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FOREWORD

To all who compose the membership of the Church of the Nazarene, the Bible is the Book of books. It is the Word of God. It "contains all truth necessary to faith and Christian living." It is the "revelation of the will of God concerning us in all things necessary to our salvation." The knowledge and understanding of its teachings, with conformity thereto, is the first duty of all who profess faith in Christ.

Next to the Bible is the *Manual* of the church. In many respects it is an interpretation of the Bible. Therefore it is the duty of all who identify themselves with the Church of the Nazarene to acquire a thorough knowledge of the *Manual* and to live in harmony with its doctrines, its rules of conduct, and its polity.

We make no claim of divine inspiration for the *Manual*. We do, however, believe that its doctrinal statements, its rules of conduct, and its basic principles of government are a sacred heritage which we have received from our founders. Therefore we are bound by a deep sense of loyalty to God, to truth, and to our founders and leaders of the past to preserve this our heritage inviolate for ourselves and our posterity.

Some parts of our *Manual* have never been changed. We believe they never should be. Our doctrinal statements with a clear emphasis

on entire sanctification as a second work of grace need no amendment. Our general and special rules concisely and clearly set forth the standards of conduct for our people. They need no additions or subtractions. Our representative form of government, combining some features of episcopacy and some of congregationalism, is as near the ideal as we can hope to make it, and it is working well throughout our beloved Zion. Constitutional rights of local churches have been established and must be preserved. Equal ministerial and lay representation in the General Assembly, the law-making body of the church, is right in principle and should never be compromised.

Within these broad outlines our administrative policies have developed. Changes have been made by each General Assembly. Time and experience have revealed some weakness that has necessitated amendments. Points of strength have been confirmed. We are still a comparatively new denomination. We are growing and learning. This 1952 edition of the *Manual* is the product of our best thought and experience to date. Future General Assemblies will make their contribution to its development. We will welcome any improvement in those parts that are admittedly subject to change.

As a Board of General Superintendents we gladly dedicate our leadership to the honest interpretation of the doctrines and standards

herein contained, and the faithful preaching of the same. We are united in the desire to conform to the principles of government and judicial administration set forth in this *Manual*. We urge our preachers to familiarize themselves and their people with the essential elements of doctrine, practice, and government. We believe the knowledge of these essentials and obedience to them will promote the unity, purity, and progress of the Church of the Nazarene.

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PART 1

HISTORICAL STATEMENT



HISTORICAL STATEMENT

I. Near the close of the nineteenth century, a movement for the spread and conservation of scriptural holiness in organized church form developed almost simultaneously in various parts of the United States. This movement was similar to the Wesleyan revival of the previous century. The manifestation everywhere of a spontaneous drawing in the unity of the Spirit towards closer affiliation of those of like precious faith culminated finally 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.

II. On May 12, 1886, a number of the brethren in Providence, Rhode Island, interested in promoting the Wesleyan doctrine and experience of entire sanctification, organized and held weekly religious services, first in private homes, but after a few months in a rented store on Oxford Street. On January 16, 1887, a Sunday school was organized with ninety-five members. On July 21, 1887, the People's Evangelical Church was organized with fifty-one members, Rev. F. A. Hillery acting as pastor. On November 25, 1888, the Mission Church,

Lynn, Massachusetts, was organized with Rev. C. Howard Davis as pastor. On March 13 and 14, 1890, representatives from these churches and other evangelical holiness organizations in southern New England assembled at Rock, Massachusetts, and organized the Central Evangelical Holiness Association. Rev. W. C. Ryder, pastor of the Independent Congregational Church of that place, was elected president. Within the following year the Mission Church, Malden, Massachusetts, the Emmanuel Mission Church, North Attleboro, Massachusetts, and the Bethany Mission Church, Keene, New Hampshire, were organized.

In January, 1894, William Howard Hoople, a businessman 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 was called the Utica Avenue Pentecostal Tabernacle. After a church edifice was erected, Mr. Hoople was called to the pastorate. The following February, in an abandoned church building, the Bedford Avenue Pentecostal Church was organized, and a little later, the Emmanuel Pentecostal Tabernacle. In December, 1895, delegates from these three churches adopted a constitution, summary of doctrines, and bylaws, and formed the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America. 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.

On November 12, 1896, a joint committee from these two associations met in the city of Brooklyn, New York, to formulate some plan of union. For the benefit of their counsel and co-operation, several brethren prominent in the work were invited to act with the joint committee. Among this number were Rev. C. Howard Davis, Rev. G. W. Wilson, Rev. John Norberry, Rev. H. F. Reynolds, Rev. H. B. Hosley, and Rev. Charles H. BeVier. This meeting resulted in the union of the two bodies. It was agreed that the work should be continued under the name of the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America.

III. 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.

IV. As the group from the East and the group from the West came to know each other

better, the feeling grew that they should unite. After delegates from both areas had conferred, the following basis of union was prepared and adopted unanimously by both bodies:

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.

The first union assembly was held in Chicago, in October, 1907. It was agreed that the name of the united body should be The Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

V. In 1894 at Milan, Tennessee, the New Testament Church of Christ was organized with fourteen members by Rev. R. L. Harris to conserve and promote scriptural holiness. The influence of this church soon spread throughout western Texas and Arkansas. Prominent among the leaders was Mrs. Mary Lee Cagle, formerly the wife of Rev. R. L. Harris, who continued the work after her husband's death.

In 1888 the first holiness churches in Texas were organized by Rev. Thomas Rogers and Rev. Dennis Rogers, who came from California.

In 1901 the first Independent Holiness Church was organized at Van Alstyne, Texas, by Rev. C. B. Jernigan. This denomination grew and prospered until, in 1903, there were twenty church organizations.

The legal representatives of the Independent Holiness Church and the New Testament Church of Christ met at Rising Star, Texas, in November, 1904, where a joint committee framed a Manual and statement of doctrine and basis of union. The union was fully consummated at Pilot Point, Texas, in November, 1905, and the united body adopted the name Holiness Church of Christ.

VI. In 1907 several representatives from the Holiness Church of Christ accepted the invitation of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene to attend its General Assembly in Chicago, but were not authorized to take any action with

reference to organic union. After the Assembly invited them into counsel, provisional arrangements were made to incorporate the two churches into one body, when proper action could be taken. Upon the invitation of the Holiness Church of Christ, the Second General Assembly convened at Pilot Point, Texas, at two o'clock, Thursday afternoon, October 8, 1908. On the following Tuesday morning, R. B. Mitchum moved: "That the union of the two churches be now consummated," and the motion was seconded by Revs. C. W. Ruth, John N. Short, J. B. Creighton, C. B. Jernigan, H. B. Hosley, P. F. Bresee, and others spoke favorably regarding the motion. On Tuesday, October 13, 1908, at 10:40 a.m., amid great enthusiasm, the motion to unite was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

VII. In 1898 Rev. J. O. McClurkan and a few others called a meeting of the holiness people of Tennessee and adjacent states to be held in Nashville. At this convention an association known as the Pentecostal Alliance was formed, but its name was later changed to the Pentecostal Mission. From the beginning these people were evangelistic in spirit and had a burning desire to disseminate the doctrine and experience of sanctification. Thus in different sections of the South there came together 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. Finally 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.

VIII. In November, 1901, the first stage in the present holiness church movement in the British Isles began, when 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 became minister of Parkhead Congregational Church, Glasgow; but, 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.

IX. 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."

X. For many years a holiness movement had been developing in Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Montana. It was originated by a group of Methodist laymen, and was formally organized in 1917 at Jamestown, North Dakota, as the Laymen's Holiness Association. Rev. J. G. Morrison was immediately elected Field Evangelist and, in 1919, President of the organization. With him were associated Rev. Ira E. Hammer, Rev. S. C. Taylor, Rev. W. G. Bennett, and over twenty other evangelists and workers engaged in a widespread program of holiness evangelism and camp-meeting promotion. In 1922, under the leadership of these ministers, more than one thousand people identified with the Laymen's Holiness Association united with the Church of the Nazarene.

PART II
CHURCH CONSTITUTION

Part One. Articles of Faith

Part Two. The Church

Part Three. Articles of Organization and Government

Part Four. Amendments

CONSTITUTION

of the

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Preamble

In order that we may preserve our God-given heritage, the faith once delivered to the saints, especially the doctrine and experience of sanctification as a second work of grace, and also that we may co-operate effectually with other branches of the Church of Jesus Christ in advancing God's kingdom among men, we, the ministers and lay members of the Church of the Nazarene, in accordance with the principles of constitutional legislation established among us, do hereby ordain, adopt, and set forth as the fundamental law or constitution of the Church of the Nazarene the Articles of Faith, the General Rules, and the Articles of Organization and Government here following, to wit:

PART ONE. ARTICLES OF FAITH

I. *The Triune God*

1. 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*

2. 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*

3. 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*

4. We believe in the plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, by which we understand the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testa-

ments 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*

5. 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 inclined to evil, and that continually. We further believe that original sin continues to exist with the new life of the regenerate, until eradicated by the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

VI. *Atonement*

6. 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 for the salvation of the irresponsible and for the children in innocency, but is efficacious for the salvation of those who reach the age of responsibility only when they repent and believe.

VII. *Free Agency*

7. We believe that man's creation in God-likeness 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 cannot now turn and prepare himself by his own natural strength and works to faith and calling upon God. But we also believe that 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.

We believe that man, though in the possession of the experience of regeneration and entire sanctification, may fall from grace and apostatize and, unless he repent of his sin, be hopelessly and eternally lost.

VIII. *Repentance*

8. 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*

9. 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 the penalty of sins committed, and acceptance as righteous, to all who believe on Jesus Christ and receive Him as Lord and Saviour.

10. 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.

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

12. We believe that 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 that to this work and state of grace the Holy Spirit bears witness.

X. *Entire Sanctification*

13. 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 devotement 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." [40]

XI. *Second Coming of Christ*

14. 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*

15. 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.”

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

17. 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*

18. 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 Saviour, 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*

19. We believe that the Memorial and Communion Supper instituted by our Lord and Saviour 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. It 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*

20. 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.

PART TWO. THE CHURCH

I. *The General Church*

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

II. *The Churches Severally*

22. 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*

23. 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.

IV. *Agreed Statement of Belief*

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

§ 1. That there is one God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

§ 2. That the Old and New Testament Scriptures, given by plenary inspiration, 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. That our Lord will return, the dead will be raised, and the final judgment will take place.

V. The General Rules

25. 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—

§ 1. 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" (I 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" (I Peter 3:3, 4).

(7) Songs, literature, and entertainments not to the glory of God; the theater, the ball-room, the circus, and like places; also, lotteries and games of chance; looseness and impropriety of conduct; membership in or fellowship with oath-bound 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” (II Corinthians 6:14-17).

§ 2. 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 thereon; 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.

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

PART THREE. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT

ARTICLE I. FORM OF GOVERNMENT

26. The Church of the Nazarene has a representative form of government.

§ 1. 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.

§ 2. We are agreed that authority given to superintendents shall not interfere with the independent action of a fully organized church.

Each church shall enjoy the right to select its own pastor, subject to such approval as the General Assembly shall find wise to institute. Each church shall also elect delegates to the various assemblies, manage its own finances, and have charge of all other matters pertaining to its local life and work.

27. It is agreed that any church of the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America going into this organization which may feel it imperative with it to continue to hold its property in like manner as at present, shall be at liberty to do so.

ARTICLE II. LOCAL CHURCHES

28. The membership of a local church shall consist of all who have been organized as a church by those authorized so to do and who have been publicly received by those having proper authority, after having declared their experience of salvation, their belief in our doctrines, and their willingness to submit to our government. [42, 43]

ARTICLE III. DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

29. The General Assembly shall organize the membership of the church into District Assemblies, giving such lay and ministerial representation therein as the General Assembly may deem fair and just, and shall determine qualifications of such representatives, provided, however, that all elders in good standing shall be members thereof. The General Assembly

shall also fix the boundaries of Assembly Districts, and define the powers and duties of District Assemblies. [175, 176]

ARTICLE IV. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

30. § 1. *How Composed.* The General Assembly shall be composed of ministerial and lay delegates in equal numbers, elected thereto by District Assemblies of the Church of the Nazarene; such ex officio members as the General Assembly shall from time to time direct; and such representatives of the missionary districts of the Church of the Nazarene as may be provided for by the General Assembly.

§ 2. *Election of Delegates.* Every District Assembly shall elect by ballot, at its session immediately preceding the meeting of the General Assembly, an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates to the General Assembly, provided that the ministerial delegates shall be elders of the Church of the Nazarene. Each Assembly District shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate, and such additional delegates as its membership may warrant on the basis of representation fixed by the General Assembly. Each Assembly District shall elect alternate delegates not exceeding the number of its delegates. [180 § 20, 320, 321, 327]

§ 3. *Credentials.* The Secretary of each District Assembly shall furnish certificates of

election to the delegates and alternates severally elected to the General Assembly, and shall also send certificates of such elections to the General Church Secretary of the Church of the Nazarene immediately following the adjournment of the District Assembly.

§ 4. *Quorum.* When the General Assembly is in session a majority of the whole number of delegates elected thereto shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum has once been had, a smaller number may approve the minutes then remaining unapproved, and adjourn.

§ 5. *General Superintendents.* The General Assembly shall elect by ballot from among the elders of the Church of the Nazarene as many General Superintendents as it may deem necessary, who shall constitute the Board of General Superintendents. Any vacancy in the office of General Superintendent in the interim of General Assemblies shall be filled by a two-thirds vote of all the District Superintendents of the Church of the Nazarene. [331 § 1]

§ 6. *Presiding Officers.* A General Superintendent appointed thereto by the Board of General Superintendents, shall preside over the daily meetings of the General Assembly. But if no General Superintendent be so appointed or be present, the General Assembly shall elect one of its members as temporary presiding officer. [318]

§ 7. *Rules of Order.* The General Assembly shall adopt Rules of Order governing its manner of organization, procedure, committees, and all other matters pertaining to the orderly conduct of its business. It shall be the judge of the election and qualifications of its own members. [319]

§ 8. *General Court of Appeals.* The General Assembly shall elect from among members of the Church of the Nazarene a General Court of Appeals, and shall define its jurisdiction and powers. [331 § 11]

§ 9. *Powers and Restrictions.*

(1) The General Assembly shall have power to legislate for the Church of the Nazarene, and to make rules and regulations for all the departments related to or associated with it in any respect, but not in conflict with this Constitution. [317, 331 § 16]

(2) No local church shall be deprived of the right to call its pastor, subject to such approval as the General Assembly shall find wise to institute.

(3) All local churches, officers, ministers, and laymen shall always have the right to a fair and orderly trial and the right to take an appeal.

PART FOUR. AMENDMENTS

31. The provisions of this Constitution may be repealed or amended when concurred in by

a two-thirds vote of all the members of the General Assembly, and when concurred in by not less than two-thirds of all the District Assemblies of the Church of the Nazarene. Either the General Assembly or any District Assembly may take the initiative in the matter of proposing such alterations or amendments. As soon as such alterations or amendments shall have been adopted as herein provided, the result of the vote shall be announced by the Board of General Superintendents, whereupon such alterations or amendments shall have full force and effect.

PART III
SPECIAL RULES

- I. SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH**
- II. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION**
- III. MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE**
- IV. CHURCH OFFICERS**
- V. GROWTH IN GRACE**
- VI. STEWARDSHIP**

SPECIAL RULES

I. Support of the Church

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

32. 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. [84]

33. 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, in addition to their tithes, to make freewill offerings as generous as circumstances will permit. [582]

34. 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, to pay general and district apportionments monthly. [72, 123, 164-168]

II. Temperance and Prohibition

35. 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 purpose 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. [592 § 1]

36. Only unfermented wine and unleavened bread should be used in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. [69 § 10, 259, 265, 562]

III. Marriage and Divorce

37. 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.

38. We hold that persons who obtain divorce under the civil law where the scriptural ground for divorce, namely, adultery, does not exist, and who remarry subsequently, are living in adultery, and are unworthy of membership in the Church of the Nazarene. 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. [43, 44, 49]

§ 1. The ministers of the Church of the Nazarene are positively forbidden to solemnize the marriage of persons not having the scriptural right to marry. [254 § 5]

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 [64, 80]

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 to spread scriptural holiness as a doctrine, but also to 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, to the promotion of the growth of Christian graces in the heart, and to their manifestation in the daily life. [13]

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 are responsible for 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. Because stewardship is essential to the more abundant life, we should seek by all proper means to promote its practice throughout the church. [107, 451]

PART IV
GOVERNMENT

- I. THE LOCAL CHURCH**
 - II. THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**
 - III. THE MINISTER AND MINISTRY**
 - IV. THE DEACONESS**
 - V. THE SONG EVANGELIST**
 - VI. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
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Preamble

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.

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.

CHAPTER I

THE LOCAL CHURCH

I. Organization of Local Churches

42. 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. [28, 193 § 1, 275, 337]

II. Full Membership

43. 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 Superintendent, 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, shall compose the full membership of the local church; however, only church members who have reached their twelfth birthday shall be entitled to vote in annual or special church meetings. [28, 38, 44, 50 § 1, 57, 69 § 2, 77, 193 § 1, 261, 272, 337]

44. When persons desire to unite with the church the pastor shall explain to them briefly the privileges of membership in the church and the requirements of the general rules, and if

they are acceptable candidates, after consulting with the church membership committee, the minister shall in a public service, using the approved form for the reception of members (Part VII, Chapter II, 551), receive them into the membership of the church. [25, 38, 49 §§ 1-2]

45. Members of missions, where the organization of a local church has not been effected, shall not be counted as church members nor reported as church members; however, members of a mission may, when duly received according to 43 and 44, hold church membership in some regularly organized local church in which they shall be counted as church members. But the members of missions shall not be reported in the annual statistics as church members. [69 § 12]

III. Probationary Membership

46. Any local church may, through its church board, establish a system of probationary membership; but probationers must not be counted as church members. [122 § 22]

47. Probationers shall have all the privileges of church members, with the exception of voting and holding church office.

48. 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

49. The church board shall provide a church membership committee of no fewer than three persons, whose duty it shall be to act in the capacity of an advisory committee with the pastor as chairman. [43, 44, 122 § 23]

§ 1. This committee shall seek out and recommend to the pastor such persons as may qualify for full membership in the Church of the Nazarene [24, 25, 38]

§ 2. No person shall be received into full membership of the local church until the pastor first consults with the church membership committee concerning that person's reception.

V. Change of Membership

50. § 1. The pastor, when requested by a member, may grant a transfer of church membership [see form in 568 § 4] to any local church of the Church of the Nazarene that may be named, such transfer to be valid for three months only. When the reception of the transfer is acknowledged by the receiving local church, such person's membership in the former local church shall cease. [71]

§ 2. The pastor, when requested by a member, may grant a certificate of commendation [see form in 568 § 2] to any evangelical church that may be named, after which such person's membership in the local church issuing the certificate shall cease immediately.

§ 3. The pastor, when requested by a member, may grant a letter of dismissal [see form in 568 § 3], thus terminating such person's membership immediately. [71]

51. A member of a local church, when changing his place of residence, is required to report to his pastor at least once in six months. Should he fail to do so, his name may be removed from the church roll by action of the church board, after which the pastor shall write opposite his name, "Removed without letter." [125]

52. 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, after he has been visited and dealt with faithfully, when possible. After such action of the church board the pastor shall write opposite his name, "Removed by the church board." [126]

53. When a licensed or an ordained minister has united with the church membership or ministry of another denomination, his membership in the local church shall, because of that fact, immediately cease, and there shall be written opposite his name, "Removed by uniting with another denomination." [261, 272]

54. When a member of a local church has accepted license to preach or ordination from

any other religious organization, his membership in the local church shall, because of that fact, immediately cease, except in case such person is temporarily commissioned by that religious organization to do foreign missionary work.

55. When a member of a local church moves to another locality, his pastor shall notify the pastor of the local church nearest to the locality, giving the member's name and new address, if known. [70]

VI. Church Meetings

56. A meeting of the members of a local church for conference and for the transaction of any business not otherwise provided for shall be known as a church meeting. [61, 75, 83, 86, 87, 88, 89, 91, 103, 108, 117]

57. Only those persons who have been received into full membership and have reached their twelfth birthday shall be entitled to vote in church meetings. [43]

58. Any business, including elections, in harmony with the spirit and order of the church, and not otherwise specially provided for, may be transacted at any church meeting.

