferred person's membership [Manual ¶¶ 193, 216].

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## CHAPTER III

### BILLS OF CHARGES

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#### Q385. In Trial of a Church Member

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#### Q386. In Trial of an Elder

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#### Q387. In Trial of a Licensed Minister

Bills of Charges can be secured from the Nazarene  
Publishing House, 2923 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

**PART IX**  
**COURSES OF STUDY**

- I. FOR LICENSED MINISTERS**
- II. FOR LOCAL PREACHERS**
- III. FOR LICENSED DEACONESSES**

# CHAPTER I

## COURSES OF STUDY

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### Q388. For Licensed Ministers

#### §1. FIRST YEAR

1. BIBLE—*The Pentateuch*. (No textbook required.)
2. THEOLOGY. Binney's or Ellyson's Compend.
3. SHORT HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Hurst.
4. ESSENTIALS OF AMERICAN HISTORY. Hart. [Districts outside of the United States will select a standard history of their own country.]
5. ENLARGED PRACTICE BOOK IN ENGLISH COMPOSITION. Hitchcock.
6. MANUAL OF THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.  
HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

*To be read—*

PREACHER AND PRAYER. Bounds.  
TEMPTATION. Williams.  
PERFECT LOVE. Wood.  
WESLEY'S TEN SERMONS.  
ALL ABOUT THE BIBLE. Collett.  
THE BOOK'S OWN STORY. Vol. I. McConnell.  
A PRINCE IN ISRAEL. Girvin.  
HERALD OF HOLINESS.  
THE PREACHER'S MAGAZINE.

#### §2. SECOND YEAR

1. BIBLE—The Gospels and the Acts. (No textbook required.)
2. SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY. Miley. Parts I and II. Or, ELEMENTS OF DIVINITY. Ralston.
3. SHORT HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Hurst.  
(Same volume as used in first year studies.)

4. HOMILETICS AND PASTORAL THEOLOGY. Hills. Part I.
5. PROGRESS OF WORLD WIDE MISSIONS. Glover.
6. PARAGRAPH WRITING. Scott and Denney.

*To be read—*

TOXGVE OF FIRE. Arthur.

HINTS TO SELF-EDUCATED MINISTERS. Porter.

CHRISTIAN PERFECTION AS TAUGHT BY JOHN WESLEY.  
Wood.

LIFE OF WESLEY.

SERMONS ON ISAIAH. Bresee.

THE BOOK'S OWN STORY. Vol. II. McConnell.

HERALD OF HOLINESS.

THE PREACHER'S MAGAZINE.

### §3. THIRD YEAR

1. BIBLE—*Major and Minor Prophets*. (No textbook required.)
2. SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY. Miley. Parts III and IV. Or  
ELEMENTS OF DIVINITY. Ralston.
3. HOMILETICS AND PASTORAL THEOLOGY. Hills. Part II.
4. HOLINESS AND POWER. Hills
5. SHORT HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Hurst.  
(Same volume as used in first and second years.)
6. HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE. Halleck.

*To be read—*

OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY. Smith.

THE SOUL DIGGER OR LIFE AND TIMES OF WILLIAM TAYLOR.  
John Paul.

CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES.

AN INVISIBLE PARTNERSHIP. Chambers

SANCTIFICATION. R. T. Williams.

HERALD OF HOLINESS.

THE PREACHER'S MAGAZINE.

### §4. FOURTH YEAR

1. BIBLE—*Epistles*. (No textbook required.)
2. SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY. Miley. Parts V and VI. Or  
ELEMENTS OF DIVINITY. Ralston.



3. HOW TO CONDUCT A SUNDAY SCHOOL. Marion Lawrance.
4. SHORT HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Hurst.  
(Same volume as used in first, second and third years.)
5. PSYCHOLOGY. Angell.
6. HISTORY OF AMERICAN LITERATURE. Halleck.

*To be read—*

NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY. Smith.  
 THE GOSPEL OF THE COMFORTER. Steele.  
 POSSIBILITIES OF GRACE. Lowrey.  
 THE PREACHER, HIS LIFE AND WORK. Jowett.  
 THE SECRET PLACE OF PRAYER. Goodwin.  
 HERALD OF HOLINESS.  
 THE PREACHER'S MAGAZINE.