59. In all cases where the civil law requires a specific course of procedure in calling and conducting church meetings, that course should be strictly followed. [110]

60. The pastor, who shall be ex officio president of the local church, or the District Superintendent, or the General Superintendent having jurisdiction, or someone appointed by the District Superintendent or the General Superintendent, shall preside at annual or special church meetings. [73, 199, 341]

61. An annual church meeting of members of each local church shall be held 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. [80, 103, 111]

62. The secretary of the church board shall be the secretary of all church meetings; in his absence a secretary pro tempore shall be elected. [128 § 4]

63. Reports shall be given at the annual church meeting by the pastor [69 § 13], the superintendent of the Sunday school [141], the president of the Nazarene Young People's Society [156], the president of the local Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society [162], the deaconesses [92], the local preachers [97], the stewards [106], the trustees [113], the local church school board [133], the secretary [128 § 2], and the treasurer [129 § 5] of the church board.

64. At the annual church meeting there shall be an election, by ballot, of the stewards [103], the trustees [108, 111], the Sunday-

school superintendent [142], and the members of the church school board [132] of the local church, to serve for the next church year and until their successors are elected and qualified.

§ 1. Local churches in selecting their church officers are directed to elect only such as are clearly in the experience of entire sanctification. [See Special Rules, 39.]

65. 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 176, 177 §§ 1, 2.

66. Special meetings of church 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 after having obtained the consent of the pastor or of the District Superintendent or of the General Superintendent having jurisdiction.

Public notice of special church meetings shall always be given from the pulpit in at least two preceding regular services, or in such manner as meets the requirements of civil law. [86, 87, 88, 91, 103, 105, 111, 112]

VII. The Church Years

67. § 1. The church year shall begin on the Monday immediately following the final adjournment of the District Assembly of the Assembly District in which the local church is

situated, and shall close at twelve o'clock midnight on the Sunday immediately following the final adjournment of the District Assembly.

§ 2. The statistical year shall close within forty-five days prior to the opening of the District Assembly, and the new statistical year shall begin the day following this close. The exact date of the beginning and close of the statistical year within these bounds shall be set by the District Advisory Board. [217 § 1]

VIII. The Pastor

68. A pastor is an elder or a licensed minister [80] who, under the call of God and His people, has the oversight of a local church. [39, 195]

69. The duties of a pastor are:

§ 1. To preach the Word. [259, 265]

§ 2. To receive persons into membership in the local church according to 43 and 44.

§ 3. To administer the sacraments in harmony with 259 and 265.

§ 4. To care for the people by pastoral visitation, particularly of the sick and needy. [92, 299]

§ 5. To comfort those who mourn.

§ 6. To reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with all long-suffering 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. [23]

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

§ 9. To appoint the teachers of the Sunday school in harmony with 144.

§ 10. To administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at least once a quarter. If he is a licensed minister but has failed to pass in the prescribed course of study as provided in 259 [see also 562], he shall arrange for such administration by an elder. [36, 104 § 2]

§ 11. To read to the congregation the Constitution of the Church of the Nazarene and the Special Rules contained in 1 to 41, both inclusive, within each church year [67 § 1], or have this section of the *Manual* printed and distributed annually to the membership of the church.

§ 12. To supervise the preparation of all statistical reports from all departments of the local church, and present promptly all such reports through the district secretary to the District Assembly. [45, 67 § 2, 147]

§ 13. To submit a report to the annual church meeting. [63]

§ 14. To appoint an investigating committee of three in case of accusation filed against a church member. [458]

§ 15. To see that all general budget funds raised through the local missionary society are

remitted promptly to the General Treasurer; and that all district budget funds are remitted promptly to the district treasurer. [129 § 2]

70. 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. [55]

71. The pastor may, when requested by a member, grant a transfer of church membership [568 § 4], a certificate of commendation [568 § 2], or a letter of dismissal [568 § 3, 50 § § 1, 2, 3].

72. The pastor, together with the church board, according to plans adopted by the General Assembly and agreed to by the District Assembly, shall arrange for the raising of the apportionment of the general budget funds and the apportionment of the district budget funds made to the local church of which he is pastor, and shall raise these apportionments. [34, 123, 163]

73. 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. [60, 120, 136, 151, 154, 155, 158, 161]

74. The pastor shall have the right to a voice in the nomination of all heads of all departments of the local church. [142, 149, 156, 162]

75. The pastor shall not contract bills nor create financial obligations for the local church of which he is pastor, unless he be authorized and directed by vote of the church board or by vote of a church meeting; and such action shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the church board or of the church meeting respectively. [122 § 1, 128]

76. The pastor shall always show due regard for the united advice of the District Superintendent and the district advisory board. [193, 217 § 2, 263, 274]

77. In case a licensed or ordained minister presenting credentials from another denomination shall, during the interim of sessions of the District Assembly, make application for membership in a local church, the pastor may not receive such applicant without first having obtained the favorable recommendation of the district advisory board. [43, 76, 220]

78. 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. [180 § 1, 260, 271]

79. 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. [255, 270]

IX. Calling of a Pastor

80. An elder or a licensed minister [68] may be called to the pastorate of a local church by two-thirds favorable vote by ballot of the church members of voting age present and voting 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 the church board, which, after having advised with the District Superintendent, made such nomination by a majority vote by ballot of all its members; and provided the nomination shall have been approved by the District Superintendent. [30 § 9 (2), 39, 122 § 2, 190, 193 § 6]

81. 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.

82. The call of a pastor may be only for a term ending with the close of the next church year, but the call may be extended as hereinafter provided. [86-91]

83. 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. [190, 217 § 3, 338]

84. When a pastor is called, the local church should specify the remuneration he may expect. The amount of this remuneration may be determined by the church board, or by vote of the local church membership on such amount as has been recommended by the church board. When agreement has been entered into between the local church or the church board and the pastor in regard to his remuneration, the payment of the pastor's salary in full shall be considered a moral obligation by the church. If, however, the church becomes unable to continue the payment of the salary agreed upon, such inability and failure shall not be considered a sufficient cause for civil-action against the church by the pastor; and in no case shall the church be legally responsible in excess of funds raised during the term of the pastor's actual service, and not otherwise designated.

§ 1. The local church should also make provision for his traveling and moving expenses. [32, 122 §§ 5, 6]

85. No pastor shall resign the pastorate of a local church without giving the local church board and the District Superintendent written notice at least thirty days before the termination of his pastorate; and without having his resignation accepted by the local church board

and approved in writing by the District Superintendent.

X. Renewing the Call of the Pastor

86. The call of a pastor may be renewed for the second year and each succeeding year of his pastorate without nomination by the church board, by two-thirds vote by ballot of all church members of voting age present and voting at a church meeting duly called for this purpose and held at least ninety days prior to the date of convening the next District Assembly, provided such renewal call shall be approved by the District Superintendent within thirty days after such call. His failure to disapprove shall be considered and treated as approval. [66, 193 § 6]

In case of the disapproval of the renewal call by the District Superintendent within that time, either the local church or the District Superintendent may submit the matter to the General Superintendent having jurisdiction for his decision. From such decision either the local church or the District Superintendent may appeal to the Board of General Superintendents for a final decision. [190]

87. However, it is hereby provided that the local church may, when voting to renew pastoral relations after the pastor has served the church for at least one year, extend the call for a period of two or three years, on condition

that the recall for one year has been presented and a favorable vote received, and that such extended call shall have been recommended by majority vote of all members of the church board and approved in writing by the District Superintendent. Such a vote must be by two-thirds vote by ballot of church members of voting age present and voting, and must be taken at a church meeting duly called for that purpose at least ninety days prior to the date of convening the next District Assembly. [66]

In case of additional renewals of such pastorate, the procedure shall be the same as that stated herein; but each successive renewal shall not be for longer than three years.

88. In case the church meeting for the renewal call is held at a date later than ninety days prior to the convening of the next District Assembly, the procedure shall be that of calling a pastor according to 80.

89. Acceptance of an extended call to pastoral relations shall be given by the minister not later than thirty days from the date of the church meeting voting the call.

90. After a minister has accepted a call for a period longer than one year, he shall not resign the pastorate of the local church without giving the local church board and the District Superintendent written notice, and without having his resignation accepted by the local church board and approved in writing by the District Superintendent.

91. In case the District Superintendent and the church board shall be of the opinion that the question of the continuance of pastoral relations beyond the close of the first year of a two-year term or the close of the first year or the second year of a three-year term of such extended pastorate should be submitted to the local church, the District Superintendent and the church board together may order the question submitted for vote at a special church meeting held at least ninety days prior to the date of convening the next District Assembly. The question shall be submitted in the following form: "Shall the present pastoral relations be continued beyond the end of the present church year?" [66]

If, by a two-thirds vote by ballot of the church members of voting age present and voting, the church decides to continue its present pastoral relations, the office of the pastor shall continue as though such vote had not been taken.

If, however, the church fails to decide by such vote to continue the present pastoral relations, the term of office of the pastor shall terminate with the close of the next District Assembly.

XI. The Local Deaconess

92. A woman who is a member of the Church of the Nazarene and believes that she is 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, may be licensed as a local deaconess for one year by the church board of the local church upon recommendation of the pastor after proper examination by the church board as to her qualifications for that work. 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. [39, 63, 104 § 2, 122 § 9]

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

94. 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.

95. 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. [122 § 9, 127]

96. After serving for one year, the local deaconess may be recommended by her own local church board to the District Assembly for district deaconess' license upon recommendation of the pastor. [122 § 13, 180 § 3, 299]

XII. The Local Preacher

97. Any member of the Church of the Nazarene who feels called of God to preach and to conduct special meetings in the interest of salvation may be licensed as a local preacher for one year by the church board of a local church having an elder as pastor, upon the pastor's recommendation; or by the church board of a local church not having an elder as pastor, if the granting of license is recommended by the pastor and approved by the District Superintendent. The candidate must first be examined as to his personal experience of salvation, his knowledge of the doctrines of the Bible and the order of the church; he must also demonstrate that his call is evidenced by grace, gifts, and usefulness. A local preacher shall make a report to the local church at its annual church meeting. [39, 63, 122 § 8, 193 § 8]

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

99. The license of a local preacher may be renewed by the church board of a local church having an elder as pastor, upon the recommendation of the pastor, or by the church board of a local church not having an elder as pastor, provided that this renewal of license is recommended by the pastor and approved by the District Superintendent. [122 § 8, 193 § 8]

100. A local preacher who has been appointed as supply pastor must be approved by the

Committee on Orders and Relations if he continues his service after the District Assembly following his appointment. [194]

101. Local preachers shall pursue the course of study for local preachers and take examinations therein under the direction of the district board of ministerial studies. [221, 225, 571]

102. 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, may be recommended by the church board to the District Assembly for minister's license; but, if not received, he shall sustain his former relation. [122 § 10, 182, 255, 571]

XIII. The Stewards

103. The stewards of the local church shall be no 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. [39, 64, 66, 120]

104. The duties of the stewards are:

§ 1. To give special attention, under the direction of the church board, 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. [122 § 6]

§ 2. To provide the elements for the Lord's Supper, and, when requested by the pastor, to

assist in the distribution of the same. [36, 69 § 10]

§ 3. To co-operate with the deaconesses in caring for the needy and distressed. [92, 299]

105. A vacancy in the office of steward may be filled by the local church at a duly called church meeting. [66]

106. 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. [63]

XIV. The Local Stewardship Committee

107. The stewards shall constitute the local stewardship committee, whose duty it shall be to promote the cause of Christian stewardship in the local church in co-operation with the pastor, the district stewardship committee, and the General Stewardship Committee. [41, 451, 452]

XV. The Trustees

108. The trustees of the local church shall be no 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. [39, 64, 120]

109. 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. [230 § 2]

110. In all cases where the civil law requires a specific mode of election of church trustees, that mode shall be strictly followed. [59]

111. 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. [61, 64, 66]

112. A vacancy in the office of trustee may be filled by the local church at a duly called church meeting. [61, 66]

113. For faithfulness to their trust, the trustees shall be amenable to the local church. They shall report to the annual church meeting. In the interim of annual church meetings, they shall make reports to the church board of which they are a part. [63, 116, 119, 170, 171]

XVI. Church Incorporation

114. 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. [230 § 3, 418 § 2]

115. 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.

XVII. Property Restrictions

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

117. The local church may not purchase real estate, 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.

118. 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. No indebtedness shall be incurred in the purchase of real estate or the erection of buildings without the approval of the District Superintendent and the

district board of church extension. [230 § 4, 418 § 2]

119. Trustees may not divert property from the use of the Church of the Nazarene. [170, 171]

XVIII. The Church Board

120. Every local church shall have a church board, composed of the pastor, who shall be chairman, ex officio; the Sunday-school superintendent, the president of the Nazarene Young People's Society, the president of the local Foreign Missionary Society, the stewards, and the trustees of the local church. [39, 73, 103, 108, 156, 162]

121. 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. [128 § 1, 193 § 2]

122. 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. [75, 173, 463]

§2. To nominate to the local church, after having consulted with the District Superintendent, any elder or licensed minister whom it may deem the proper person to become pastor, provided the nomination be approved by the District Superintendent. [80, 193 § 6]

§ 3. To recommend to the local church, with the approval of the District Superintendent, that the call of the pastor be renewed for a term longer than one year. [87, 91]

§ 4. 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. [194]

§ 5. To determine the pecuniary support the pastor should receive. [84]

§ 6. To provide ways and means for the support of the pastor, the pastoral supply, or any other paid workers of the local church. [84, 104 § 1]

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

§ 8. To license as local preacher, at its discretion, any person who has been recommended by the pastor; and to renew such license, as provided in 97, 99.

§ 9. To license as local deaconess, at its discretion, any person who has been recommended by the pastor; and to renew such license. [92, 95]

§ 10. To recommend, at its discretion, upon nomination by the pastor, a local preacher to the District Assembly to be licensed as a licensed minister. [102, 180 § 2, 255]

§ 11. To recommend, at its discretion, upon nomination by the pastor, a licensed minister to the District Assembly for renewal of license. [180 § 2, 257]

§ 12. To recommend, at its discretion, upon nomination by the pastor, a licensed minister to the District Assembly for ordination. [180 § 4, 267]

§ 13. To recommend, at its discretion, upon nomination by the pastor, a local deaconess to the District Assembly to be licensed as a licensed deaconess. [96, 180 § 3, 299]

§ 14. To recommend, at its discretion, upon nomination by the pastor, a licensed deaconess to the District Assembly for renewal of license. [301]

§ 15. To elect, upon nomination by the local church school board, the superintendent of the vacation Bible school, and the superintendent of the weekday Bible school. [134 § 7]

§ 16. To elect, upon nomination by a committee composed of the pastor, the N.F.M.S. president, the N.Y.P.S. president, and the Sunday-school superintendent, the supervisor of the Junior Society. [151]

§ 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. [62, 128 §§ 1-4]

§ 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. [129 §§ 1-5]

§ 19. To cause careful account to be kept of all moneys received and disbursed by the local church, and make report of the same at its regular monthly meetings, and to the annual meeting of the local church. [129 § 3]

§ 20. To provide a committee, no fewer than two members of which shall count and account for all moneys received by the local church.

§ 21. To appoint an auditing committee which shall audit, at least annually, the financial records of the treasurer of the local church, the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society, the Nazarene Young People's Society, the Sunday school, and any other financial records of the local church.

§ 22. To establish, at its discretion, a system of probationary membership for the local church. [46]

§ 23. To provide a church membership committee of no fewer than three persons. [49]

§ 24. To recommend a licensed deaconess to the District Assembly for election as a consecrated deaconess. [304]

§ 25. To function, if advisable, as the church school board in local churches of no more than fifty members. [135]

§ 26. To appoint a trial committee of five in case written charges are pending against a church member. [458]

123. The church board, together with the pastor, shall follow plans adopted by the General Assembly and agreed to by the District Assembly for raising apportionments both of general budget funds and of district budget funds made to the local church, and shall raise these apportionments. [34, 72, 163]

124. Before a local church school board has been provided in a newly organized local church, the church board and pastor shall appoint a Sunday-school superintendent, and shall perform the duties of a local church school board until such board has been regularly elected. [130, 132]

125. 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. [51]

126. The church board may remove from the church roll the name of a church member who absents himself from all religious services of the church for six successive months without a reason deemed justifiable by the church board, provided that he has been visited and faithfully dealt with, when possible. [52]

127. The church board may suspend or revoke the license of a local deaconess in harmony with 95.

128. The duties of the secretary of the church board shall be:

§1. To record correctly and preserve faithfully the minutes of all church meetings and

meetings of the church board, and do whatever else may pertain to his office. [75]

§ 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. [63]

§ 3. To hold in trust all papers, records, and legal documents, including deeds, abstracts, insurance policies, pertaining to the local church and turn over promptly all papers, records, and other documents to his successor in office. [62]

§ 4. 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. [62]

129. 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. [122 § 19]

§ 2. To make monthly remittances of all district funds to the district treasurer, and of all general funds to the General Treasurer, except as otherwise provided. [72]

§ 3. To keep a correct book record of all funds received and disbursed. [122 § 19]

§ 4. To present a monthly financial report to the church board. [122 § 19]

§ 5. To present an annual financial report to the annual church meeting. [63, 122 § 19]

XIX. The Church School

DEFINITION AND OBJECTIVES

130. The church school is that department of the local church which promotes the Christian educational work of the local church, namely, the Sunday school, the vacation Bible school, the weekday Bible school, the Christian Service Training school, and such other schools and classes as may be classified under this heading, and shall be under the general supervision of the church school board and the direct care of the pastor. [124]

131. The objectives of the church school are:

§ 1. To teach the doctrines of Christianity and the standards of Christian behavior as revealed in the Bible, especially as interpreted by the "Articles of Faith" in the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene.

§ 2. To lay the foundation and begin the development of Christian character in young children.

§ 3. To seek the salvation of the unsaved and the entire sanctification of believers.

§ 4. To foster a progressive and continuous development of Christlike character, attitudes, and habits.

§ 5. To lead to the discovery of the Christian philosophy of life, and the Biblical interpretation of the universe.

§ 6. To help the home become more effective in teaching the Christian faith.

§ 7. To influence strongly in favor of church membership and to train for service in the same.

§ 8. To reach the largest possible number of people for Christ and the church.

These objectives are to be accomplished through devout and diligent study and teaching of the Word of God—the Bible—and through any other contributive agencies.

XX. The Church School Board

132. Every local church shall have a church school board composed of the pastor, the Sunday-school superintendent, and from three to nine persons elected by the annual church meeting to serve until the close of the next church year and until their successors are elected and qualified. The church school board shall have general supervision of the church school. [64, 122 § 25, 124]

133. The church school board shall have a chairman, a secretary, and such other officers as may be necessary. It shall hold regular monthly or quarterly meetings for the transaction of any business pertaining to church school work. Special meetings may be called by the pastor. The church school board shall give an annual report to the annual church meeting. [63]

134. The duties of the church school board shall be:

§ 1. In conjunction with the pastor, to organize or cause to be organized a Sunday school in connection with the local church, and where possible one or more mission Bible schools, and have general supervision of the same.

§ 2. To organize, when practicable, with the approval of the pastor, a vacation Bible school, a weekday Bible school, or a Christian Service Training school and have general supervision of the same. [148]

§ 3. To encourage Bible study, mission study, temperance study, and Christian Service Training, and to organize and supervise classes for such study, and to appoint workers for them, and have general supervision of the same.

§ 4. To make surveys and studies of Christian educational needs of the local church and community, and lay plans to meet those needs as fully as possible.

§ 5. To nominate one or more persons for the office of Sunday-school superintendent in harmony with 142.

§ 6. To elect or appoint other Sunday-school officers, supervisors of departments, and other workers, upon nomination by the Sunday-school superintendent and the pastor, as may be necessary.

§ 7. To nominate to the church board one or more persons for superintendent of the vaca-

tion Bible school or the weekday Bible school, in case such schools are organized. [122 § 14]

§ 8. To elect a local director of Christian Service Training who shall promote the cause of Christian training, arrange training classes for the entire membership of the church, and have general supervision over the same; and to elect a dean or superintendent of the Christian Service Training school or special school, when such school is organized. [148]

§ 9. To elect other officers and teachers of the vacation Bible school, weekday Bible school, Christian Service Training school, or special school, when such schools are organized. [148]

§ 10. To disapprove the appointment of a teacher, or remove an officer or teacher. [146]

§ 11. To elect a director of Christian family life.

135. In local churches of fifty members or less, the church board may function as the church school board. [122 § 25]

XXI. The Sunday School

136. The Sunday school shall be under the general supervision of the church school board, the care of the pastor, and the immediate leadership of the Sunday-school superintendent. [73, 440]

137. Each Sunday school shall be organized and administered under bylaws adopted for it by the church school board, provided that such

bylaws shall be in harmony with the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene. [For suggested bylaws see 567.]

138. Each Sunday school shall have a cabinet in which the administrative work of the school is vested. This cabinet shall be composed of the general officers and the department supervisors, if any, of the Sunday school. In case it shall be deemed preferable by the local church, the members of the church school board and/or the Sunday-school teachers may be included in the membership of the Sunday school cabinet.

In such situations the Sunday-school cabinet becomes both the administrative organization and a group for inspiration, study, and discussion of Sunday-school problems. [567, Art. IV, § 2]

139. There shall be three classes of members in the Sunday school, namely, Active, Cradle Roll, and Home Department.

Active members shall be persons enrolled in the regular school whose attendance at the Sunday sessions 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 who are enrolled in the Home Department but who are unable to attend the regular Sunday sessions.

140. Active Sunday-school enrollment shall be defined to mean the total number enrolled as active scholars.

Total Sunday-school enrollment shall include all Active, all Cradle Roll, and all Home Department members.

141. The superintendent of the Sunday school shall be a member of the local church whose church school he serves, and shall be in the experience of entire sanctification, and in full sympathy with the doctrine and polity of the Church of the Nazarene. He shall be a member ex officio of the church school board, the church board, and the District Assembly. He shall submit an annual report to the annual church meeting, and a quarterly report to the church board. [63, 120, 176, 240]

142. The Sunday-school superintendent shall be elected by ballot by the annual church meeting, from one or more nominations made by the church school board (the Sunday-school superintendent not being present when the nominees are selected) with the approval of the pastor; however, the Sunday-school superintendent may be re-elected by a "yes" and "no" vote, when such election is ordered by the church school board and approved by the pastor. A vacancy in the office of Sunday-school superintendent shall be filled by the local church at a duly called church meeting. [39, 64, 74, 134 § 5]

143. The other officers and teachers shall be professing Christians, exemplary in life, and in full harmony with the doctrines and polity of the Church of the Nazarene.

144. The teachers of the Sunday school shall be nominated by the Sunday-school superintendent and appointed by the pastor. In the case of schools having departments, the nominations shall be made by the Sunday-school superintendent and the department supervisor of the department in which the teachers are to serve. [69 § 9]

145. The church school board shall have the right to disapprove the appointment of any teacher; and, in the case of properly proved unsoundness of doctrine, imprudent conduct, or neglect of duty, to declare the office of any officer or teacher vacant by a two-thirds vote of all members of the board. [134 § 10]

146. The church school year shall be the same as the church year as defined in 67 § 1.

147. At the close of the statistical year it shall be the duty of the pastor to supervise carefully the making of the annual statistical report of the Sunday school and forward it to the district secretary. [69 § 12]

XXII. Other Church Schools

148. A vacation Bible school, a weekday Bible school, a Christian Service Training school or special classes or schools may be or-

ganized when practicable in the local church. These schools or classes shall be under the general supervision of the church school board, the care of the pastor, and the immediate leadership of a superintendent or dean. [134 § 2]

149. The superintendent of a vacation Bible school or a weekday Bible school shall be elected by the church board upon the nomination of the church school board. The dean of a Christian Service Training school or a special school shall be elected by the church school board. Such officers shall be approved by the pastor. [74, 134 §§ 6, 7]

150. The other officers and the teachers of a vacation Bible school, a weekday Bible school, a Christian Service Training school, or a special school shall be elected by the church school board upon the nomination of the superintendent or dean of the school, with the approval of the pastor. [134 § 9]

XXIII. Junior Societies

151. Junior Societies for children up to and including eleven years of age may be organized in each local church in accordance with the Junior Society constitution as provided by the Junior Society Commission. [73, 122 § 16, 567A, 585]

XXIV. The Local Nazarene Young People's Society

152. Young people may be organized into a Nazarene Young People's Society, and auxil-

iary societies, 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.

153. The local organization of the young people shall be perfected in harmony with the constitution of the local Nazarene Young People's Society as approved by the General Assembly. [565 § 1]

154. 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. [73]

155. The times and places of the meetings of such societies shall be chosen under the advice of the pastor and the church board. [73]

156. The president of the local society shall be nominated by a nominating committee, consisting of no fewer than three nor more than seven active members of the Nazarene Young People's Society, including the pastor. This committee shall be appointed by the pastor and shall submit at least two names for the office of president. The president 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. He shall be a member of the local church whose society he serves, and a member ex officio of the church board, to which he shall make a

monthly report. He shall submit a report to the annual meeting of the local church. [63, 74, 120]

157. 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. [176]

158. In order to meet the needs of the local church to better advantage, the Nazarene Young People's Society may be organized into departments in harmony with the Constitution for the local society as approved by the General Assembly. [565 § 1]

XXV. Missionary Societies

159. In each local church there shall be a missionary society 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. [160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 566 § 1]

XXVI. The Local Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society

160. Local organizations of the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society may be formed in harmony with the constitution of such local societies approved by the Department of Foreign Missions. [566 § 1]

161. The local Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society shall be a constituent part of the local church and subject to the supervision and direction of the pastor and the church board. [73]

162. The president of the local society shall be nominated by a committee of three or seven active members of the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society appointed by the pastor, who shall serve as chairman. This committee shall submit one or two names for the office of president. The president shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the active members present and voting, and this election shall be subject to the approval of the church board. The president shall be a member of the local church whose society is served, a member, ex officio, of the church board, and a member of the District Assembly. The president shall present a report to the annual meeting of the local church. [63, 74, 120, 176]

163. All funds raised by the local Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society for the general interests of the Church of the Nazarene, except the relief and retirement fund and the general expense fund, shall be paid into the general budget and be sent directly to the General Church Treasurer to be credited to the local church to which this society is subsidiary until the general budget apportionments of the local church be paid in full for the year, after which

all such funds may be devoted to foreign missions exclusively. [72, 123]

164. Funds for the support of general interests shall be raised in the following manners:

§ 1. From the regular dues of the members.

§ 2. From gifts and offerings designed for the general interests.

§ 3. From the Prayer and Fasting League offerings.

§ 4. From special offerings such as Easter and Thanksgiving.

165. No part of the above funds shall be used for local or district expense and charitable purposes.

166. The relief and retirement fund, to be held in trust by the General Church Treasurer for the General Council of the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society to be used for the relief of sick, needy, and retired foreign missionaries, shall be raised:

§ 1. By placing of names on the memorial roll by the payment of \$25.00 for that special purpose.

§ 2. By annual payments by the members of twenty cents each.

§ 3. By freewill gifts or offerings designed for the relief and retirement fund.

167. Each member shall contribute twenty-five cents annually for the general expense fund. This fund provides for the cost of print-

ing tracts, literature, and other matter, and for the expense of the general officers in connection with their service for the Council.

168. When the general budget apportionment of the local church has been paid in full for the year, opportunities may be given to make offerings for the support of foreign missionary work, such contributions to be known as "specials."

XXVII. Disorganization of Churches

169. 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.

170. 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. [108-119]

171. No board of trustees may divert property from the use of the Church of the Nazarene. [108-119]

XXVIII. Withdrawal of Churches

172. 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.

XXIX. Prohibition on Financial Appeals

173. It shall not be lawful for a local church, its officers or members, to send appeals to other local churches, their officers and members, to solicit money or financial assistance for their local church needs or for the interests that they may support.

It is provided, however, that such solicitation may be made to local churches and church members located within the bounds of the Assembly District in which the solicitor is located, but on condition only that the solicitation be approved in writing by the District Superintendent and the district advisory board.

174. Members of the Church of the Nazarene who are not authorized local, district, or general officers of the church, or who are not under appointment or officially recognized by the Department of Foreign Missions and the General Board, shall not solicit funds for missionary or kindred activities apart from the General Budget, from congregations of local churches, or from members of such churches.

CHAPTER II

THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

I. Bounds and Name

175. The General Assembly shall organize the membership of the church into District Assemblies.

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. [29]

II. Membership and Time of Meeting

176. The District Assembly shall be composed of all the elected [266] and received [280] elders; all the licensed ministers [260]; the district secretary [206]; the district treasurer [211]; the chairman of the district church school board [239]; the president of the district Nazarene Young People's Society [245]; the president of the district Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society [250]; the district director of the Junior Society; the superintendent of each local Sunday school [141]; the president of each local Nazarene Young People's Society [157]; the president of each local Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society [162]; the eligible deaconesses [303, 307]; the eligible lay missionaries [402]; the lay members of the district

advisory board [216]; and the lay delegates from each local church in the Assembly District [29, 30 §§ 1, 2, 65, 177].

177. § 1. Local churches in districts of fewer than five thousand church members shall be entitled to representation in the District Assembly as follows: two lay delegates from each local church of fifty or fewer church members, and one additional lay delegate for each successive fifty church members and the final major part of fifty church members. [29, 65, 176]

§ 2. Local churches in districts of five thousand or more church members shall be entitled to representation in the District Assembly as follows: one lay delegate from each local church of fifty or fewer church members, and one additional lay delegate for each successive fifty church members and the final major part of fifty church members. [29, 65, 176]

178. 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 [336]

179. Prior to the convening of the District Assembly the General Superintendent having jurisdiction may appoint a nominating committee to serve during the District Assembly; this committee may prepare nominations for

the usual committees and offices in advance of the convening of the District Assembly. [342]

III. Business of the District Assembly

180. 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; however, by vote of the District Assembly the record of written reports received by the secretary may be accepted in lieu of oral reports of ministers not engaged in active service. [78, 260, 271, 280, 287, 303, 307, 311, 315]

§ 2. To license as licensed ministers, after careful examination, persons who have been recommended by church boards, and who may be judged to be called to the ministry; and to renew such license. [102, 122 §§ 10, 11, 255, 257]

§ 3. To license as licensed deaconesses, after careful examination, persons who have been recommended by church boards, and who may be judged to be called to the office of deaconess; and to renew such license. [96, 122 §§ 13, 14, 299, 301]

§ 4. To elect to the eldership persons who may be judged to have fulfilled all the requirements for elders' orders. [122 § 12, 266]

§ 5. To recognize the orders of persons coming from other denominations who may be

judged qualified and desirable for place in the Church of the Nazarene. [256, 277]

§ 6. To receive into its membership, by transfer from other districts, elders, licensed ministers, and deaconesses who have been properly recommended and who may be judged as desirable for place in the Assembly District. [281-284, 309-312]

§ 7. To issue a transfer to elders, licensed ministers, and deaconesses who desire to transfer to another Assembly District. [281, 282, 309, 310]

§ 8. To commission elders and licensed ministers, who devote their time to evangelism, to serve as evangelists for one year. [285]

§ 9. To commission persons whom it deems qualified to serve as song evangelists for one year. [314]

§ 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. The District Superintendent now serving, however, may be re-elected by a two-thirds favorable "yes" or "no" ballot vote. No person shall be elected to the office of District Superintendent who has reached the age of seventy years. [191]

§ 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. [204]

§ 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. [209]

§ 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. [213]

§ 14. To elect a district board of ministerial studies of five or more elders, to serve for four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. [221]

§ 15. To elect, at its discretion, 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. [229]

§ 16. To elect, at its discretion, 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. [231]

§ 17. To elect a district church school board in harmony with the procedure stated in 235, to serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

§ 18. To elect a district court of appeals, consisting of five elders, including the District Superintendent, to serve until the final ad-

jourment of the next District Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [340, 463]

§ 19. To elect annually, at its discretion, a district colporteur, upon the recommendation of the Department of Publication of the General Board. [233]

§ 20. 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; however, 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. The District Assembly shall elect alternate delegates not exceeding the number of its delegates. [30 §§ 1-3, 320, 321, 327]

§ 21. To present to the General Assembly, through the district secretary, a full official journal for the preceding quadrennium, bound in permanent binding, for review and revision. [187, 207 § 8]

§ 22. To consider and care for the entire work of the Church of the Nazarene within the bounds of the Assembly District.

§ 23. To transact any other business pertaining to the work, not otherwise provided for, in

harmony with the spirit and order of the Church of the Nazarene. [242 §§ 5, 6]

§ 24. To grant a retired relation to any minister in good standing requesting it, provided he has reached the age of sixty-five years. [289]

§ 25. To place in the retired relation, at its discretion, any minister in good standing who is disqualified for active ministerial labors because of physical disability or old age. [290]

§ 26. To elect a district board of home 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; however, the District Assembly may order that the district advisory board may constitute the district board of home missions, with additional members elected thereto at the discretion of the District Assembly. [226]

§ 27. To elect a District Junior Society Director. [567A]

181. The District Assembly may authorize, where civil law permits, the district advisory board to incorporate. After incorporation as above provided, the district advisory board shall have power, on its own resolution, to purchase, own, sell, exchange, mortgage, deed in trust, hypothecate, lease, and convey any property, real and personal, as may be necessary or convenient for the purpose of the corporation. [217 § 7]

182. The District Assembly may establish the Committee on Orders and Relations as a standing committee, empowering said committee to convene prior to the next District Assembly to consider all routine matters subject to its authority, which have been submitted to the district secretary.

IV. The District Assembly Journal

183. The journal shall be the record of the regular proceedings of the District Assembly.

184. The journal shall be signed by the presiding officer and the district secretary.

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

186. Separate items of business shall be placed in separate paragraphs.

187. The journal should be edited carefully with the view to its examination by the General Assembly. [180 § 21, 207 §§ 5, 7]

188. The full official journal for each quadrennium shall be bound in permanent binding, one copy being preserved in the District Assembly files and one copy in the General Assembly files. [207 § 7]

189. The journal shall be arranged as far as possible according to the following Standard Table of Contents:

I. OFFICIAL

- (a) Officers of the Assembly and District
- (b) District boards

(c) Church Directory

II. ASSEMBLY ROLL

- (a) Elders
- (b) Licensed ministers, listed according to their year in the course of study
- (c) Consecrated deaconesses
- (d) Licensed deaconesses who are members of the Assembly
- (e) Chairman of district church school board
- (f) Superintendents of local Sunday schools
- (g) President of district N.Y.P.S.
- (h) Presidents of local N.Y.P.S.
- (i) President of district N.F.M.S.
- (j) Presidents of local N.F.M.S.
- (k) Lay members of district advisory board
- (l) Lay delegates

III. PLAN OF EXAMINATION

- (a) Names and addresses of examiners
- (b) Outline course of study, including that of local preachers, licensed ministers, licensed deaconesses, and song evangelists

IV. ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

V. GENERAL INFORMATION

VI. DAILY PROCEEDINGS

VII. REPORTS

- (a) District officers
- (b) District boards
- (c) Assembly committees
- (d) Treasurers
- (e) Miscellaneous

VIII. STATISTICAL

190. The journal 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 en-

title them to consideration if applying for assistance from the Department of Ministerial Benevolence of the General Board. [86, 217 § 6, 287, 421 § 2]

V. The District Superintendent

191. 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. [180 § 10]

192. If for any cause a vacancy shall occur in the interim of sessions of the District Assembly, the General Superintendents, jointly and severally, may fill the vacancy. [339]

193. 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. [42, 275, 337]

§ 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. [121]

§ 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 a vacancy, should one occur in the office of district secretary. [205]

§ 5. To appoint someone to fill a vacancy, should one occur in the office of district treasurer. [210]

§ 6. To advise with the church board concerning the nomination of an elder or a licensed minister to the pastorate of a local church and to approve or disapprove such nomination. [80, 122 § 2]

§ 7. To approve or disapprove the renewal of the call of a pastor. [86]

§ 8. To approve or disapprove the granting of license to any member of the Church of the Nazarene who may request local preacher's license or renewal of local preacher's license from the church board of a local church not having an elder as pastor. [97, 99]

194. The District Superintendent, with the consent of the church board, may appoint a pastoral supply to fill a vacancy in the office of pastor 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, 122 § 4]

195. The District Superintendent is authorized to 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. [68]

196. 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. [336]

197. The District Superintendent may fill vacancies occurring in the district board of ministerial studies. [222]

198. The District Superintendent may fill vacancies occurring in the district church school board. [132]

199. The District Superintendent may preside at the annual, or a special, meeting of a local church, or appoint someone to represent him. [60]

200. The District Superintendent shall be a member, ex officio, of the district church school board, and of the district council of the district Nazarene Young People's Society. [235, 247]

201. The District Superintendent shall be, ex officio, chairman of the district advisory board.

202. The District Superintendent shall be chairman of the district advisory council. [252]

203. All official acts of the District Superintendent shall be subject to review and revision by the District Assembly, and subject to appeal. [465 § 3]

VI. The District Secretary

204. 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. [180 § 11]

205. 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. [193 § 4]

206. The district secretary shall be a member, ex officio, of the District Assembly. [176]

207. 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.

§ 3. To forward all statistical charts to the General Church Secretary to be audited before their publication in the official journal. [361. § 6]

§ 4. To be custodian of all documents of the District Assembly, and turn them over promptly to his successor.

§ 5. To cause to be bound in permanent binding for district files the full official journal for each quadrennium. [187]

§ 6. To forward sufficient copies of the printed journal of each District Assembly to,

General Headquarters for distribution among the general officers and general boards of the Church of the Nazarene.

§ 7. To present to the General Assembly, for the District Assembly, the full official journal for the preceding quadrennium, bound in permanent binding. [180 § 21, 187]

§ 8. To do whatever else may pertain to his office. [258, 269, 278, 286, 316]

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

VII. The District Treasurer

209. 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. [180 § 12]

210. 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. [193 § 5]

211. The district treasurer shall be a member, ex officio, of the District Assembly. [176]

212. 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 re-

quire, and disburse the same according to direction.

§ 2. To render to the General Treasurer an itemized monthly report of all receipts and disbursements. [370 § 7]

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

VIII. The District Advisory Board

213. 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. [180 § 13, 200]

214. A vacancy in the district advisory board may be filled by the remaining members thereof

215. The District Superintendent shall be, ex officio, chairman of the district advisory board.

216. The two lay members of the district advisory board shall be, ex officio, members of the District Assembly. [176]

217. The duties of the district advisory board shall be:

§ 1. To set the date for the beginning and closing of the statistical year in harmony with the provisions of 67 § 2.

§ 2. To give information to and consult with the District Superintendent respecting the ministers and local churches of the Assembly District. [76]

§ 3. To inform and advise with the General Superintendent regarding the pastoral arrangements for the coming year. [83, 338]

§ 4. To appoint an investigating committee consisting of two elders in case an accusation is filed against an elder or a licensed minister. [459]

§ 5. To select a trial court in case charges are made against an elder or licensed minister. [459]

§ 6. To recommend to the Department of Ministerial Benevolence 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. [190, 288, 291, 421 § 2]

§ 7. To incorporate, where civil law permits and when authorized by the District Assembly. After incorporation, as above provided, the district advisory board shall have power, on its own resolution, to purchase, own, sell, exchange, mortgage, deed in trust, hypothecate, lease, and convey any property, real and personal, as may be necessary or convenient for the purpose of the corporation. [181]

§ 8. To submit to the Board of General Superintendents any plans proposed for the creation of a district center. Such plans shall require the approval in writing of the Board of

General Superintendents before they are put in operation. [354]

§ 9. To authorize the issuance of duplicate credentials or a certificate of recognition to an elder whose original credentials have been lost, mutilated, or destroyed, as provided in 298.

218. 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. [180 § 7, 282, 310]

219. 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. [302]

220. In case a licensed or ordained minister presenting credentials from another evangelical denomination shall, during the interim of sessions of the District Assembly, make application to unite with the Church of the Nazarene, his credentials shall be examined by the district advisory board. Only with the favorable recommendation of the district advisory board shall such applicant be received into membership in the local church. [77, 261, 272]

IX. The District Board of Ministerial Studies

221. The district board of ministerial studies 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. [101, 180 § 13]

222. Vacancies occurring in the district board of ministerial studies, in the interim of sessions of the District Assembly, may be filled by the District Superintendent. [197]

223. As soon as elected, the first member chosen shall call a meeting of all the members of the district board of ministerial studies (hereinafter called the board) for organization and assignment, as follows:

§ 1. 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 who shall do faithfully the work as herein provided.

§ 2. The chairman shall assign to the other members of the board the studies for which each member shall be responsible for examining candidates. 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 ministerial studies, which shall be the property of the District Assembly.