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## CHAPTER II

### Q389. For Local Preachers

#### §1. FIRST YEAR

1. BIBLE—*The Pentateuch.*
2. SHORT HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Hurst.
3. ENLARGED PRACTICE BOOK IN ENGLISH COMPOSITION.  
Hitchcock.

*To be read—*

PREACHER AND PRAYER. Bounds.  
 WESLEY'S TEN SERMONS.  
 ALL ABOUT THE BIBLE. Collett.  
 THE BOOK'S OWN STORY. Vol. I. McConnell.  
 HERALD OF HOLINESS.  
 THE PREACHER'S MAGAZINE.

#### §2. SECOND YEAR

1. THEOLOGY. Binney's or Ellyson's Compend.
2. ESSENTIALS OF AMERICAN HISTORY. Hart.
3. MANUAL OF THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.  
HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

*To be read—*

- PERFECT LOVE. Wood.  
 TEMPTATION. Williams.  
 PRINCE IN ISRAEL. Girvin.  
 HERALD OF HOLINESS.  
 THE PREACHER'S MAGAZINE.

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## CHAPTER III

### Q390. For Licensed Deaconesses

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1. BIBLE—*The Gospel of Luke.*
2. HOME NURSE'S HANDBOOK. Aikens.
3. CHURCH CATECHISM.

*To be read—*

1. THE BIBLE CHRISTIAN. Short.
2. LIFE OF HESTER ANN ROGERS.
3. HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Hurst.
4. HERALD OF HOLINESS.

### SECOND YEAR

1. BIBLE.—*1 Thessalonians, 1 Peter, 1 John.*
2. THEOLOGY. Binney's or Ellyson's Compend.
3. CHURCH MANUAL.

*To be read—*

1. HIDDEN MANNA. Baker.
2. A PRINCE IN ISRAEL. Girvin.
3. HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Hurst.
4. HERALD OF HOLINESS.

NOTE.—Write the Nazarene Publishing House for price list of the books used in these courses of study.

# APPENDIX

**I. POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES OF GENERAL OFFICERS.**

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.**

**III. GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.**

## CHAPTER I

### POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES OF GENERAL OFFICERS

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#### Q391. General Superintendents

[CONSTITUTING THE BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS]

H. F. REYNOLDS, *President*...2923 Troost Ave.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

J. B. CHAPMAN, *Secretary*...2923 Troost Ave.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

J. W. GOODWIN.....1820 N. Sierra Bonita Ave.  
Pasadena, Calif.

R. T. WILLIAMS.....2923 Troost Ave.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

#### Q392. General Secretary

E. J. FLEMING.....2923 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

#### Q393. General Railroad Secretary

M. LUNN.....2923 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

#### Q394. General Treasurer

M. LUNN.....2923 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

#### Q395. Editor Herald of Holiness

H. ORTON WILEY.....2923 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

#### Q396. Editor Church School Periodicals

E. P. KELLYSON.....2923 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

## CHAPTER II

## ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

## Q397. The General Board

## §1. OFFICERS

*Chairman*, REV. C. WARREN JONES.

*President*, REV. E. P. ELLYSON.

*First Vice President*, DR. W. W. WARD.

*Second Vice President*, C. A. MCCONNELL.

*Secretary*, E. J. FLEMING.

*Treasurer*, M. LUNN.

## §2. MEMBERS BY GEOGRAPHICAL ZONES

(1) *Eastern Geographical Zone*

REV. C. WARREN JONES. 726 S. Linden Ave., Alliance, Ohio

MR. M. C. ROLLINS . . . . . 745 Omaha St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

MR. S. E. SLOCUM . . . 3622 Springdale Ave., Baltimore, Md.

REV. FLOYD W. NEASE. 92 Franklin Ave., Wollaston, Mass.

(2) *Southeastern Geographical Zone*

MR. R. B. MITCHEM, 431 Fifth Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

REV. H. H. HOOKER. . . . . Jasper, Alabama

MR. JOHN T. BENSON. 2714 Gallatin Rd., Nashville, Tenn.

REV. A. O. HENRICKS . . . Trevecca College, Nashville, Tenn.

(3) *Central Geographical Zone*

DR. EDWIN BURKE. 1203 East Sixty-third St., Chicago, Ill.