§ 5. The secretary shall enter therein the name and address of each candidate for the ministerial course, 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.

224. The district board of ministerial studies may establish classes or seminars in order to assist licensed ministers in the pursuit of the course of study.

225. Progress in the ministerial course of study may be measured as herein provided: [101, 257, 266, 571, 572]

§ 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 no 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 in all studies as the condition of passing on to the studies of the next year. If any candidate fails to receive a grade of 70 in any subject or on any book, he shall be conditioned in that subject or book, and shall be required to pass an examination in that subject or on the book before he may be permitted to take the examination for advanced work.

§ 7. When a candidate has completed the examinations, the board shall report to the District Assembly the record of examinations, and make recommendations for advancement or for graduation from the course of study.

§ 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.

X. The District Board of Home Missions

226. The district board of home missions 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; however, the district advisory board may constitute the district board of home missions, with additional members elected thereto at the discretion of the District Assembly. [180 § 26]

227. The district board of home missions shall seek by all means—by the diffusion of home missionary information, by the holding of local meetings and district conventions, by the employment of speakers who have the vision and spirit, and by any other contributive agency—to stir the people to holy zeal and devotion for, and liberality toward, the sacred cause of home missions and evangelism.

228. The district board of home 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.

XI. The District Board of Church Extension

229. 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. [180 § 15]

230. 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 Evangelism of the General Board. [418 §§ 1-3]

§ 2. To verify and conserve the titles to church property. [418 § 2]

§ 3. To assist local churches to incorporate. [114, 418 § 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. [118]

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

XII. The District Board of Ministerial Benevolence

231. The district board of ministerial benevolence 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. [180 § 16]

232. The district board of ministerial benevolence shall have full power to dispense local benevolence according to its judgment, subject to the approval of the District Assembly.

XIII. The District Colporteur

233. A district colporteur may be elected annually by the District Assembly upon the recommendation of the Department of Publication of the General Board; he shall labor under the jurisdiction of the District Superintendent and shall be amenable to the District Assembly. [180 § 19]

234. The district colporteur shall co-operate with the Department of Publication in the systematic distribution of gospel literature. [424 § 2]

XIV. The District Church School Board

235. The district church school board shall be composed of the District Superintendent, ex officio, and six other members elected as follows: At the first election of the district church school board two members shall be elected to serve for a term of three years, two for a term of two years, and two for a term of one year. Thereafter, each year, two persons shall be elected by the District Assembly to serve for the full term of three years and until their successors are elected and qualified. [180 § 17, 200]

Vacancies occurring in the district church school board, in the interim of the sessions of the District Assembly, may be filled by the District Superintendent.

236. The district church school board shall organize by choosing a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer.

237. There may also be appointed by the district church school board a director of Christian education, a director of children's work, a director of youth work, a director of adult work, a director of Christian Service Training, a director of vacation Bible schools, a director of Cradle Roll work, a director of Home Department work, and other departmental directors as may be needed. These officers may be appointed from among the members of the district church school board or otherwise, but they shall be amenable to that board.

238. The district church school board shall hold a meeting immediately preceding or at the same time as the District Assembly to complete its work for the year, and to prepare a report to be presented to the District Assembly. Special meetings may be held whenever necessary.

239. The chairman of the district church school board shall be, ex officio, a member of the District Assembly. [176]

240. The district church school board shall arrange for an annual district church school convention to be held at some time during the year or immediately preceding the meeting of the District Assembly.

At this convention the superintendents of all the local schools are expected to be present and take part as opportunity affords. The convention program shall provide for special addresses, papers, discussions, and periods for general consultation relative to the district church school interests. [141]

241. The Assembly District may be divided into groups with group leaders appointed by the district church school board, who shall work under the supervision of that board. Group conventions should be held.

242. The duties of the district church school board, in harmony with the program of the Department of Church Schools of the General Board, [440 §§ 1, 2] shall be:

§ 1. To have full supervision of all church school interests of the Assembly District, not otherwise provided for.

§ 2. To conduct district, zone, and/or group conventions and Christian Service Training schools.

§ 3. To assist the Department of Church Schools of the General Board in securing information relating to district and local church school interests.

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

§ 5. To present an annual report to the District Assembly which shall include (1) a statement of the work accomplished by the district church school board during the past year, (2)

a statement of the general condition of the church school work on the Assembly District, and (3) recommendations for the work for the ensuing year. [180 § 23]

§ 6. To recommend to the District Assembly the amount considered necessary to be placed in the district budget to finance the district church school work for the ensuing year, or to make other plans for raising the same. [180 § 23]

XV. The District Nazarene Young People's Society

243. The district Nazarene Young People's Society shall be composed of the local Nazarene Young People's Societies of the Assembly District.

244. It shall be governed by the constitution of the district Nazarene Young People's Society approved by the General Assembly. [565 § 2]

245. The president of the district Nazarene Young People's Society shall be elected by its annual convention. When so elected and approved, he shall be a member, ex officio, of the District Assembly. [176]

246. 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, includ-

ing the total membership of the society and its departments (ages 12-40), 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. [565 § 2]

247. The district council shall be composed of the officers of the district Nazarene Young People's Society, the District Superintendent, the chairmen of standing committees, and the district zone presidents. All district officers shall be active members of a local society within the bounds of the Assembly District. [200]

XVI. The District Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society

248. The district Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society shall be composed of the district executive committee and departmental secretaries, the District Superintendent, pastors of local churches, N.F.M.S. zone chairmen, the presidents and vice-presidents of local societies; one delegate from each local society having no more than ten active members, and one additional delegate for each additional ten active members (or major fraction thereof); and the General Council members holding church membership in the district. This society shall be auxiliary to the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society. [566 § 2]

249. The district Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society shall be governed by the constitution of the district Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society approved by the Department of Foreign Missions. It shall be subject to the District Superintendent, the district advisory board, and the District Assembly. [566 § 2]

250. The president of the district Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society shall be a member, ex officio, of the District Assembly. [176]

251. There shall be an executive committee composed of the president, the vice-president, the corresponding secretary, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the superintendent of study, and the superintendent of publicity of the district society. [566 § 2]

XVII. The District Advisory Council

252. 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. [202]

CHAPTER III

THE MINISTER AND THE MINISTRY

I. Qualifications and Call of the Minister

253. While we recognize and insist that all believers have committed unto them a dispen-

sation 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.

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 endorsement, and all suitable help should be given to open the way for the candidate to enter the ministry.

254. The perpetuity and the efficiency of the Church of the Nazarene depend largely, if not wholly, upon the spiritual qualifications, the character, and the manner of life of its ministers.

§ 1. The minister of Christ is to be in all things a pattern to the flock—in punctuality, discretion, diligence, earnestness. "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" (II Corinthians 6: 6, 7).

§ 2. The minister of the gospel in 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.

§ 3. The minister 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. The 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.

§ 5. Any person sustaining a marriage relation contrary to that allowed as justifiable in the Special Rules (37 and 38) shall be ineligible for the office of the ministry in the Church of the Nazarene. [267, 277, 355]

II. The Licensed Minister

255. When there are members of the Church of the Nazarene who feel called to the ministry, they may be licensed as 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, to which recommendation shall be attached the "Questionnaire for Prospective Licensed Ministers" carefully filled out; (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) have promised to pursue immediately the course of study prescribed for licensed ministers and candidates for ordination; and (7) have had any disqualification, which may have been imposed by a District Assembly, removed by an explanation in writing by the District Superintendent and the district advisory board of the district where the disqualification was imposed. [102, 122 § 10, 180 § 2]

256. Licensed ministers from other evangelical denominations, desiring to unite with the Church of the Nazarene, may be licensed as ministers by the District Assembly, provided they present the credentials issued to them by the denomination in which they formerly held their membership; and further provided that they (1) have passed a course of study equivalent at least to the course of study prescribed

by the Church of the Nazarene for local preachers; (2) have been recommended by the church board of the local Church of the Nazarene of which they are members; (3) have given evidence of grace, gifts, and usefulness; (4) have been carefully examined under the direction of the District Assembly regarding their spiritual, intellectual, and other fitness for such work; and (5) have promised to pursue immediately the course of study prescribed for licensed ministers and candidates for ordination. [180 § 5]

257. A minister's license shall terminate with the close of the next District Assembly. It may be renewed by vote of the District Assembly, provided (1) that the candidate for renewal shall file with the District Assembly the "Questionnaire for Prospective Ministers" carefully filled out; and provided (2) that the candidate shall have completed at least two subjects in the year's course of study required, not including subjects in the reading course; and provided (3) that he has been recommended for the renewal of license by the church board of the local church of which he is a member. In case, however, he shall not have passed the course of study required, his license may be renewed by the District Assembly only upon his submitting a written explanation for this failure. Such explanation shall be satisfactory to the Committee on Orders and Relations and approved by the General Superintendent presiding. [79, 122 § 11, 180 § 2, 225 §§ 1-8]

258. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue to each licensed minister a minister's license signed by himself and the district secretary. [207 § 8, 269, 278, 286, 316]

259. Such licensed ministers shall be vested with authority to preach the Word; and, provided they pass annually the required studies of the course of study and are acting as pastors, they shall also be vested with authority 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. [36, 69 §§ 1, 3, 562, 563]

260. All licensed ministers shall hold their ministerial membership in the District Assembly of the district wherein their church membership is held, and shall report to this body annually. [78, 176, 180 § 1]

261. In case a licensed minister has united with the church membership or ministry of another denomination, his church membership and ministerial membership in the Church of the Nazarene shall, because of that fact, immediately cease, and the District Assembly shall cause to be entered into its minute record the following statement: "Removed from the membership and ministry of the Church of the Nazarene by uniting with another denomination." [43, 53, 220, 272]

262. In case a licensed minister shall, without the written approval of the district advisory board of the Assembly District in which

he holds his ministerial membership or the written approval of the Board of General Superintendents, regularly conduct independent church activities which are not under the direction of the Church of the Nazarene, or be connected with the operating staff of an independent church or other religious group, he shall be subject to trial under the law dealing with the discipline of a minister. [273, 459]

263. The licensed minister shall always show due regard for the united advice of the District Superintendent and the district advisory board. [76]

264. Any claim to participation by a licensed minister and/or his dependents, in any plan or fund that the church may have now or hereafter for the assistance or support of its disabled or aged ministers, shall be based only upon regular, full-time, active service rendered by the minister in the pastoral or evangelistic office or other recognized relation, under the sanction of the District Assembly. This rule shall exclude from such participation all those in part-time and occasional service. [276, 421 § 2]

III. The Ordained Minister

265. 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 matri-

mony, all in the name of and in subjection to Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church. [36, 68, 69 §§ 1, 3, 275]

266. Those who are called of God to this ministry, and who have fulfilled all the requirements of the church for the same, who have successfully completed 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 the active ministry not less than two consecutive years either as regularly established pastors or as commissioned evangelists, and have spent the major portion of that time actively in the field. Candidates who have passed their fiftieth birthday may be ordained only upon the written approval of the Board of General Superintendents. [176, 180 § 4, 225 §§ 1-8]

267. A licensed minister who is serving in a pastorate, or is actively engaged as a commissioned evangelist may be ordained to the eldership, provided he has been active in the ministry not less than two consecutive years; and provided he has passed the full four years' course of study prescribed for licensed ministers and candidates for ordination, and has been recommended for ordination by the church board of the local church in which he holds his church membership; and provided any dis-

qualification which may have been imposed by a District Assembly has been removed in writing by the District Superintendent and the district advisory board of the district where the disqualification was imposed; and provided further that his marriage relationship does not render him ineligible to ordination. Candidates who have passed their fiftieth birthday may be ordained only upon the written approval of the Board of General Superintendents. [122 § 12, 254 § 5, 355, 572]

268. 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 presiding General Superintendent. [335 § 3]

269. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue to the person so ordained a certificate of ordination signed by himself and the district secretary. [207 § 8, 258, 278, 286, 316]

270. All elders shall hold church membership in some local church. [79]

271. 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. [29, 78, 176, 180 § 1, 291]

272. In case an ordained minister has united with the church membership or ministry of another denomination, his church membership and ministerial membership in the Church of the Nazarene shall, because of that fact, immediately cease, and the District Assembly shall cause to be entered into its minute record the following statement: "Removed from the membership and ministry of the Church of the Nazarene by uniting with another denomination." [43, 53, 220, 261]

273. In case an ordained minister shall, without the written approval of the district advisory board of the Assembly District in which he holds his ministerial membership or the written approval of the Board of General Superintendents, regularly conduct independent church activities which are not under the direction of the Church of the Nazarene, or be connected with the operating staff of an independent church or other religious group, he shall be subject to trial under the law dealing with the discipline of a minister as provided in 459. [262]

274. The elder shall always show due regard for the united advice of the District Superintendent and the district advisory board. [77]

275. An elder may organize a local church when authorized to do so by the District Superintendent or the General Superintendent having jurisdiction. [42, 193 § 1, 265, 337]

276. Any claim to participation by an elder and/or his dependents, in any plan or fund

that the church may have now or hereafter for the assistance or support of its disabled or aged ministers, shall be based only upon regular, full-time, active service rendered by the elder in the pastoral or evangelistic office or other recognized relation, under the sanction of the District Assembly. This rule shall exclude from such participation all those in part-time and occasional service. [264, 421 § 2]

IV. The Recognition of Elder's Orders

277. 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, (1) they have passed an examination in studies judged by the district board of ministerial studies to be the equivalent of studies required for ordination in the Church of the Nazarene; and provided, (2) they shall file with the District Assembly the "Questionnaire for Ordained Ministers Desiring to Join the Church of the Nazarene," carefully filled out; and provided, (3) their marriage relationship shall be in accordance with that required for ordination in the Church of the Nazarene. [37, 38, 180 § 5, 254 § 5]

278. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue to the elder so recognized a certificate of recognition signed by him-

self and the district secretary. [207 § 8, 258, 269, 286, 316]

279. When the orders of an elder 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.

..... General Superintendent
..... District Secretary

280. The elder so recognized shall have his name enrolled as a ministerial member of the District Assembly. [176, 180 § 1]

V. The Transfers of Ministers

281. When an elder or a licensed minister desires to transfer to another District Assembly, transfer of ministerial membership may be issued by vote of the District Assembly in which his ministerial membership is held. Such transfer may be received by the District Assembly to which it is addressed. [180 § 7]

282. When an elder or a licensed minister desires to transfer to another District Assembly before the meeting of the District Assembly in which his ministerial membership is held, a transfer of ministerial membership may be issued by the District Superintendent and

the district advisory board. Such transfer may be received by the District Assembly to which it is addressed. [180 § 7, 218]

283. 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 ministerial studies of the issuing District Assembly. [311, 569 § 8]

284. 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 is valid only until the close of the next session following date of issue of the District Assembly to which addressed. [180 § 6, 312, 569 §§ 8, 10]

VI. The Evangelist

285. 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, upon his request, be commissioned to do the work of an evangelist by two-thirds vote of the District Assembly. Such commission shall continue only until the close of the next District Assembly. [180 § 8]

286. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue to each commissioned evangelist an evangelist's commission signed by himself and the district secretary. [207 § 8, 258, 269, 278, 316]

287. 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. Should he fail to report, his commission shall not be renewed. [180 §§ 1, 8]

VII. The Retired Minister

288. A retired minister is one who has been placed in the retired relation by the District Assembly in which he holds his ministerial membership. [190, 217 § 6]

289. Any minister who is in good standing and has reached the age of sixty-five years may request a retired relation, and, at his request, shall be placed in the retired relation by his District Assembly. [180 § 24]

290. Any minister who is in good standing, but who is disqualified by physical disability or old age from engaging in such active ministerial labors as will afford him sufficient income for support, may, upon recommendation of the committee on orders and relations, be placed in the retired relation by his District Assembly. [180 § 25]

291. Retirement shall not compel cessation from ministerial labors nor deprive of membership in the District Assembly. [176, 271]

292. As a condition to receiving, or continuing to receive, financial assistance from the Department of Ministerial Benevolence, it shall be required that the minister applying for such assistance be placed in the retired relation by his District Assembly, after having passed his sixty-fifth birthday.

VIII. The Restoration of Church Membership of Ministers

293. 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.

IX. The Restoration of District Assembly Membership of Elders

294. 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 whose roll his name was removed.

295. When an elder has been deprived of his credentials by expulsion or other disciplinary action, or has surrendered his credentials for any reason, such credentials shall be sent to the General Church Secretary to be filed and preserved, subject to the order of his District Assembly. [361 § 5]

296. When an elder in good standing surrenders his credentials for any reason, such surrendered credentials may, at any subsequent time, be restored to the elder upon order of the District Assembly to which they were surrendered, provided that the restoration of his credentials shall have been recommended by the local church of which he is a member and by the District Superintendent and the district advisory board.

297. When an elder has been deprived of his credentials by expulsion or other disciplinary action, or has surrendered his credentials, except as provided in 296, his District Assembly may restore such credentials at any future time, provided that (1) the elder shall have given satisfactory evidence of amendment of life and conduct; and that (2) the church board of the local church of which he is a member shall recommend the restoration of his credentials and the District Superintendent and the district advisory board shall endorse that recommendation. In case of a question of adultery or other sex immorality, however, his credentials shall not be restored in less than two years from the date of their surrender, and then only with the additional written approval of the Board of General Superintendents.

298. In case the credentials of an elder have been lost, mutilated, or destroyed, a duplicate certificate of ordination may be issued, provided that the signature of the General Superintendent and the district secretary who signed

the original certificate may be obtained; and further provided that the elder is in good standing and the issuance of a duplicate certificate is requested by the district advisory board of the district in which he is a member.

In case the signature of the General Superintendent or of the district secretary who signed the original certificate cannot be obtained for the duplicate certificate, the district advisory board of the district in which the elder holds his ministerial membership may adopt a resolution granting to him a certificate of recognition. The resolution so adopted shall state fully the reason or reasons for granting a certificate of recognition instead of a duplicate certificate of ordination; and on the reverse side thereof shall be the following statement inscribed in writing or printing or both writing and printing, and signed by the General Superintendent having jurisdiction and the district secretary:

This certificate is given to take the place of former certificate of ordination given to [name], on the day of [month], A.D. 19 ..., by the [ordaining organization], at which date ..he was ordained and h.... former ordination certificate was signed by and

The former certificate was [lost—mutilated—destroyed].

..... General Superintendent
 District Secretary

CHAPTER IV

THE DEACONESS

I. The Licensed Deaconess

299. A local deaconess in good standing in the Church of the Nazarene who feels divinely led to advance the cause of Christ by ministering to the sick and the needy, comforting the sorrowing, praying with the dying and pointing them to the Saviour, seeking the lost and wandering and endeavoring by all means to lead them to Jesus Christ and salvation, may be licensed as deaconess for one year by the District Assembly.

Qualifications for being licensed as a deaconess by the District Assembly are that the candidate (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 ministerial studies 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. [96, 122 § 14, 180 § 3]

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

301. The credentials of a licensed deaconess may be renewed annually by the District Assembly, provided renewal of license has been recommended by the church board of the local church of which she is a member. If the license be not renewed, she shall no longer serve as deaconess. [122 § 15, 180 § 3]

302. 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. [219]

303. All licensed deaconesses who have passed at least one-half of the prescribed course of study for licensed deaconesses [397] shall be members of the District Assembly, provided they are in active service. [176, 180 § 1]

II. The Consecrated Deaconess

304. When a licensed deaconess shall have served in that capacity for two years, shall have successfully passed the prescribed course of study, and shall have been recommended by the church board of the local church of which

she is a member, she may be elected to the office of consecrated deaconess by the District Assembly. [122 § 24]

305. The candidate so elected shall be consecrated by the District Assembly with appropriate religious services, under the direction of the presiding General Superintendent.

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

307. All consecrated deaconesses shall be members of the District Assembly, provided they are in active service. [176, 180 § 1]

308. After being elected and consecrated to the office of consecrated deaconess, the candidate may wear the prescribed deaconess garb. The deaconess garb shall consist of an all-black suit with white collar and cuffs or an all-white suit, with regulation bonnet adopted by the General Assembly of 1907.

III. The Transfers of Deaconesses

309. When a licensed or 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. [180 §§ 6, 7, 569 § 8]

310. 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. [180 §§ 6, 7, 218, 569 § 9]

311. 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 ministerial studies of the issuing District Assembly. [283]

312. 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 a vote of the District Assembly to which addressed, the deaconess thus transferred shall be a member of the issuing District Assembly. A transfer is valid only until the close of the next session following date of issue of the District Assembly to which addressed. [180 § 6, 284, 569 §§ 8, 10]

IV. Restoration of Membership of Consecrated Deaconesses

313. 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 whose roll her name was removed.

CHAPTER V

THE SONG EVANGELIST

314. Members of the Church of the Nazarene who feel called to the special ministry of song evangelism 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 and are pursuing the course of study prescribed for song evangelists or have completed the same; (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 intellectual and spiritual qualifications and general fitness for such work. [180 § 9]

315. All song evangelists shall report annually to the District Assembly from which they receive their commissions. [180 § 1]

316. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue to each song evangelist a song evangelist's commission signed by himself and the district secretary. [207 § 8, 258, 269, 278, 286]

CHAPTER VI

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I. Functions and Organization

317. The General Assembly is the supreme doctrine-formulating and law-making and elective authority of the Church of the Nazarene, subject to the provisions of the Church Constitution. [30 §§ 1-9]

318. The General Assembly shall be presided over by the General Superintendents, jointly and severally. [30 § 6, 335 § 2]

319. The General Assembly shall elect its other officers and organize itself for the transaction of its business according to its wisdom and pleasure. [30 § 7]

II. Membership of the General Assembly

320. 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 Emeritus and Re-

tired; of the General Superintendents; of the General Church Secretary; of the General Treasurer; of the Editor of the *Herald of Holiness*; of the Editor-in-Chief of Church School Periodicals; of the Foreign Missions Secretary; of the Home Missions Secretary; of the General Secretary of the Nazarene Young People's Society; of the General President of the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society; and of the superintendent of each foreign mission field or district, or one representative therefrom nominated by the district council and elected by the Department of Foreign Missions. In the absence of such nomination the representative shall be elected by the Department of Foreign Missions. [30 §§ 1-3, 180 § 20, 327, 331 §§ 10, 14, 334, 347, 358, 367, 447, 450]

321. Assembly Districts shall be entitled to representation in the General Assembly as follows: two elders and two laymen from each Assembly District of seven hundred fifty or fewer church members, and one additional elder and one additional layman for each successive twelve hundred fifty church members and the final major part of twelve hundred fifty church members. [30 §§ 1-3, 180 § 20]

322. The right of a ministerial delegate-elect to the General Assembly to represent the District Assembly electing him shall be vacated in case he shall accept a pastoral charge or the office of District Superintendent on another

Assembly District prior to the convening of the General Assembly.

323. The right of a lay delegate-elect to the General Assembly to represent the District Assembly electing him shall be vacated in case he shall remove his church membership to some local church on another Assembly District prior to the convening of the General Assembly.

III. The Time and Place of Meeting

324. 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 a General Assembly Commission composed of the General Superintendents and an equal number of 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.

325. The General Assembly shall open on Sunday with a full day of devotional and inspirational services. Provision shall be made for the orderly and careful transaction of business, and for such services at the close of the session as it may order. The General Assembly shall fix the time at which its session shall adjourn. [30 § 4]

IV. Special Sessions

326. 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.

327. 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. [30 §§ 1-3, 180 § 20]

V. General Assembly Arrangements Committee

328. The General Church 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 arrangements committee.

329. The General Assembly arrangements 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, convenience, and efficiency of the General Assembly, and enter into contracts necessary to provide the same.

330. The General Assembly arrangements 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.

VI. Business of General Assembly

331. The business of the General Assembly, subject to Part Three, Article IV, Section 9, of the Church Constitution, shall be: [30 § 9]

§ 1. To elect, by a two-thirds vote of its members present and voting, as many General Superintendents as it may deem necessary, who shall hold office until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. No person shall be elected to the office of General Superintendent who has not attained the age of thirty-five years, or has reached the age of seventy years. [30 § 5, 332]

§ 2. To elect a General Superintendent to the emeritus relation, when deemed advisable, provided he shall have become disabled or shall have reached his seventieth birthday, and shall have served as an active General Superintendent for three or more successive quad-

rennia. It is thereby understood that election to the emeritus relation is of life tenure. [348]

§ 3. To place in the retired relation a General Superintendent who has attained to the age of seventy years, or who, in the judgment of the General Assembly, has become disqualified by physical disability, or by old age, or by any other disqualification that would prevent him from caring adequately for the work of the General Superintendency; and provided that he has served in the office of General Superintendent for a reasonable term of years. [348]

§ 4. To fix a suitable retirement pension for each General Superintendent emeritus and each retired General Superintendent. [581]

§ 5. To elect a General Church Secretary, as provided in § 15, herein, who shall hold office until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified. [331 § 15, 357, 575 § 2]

§ 6. To elect a General Treasurer, as provided in § 15, herein, who shall hold office until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified. [331 § 15, 366, 575 § 4]

§ 7. To elect a General Board, as provided in 374 §§ 1-6, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [371, 375, 576 § 1]

§ 8. To elect a General Board of Foreign Missions, a General Board of Home Missions and Evangelism, a General Board of Church Extension, a General Board of Ministerial Relief, a General Orphanage Board, and a General Board of Education, each having five members, to hold office until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [409, 417, 419, 422, 438, 443]

§ 9. To elect seven persons to be members of the Nazarene Publishing House, a corporation, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [430]

§ 10. To elect an Editor-in-Chief of Church School Periodicals, as provided in § 15 herein, who shall serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified. He shall be an ex officio member of the General Assembly. [320, 331 § 15, 428, 575 § 6]

§ 11. 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. [30 § 8, 465, 576 § 4]

§ 12. To elect a Book Committee of seven members who are available for regular meetings in Kansas City, one of whom shall be a representative of the Nazarene Publishing House, to serve until the final adjournment of

the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [425, 576 § 5]

§ 13. To elect a Board of Trustees for the Nazarene Theological Seminary, as provided in 453 to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

§ 14. To elect an Editor of the *Herald of Holiness*, as provided in § 15 herein, who shall serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified. He shall be an ex officio member of the General Assembly. [320, 427, 575 § 4]

§ 15. To form a Committee on Special Nominations composed as follows: The General Assembly Committee on Nominations shall select as many persons as there are General Superintendents, who jointly with the Board of General Superintendents shall constitute the Committee on Special Nominations. The Committee on Special Nominations shall nominate to the General Assembly three persons for each of the following offices: General Church Secretary, General Treasurer, Editor of *Herald of Holiness*, and Editor-in-Chief of Church School Periodicals. From these nominations the General Assembly shall elect one person to each office. [331 §§ 5, 6, 10, 14, 357]

§ 16. 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, subject to the Church Constitution. [30 § 9]

VII. The General Superintendents

332. 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. [331 § 1]

333. A General Superintendent shall hold no other general office in the church during his term of office as General Superintendent. [343]

334. The General Superintendents shall be members, ex officio, of the General Assembly. [320]

335. 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 over the General Assembly and over the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene, jointly and severally. [318, 381]

§ 3. To ordain, or appoint others to ordain, in connection with the elders present, those who have been duly elected to be elders. [268]

336. A General Superintendent shall preside over each District Assembly; or, should he be hindered, shall make suitable arrangements for such presidency. [178, 196]

337. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction may, after consulting with the District Superintendent, organize local churches or recognize the local churches already organized, 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. [42, 193 § 1, 275]

338. 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. [83, 217 § 3]

339. The General Superintendents, jointly and severally, may appoint District Superintendents over Assembly Districts where vacancies occur. [192]

340. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction 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. [180 § 18]

341. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction may preside at the annual, or a special, meeting of a local church, or appoint someone to represent him. [60]

342. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction may, prior to the convening of the District Assembly, appoint a nominating com-

mittee to serve during the annual session of the District Assembly. [179]

343. The General Superintendents shall not be members of any of the general boards of the Church of the Nazarene. [333]

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

345. Any official act of a General Superintendent may be nullified by a unanimous vote of the remaining members of the Board of General Superintendents.

346. The office of any General Superintendent may be declared vacant, for cause, by the unanimous vote of the remaining members of the Board of General Superintendents, supported by a majority vote of all the District Superintendents.

VIII. General Superintendents Emeritus and Retired General Provisions

347. All General Superintendents Emeritus and Retired General Superintendents shall be members ex officio of the General Assembly. [320]

348. A General Superintendent who has been elected to the emeritus relation or placed in the retired relation shall not be a member of the Board of General Superintendents, and shall be relieved of all official responsibility. [331 §§ 2-4]

IX. The Board of General Superintendents

349. 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.

350. 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 Church Secretary shall at once notify all 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. The question of calling for an election to fill the vacancy shall be decided by the Board of General Superintendents. [361 § 7]

351. The General Church 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*. [361 § 7]

352. 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. These fields shall be visited as frequently as the Board of General Superintendents shall deem advisable. The responsi-

bility for supervision may be assigned by the Board of General Superintendents to any one of their number for the period of the quadrennium. They shall approve or disapprove all nominations made by the Department of Foreign Missions to the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene for appointment as foreign missionaries. [398 § 2, 401, 408]

§ 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. The Board of General Superintendents shall have the privilege of making to the General Board and to the departments thereof such recommendations as they shall deem advisable. [398 § 2, 412 § 1, 418 § 1, 421 § 1, 424 § 1, 432 § 1, 440 § 1, 444, 445, 448]

§ 3. To make nominations to the General Board for filling any vacancy that may occur in the following offices during the interim of sessions of the General Assembly: General Church Secretary, General Treasurer, Editor of *Herald of Holiness*, Editor-in-Chief of Church School Periodicals. [359, 368, 391, 427, 428]

§ 4. To fill vacancies that may occur in the membership of the General Court of Appeals in the interim of sessions of the General Assembly. [466 § 1, 576 § 4]

§ 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. [376]

§ 6. To 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 Orphanage Board, General Board of Ministerial Relief, General Board of Education, and the Nazarene Publishing House. [409, 417, 419, 422, 430, 438, 443]

§ 7. To appoint one of the General Superintendents to serve on the General Council of the Nazarene Young People's Society. [576 § 3]

§ 8. In conjunction with the Department of Education to arrange courses of study for local preachers, licensed ministers, licensed deaconesses, and song evangelists. [432 § 10, 571, 572, 573, 574]

§ 9. The Board of General Superintendents, with the General Board, is authorized and empowered to apportion the general budget to the several Assembly Districts. [387]

353. 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.

354. The Board of General Superintendents shall consider and pass upon plans for district centers, which plans shall not be carried out until they have been approved in writing by the Board of General Superintendents. [217 § 8]

355. The Board of General Superintendents shall have discretionary power in the ordaining of divorced persons to the office of elder in the Church of the Nazarene, provided such divorced persons have scriptural grounds for divorce. [254 § 5, 267]

356. 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, in harmony with our general church order, and subject to the Church Constitution.

X. The General Church Secretary

357. The General Church Secretary, elected by the General Assembly, as hereinbefore provided, [331 § 15], shall serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified. [320, 331 § 5, 575 § 2]

358. The General Church Secretary shall be a member, ex officio, of the General Assembly. [320]

359. If in the interim of sessions of the General Assembly a vacancy should occur in the office of General Church Secretary for any

cause, it shall be filled by the General Board, upon nomination by the Board of General Superintendents. [331 § 5, 352 § 3, 391]

360. The General Church Secretary shall be amenable to the Board of General Superintendents and the General Board.

361. The duties of the General Church 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, and promptly deliver the same to his successor.

§ 4. To preserve carefully, in permanent form, all decisions rendered by the General Court of Appeals. [468]

§ 5. To file and preserve all surrendered credentials of ministers and deliver them only on proper order made by the District Assembly of the Assembly District from which they were received. [295]

§ 6. To audit Assembly District statistical charts for publication. [207 § 3]

§ 7. To do faithfully whatever else may be necessary for the fulfillment of his office. [350]

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

363. The General Church 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.

364. The General Church Secretary is authorized to collect available historic material relating to the rise and development of our denomination, and shall be the custodian of all such records and material.

365. The General Church 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.

XI. The General Treasurer

366. The General Treasurer, elected by the General Assembly, as hereinbefore provided, [331 § 15] shall serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified. [320, 331 § 5, 575 § 3]

367. The General Treasurer shall be a member, ex officio, of the General Assembly. [320]

368. If, in the interim of sessions of the General Assembly, a vacancy should occur in the

office of General Treasurer, for any cause, it shall be filled by the General Board, upon nomination by the Board of General Superintendents. [331 § 6, 352 § 3, 391]

369. The General Treasurer shall be amenable to the Board of General Superintendents and the General Board.

370. 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 Evangelism, the Department of Publication, the Department of Ministerial Benevolence, 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; other general benevolent church funds; the funds of the General Nazarene Young People's Society; and the funds of the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society. [373]

§ 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 finances of the Church of the Nazarene, including investments. [388]

§ 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. [212 § 2]

XII. The General Board

371. The General Board of the Church of the Nazarene shall be composed of members who shall be elected by ballot by the General Assembly from among the persons nominated as provided in 374 §§ 1-6. [331 § 7]

372. The General Church Secretary shall be, ex officio, secretary of the General Board.

373. The General Treasurer of the Church of the Nazarene shall be, ex officio, treasurer of the General Board and also of the departments thereof. [370 § 2]

374. Nominations for the General Board shall be made as herein provided:

§ 1. The delegations representing the Assembly Districts of each geographical zone in the United States shall nominate to the General

Assembly twice the number of elders and laymen, who are to be elected from each zone on the following basis of representation: one elder and one layman from each zone of twenty-five thousand members or less, and for each additional twenty-five thousand members or the major fraction thereof an additional elder and layman, except that no district shall have more than one nominee until each district of the zone has been represented by a nomination. Those elected by the General Assembly by ballot as herein provided shall be members of the General Board. [331 § 7, 375, 553-558]

§ 2. The delegations representing the British Isles-Canadian Zone shall nominate to the General Assembly two elders and two laymen from the Dominion of Canada and two elders from the British Isles from which the General Assembly shall elect by ballot one elder and one layman from Canada and one elder from the British Isles to be members of the General Board. [331 § 7, 559]

§ 3. The General Council of the Nazarene Young People's Society shall nominate to the General Assembly two members of the General Council, and one of the persons so nominated shall, if acceptable, be elected by the General Assembly to serve on the General Board. [446]

§ 4. The General Assembly committee on education shall nominate to the General Assembly two persons, one of whom so nominated

shall, if acceptable, be elected by the General Assembly to serve on the General Board.

§ 5. The General Council of the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society shall nominate to the General Assembly two members of the General Council, one of whom so nominated shall, if acceptable, be elected by the General Assembly to serve on the General Board. [449]

§ 6. The General Assembly committee on church schools shall nominate to the General Assembly two persons, and one of the persons so nominated shall, if acceptable, be elected by the General Assembly to serve on the General Board.

375. The members of the General Board shall hold office until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. [331 § 7]. In the event that a member of the General Board shall move his church membership during the quadrennium from the zone which he represents [374 § 1] his membership shall be terminated immediately, and the vacancy so created shall be filled immediately in accordance with 376.

376. 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. [352 § 5]

377. The General Board of the Church of the Nazarene shall have the following departments, which are hereby established, membership in which departments shall be as provided by vote of the General Board, except that no department of the General Board shall have more than one-third of the membership of said Board:

1. Department of Foreign Missions [397]
2. Department of Home Missions and Evangelism [439]
3. Department of Ministerial Benevolence
4. Department of Publication
5. Department of Education
6. Department of Church Schools

378. All business transacted by said departments shall be subject to the approval of the General Board as hereinafter provided. [398, 412, 418, 421, 424, 432, 440]

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GENERAL BOARD

379. 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. These departments, organizations, and institutions shall give due consideration to the advice and recommendations of the General Board.

380. The General Board shall have power to buy, own, hold, manage, mortgage, sell and convey and donate, or otherwise acquire, encumber, and dispose of both real and personal property, sold, devised, bequeathed, donated or otherwise conveyed to it in trust for any lawful purpose, and to execute such trust; to borrow and to loan money in the execution of its lawful purposes.

381. The General Board shall meet before or immediately following the final adjournment of the General Assembly and shall organize by electing officers and committees, and members to departments as 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. [335 § 2]

382. The General Board shall meet in annual session, on the Friday after the first Sunday in January, at Kansas City, Missouri; however, the hour, date, and place of the annual meeting may, by resolution unanimously adopted at any regular or special meeting, be changed to suit the best interests of the General Board and its departments. [Art. VII § 1 Bylaws General Board.]

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

384. The General Board shall choose a finance committee consisting of one member from each department. For this finance committee each department shall have the right to nominate one of its own members. The finance committee shall have charge of the proper investment of trust funds. The General Board, after first referring to this committee all budget askings submitted by the several departments for the ensuing year, shall receive from the committee a report of its recommendations concerning each request. 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.

385. The General Board shall, at its annual meeting, receive from each of its 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; however, the General Board shall have authority to increase or diminish the amount asked for any department or fund.

386. 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.

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.

387. When the total amount of the general budget has been fixed for the next fiscal year by the General Board, the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents are authorized and empowered to apportion the general budget to the several Assembly Districts

on a basis of equity to both the district and general interests affected. [352 § 9]

388. 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. [370 § 5]

389. The General Board shall elect annually three persons residing within convenient distance of Kansas City, Missouri, to serve as members-at-large on the General Stewardship Committee for one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. [451]

390. The General Board shall elect by ballot, from one or more nominations submitted by the Nominating Committee, and approved by the Board of General Superintendents, a stewardship secretary to serve on the General Stewardship Committee until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified; however, he may be removed from such office for cause by a two-thirds vote of all members of the General Board, and with the written

approval of the Board of General Superintendents. [451]

391. The General Board, during the interim of sessions of the General Assembly, upon nomination by the Board of General Superintendents, shall fill any vacancy which may occur in the following offices: General Church Secretary, General Treasurer, Editor of *Herald of Holiness*, Editor-in-Chief of Church School Periodicals. [352 § 3, 359, 368, 427, 428]

392. The General Board shall elect by ballot, from one or more nominations submitted by the Department of Foreign Missions jointly with the Board of General Superintendents, one person to be Foreign Missions Secretary, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified, unless he is removed from such office for cause by a two-thirds vote of all members of the General Board, and with the written approval of the Board of General Superintendents. [400]

The General Board shall fix the salary of the Foreign Missions Secretary.

393. The General Board shall elect by ballot from one or more nominations submitted by the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism jointly with the Board of General Superintendents, one person to be Home Missions Secretary, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified, un-

less he is removed from such office for cause by a two-thirds vote of all members of the General Board, and with the written approval of the Board of General Superintendents.

The General Board shall fix the salary of the Home Missions Secretary.

394. The General Board shall elect from one or more nominations submitted by the Department of Church Schools, the Department of Education, the Department of Ministerial Benevolence, and the Department of Publication, respectively, and approved by the Board of General Superintendents, an executive secretary for each of these several departments to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. However, any executive secretary may be removed from such office for cause by two-thirds vote of all members of the General Board, and with the written approval of the Board of General Superintendents.

The General Board shall fix the salary of these executive secretaries.

395. The General Board shall elect by ballot, from one or more nominations submitted by the Department of Publication jointly with the Board of General Superintendents, a manager of the Nazarene Publishing House, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until his successor is elected and qualified, unless he is removed

from such office for cause by a two-thirds vote of all members of the General Board, and with the written approval of the Board of General Superintendents. [429]

The General Board shall fix the salary of the manager of the Nazarene Publishing House.

396. The General Board shall be organized into departments as hereinbefore provided:

§ 1. 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. The officers shall serve in the usual capacity of their respective offices. Department committees may be provided at the pleasure of each department.

§ 2. Each department shall meet as many days prior to the convening 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.

§ 3. 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 shall on request furnish to the General Board any other information required.

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

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

§ 6. 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.

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

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

397. The Department of Foreign Missions shall be composed of those members of the General Board assigned thereto. [377]

398. It shall be the duty of the Department of Foreign Missions: [378]

§ 1. To 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.

§ 2. To 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. [352 §§ 1, 2]

§ 3. To 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; no budget, however, shall be in excess of the goal set by the General Assembly for this department.