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**CHAPTER III**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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**¶405. Relating to Monthly Reports from Various Institutions**

That all institutions, such as schools, rescue homes, orphanages, of the entire denomination render a monthly report of all their receipts and disbursements to the General Treasurer. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1923.]

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**¶406. Relating to Annuities**

That our general boards and institutions be prohibited from using annuity gifts until such have become the valid property by the death of the annuitant, and that such annuity gifts be carefully invested in funds usually accepted as trust funds by the courts of our land. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1923.]

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**¶407. Relating to Debt**

That no institution incur any debt on the strength of pledges, and that pledges be not counted as assets until actually paid. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1923.]

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**¶408. Relating to Credentials**

§1. That it is illegal to seat visitors not regularly elected as alternates in the place of delegates not present. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1919.]

§2. That these [visitors] not being elected alternates cannot be seated. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1923.]

§3. That since Rev. . . . . has transferred from his former *Assembly District* and his transfer has been accepted, he has lost all rights of membership in his former *Assembly District*, and would therefore be ineligible to be seated as a delegate from the *Assembly District* in which he formerly held his membership. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1928.]

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#### Q409. Relating to Secret Societies

On request, the General Superintendent presiding ruled that membership in or fellowship with oathbound, secret orders or fraternities, is out of harmony with the spirit of the *Manual*. The General Assembly sustained the ruling of the chair by a unanimous standing vote. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1923.]

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#### Q410. Relating to Fixing the Time of Church Consolidation

That the time when the Second General Assembly of our church met at Pilot Point, Texas, and three streams of the "water of life" had their glorious confluence—one from the Pacific, one from the Atlantic, and one from the Gulf of Mexico—be recognized as the date when our church wedding took place, and we were united as one people amidst scenes of rapture far transcending the possibilities of description. We would further recommend that the Board of General Superintendents be authorized to fix the exact date of this great spiritual marriage, and to make all necessary arrangements for its proper observance throughout our church. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1923.]

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#### Q411. Relating to Printing of District Minutes

Your Committee on Publishing Interests have considered that part of the report of the Committee on Ways and Means referred to it, and recommend that the various

Assembly Districts have their assembly minutes printed by our Publishing House. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1923.]

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## Q412. Standard Table of Contents of District Minutes

### I. OFFICIAL

- (a) Officers of the Assembly and District.
- (b) District Boards.
- (c) Pastoral Arrangements.

### II. ASSEMBLY ROLL

- (a) Elders.
- (b) Licensed Ministers.
- (c) Consecrated Deaconesses.
- (d) Licensed Deaconesses who are members of the Assembly.
- (e) Chairman of District Church School Board.
- (f) Superintendents of local Sunday Bible Schools.
- (g) President of District N. Y. P. S.
- (h) Presidents of local N. Y. P. S.
- (i) President of District W. F. M. S.
- (j) Presidents of local W. F. M. S.
- (k) Lay Members of District Advisory Board.
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### III. PLAN OF EXAMINATIONS.

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### VIII. STATISTICAL.

**Q413. Relating to Duration of General Assembly**

**WHEREAS**, Our General Assembly in the proper exercise of the business delegated to it requires two full weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, The beginning of our General Assembly in the middle of any week rushes us into business without proper time for devotion; and

**WHEREAS**, Many of our delegates are forced to travel on the Sabbath in order to arrive on time; and

**WHEREAS**, In the concluding hours of our past General Assemblies we have rushed home without a proper time of devotion; and

**WHEREAS**, The opening of our General Assembly on Sunday and the closing of same on the second Sunday following would give the desired time for business and at the same time give a full day of devotion in the opening and a full day of devotion and inspiration at the close; be it

*Resolved*, That our further General Assemblies do so open and close. [Adopted by General Assembly, 1928.]

**Q414. Relating to General Assembly Entertainment Committee**

**WHEREAS**, The General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene is becoming large in size and more difficult of entertainment, requiring that plans be made many months in advance of the date of convening; and

**WHEREAS**, Persons having authority to make all necessary arrangements should be placed in charge for that purpose with the sanction of the General Assembly back of them; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the General Secretary, the General Treasurer, and three persons appointed by the Board of General Superintendents at least one year before the convening of the Assembly, shall constitute a General Assembly entertainment committee. This committee shall have authority to arrange all necessary details regarding offices, exhibits and space, entertainment and meals, and whatever else may be needful to contribute to the comfort, con-

venience and efficiency of the General Assembly, and enter into contracts necessary to provide the same; and further

*Resolved*, That the said committee with the General Superintendents, shall formulate a program for the General Assembly including anniversaries for each of our general interests; a communion service; and other religious services for the first three days of the Assembly or until the Assembly shall have raised a committee on public worship; subject to the approval of the General Assembly. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1928.]