§ 4. To approve or disapprove nominations for membership on the General Council of the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society. [448, 566 § 1, 576 § 3]

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

400. The Foreign Missions Secretary, elected according to 392, shall give his undivided attention to such duties as properly belong to his

office, and in such manner as the interests of the Church of the Nazarene may require in agreement with the Bylaws of the General Board and the policies adopted by the Department of Foreign Missions and the General Board. [320]

401. 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 all such nominations shall have first been duly approved in writing by the Board of General Superintendents. [352 § 1]

402. All lay missionaries appointed and commissioned by the General Board shall, by virtue thereof, be members of the District Assembly of their choice. [176]

403. The General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society shall be an auxiliary of the Department of Foreign Missions and subject to its direction.

404. 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 and 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 (1) having at least twenty beds; (2) having a governing board of directors or trustees; (3) having a dean or president of staff who is a doctor of medicine (M.D.); (4) 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.

405. A Commission on Foreign Missionary Study Literature shall be provided whose duty it shall be to authorize, supervise, and correlate all foreign missionary study programs and material for the Church of the Nazarene, including study courses, missionary themes, topics and lines of study, to be used in whole or in part by any department or auxiliary. In case any phase of this study literature is not found adaptable to any department, that department may provide such additional study material as shall be approved by the Commission.

406. Nominations to the Commission shall be selected in the following manner: Two nominees shall be selected by the Department of Foreign Missions, one by the Executive Committee of the General Council of the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society, one by the

Department of Church Schools, and one by the General Council of the General Nazarene Young People's Society; and these nominations shall be submitted to the General Board by the Department of Foreign Missions. The foreign missions secretary, elected to that office by the General Board, shall be a member ex officio of the Commission.

407. The compilation of rules and regulations to govern our foreign missionaries, native home missionaries, foreign mission fields, foreign missionary districts, native local churches, and native church members shall be known as the *Foreign Missionary Policy*.

§ 1. The *Foreign Missionary Policy* shall be adopted by the General Board and shall be subject to amendment from time to time by the General Board.

§ 2. Native local churches and foreign missionary districts may be organized in harmony with the *Foreign Missionary Policy* and shall be subject to the provisions and requirements of said *Policy*.

§ 3. Both native church members and licensed and ordained native ministers shall be subject to the provisions and requirements of the *Foreign Missionary Policy* until the foreign missionary field or district shall have been organized into a regular Assembly District.

408. In case a foreign missionary district and the native local churches thereof shall

become wholly self-supporting and shall be deemed by the District Superintendent and the mission council to be capable of functioning as regular local churches and a regular Assembly District, the procedure shall be as follows:

The District Superintendent and the mission council shall petition the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents for authorization to effect such organization in agreement with the Church Constitution and the *Manual*. Upon the issuance of such authorization the District Superintendent, or someone appointed by the Board of General Superintendents, shall effect the proper organization. Local churches so organized, and Assembly Districts so constituted, shall thereafter in all respects be subject to and governed by the provisions of the Church Constitution and the *Manual*.

409. The General Board of Foreign Missions, a corporation of Kansas City, Missouri, shall be composed of five members elected by the General Assembly, who shall hold office until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. Vacancies therein shall be filled by the Board of General Superintendents from nominations made by the remaining members of the corporation. [331 § 8, 352 § 6, 455]

THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

410. The Department of Home Missions and Evangelism shall be composed of those members of the General Board assigned thereto. [377]

411. The Department of Home Missions and Evangelism shall function clearly in the three distinct divisions of its work, namely, home missions, evangelism, and church extension.

HOME MISSIONS

412. It shall be the duty of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism in the division of Home Missions: [378]

§ 1. To 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 territory, including work among foreign-speaking people and others not cared for by regular pastors, excepting work that is assigned to the Department of Foreign Missions, and all work in whatever country carried on, as may be assigned to it by the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents, with all such activities subject to the approval of the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents. [352 § 2]

§ 2. To encourage the work of evangelistic campaigns and the organization of churches

and otherwise to extend Christianity and the Church of the Nazarene.

§ 3. 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. To 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; no budget, however, shall be in excess of the goal set by the General Assembly for this division of work.

413. An Assembly District having not more than eight hundred members may become a home mission district by majority vote of the District Assembly and at the discretion of the General Board.

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.

414. An Assembly District having home missionary needs it is unable to supply with its own resources may be eligible to consideration for assistance from the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism in its division of home missions.

415. All requests for grants of home mission funds shall be accompanied by reasons therefor, and shall be filed in writing with the Home Missions Secretary of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism. Such requests shall be submitted to the Board of General Superintendents for review. No appropriation shall be made by the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism without the written approval of the Board of General Superintendents.

416. The distribution of home missionary funds, whether for work among foreigners in the homeland, or for home missionary activities in recognized Assembly Districts, shall be made through the district advisory board of the Assembly District in which the work is being conducted, with the exception of work assigned to the Department of Foreign Missions.

417. The General Board of Home Missions and Evangelism, a corporation of Kansas City, Missouri, shall be composed of five members elected by the General Assembly, who shall

hold office until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. Vacancies therein shall be filled by the Board of General Superintendents from nominations made by the remaining members of the corporation. [331 § 8, 352 § 6, 455]

CHURCH EXTENSION

418. It shall be the duty of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism in the division of Church Extension: [378]

§ 1. To 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. [352 § 2]

§ 2. To devise means by which funds may be secured, held, and managed for its purpose; 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 liqui-

dating indebtedness on church property; and to assist local churches to incorporate and establish valid titles to church property. [114; 118, 230 §§ 1-5]

§ 3. To 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; no budget, however, shall be in excess of the goal set by the General Assembly for this division of work.

419. The General Board of Church Extension, a corporation of Kansas City, Missouri, shall be composed of five members elected by the General Assembly, who shall hold office until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. Vacancies therein shall be filled by the Board of General Superintendents from nominations made by the remaining members of the corporation. [331 § 8, 352 § 6, 455]

THE DEPARTMENT OF MINISTERIAL BENEVOLENCE

420. The Department of Ministerial Benevolence shall be composed of those members of the General Board assigned thereto. [377]

421. It shall be the duty of the Department of Ministerial Benevolence: [378]

§ 1. To 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. [352 § 2]

§ 2. 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. [190, 217 § 6, 264, 276]

§ 3. To 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; no budget, however, shall be in excess of the goal

set by the General Assembly for this department.

§ 4. To submit to the General Board one or more nominations approved by the Board of General Superintendents from which an executive secretary of the department shall be elected according to 394.

422. The General Board of Ministerial Relief, a corporation of Kansas City, Missouri, shall be composed of five members elected by the General Assembly, who shall hold office until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. Vacancies therein shall be filled by the Board of General Superintendents from nominations made by the remaining members of the corporation. [331 § 8, 352 § 6, 455]

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICATION

423. The Department of Publication shall be composed of those members of the General Board assigned thereto. [377]

424. It shall be the duty of the Department of Publication: [378]

§ 1. To 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. [352 § 2]

§ 2. To have the general supervision and management of all publications affecting the interests of the Church of the Nazarene, except as herein otherwise limited; to conduct a systematic distribution of Bibles, books, tracts, and gospel literature; and to provide such literature and other materials as may be deemed necessary for the interests of the denomination. [234]

§ 3. To provide the church with an attractive and varied line of tracts and to promote the work of tract distribution.

Policy regarding types of tracts, format, number of items to be carried, and plans for programs of distribution shall be supervised by a committee including one member from the Nazarene Publishing House (chairman ex officio) and one member each from the staffs of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism, the Department of Foreign Missions, the Department of Church Schools, and the Nazarene Young People's Society.

Before publication, all tracts shall have the approval of the Book Committee. [425]

Tracts shall be published by the Nazarene Publishing House under its own imprint or under one of its trade imprints. Establishment of tract prices shall rest with the Nazarene Publishing House.

§ 4. To 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; no budget, however, 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.

§ 5. To submit to the General Board one or more nominations approved by the Board of General Superintendents from which an executive secretary of the department shall be elected according to 394.

425. The Book Committee [331 § 12], in conjunction with the management of the Nazarene Publishing House, shall arrange for books and tracts deemed advisable for publication.

No book or tract, except songbooks, 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 or any of its trade names, unless approved in writing by a majority of

the members of the Book Committee, and by them recommended for publication; and no book from other publishers may be advertised in any of our periodicals unless the book has been read and authorization for its advertisement has been given by the Book Committee.

426. There shall be an advisory committee to the Book Committee composed of a General Superintendent and the executive officers of all departments, committees, or commissions which initiate and are responsible for the publication of books or tracts. The book committee may also invite to this advisory group other persons who, because of their specialization in Biblical, theological, or other fields, may give valuable counsel in planning the permanent literature of the church.

427. 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. In matters of denominational polity and doctrine he shall be governed by the recommendation of the Board of General Superintendents. [331 § 14, 575 § 4]

He shall be amenable to the Board of General Superintendents and the General Board.

If, in the interim of sessions of the General Assembly, a vacancy should occur in the

editorship of the *Herald of Holiness*, it shall be filled by the General Board, upon nomination by the Board of General Superintendents. [352 § 3, 391]

428. The Editor-in-Chief 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 by the Editor-in-Chief of Church School Periodicals and the Department of Publication. In matters of denominational polity and doctrine he shall be governed by the recommendations of the Board of General Superintendents. [331 §§ 10, 15, 575 § 5]

He shall be amenable to the Board of General Superintendents and the General Board.

If, in the interim of sessions of the General Assembly, a vacancy should occur in the editorship of the church school periodicals, it shall be filled by the General Board, upon nomination by the Board of General Superintendents. [352 § 3, 391]

429. The manager of the Nazarene Publishing House, elected according to 395, shall conduct the business of the Nazarene Publishing House in agreement with the Bylaws of the General Board and the policies adopted by the Department of Publication and the Board of General Superintendents.

430. The Nazarene Publishing House, a corporation of Kansas City, Missouri, shall be

composed of seven members elected by the General Assembly, who shall hold office until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. Vacancies therein shall be filled by the Board of General Superintendents from nominations made by the remaining members of the corporation. [331 § 9, 352 § 6]

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

431. The Department of Education shall be composed of those members of the General Board assigned thereto [377]; however, not more than one-third of its members shall be executives in the schools and colleges of the Church of the Nazarene.

432. It shall be the duty of the Department of Education: [378]

§ 1. To perform the work of promoting the cause of education, subject to the approval of the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents. [352 § 2]

§ 2. To 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. 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 support from this department; and to declare their classification and standards, and the supporting territory of each.

§ 4. To 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. No budget shall be in excess of the goal set by the General Assembly.

§ 5. To submit to the General Board one or more nominations approved by the Board of General Superintendents from which an executive secretary of the department shall be elected according to 394.

§ 6. To 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 educa-

tional 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, endowments, or other purposes of the department, and to administer these funds under such rules and regulations as it may adopt.

§ 7. To make such recommendations to the management of each educational institution as in its judgment will serve to increase its efficiency.

§ 8. To determine, and advise at least quadrennially, 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.

§ 9. To 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.

§ 10. In conjunction with the Board of General Superintendents, to arrange courses of study for local preachers, licensed ministers, licensed deaconesses, and song evangelists. [352 § 8, 571, 572, 573, 574]

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

- (1) Eastern Nazarene College, Eastern Zone [546]
- (2) Trevecca Nazarene College, Southeast Zone [547]
- (3) Olivet Nazarene College, Central Zone [548]
- (4) Bethany-Peniel College, West Central Zone [549]
- (5) Pasadena College, Southwest Zone [550]
- (6) Northwest Nazarene College, Northwest Zone [551]
- (7) Canadian Nazarene College, Canadian Nazarene College Zone [552]
- (8) Hurlet Nazarene College
- (9) Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing
- (10) Nazarene Theological Seminary

434. Each educational institution shall prepare an annual detailed report of its activities during the past year, including a financial re-

port 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.

435. 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 Church Constitution and the *Manual* of government of said church.

436. No educational institution of the Church of the Nazarene shall hereafter be established or receive support from the funds of the department unless its plans and organization have 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.

437. The Department of Education 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.

438. The General Board of Education, a corporation of Kansas City, Missouri, shall be composed of five members elected by the General Assembly, who shall hold office until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly and until their successors are elected and qualified. Vacancies therein shall be filled by the Board of General Superintendents from nominations made by the remaining members of the corporation. [331 § 8, 352 § 6, 455]

DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH SCHOOLS

439. The Department of Church Schools shall be composed of those members of the General Board assigned thereto. [377]

440. It shall be the duty of the Department of Church Schools: [378]

§ 1. To perform the work of promoting Christian education and the training of church school workers in the 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. [136, 242, 352 § 2]

§ 2. To promote the organization and work of Sunday schools, vacation Bible schools, and

weekday Bible schools, and provide courses of study and lesson helps therefor; to promote interest in Bible study and mission study and provide materials for the same; to arrange for such expressional activities as are in harmony with the spirit and teaching of the Church of the Nazarene; to promote the work of Christian Service Training, provide courses of study, texts, and instructions for the same, and to issue certificates of graduation; to arrange for correspondence work, local classes, and standard institutions and schools; to arrange for and conduct, and to assist district church school boards in arranging and conducting conventions and Christian Service Training institutes and schools; to provide standards of efficiency; to 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. To meet annually as a Curriculum Committee with one of the General Superintendents designated by the Board of General Superintendents, and with the manager of the Nazarene Publishing House, both of whom shall serve in an advisory capacity. This committee shall be responsible for reviewing carefully, modifying as seems desirable, and giving final approval to all curricular materials which are provided for the use of our church schools.

§ 4. To 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; however, no budget shall be in excess of the goal set by the General Assembly for this department.

§ 5. To 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 amount 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 received for this department.

§ 6. To submit to the General Board one or more nominations approved by the Board of General Superintendents from which an executive secretary of the department shall be elected according to 394.

XIII. Christian Service Training Commission

441. There shall be a Commission on Christian Service Training including a General Superintendent, the executive secretaries of the Department of Church Schools, the Nazarene Young People's Society, the Department of Education, the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism, the Nazarene Foreign

Missionary Society, and the manager of the Nazarene Publishing House.

§ 1. The Commission shall meet within thirty days after the close of the General Assembly and elect a Chairman and a Secretary to serve until the close of the quadrennium or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

§ 2. The Commission shall operate as an interdepartmental service organization for all agencies of the general church which develop training courses for use in the local church. The Commission shall be administratively related to the Department of Church Schools.

§ 3. The Commission shall be responsible for approval and publication of (1) all courses in the area of leadership education; (2) for such other elected courses as may be assigned to it by any of the established departments or agencies of the church; (3) the Commission may initiate such training courses as are needed by the local church or other groups which are not clearly within the jurisdiction of other agencies of the general church.

§ 4. The Commission shall be responsible for promoting the work of Christian Service Training throughout the church and for its entire membership.

§ 5. The Commission may employ a director and such office assistance as may be needed.

The operating budget shall be prepared by the director and approved by the Commission

and underwritten annually by participating departments and agencies.

XIV. The Executive Board in Canada

442. The Executive Board in Canada, incorporated in 1946 under the title "The Executive Board of the Church of the Nazarene, Dominion of Canada," shall be recognized as the lawful authority of the Church of the Nazarene in Canada in all matters relative to the acquiring, holding, selling, and conveying of property within the Dominion, as outlined in the Articles of Incorporation.

The Executive Board shall be composed of the duly elected District Superintendents of the Assembly Districts of the Church of the Nazarene in Canada. Minutes of the annual meetings of the Executive Board shall be read and approved by the General Board.

XV. The General Orphanage Board

443. The General Orphanage Board, consisting of five 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. [331 § 8, 352 § 6, 455]

444. 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. [352 § 2]

XVI. The General Nazarene Young People's Society

445. The General Nazarene Young People's Society shall be composed of all district and local Nazarene Young People's Societies.

It shall be governed by the constitution of the General Nazarene Young People's Society approved by the General Assembly. [See Constitution, 565 § 3]

446. The General Nazarene Young People's Society shall be represented on the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene by one member elected thereto by the General Assembly from nominations made by the General Council of the General Nazarene Young People's Society. [374 § 3]

447. There shall be a General Quadrennial Convention, which shall meet at a time fixed by the General Council in consultation with the Board of General Superintendents. The General Quadrennial Convention shall be composed of such members as are designated in 565 § 3.

The General Convention shall elect a General Secretary, who shall be, ex officio, a member of the General Assembly. [320]

XVII. The General Council of the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society

448. The General Council of the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society shall be

composed of eight members elected according to the Constitution of the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society. [398 § 4, 566 § 3]

The General Council of the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society shall be governed by the Constitution of the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society. This organization shall be auxiliary to the Department of Foreign Missions. [566 § 3]

449. The General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society shall be represented on the General Board by one member elected thereto by the General Assembly from nominations made by the General Council of the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society. [374 § 5]

450. There shall be a Quadrennial Convention held under the direction of the General Council of the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society at the same time as, or immediately preceding, the regular meeting of the General Assembly. This Convention shall elect the General Council of the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society of eight members, from nominations approved by the Department of Foreign Missions. The Convention shall elect a General President, who shall be a member ex officio of the General Council of the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society and also a member ex officio of the General Assembly. [320, 566 § 3]

XVIII. The General Stewardship Committee

451. There shall be a General Stewardship Committee, composed of the executive secretary of each of the departments of the General Board, the General Secretary of the General Nazarene Young People's Society, the General Secretary of the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society, the Manager of the Nazarene Publishing House, the Editor of the *Herald of Holiness*, the Editor-in-Chief of Church School Periodicals, the General Church Secretary, the General Treasurer, a Stewardship Secretary elected by the General Board, and the three members-at-large residing within convenient distance of Kansas City, Missouri, elected by the General Board. [389, 390]

The General Stewardship Committee shall promote the whole cause of Christian stewardship in the Church of the Nazarene, subject to the approval of the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents. [41, 107]

452. The duties of the General Stewardship Committee shall be:

§ 1. To promote and raise the general budget.

§ 2. To have charge of financial publicity.

§ 3. To secure endowments, annuities, and other funds.

§ 4. To promote financial campaigns and provide inspirational speakers.

§ 5. To arrange stewardship campaigns for the purpose of presenting to the entire mem-

bership of the Church of the Nazarene the claims of Christian stewardship.

§ 6. To prepare promotional and stewardship literature.

§ 7. To collect and disseminate information designed to promote interest in the work of the kingdom of God.

§ 8. To co-operate with the several departments of the General Board in promoting their work.

§ 9. To do any other work that the General Board may direct.

§ 10. To keep accurate minutes of all its meetings and submit a comprehensive report of its work to the annual meeting of the General Board.

XIX. Board of Trustees—Nazarene Theological Seminary

453. The Board of Trustees of the Nazarene Theological Seminary shall be composed of thirteen members who shall be elected as follows: The General Assembly Committee on Nominations shall select two nominees from each of the seven Educational Zones and twelve nominees at large. From these twenty-six nominees the General Assembly shall elect seven members from the Educational Zones and six members-at-large. Three of these elected at large are to be laymen. [331 § 13]

No officer, teacher, or employee of any Nazarene educational institution shall be eli-

gible for election to the Board of Trustees of the Nazarene Theological Seminary.

XX. The Organization of General Boards

454. The general boards shall have their bylaws and policies published immediately after the General Assembly, and copies of these shall be available at Headquarters for those desiring them.

XXI. The Annual Meetings of General Boards

455. 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. [331 § 8, 409, 417, 419, 422, 438, 443]

XXII. The Fiscal Year

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

PART V
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

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I. CHURCH DISCIPLINE

457. The object of church discipline is not the punishment of offenders, but vindication of the truth, purification of the church, warning of the careless, and reformation and salvation of the guilty. Members of the church who do violence to the General or Special Rules, or who willfully and continuously violate their membership vows, should be dealt with kindly yet faithfully, according to the grievousness of their offenses.

Holiness of heart and life being the New Testament standard, the Church of the Nazarene insists upon a clean ministry, and requires that those who bear its credentials as ministers be orthodox in doctrine and holy in life. Thus the purpose of the discipline of a minister is not punitive or retributive, but is to determine the ministerial standing and church relations of a minister accused of misconduct.

II. DISCIPLINE OF A LAYMAN

458. If a request is made for investigation of a lay member accused of unchristian conduct, the pastor shall appoint an investigating committee of three members of the local church, who shall make a written report concerning the result of their investigation. [69 § 14] This report must be signed by a majority and filed

with the church board. The accusation upon which an investigation is made must be signed by at least two reputable members of the local church.