### Q415. Relating to the General Superintendents

§1. That our General Superintendents shall supervise our foreign missionary work in all fields, and that each field shall be visited by at least two different General Superintendents in each quadrennium.

§2. After a careful consideration of the matter of supervision of the work of missions on the foreign fields we recommend:

(1) That the Department of Foreign Missions so strengthen its policy as to give the District Superintendents on the foreign fields more authority over the missionaries and stations under their supervision.

(2) That these foreign missionary districts be supervised by the Board of General Superintendents, who may visit the fields from time to time as the work and interests may demand.

§3. That the expenses of the General Superintendents incurred in the supervision of the foreign fields be paid out of the foreign mission funds.

§4. That the General Assembly elect four (4) General Superintendents.

§5. That the salary of each of our General Superintendents be fixed at four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per year and that love offerings be taken for them at District Assemblies, conventions and meetings where they labor, to apply on expenses, that such expenses as are not met in this

manner shall be paid from funds in the general treasury.

§6. That "In case a vacancy occur on the Board of General Superintendents during a quadrennium, the question of calling for the election for filling the vacancy shall be left to the discretion of the Board of General Superintendents."

§7. We recommend that it shall be the policy of the Church of the Nazarene that no person shall be elected to the office of General Superintendent who has not attained to the age of thirty-five years, or who has reached the age of seventy years; *provided*, this policy shall not apply prior to the Eighth General Assembly.

#### 416. Relating to Judiciary Actions

§1. Has the district advisory board the right to transfer a member of the District Assembly to another denomination?

*Ans.* The district advisory board has no authority to transfer a member of the District Assembly to another denomination.

§2. (a) Does a District Superintendent have the right to give his written approval to the sale of church property without the consent of the district advisory board?

(b) Does he need the consent of the district advisory board?

*Ans.* (a) The District Superintendent does have the right to give his written approval of the sale of church property without the approval of the district advisory board.

(b) He does not need the consent of the district advisory board.

§3. Relating to General Rules ¶35 §2 (7) "membership in or fellowship with oathbound, secret orders or fraternities."

(a) Does this mean that the Church of the Nazarene will not permit its members to hold their former insurance in this class of orders providing that the fees are paid for



this purpose only and there is no fellowship with the organization?

(b) Does a church have the right to maintain the membership of a person when he holds membership in a secret order solely for the purpose of keeping his insurance while it bars from membership other persons because they are members of the same order?

*Ans.* (a) (b) According to ¶35 §2 (7) of our *Manual*, one cannot be a member of the Church of the Nazarene while holding membership in an oathbound, secret order.

§4. A woman marries a man who had been previously married and unscripturally divorced. Would she be barred from membership in the Church of the Nazarene providing her own individual case met the requirements for membership?

*Ans.* Such a person as that referred to would be barred from membership in the Church of the Nazarene.

§5. General Rules ¶35 §2 (3) relating to "the use of tobacco in any of its forms, or the trafficking therein."

Does this prohibit church membership in the Church of the Nazarene to a person who is employed in a store, either as clerk or manager, where among other things he is obliged to sell tobacco?

*Ans.* There is a distinction between trafficking as the owner of a business and selling as a clerk; and therefore, we would not interpret the selling as a clerk as violating the letter of the *Manual*.

§6. At a church meeting called for the purpose of voting on the recall of a pastor, is it legal to count the votes of members not present at the time of such voting?

*Ans.* It would be illegal to count the votes of members not present when voting on the recall of a pastor.

§7. If a licensed minister meet all the requirements for the renewal of his license according to ¶197, is the District Assembly obliged to renew such license?

*Ans.* A District Assembly is not under obligation according to ¶197 to renew said license.

§8. A church has a debt on its property. It elects a finance committee of three who are members of the church board with instructions to receive and disburse all money which applies to the church debt. Has the church the right to make this committee custodian of that part of the church funds and to receive and disburse the same independent of the regularly elected church treasurer?

*Ans.* The church does have such a right.

§9. A pastor resigns. The District Superintendent calls the church board together to consider the appointment of a man to fill the vacancy until the next District Assembly. He finds that the church board had previously held a meeting and elected a man for the pastorate for the remainder of the District Assembly year, and also had called him for the year following. Is the church acting within its rights?

*Ans.* The church was not acting within its rights.

§10. In case a District Superintendent and pastor fail to investigate charges filed against a minister in their Assembly District as directed in Q296 §§1, 2 of the *Manual*, does this incriminate the District Superintendent or the pastor for failure to make this investigation?

*Ans.* A District Superintendent would be incriminated if he failed to investigate written accusations against a minister in his Assembly District. The fact of his amenability to his District Assembly is evidence that he will be subject to charges for failing to discharge his official duty. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1928.]

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#### Q417. Relating to Public Bathing Places

*Resolved*, That this General Assembly go on record as being unqualifiedly opposed to our people's patronizing promiscuous public bathing places. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1928.]

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#### Q418. Relating to Church Music

Inasmuch as the spirit of this "age of jazz" is evidently exerting upon the music of our church an influence tend-

ing to a superficiality and lack of reverence in our worship such as will weaken the effect of our message to the world;

We recommend that this General Assembly express its disapproval of this tendency; and we would urge our evangelists and pastors to join in a united effort to counteract this hurtful influence by discouraging the use in religious services of songs savoring of jazz. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1928.]

#### Q419. Relating to Prohibition

WHEREAS, the Church of the Nazarene stands man to man in favor of prohibition; be it

*Resolved*, That this General Assembly go on record as opposed to any presidential candidate who does not openly commit himself in favor of the Eighteenth Amendment. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1928.]

#### Q420. Relating to Commission on Manual Revision

WHEREAS, Much confusion results from the present method of *Manual* revision and there seems to be some conflict in duty between the committee on revision and other committees; therefore be it

*Resolved*, (1) That we dispense with the present committee on revision;

(2) That we appoint a standing Commission on Manual Revision of seven members, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, to hold office until the close of the next General Assembly;

(3) That copies of all memorials shall be furnished to each member of this Commission by the General Secretary as soon as received by him;

(4) That this Commission shall meet at least one week prior to the meeting of the General Assembly, give careful attention to these memorials, and report to the General Assembly. This report, with all memorials, shall then be referred to the appropriate committees of the General Assembly, the Commission suggesting to which committee

each part shall be referred, for the action of such committees. These committees shall report back to the General Assembly, and after the action of the General Assembly, shall again be referred to the Commission for harmony. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1928.]

#### Q421. Relating to the N. Y. P. S. Program

**WHEREAS**, The challenge was laid down to the General Nazarene Young People's Society to support and foster the work of home missions in the United States and Canada; therefore be it.

**Resolved**, That the General Nazarene Young People's Society Executive Board accept this challenge and enlist the support of the entire Nazarene Young People's Society membership in financing the home missionary program to the minimum amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the next quadrennium. [Adopted by the Executive Board of the General Nazarene Young People's Society, 1928.]

**Resolved**, That the General Assembly go on record as approving the action of the Executive Board of the General Nazarene Young People's Society in its purpose to raise \$25,000 a year, or \$100,000 for the quadrennium, for home missions. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1928.]

#### Q422. Relating to Appeals for Money

**WHEREAS**, Many local churches are circularizing the whole church with appeals for money with which to pay debts, erect churches, or purchase buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, Those to whom such appeals are sent are usually burdened with the local financial obligations and such appeals become very embarrassing; therefore be it

**Resolved**, That all such appeals be discouraged, except where confined to the Assembly Districts in which they originate, and when so made in such Assembly Districts

to have the written endorsement of the District Superintendent and the district advisory board. [Adopted by *General Assembly, 1928.*]

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### Q423. Relating to Bible Societies

That the General Assembly request our General Secretary to provide a space in our statistical blanks to report offerings for the Bible societies, and that our editors and missionary secretaries be requested to publish notices and information relative to a day when our churches shall take an offering for the Bible societies, the churches in the United States for the American Bible Society, and those in Canada and Great Britain for the British and Foreign Bible Society. [Adopted by *General Assembly, 1928.*]

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### Q424. Relating to the Church Constitution