After the investigation and pursuant thereto, any two members in good standing in the local church may sign charges against the accused and file same with the church board. Thereupon the church board shall appoint a local board of discipline of five members who are unprejudiced and able to hear and dispose of the case in a fair and impartial manner, and these shall conduct a hearing as soon as practicable and determine the issues involved. [122 § 26] After hearing the testimony of witnesses and considering the evidence, they shall either absolve the accused or administer discipline as the facts shall establish to be proper. Discipline may take the form of reprimand, suspension, or expulsion from membership in the local church. Repentance, apology, or restitution may be required. Such decision must be unanimous.

An appeal from the decision of a local board of discipline may be taken to the district court of appeals within thirty days by either the accused or the church board.

III. DISCIPLINE OF A MINISTER

459. If an elder or licensed minister be accused of conduct unbecoming to a minister, or of teaching doctrines out of harmony with the

doctrinal statement of the Church of the Nazarene, or of serious laxity in the enforcement of the General or Special Rules of the church, the district advisory board of the district where the accused has ministerial membership shall cause an inquiry to be made. It shall appoint a committee of two or more elders to investigate the facts and circumstances involved and report their finding in writing and signed by a majority. This report shall be filed with the district advisory board, and if after considering same it appears that there are probable grounds for charges, any two elders may sign the charges.

In case charges are filed, the district advisory board shall appoint five elders of the district to hear the case and determine the issues; these five elders so named shall constitute a district board of discipline to conduct the hearing and dispose of the case according to the laws of the church. This board of discipline shall have power to vindicate and absolve the accused in connection with said charges, or to administer discipline commensurate with the offense. Such discipline may provide for repentance, confession, restitution, suspension, cancellation of credentials, expulsion from the ministry or membership of the church, or both, public or private reprimand, or such other discipline as may be appropriate.

Before an investigating committee is appointed a written accusation must be filed with the

district advisory board and signed by at least two reputable members of the Church of the Nazarene who are at the time in good standing. This accusation shall become a part of the record in the case, and the accused or his counsel shall have a right to examine same.

When a minister is accused of immorality, or of actions involving moral turpitude, disciplinary action may be taken and discipline administered by any district where such immoral acts occurred. But when disciplinary proceedings are taken on a district other than the one where the accused holds ministerial membership, only such immoral acts as may have occurred within the bounds of that district may be proved in evidence and form the basis for discipline in that proceeding.

It is provided that in no case shall disciplinary action be taken against a missionary by a foreign missionary district as such.

The decision of a board of discipline shall be unanimous and shall be written and signed by all members. Failure of any member to sign shall make void the entire proceeding. If such unanimous decision cannot be reached, this fact shall be certified to the district advisory board by the chairman of the board of discipline, whereupon the district advisory board shall determine whether to drop the charges and end the proceedings or to order another hearing. If the proceedings are ended, prejudice should not influence any other action

taken against the same offense. If another hearing is determined upon, another board of discipline shall be appointed to conduct the same.

Any hearing by a board of discipline herein provided for shall always be conducted within the bounds of the district where the charges were filed, at a place designated by the board which is to hear the charges.

The procedure at any hearing shall be according to Rules of Procedure hereinafter provided for. [217 §§ 4, 5, 262, 273]

460. Following a decision by a board of discipline the accused, the district advisory board, or those who signed the charges shall be entitled to appeal the decision to the General Court of Appeals. The appeal shall be begun within thirty days after such decision, and the Court shall review the entire record of the case and all steps which have been taken therein. If the court discovers any substantial error prejudicial to the right of any person, it shall correct such error by ordering a new hearing to be conducted in a manner capable of giving relief to that person affected adversely by previous proceedings or decision.

461. When the decision of a board of discipline is adverse to the accused minister and the decision provides for suspension from the ministry or cancellation of credentials, the minister shall thereupon immediately suspend all ministerial activity; and, if he refuses to do so,

his right of appeal shall be for that reason forfeited.

When the decision of a board of discipline provided for suspension or cancellation of credentials and the accused minister desires to appeal, he shall file with the secretary of the General Court of Appeals, at the time the notice of appeal is filed, his written credentials as a minister, and his right of appeal shall be conditioned upon his compliance with this provision. When such credentials are so filed, they shall be safely kept by the said secretary until the conclusion of the case, and thereupon the same shall either be canceled or returned to the minister as the Court may direct.

IV. RULES OF PROCEDURE

462. The General Court of Appeals shall adopt uniform Rules of Procedure governing all proceedings before boards of discipline and courts of appeal. After such rules are adopted and published, they shall be the final authority in all judicial proceedings. Printed Rules of Procedure shall be supplied by the General Church Secretary. Changes or amendments to such rules may be adopted by the General Court of Appeals at any time, and when these are adopted and published they shall be effective and authoritative in all cases. Any steps which are thereafter taken in any proceeding shall be in accordance with such change or amendment.

V. DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS

463. Each regularly organized district shall have a district court of appeals composed of five elders elected annually by the District Assembly. This court shall hear appeals of church members concerning any action of a local church or church board when they are aggrieved or adversely affected by such action. Notice of appeal must be given in writing within ten days after such action or after appellant has knowledge thereof. Such notice shall be delivered to the district court of appeals or a member thereof, and a copy of such notice shall be delivered to the pastor of the local church and to the secretary of the church board concerned.

464. The district court of appeals shall have jurisdiction to hear and decide all appeals of laymen or churches from the action of a board of discipline appointed to discipline a layman.

VI. GENERAL COURT OF APPEALS

465. The General Assembly shall elect five elders to serve as members of the General Court of Appeals during each ensuing quadrennium, or until their successors are elected and qualified. This Court shall have jurisdiction as follows:

§ 1. To hear and determine all appeals from the action or decision of any district board of discipline.

§ 2. To hear and determine appeals concerning the action of any District Assembly affecting the interests of a minister amenable to that Assembly.

§ 3. To hear and determine appeals from the action of any District Superintendent in matters affecting the interests of a minister. When such appeals are so determined by said Court such determination shall be authoritative and final. [203, 331 § 11]

466. Vacancies which may exist in the General Court of Appeals during the interim between sessions of the General Assembly shall be filled by appointment of the Board of General Superintendents. [352 § 4]

467. Per diem and expense allowances for members of the General Court of Appeals shall be the same as that of members of the General Board of the church, when the members of the Court are engaged in official business of the Court, and payment therefor shall be made by the General Church Treasurer.

468. The General Church Secretary shall be custodian of all permanent records and decisions of the General Court of Appeals. [361 § 4]

VII. GUARANTY OF RIGHTS

469. The right to a fair and impartial hearing of charges pending against an accused minister or layman shall not be denied or unduly postponed. Written charges shall be

given an early hearing in order that the innocent may be absolved and the guilty brought to discipline.

470. The cost of preparing the record of a case for the purpose of an appeal to the General Court of Appeals shall be borne by the district where the hearing was held and disciplinary action taken.

471. A minister or layman who is accused of misconduct or any violation of the church *Manual* and against whom charges are pending shall have the right to meet his or her accusers face to face and to cross-examine the witnesses for the prosecution.

472. The testimony of any witness before a board of discipline shall not be received or considered in evidence unless such testimony be given under oath or solemn affirmation.

473. A minister or layman who is brought before a board of discipline to answer charges shall always have the right to be represented by counsel of his or her own choosing, provided, such counsel be a member in good standing in the Church of the Nazarene. Any full member of a regularly organized church against whom no written charges are pending will be considered in good standing.

474. A minister or layman shall not be required to answer charges for any act which occurred more than five years before the filing of such charges, and no evidence will be con-

sidered at any hearing for any matter which occurred more than five years before the charges were filed.

475. A minister or layman shall not be twice placed in jeopardy for the same offense. It shall not be considered, however, that such person was placed in jeopardy at any hearing or proceeding where the court of appeals discovers reversible error committed in the original proceeding before a board of discipline.

PART VI

BOUNDARIES

- I. ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS**
- II. MISSION FIELDS**
- III. EDUCATIONAL ZONES**
- IV. GEOGRAPHICAL ZONES**

CHAPTER I

ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS

476. ABILENE 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.

477. AKRON DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Ohio east of a line running south from Cleveland to Belpre, Ohio, and including Cleveland.

478. ALABAMA DISTRICT shall include the state of Alabama and that portion of the state of Florida west of the Apalachicola and the Chattahoochee rivers.

479. ALASKA DISTRICT shall include the territory of Alaska.

480. ALBANY DISTRICT shall include all that portion of the state of New York north of and including Delaware, Green, and Columbia counties.

481. ARIZONA DISTRICT shall include the state of Arizona.

483. AUSTRALIAN DISTRICT shall include the continent of Australia.

484. BRITISH ISLES DISTRICT shall include England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

485. CANADA CENTRAL DISTRICT shall in-

clude the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, Canada.

486. CANADA WEST DISTRICT shall include the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan, Canada.

487. CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Ohio that lies south of the north boundary of Ottawa County, east of the west boundary of Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, Wyandot, Marion, Delaware, Franklin, Pickaway, Ross, Pike, and Scioto counties, and west of a line running south from Cleveland to Belpre, Ohio, except the city of Cleveland.

488. CHICAGO CENTRAL DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Illinois that lies east of the west boundaries of McHenry, Kane, Kendall, Grundy, Kankakee, and Ford counties and north of the north line of Champaign County and that part of Vermillion County which lies north of United States Highway 10, including the city of Danville but not including the town of Oakwood.

489. COLORADO DISTRICT shall include the state of Colorado.

490. 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 and north of a line beginning at the east border of the north line of Sabine County and con-

tinuing west on the north boundary of San Augustine County to Grisby, thence west through Alto and Teague to the ninety-seventh meridian, and including the towns and cities on this line.

491. EASTERN KENTUCKY DISTRICT shall be composed of that portion of Kentucky east of the eastern boundaries of Gallatin, Owen, Scott, Fayette, Jessamine, Garrard, Lincoln, Pulaski, and Wayne counties.

492. EASTERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Michigan known as the Lower (Southern) Peninsula that lies east of the west boundaries of Tuscola, Genessee, Livingston, Washtenaw, and Lenawee counties.

493. EAST TENNESSEE DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Tennessee which lies east of the west boundary line of Macon, Trousdale, Wilson, Rutherford, Bedford, and Lincoln counties.

494. FLORIDA DISTRICT shall include the state of Florida except that portion of the state west of the Apalachicola and the Chattahoochee rivers.

495. GEORGIA DISTRICT shall include the state of Georgia.

496. HAWAII DISTRICT shall include the territory of Hawaii.

497. HOUSTON DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Texas lying east of the

ninety-seventh meridian and south of a line beginning at the east border of the north line of Sabine County and continuing west through Alto and Teague to the ninety-seventh meridian, with the exception of the towns and cities on this line.

498. IDAHO-OREGON DISTRICT shall include 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, and Malheur.

499. ILLINOIS DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Illinois lying south of the north boundary of Adams, Brown, Cass, Menard, Logan, DeWitt, Pratt, and Champaign counties and that portion of Vermillion County south of United States Highway 10 and including the town of Oakwood.

500. INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Indiana south of the fortieth parallel of latitude east of a line formed by the west boundary of Boone, Hendricks, and Morgan counties; north of the south boundary of Morgan, Johnson, and Shelby counties; and east of the west boundary of Decatur, Jennings, and Jefferson counties.

501. IOWA DISTRICT shall include the state of Iowa.

502. 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.

503. 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, Carrol, Saline, Pettis, Morgan, Camden, Laclede, Wright, Douglas, and Ozark.

504. KENTUCKY DISTRICT shall be composed of that portion of Kentucky west of the eastern boundaries of Gallatin, Owen, Scott, Fayette, Jessamine, Garrard, Lincoln, Pulaski, and Wayne counties.

505. LOS ANGELES DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of California lying south of the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo and Kern counties, with the exception of that portion of Kern County north of the Tehachipi Mountains; that portion of Los Angeles County lying north of a line beginning at the Pacific Ocean and Imperial Boulevard and continuing in a northeasterly direction along Imperial Boulevard, Alameda Street, Washington Boulevard, Rio Hondo River, the crest of Puente Hills, and the San Dimas Canyon Road to the southern boundary of Angeles National Forest and the San Bernardino County line; and the whole of Inyo County.

506. LOUISIANA DISTRICT shall include the state of Louisiana.

507. MARITIME DISTRICT shall include the Maritime Provinces of Canada, namely, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island; and also Newfoundland.

508. MICHIGAN DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Michigan known as the Lower (Southern) Peninsula that lies west of the west boundaries of Tuscola, Genessee, Livingston, Washtenaw, and Lenawee counties.

509. MINNESOTA DISTRICT shall include the state of Minnesota.

510. MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT shall include the state of Mississippi.

511. 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.

512. NEBRASKA DISTRICT shall include the state of Nebraska.

513. NEVADA-UTAH DISTRICT shall include the states of Nevada and Utah and that portion of the state of California lying east of a line beginning at the town of Cisco on United States Highway 40 in Placer County and proceeding in a northwesterly direction to join the county lines of Lassen, Shasta, and Plumas counties where they intersect near Juniper Lake in Lassen County. From this point the

line will continue in a northerly direction along the county line between Lassen and Shasta counties to the Modoc County line and from there eastward along the county line between Lassen and Modoc counties to the Nevada-California line.

514. NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT shall include the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and that portion of the state of Connecticut east of a line running north from Bridgeport, Connecticut, excluding Bridgeport, to the Massachusetts line.

515. 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.

516. NEW YORK DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of New York which lies south of the southern boundary of Delaware, Greene, and Columbia counties; that portion of the state of New Jersey lying north of a line drawn between Phillipsburg and Long Branch—including the city of Long Branch; and that portion of the state of Connecticut west of a line running north from Bridgeport, Connecticut, including Bridgeport, to the Massachusetts line.

516A. North Arkansas District shall include that portion of the state of Arkansas north of a line formed by United States Highway 70 from the Tennessee line to Little Rock and State Highway 10 from Little Rock to Greenwood and straight west to the Oklahoma line,

but not including the towns and cities on the highway.

517. NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT shall include the state of North Carolina.

518. NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT shall include the state of North Dakota.

519. NORTHEASTERN INDIANA DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Indiana lying north of the fortieth parallel of latitude and south and east of a line starting at the fortieth meridian on the Hamilton and Madison county line, running due north to the Miami County line, west to the Cass County line, north to the northwest corner of Miami County, thence east to the Wabash County line, following the Fulton and Kosciusko county lines to Marshall County, thence north to the Michigan state line.

520. NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Oklahoma east of the line formed by the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railway from Oklahoma City in a northerly direction to the Arkansas River, including the towns and cities thereon except Oklahoma City; thence the Arkansas River to the Kansas state line; and north of State Highway 1 from Oklahoma City to Fort Smith, Arkansas.

521. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of California north of the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo and Kern counties, with the addition of

that portion of Kern County north of the Tehachapi Mountains, and west of the western boundary of Inyo County; and west of a line beginning at the town of Cisco on United States Highway 40 in Placer County and proceeding in a northwesterly direction to join the county lines of Lassen, Shasta, and Plumas counties where they intersect near Juniper Lake in Lassen County. From this point the line will continue in a northerly direction along the county line between Lassen and Shasta counties to the Modoc County line and from there eastward along the county line between Lassen and Modoc counties to the Nevada-California line.

522. 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 Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, and Umatilla counties in the state of Oregon.

523. NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Illinois north of the south boundary of Hancock, Schuyler, Mason, Tazewell, and McLean counties and west of the east boundary of McLean, Livingston, LaSalle, DeKalb, and Boone counties.

524. NORTHWEST INDIANA DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Indiana lying north and west of a line starting at the fortieth meridian on the Hamilton and Madison county line, running due north to the Miami County

line, west to the Cass County line, north to the northwest corner of Miami County, thence east to the Wabash County line, following the Fulton and Kosciusko county lines to Marshall County, thence north to the Michigan state line.

525. NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Oklahoma that lies north of United States Highway 66, not including the towns and cities thereon with the exception of Bethany and Edmond, and west of a line formed by the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railway running northeasterly from Oklahoma City to the Arkansas River, not including the towns and cities thereon, and thence northwesterly up the Arkansas River to the Kansas state line.

526. OREGON PACIFIC DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Oregon west of the east boundary of Wesco County, south of the north boundary of Wheeler County, and west of the east boundary of Wheeler, Crook, Deschutes, and Lake counties.

527. PITTSBURGH DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Pennsylvania west of the boundary line of Potter and Tioga counties, thence following a line due south through Clinton County, to the crest of the Allegheny Mountains, and south along this crest to the Maryland state line.

528. ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT shall include the states of Montana and Wyoming.

529. 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.

530. SOUTH AFRICAN DISTRICT shall include the work among the Europeans in southern Africa.

530A. South Arkansas District shall include that portion of the state of Arkansas south of a line formed by United States Highway 70 from the Tennessee line to Little Rock and State Highway 10 from Little Rock to Greenwood and straight west to the Oklahoma line, and including the towns and cities on the highway.

531. SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT shall include the state of South Carolina.

532. SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT shall include the state of South Dakota.

533. SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Oklahoma east of the line formed by the Sante Fe Railway from the Red River in a northerly direction to Oklahoma City, not including Oklahoma City and other towns and cities thereon; and south of State Highway 1 from Oklahoma City east to Fort Smith, Arkansas, including the towns and cities thereon.

534. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of California lying south of a line beginning in Los Angeles County at the Pacific Ocean and Imperial

Boulevard and continuing in a northeasterly direction along Imperial Boulevard, Alameda Street, Washington Boulevard, Rio Hondo River, the crest of Puente Hills, and the San Dimas Canyon Road to the southern boundary of Angeles National Forest and the San Bernardino County line; and of the northern boundary of San Bernardino County.

535. SOUTHWEST INDIANA DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Indiana that lies south of the fortieth parallel of latitude; west of a line formed by the east boundary of Montgomery, Putnam, and Owen counties; south of the north boundary of Monroe, Brown, and Bartholomew counties; and west of the east boundary of Bartholomew, Jackson, Scott, and Clark counties.

536. SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Oklahoma that lies west of a line formed by the Santa Fe Railway running northerly from the Red River to Oklahoma City, including Oklahoma City and other towns and cities thereon, and south of United States Highway 66, including the towns and cities thereon with the exception of Bethany and Edmond.

537. TENNESSEE DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Tennessee that lies west of the east boundary of Sumner, Davidson, Williamson, Marshall, and Giles counties and the city of Fulton, Kentucky.

538. VIRGINIA DISTRICT shall include the state of Virginia except the counties of Acco-

mac and Northampton lying east of the Chesapeake Bay.

539. WASHINGTON PACIFIC DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Washington west of the Cascade Mountains.

540. WASHINGTON-PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Pennsylvania east of the boundary line of Potter and Tioga counties, thence following a line due south, through Clinton County, to the crest of the Allegheny Mountains, and south along this crest to the Maryland state line; the states of Delaware and Maryland; that portion of the state of Virginia lying east of the Chesapeake Bay, namely, the counties of Accomac and Northampton; the District of Columbia; and that portion of New Jersey which lies south of a line drawn between Long Branch and Phillipsburg—including the city of Phillipsburg.

541. WESTERN OHIO DISTRICT shall include that portion of the state of Ohio west of the west boundary of Scioto, Pike, Ross, Pickaway, Franklin, Delaware, Marion, Wyandot, Seneca, Sandusky, and Ottawa counties and north of the north boundary of Ottawa County.

542. WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT shall include the state of West Virginia.

543. WISCONSIN DISTRICT shall include the state of Wisconsin and that portion of the state of Michigan known as the Upper (Northern) Peninsula.