WHEREAS, It is imperative that our Nazarene membership, ministerial and lay, have ample time for the perusal and consideration of the proposed constitution for our church; and

WHEREAS, The provisions of said constitution require a favorable vote of two-thirds of all our District Assemblies; therefore be it

*Resolved,* That we instruct our General Secretary to send copies of the proposed constitution to the entire membership of our separate District Assemblies through the district secretary at least thirty days prior to the time of District Assembly sessions; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Board of General Superintendents, after the adoption of the constitution by the District Assemblies, shall announce its adoption in the columns of our church organ, the *Herald of Holiness*, and that said announcement with the ratification of the District Assemblies shall constitute the adoption of this constitution. [Adopted by *General Assembly, 1928.*]

**Q425. Relating to Financial Goals**

[EXPLANATION: These goals represent the ultimate aim which general budget items seek.]

§1. FOREIGN MISSIONS. That the general foreign missionary budget for the first fiscal year be the maximum sum of \$200,000; for the second fiscal year a maximum sum of \$220,000; for the third fiscal year a maximum sum of \$240,000; for the fourth fiscal year a maximum sum of \$260,000; making a total maximum of \$920,000 for the quadrennium.

§2. HOME MISSIONS. That the minimum budget for home missions be placed at \$25,000 for the first fiscal year, with an annual increase of 10 per cent each year through the quadrennium.

§3. CHURCH EXTENSION. That the maximum sum of \$15,000 be set for this cause for the year 1929, and this amount be increased by 10 per cent each succeeding year in the quadrennium.

§4. MINISTERIAL RELIEF. That the maximum budget for ministerial relief for the first fiscal year of the quadrennium be fixed at \$12,000, for the second fiscal year at \$14,000, for the third fiscal year at \$16,000, and for the fourth fiscal year at \$18,000, making a total for four years of \$60,000.

§5. EDUCATION. That each Educational Zone raise the equivalent of one dollar a member for the support of its educational institutions, the same to be secured in any way the zone may see fit.

§6. CHURCH SCHOOLS. [No goal adopted by the General Assembly.]

§7. NAZARENE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. The salary of the field secretary, together with necessary traveling expenses, and other expenses which will be incurred by the General Executive Board, be raised through an assessment of an amount equal to twenty-five cents per N. Y. P. S. member per year, and that these funds be paid direct to the

General Treasurer of the church by the local societies, and that they should be disbursed by him when and as approved by the General Nazarene Young People's Society Executive Board.

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#### Q426. Relating to Foreign Missions

That the fields already occupied by the Church of the Nazarene be given adequate equipment to prosecute their work in the most effective manner, rather than to occupy new fields.

That a uniform policy of handling and accounting of the finances of foreign mission fields be devised and that all workers in foreign fields be required to adhere to that policy. We also recommend that semiannual reports be made to the Department of Foreign Missions and the General Board from each field on forms to be furnished by the Department of Foreign Missions.

That each missionary be required to sign a contract agreeing to conform to the foreign missionary policy and any subsequent policies that may be adopted by the General Assembly and the General Board affecting the work of foreign missions.

That a certain percentage of the entire amount of the annual foreign missionary budget be set aside as a relief and retirement fund to be used solely for the support and relief of disabled, aged and retired ministers, their wives and needy dependent children.

That the General Superintendents be given full supervision of the activities of our missionary work in the foreign fields and that the Board of General Superintendents be requested to assign one of their number annually to this work.

That the Mexican border work in the southwestern part of the United States be placed under the supervision and control of the Department of Foreign Missions.

That a complete revision of our waiting list of missionary applicants, missionaries under appointment, and mis-

sionaries on furlough be made from the standpoint of health, age, and a more thorough medical supervision of missionary applicants.

That it be a part of our missionary policy that every favorable applicant shall serve a probation of two years, working in the homeland under the observation of the Department of Foreign Missions of the church and reporting to said Department, unless there be urgent special exceptions.

That the church set aside a week of prayer and fasting (fast one or more meals a day) to be observed by the whole church—praying that now when so many of our problems are being solved, we may redeem the time by a mighty forward movement for missions. [Adopted by *General Assembly, 1928.*]

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### **Q427. Relating to State of the Church and Public Morals**

§1. There have come to our hearts unbounded joy and inspiration at the hearing of the masterful Quadrennial Address of the Board of General Superintendents. This address opens to our view the glorious victories and unprecedented accomplishments of the past four years and the vision which glows with radiant hope and unmeasured possibilities in our onward march as a united body. This Address is pregnant with the spirit of our glorious movement and should be in the hands of all of our members and friends and should function as a guiding principle in the activities of the thousands of leaders in our church and its auxiliaries. We take note of our progress as a united body of holy people with unmeasurable gratitude and praise to the great Captain of our marching host.

§2. There may be some differences on minor points of activities as a church, but we are a united people on the essentials of our holy religion. We are glad to note that there seems to be no disposition on the part of the church to lower its standard in doctrine or practice.



However, in order that we may please God, reach a lost world and maintain our inviting influence among the holy peoples of the earth who are yet outside our movement but who are looking to us, we strongly urge our people everywhere to a fervency of mighty prevailing prayer for a world-wide revival among all nations of the earth, realizing that nothing short of the glory of God upon our altars can effect the greatest success of our church.

§3. As a matter of warning we further urge:

(1) That our dear people do not imbibe or in any way yield to the subtle influence of the spirit of this modern age relating to the questions of Sabbath desecration, immodesty in dress and behavior, seeking for worldly pleasure or honor, and disregard for our church law and standard of right.

(2) That we maintain a proper reverence for the house of God, and that it shall always be known as a house of prayer and worship; that neither the church, its basement, nor any other part thereof, shall ever be used for social or entertainment gatherings, or as a place of banqueting.

(3) That as a people we continue our pronounced attitude in favor of enforcement of the civil law including the Eighteenth Amendment and strongly urge our constituency everywhere to use their influence as well as their power of franchise upholding the Eighteenth Amendment and discouraging corruption in politics in general.

(4) We further urge that our pastors, District Superintendents, and other leaders give proper place to the reading of the General Rules and the Special Rules of our church *Manual*, and that the matter of upholding the standard of the Bible as held by our church be kept continually before our people. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1978.]

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### ¶428. Relating to the Orphanage

The special committee of seven persons appointed by this Seventh General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene

in the general orphanage matter recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

**Resolved,** That the General Orphanage Board of the Church of the Nazarene be and is hereby instructed to transfer and deed the property of the orphanage, located at Peniel, Texas, to the Assembly Districts of the Southern (West Central) Educational Zone of the Church of the Nazarene, or as the Assembly Districts of said Southern (West Central) Educational Zone may direct, however,

**PROVIDED,** That the said Southern (West Central) Educational Zone having its next meetings of the District Assemblies within such zone shall accept such property and shall direct to whom such property shall be conveyed; and

**PROVIDED,** That said property shall be conveyed subject to the existing debts which now amount to approximately four thousand dollars (\$4,000) which debts the Assembly Districts of the said Southern (West Central) Educational Zone shall assume and agree to pay; and further

**PROVIDED,** That, if the Assembly Districts of the said Southern (West Central) Educational Zone shall not accept said property and assume said obligations, the said General Orphanage Board is hereby instructed and directed to sell and dispose of said orphanage property as soon as can be done after the next meetings of the District Assemblies of the said Southern (West Central) Educational Zone and out of the proceeds of said sale pay the aforesaid debts; and further

**PROVIDED,** That if there be any surplus remaining above the said debts, such surplus shall be at once turned over to the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene; and further

**PROVIDED,** That the transfer by said General Orphanage Board shall be in any event free and clear of any annuity obligation now or hereafter existing against said orphanage property; and further

**PROVIDED,** That said property shall be conveyed free and

clear of any encumbrance whatsoever if accepted as hereinbefore stated. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1928.]

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**Q429. Relating to Extended Pastoral Relations**

*Resolved*, that where any local Church of the Nazarene is unable because of conditions then and there existing, to secure a minister to serve it for the short period of time provided in the *Manual*, and where such church would on that account be without a minister and its existence would thereby be endangered, such church may, until the next General Assembly convenes, with the written approval of the District Superintendent of the district and of the Board of General Superintendents, call a pastor to serve it for a longer term than one year, but not exceeding a period of three years. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1928.]

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**Q430. Relating to Adopting the Manual as Amended**

Upon motion the *Manual* was adopted as amended by actions of the Seventh General Assembly. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1928.]



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