CHAPTER II

MISSION FIELDS

544. HOME MISSION FIELDS

NEW ZEALAND

545. FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS

AFRICA, Swaziland, Union of South Africa,
Portuguese East Africa, and Coloured Work

AMERICAN INDIAN

ARGENTINA

BARBADOS, British West Indies

BOLIVIA

BRITISH GUIANA

BRITISH HONDURAS

CAPE VERDE ISLANDS

CHINA

CUBA

GUATEMALA

HAITI

HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF THE JORDAN

INDIA, Berar District

ISRAEL

ITALY

JAPAN

KOREA

MEXICAN (U.S.A.), Southwest Mexican and
Texas-Mexican DistrictsMEXICO, Central Mexican, North Mexican, and
Southeast Mexican Districts

NICARAGUA

PERU

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

PUERTO RICO

SYRIA

TRINIDAD

CHAPTER III

EDUCATIONAL ZONES

546. *Eastern Zone* shall include the Assembly Districts of Akron, Albany, British Isles, Canada Central, Maritime, New England, New York, Pittsburgh, and Washington-Philadelphia. [433 (1)]

547. *Southeast Zone* shall include the Assembly Districts of Alabama, Eastern Kentucky, East Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. [433 (2)]

548. *Central Zone* shall include the Assembly Districts of Central Ohio, Chicago Central, Eastern Michigan, Illinois, Indianapolis, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Northeastern Indiana, Northwestern Illinois, Northwest Indiana, Southwest Indiana, Western Ohio, and Wisconsin. [433 (3)]

549. *West Central Zone* shall include the Assembly Districts of Abilene, Dallas, Houston, Kansas, Kansas City, Louisiana, Nebraska, North Arkansas, Northeast Oklahoma, Northwest Oklahoma, San Antonio, South Arkansas, Southeast Oklahoma, and Southwest Oklahoma. [433 (4)]

550. *Southwest Zone* shall include the Assembly Districts of Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Los Angeles, New Mexico, Northern California, and Southern California. [433 (5)]

551. *Northwest Zone* shall include the Assembly Districts of Alaska, Idaho-Oregon, Minnesota, Nevada-Utah, North Dakota, Northwest, Oregon Pacific, Rocky Mountain, South Dakota, and Washington Pacific. [433 (6)]

552. *Canadian Nazarene College Zone* shall include the four provinces of Western Canada, namely, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. [433 (7)]

CHAPTER IV

GEOGRAPHICAL ZONES

553. *Eastern Zone* shall include the Assembly Districts of Akron, Albany, New England, New York, Pittsburgh, and Washington-Philadelphia.

554. *Southeast Zone* shall include the Assembly Districts of Alabama, Eastern Kentucky, East Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

555. *Central Zone* shall include the Assembly Districts of Central Ohio, Chicago Central, Eastern Michigan, Illinois, Indianapolis, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Northeastern Indiana, Northwestern Illinois, Northwest Indiana,

Southwest Indiana, Western Ohio, and Wisconsin.

556. *Southern Zone* shall include the Assembly Districts of Abilene, Dallas, Houston, Kansas, Kansas City, Louisiana, Nebraska, North Arkansas, Northeast Oklahoma, Northwest Oklahoma, San Antonio, South Arkansas, Southeast Oklahoma, and Southwest Oklahoma.

557. *Southwest Zone* shall include the Assembly Districts of Arizona, Colorado, Los Angeles, New Mexico, Northern California, and Southern California.

558. *Northwest Zone* shall include the Assembly Districts of Idaho-Oregon, Minnesota, Nevada-Utah, North Dakota, Northwest, Oregon Pacific, Rocky Mountain, South Dakota, and Washington Pacific.

559. *British Isles-Canadian Zone* shall include the Assembly Districts of Australia, British Isles, Canada Central, Canada West, and Maritime.

PART VII

RITUAL

- I. THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**
- II. THE RECEPTION OF CHURCH MEMBERS**
- III. THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
- IV. MATRIMONY**
- V. THE FUNERAL SERVICE**

CHAPTER I

560. THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

I. The Baptism of Believers

Dearly Beloved: Believing that God has given you forgiveness of sins, and spiritual life through Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour, 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 steadfastly 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 obey God's holy will, and keep His commandments, and walk in them 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.

II. The Baptism of Infants

Dearly 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.]

III. The Dedication or Consecration of Children

[The following form is provided for use in those cases where the parents or guardians do not care to have children baptized but simply dedicated or consecrated.]

[When the sponsors have presented themselves with the child (or children) before the minister at his call, the minister shall say:]

“Then were brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.”

In presenting this child for dedication (or consecration), you not only signify your faith in the Christian religion, but also your desire that he (or she) may early know and follow the will of God, may live and die a Christian, and come unto everlasting blessedness.

In order to attain this holy end it will be your duty, as parents (or guardians) to teach him (or her) early the fear of the Lord; to watch over his (or her) education, that he (or she) be not led astray; to direct his (or her) youthful mind to the Holy Scriptures, and his (or her) feet to the sanctuary; to restrain him (or her) from evil associates and habits; and, as much as in you lies, to bring him (or her) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Will you endeavor to do so by the help of God? If so, answer, "I will."

[The minister shall then dedicate the child, repeating the full name of the child, and saying:]

Our loving Heavenly Father, we do here and now dedicate (or consecrate) [naming the child] unto Thee, praying that he (or she) may be endued with heavenly virtues, taught by Thy Holy Spirit, nourished by Thy Word, kept by divine grace, and everlastingly rewarded through Thine eternal mercies. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

[Then may the minister offer the following prayer, or may use extemporary prayer.]

Wilt Thou be pleased, O God, to grant unto this child an understanding mind; may Thy providence lead him (her) through the dangers, temptations, and ignorance of youth; may he (she) never run into folly nor the evils of unbridled appetites; may he (she) be led to serve Thee faithfully, so that, when he (she) has glorified Thee in his (her) generation and served Thy cause on earth, he (she) may be received into Thine eternal kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction, II Corinthians 13: 14.

CHAPTER II

561. THE RECEPTION OF CHURCH MEMBERS

Dearly 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 cannot 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 cannot 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 Saviour 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; by devotedly giving of your means; by faithful attendance upon the means of grace; and, abstaining from all evil, to 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.

CHAPTER III

562. THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

[36, 69 § 10, 259, 265]

[The administration of the Lord's Supper may be introduced by an appropriate sermon or a suitable address, and the reading of I 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 remem-

ber 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; grant that, as we receive these Thy creatures of bread and wine according to the holy institution of Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, in remembrance of His death and passion, we 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, first partaking himself, with the assistance of any other ministers present, and when necessary, of the stewards, administer the Communion to the people.]

[If there be those who cannot 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 extemporary prayer of thanksgiving.]

CHAPTER IV

563. MATRIMONY

[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. This holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with His presence and first miracle that He wrought, in Cana of Galilee, and St. Paul commended it to be honorable among all men. It is, therefore, not to be entered into unadvisedly, but reverently, discreetly, and in the fear of God.

Into this 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 forever 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 knows 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 ask:]

Who giveth this woman in marriage?

[Joining right hands with the woman, the man shall repeat after the minister:]

I,, take thee,, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

[The woman shall repeat after the minister:]

I,, take thee,, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

[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 Rebekah 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 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:]

O 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

564. THE FUNERAL SERVICE

OPENING SENTENCES, *the following or other suitable selections:*

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25, 26). *Or,*

"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another" (Job 19:25-27).

INVOCATION, *in the minister's own words or the following:*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we come into this sanctuary of sorrow, realizing our utter dependence upon Thee. We know Thou dost love us and canst turn even the shadow of death into the light of morning.

Help us now to wait before Thee with reverent and submissive hearts.

Thou art our refuge and strength, O God—a very present help in time of trouble. Grant unto us Thy abundant mercy. May those who mourn today find comfort and healing balm in Thy sustaining grace.

We humbly bring these petitions in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A HYMN OR SPECIAL SONG

SUITABLE SELECTIONS OF SCRIPTURE:

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls”

(I Peter 1:3-9). Or. Matt. 5:3, 4, 6, 8; Psalms 27:3, 4, 5, 11, 13, 14; Psalms 46:1-6, 10, 11.

ADDRESS

A HYMN OR SPECIAL MUSIC

CLOSING PRAYER

AT THE GRAVE

When the people have assembled, the minister may say:

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:1-6). Or,

“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God” (II Corinthians 1:3, 4).

THE COMMITTAL

We come hither to lay all that was mortal of our dear friend in this new-made sepulcher. He (she) is not here. His (her) absence occa-

sions our coming hither today. This is but the house in which he (she) lived. While he (she) abode in it, it was alive. But he (she) 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 (her) 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.

PRAYER, *in the minister's own words or the following:*

Our Heavenly Father, God of all mercy, we look to Thee in this moment of sorrow and bereavement. Comfort these dear ones whose hearts are heavy and sad. Wilt Thou be with them; sustain and guide them in the days to come. Grant, O Lord, that they may love and serve Thee and obtain the fullness of Thy promises in the world to come.

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (Hebrews 13:20, 21).



PART VIII
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CHAPTER I

565. CONSTITUTIONS FOR NAZARENE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

§1. 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 distinctly religious and spiritual.

ARTICLE III. *Departments*

To meet more adequately the needs of the young people of the local church, the Nazarene Young People's Society may be organized into the following groups, or into combinations of these groups:

Intermediate (ages 12, 13, 14)

Senior (ages 15, 16, 17)

Young People (ages 18-24)

Young Adult (ages 25-40)

ARTICLE IV. *Membership*

SECTION 1. Members of this society shall be divided into three classes: active, associate, and honorary.

SEC. 2. Active members shall be young people who have reached their twelfth birthday but who have not yet reached their forty-first birthday who are members of the Church of the Nazarene and who sign the pledge for active members.

SEC. 3. Associate members shall be young people who have reached their twelfth birthday but who have not yet reached their forty-first birthday, not members of the Church of the Nazarene, who give

testimony to the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and who are of good moral character, and who sign the pledge for associate members.

SEC. 4. Honorary members shall be older members of the Church of the Nazarene who desire to be affiliated with the society and who shall be elected as honorary members by the society, or by one of its departments.

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. Associate members shall have the privilege of holding membership on the committees, but only to a minority extent.

ARTICLE V. *Officers*

SECTION 1. The officers of this society shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. All officers shall be members of the local church whose society they serve.

SEC. 2. The officers shall be elected annually by the members of the society and shall serve for the period of the District Assembly year, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. The president of the local society shall be nominated by a nominating committee, consisting of no fewer than three and no more than seven active members of the N.Y.P.S. including the pastor. This committee shall be appointed by the pastor and shall submit at least two names for the office of president. The president shall be elected by majority vote of the active members present and voting by ballot. His election shall be subject to 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. He shall submit a report to the annual meeting of the local church.

ARTICLE VI. *Executive Council*

SECTION 1. In societies of two or more departments, the executive council shall consist of the pastor, the

officers of the Nazarene Young People's Society, the chairman of each department, and the counselors of the Intermediate and Senior departments.

SEC. 2. In a society with no departments, the executive council shall consist of the pastor, the officers of the Nazarene Young People's Society, and the chairmen of the standing committees.

ARTICLE VII. *Department Officers and Committees*

SECTION 1. The officers of each department, or combination of departments, shall consist of a chairman, a vice-chairman, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer, and a counselor for the Intermediate Department and for the Senior Department.

SEC. 2. The executive committee of each department shall consist of the officers of the department and the chairmen of the standing committees.

SEC. 3. Each department of the society may have a program committee, a membership committee, a missionary committee, an evangelistic committee, a fellowship committee, a literature committee, and such other committees as are necessary for properly conducting its work.

ARTICLE VIII. *Planning Conference*

The Planning Conference of the Nazarene Young People's Society shall consist of the pastor, the executive council, and the executive committees of the various departments, where such are organized.

ARTICLE IX. *Amendments*

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting at the General Convention of the Nazarene Young People's Society, and by the approval of the General Assembly.

Pledge for Active Members

Realizing my duty to God and His Church, I promise by His grace to seek the New Testament standard of

heart purity; to strive always to live consistently for my Master; to make it the rule of my life to read the Bible and pray daily; to attend faithfully all services of the N.Y.P.S.; and to take an active part in the service as opportunity is afforded me.

Pledge for Associate Members

Desiring to become affiliated with the N.Y.P.S. as an associate member, I accept the moral standard of the Church of the Nazarene as my rule for conduct, and I promise to attend faithfully the services of the society, to do my best to advance its interest, and to take part in its activities as opportunity is afforded me.

§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. There shall be an annual District Convention of the Nazarene Young People's Society, at which reports shall be received from the district officers and committee chairmen, zone presidents, and presidents of local societies; and any business pertaining to the district Nazarene Young People's Society may be transacted.

SEC. 2. The district convention shall be composed of the officers of the district N.Y.P.S., the district superintendent, district zone presidents, pastors of local churches, presidents of local societies, elders, and commissioned evangelists of the district within the N.Y.P.S. age limit, 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. Local societies of two or more departments

will, as far as possible, choose delegates from each department.

SEC. 3. One delegate may be appointed by the pastor of each local church not having a fully organized Nazarene Young People's Society.

ARTICLE III. *Officers*

SECTION 1. At the annual district convention there shall be elected by ballot the following district officers: a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, a teen-age supervisor, a sponsor of boys' and girls' work, and two members elected at large who shall be under twenty years of age at the time of their election, to serve until the close of the following annual district convention and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 2. All district officers shall be active members of a local society within the bounds of the district.

ARTICLE IV. *Committees*

At the annual district convention there shall be ordered the following standing committees: missionary, evangelistic, stewardship, and literature. These committees shall be appointed by the district officers in consultation with the district superintendent.

ARTICLE V. *District Council*

SECTION 1. The district council shall be composed of the officers of the district Nazarene Young People's Society, the district superintendent, chairmen of standing committees, and district zone presidents.

SEC. 2. The district council shall fill any vacancy that may occur in the district council between annual conventions.

ARTICLE VI. *Youth Director*

Wherever desired, the district convention may establish a plan for the election of a district youth director.

ARTICLE VII. District Zones

The annual district convention may order the district divided into zones.

ARTICLE VIII. Amendment

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting at the General Convention of the Nazarene Young People's Society, and by the approval of the General Assembly.

§3. 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. There shall be a General Quadrennial Convention of the Nazarene Young People's Society. The length of this convention and the time it shall convene shall be decided upon by the General Council in consultation with the Board of General Superintendents.

SEC. 2. The General Council shall announce the time and place of the General Convention at least ninety (90) days previous to such convention.

SEC. 3. The General Convention shall be composed of the members of the General Council and one ministerial delegate* and one lay delegate elected by each District N.Y.P.S. Convention for the first 250 or fewer active members, and one ministerial delegate and one lay delegate for each successive 500 active members and the final major part of 500 active members. All shall be elected by ballot by majority vote. No delegate shall be seated in the General Convention who has passed his forty-first birthday at the time of the Convention.

SEC. 4. Delegates to the General Convention shall be, at the time of the General Convention, members

of the Assembly District from which they were elected. In the case of a pastor, he shall be at the time of the General Convention a member of, and serving on, the Assembly District from which he was elected.

* District licensed minister or ordained elder at the time of the General Convention.

ARTICLE III. *General Council*

SECTION 1. The General Convention shall elect by two-thirds majority vote by ballot a general president and a general secretary.

SEC. 2. At the General Convention there shall be elected to the General Council one member from each of the six educational zones in the United States and one member as a representative of Canada and the British Isles. Each of these shall be nominated by a two-thirds majority vote of his respective zone caucus and the election shall be by majority vote of the Convention.

SEC. 3. All of these elected officers shall be active members of the N.Y.P.S. The General President and zone representatives shall not have reached their thirty-seventh birthday at the time of their election. The General Secretary shall not have reached his fortieth birthday at the time of his election.

SEC. 4. The General Convention shall also elect three members-at-large who shall be twenty-five years of age or under. These shall be elected by a majority vote and no two of them shall be from the same educational zone.

SEC. 5. These elected officers shall constitute a General Council to serve until the close of the following General Quadrennial Convention or until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 6. In the event a zone representative of the General Council shall move his residence or change

his church membership during the quadrennium from the zone he represents, his membership on the General Council shall be terminated at once and the vacancy so created shall be filled in accordance with Article III, Section 10, of the General Constitution.

SEC. 7. No zone representative of the General N.Y.P.S. Council shall be elected to serve more than two quadrennia. No General N.Y.P.S. President shall be elected to serve more than one quadrennium and there shall be no limit of term set for the General Secretary other than that in this Article provided.

SEC. 8. One general superintendent shall be appointed by the Board of General Superintendents as ex officio member of the General Council to serve for the quadrennium. The work of said Council shall be subject to the sanction of the Board of General Superintendents.

SEC. 9. The General Council shall nominate to the General Assembly two members of the Council, one of whom shall be elected by the General Assembly to serve as a member of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene as a representative of the Nazarene Young People's Society.

SEC. 10. The General Council, in consultation with the Board of General Superintendents, shall fill any vacancy that may occur on the Council between general conventions.

SEC. 11. The duties of the General Council shall be defined by bylaws adopted by the General Convention.

ARTICLE IV. *Amendments*

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting at a General Convention of the Nazarene Young People's Society, and by the approval of the General Assembly.

CHAPTER II

**566. CONSTITUTIONS FOR NAZARENE FOREIGN
MISSIONARY SOCIETIES**

§1. Local Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society

ARTICLE I. *Name*

This society shall be called the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of the Nazarene.

ARTICLE II. *Object*

The object of this society shall be to enlist the members of the church in active missionary service, in united prayer, and in the study of the salvation needs of the world; to promote a wider knowledge of the mission fields of the Church of the Nazarene; and to raise funds, as elsewhere provided for in this Constitution, for extending the kingdom of Jesus Christ around the world. This society shall be a constituent part of the local church and subject to the supervision of the pastor and the church board.

ARTICLE III. *Membership*

The membership shall be divided into two classes, active and associate.

SECTION 1. Any person who is a member of the Church of the Nazarene shall be eligible for active membership in the society. A person may become an active member by agreeing to unite in prayer for the purposes of the society and by paying the membership dues. Voting and holding office shall be limited to active members.

SEC. 2. Any person not a member of the church may become an associate member by agreeing to unite in prayer for the objectives of the organization and by making a monthly freewill offering for the support of the missionary interests of the Church of the Nazarene.

ARTICLE IV. *Officers*

SECTION 1. The officers of this society shall be a president, a vice-president, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, a treasurer, a superintendent of study, and a superintendent of publicity, to be elected by ballot annually by the members of the society. These officers and the chapter chairmen shall constitute an Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. The president shall be nominated by a committee of three to seven active members of the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society appointed by the pastor, who shall serve as chairman. This committee shall submit one or two names for the office of president. The president shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the active members present and voting, and this election shall be subject to the approval of the church board. The president shall be a member of the local church whose society is served, a member, ex officio, of the church board, and a member of the District Assembly.

SEC. 3. Where the society consists of only one chapter the following departmental secretaries may be elected by ballot by the local society or be appointed by the newly elected Executive Committee: Box, Membership, Prayer and Fasting, Relief and Retirement, Indian Fund, the *Other Sheep*, Standard of Efficiency, Medical, National Workers-Education-Evangelism, Alabaster, and such other standing committees as are deemed necessary.

Note—Where there are two or more chapters in the local society, follow the plan provided for in Article VII.

ARTICLE V. *Meetings*

SECTION 1. There shall be one or more meetings for business, mission study, and prayer held each calendar month, or a minimum of twelve meetings a year.

SEC. 2. The last regular monthly meeting prior to the Annual District Assembly shall be the annual meeting of this society, when the officers shall be elected for the ensuing year. These officers shall be

installed at the first regular monthly meeting following the District Assembly.

ARTICLE VI. *Funds*

SECTION 1. All funds raised by this society for the general interests of the Church of the Nazarene, except the relief and retirement fund and the general expense fund, shall be paid into the general budget and be sent directly to the General Treasurer of the church.

Funds for the support of general interests shall be raised in the following manner: (1) from the regular membership dues; (2) from gifts and offerings designated for general interests; (3) from the Prayer and Fasting League; (4) from special offerings such as the Easter and Thanksgiving offerings.

SEC. 2. SPECIALS. Opportunity shall be given to contribute to specials over and above the general budget apportionment and approved by the General Foreign Missions Secretary.

No part of the above funds shall be used for local or district expense or charitable purposes.

Note—These funds must be raised by using the plans given under the different departments of the society. Since our church is strictly opposed to our engaging in any form of merchandising, we must insist that members do not engage in the sale of merchandise or foods in the name of the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society.

SEC. 3. RELIEF AND RETIREMENT FUND. The relief and retirement fund, to be held in trust by the General Treasurer for the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society and to be used for the relief of sick, needy, or retired foreign missionaries, shall be raised by: (1) placing of names on the memorial roll by the payment of \$25.00 for that special purpose; (2) by annual payments by members of twenty cents each; (3) by freewill offerings or gifts designated for the relief and retirement fund.

SEC. 4. GENERAL EXPENSE FUND. Each active member shall contribute twenty-five cents annually for the general expense fund. This fund provides for the expenses of the general officers, for Council supplies, missionary literature and helps for the district and local societies.

SEC. 5. LOCAL EXPENSE. A local expense fund shall be provided either by assessment or freewill offerings (the amount to be determined by local needs). A percentage of the local expense fund may be set aside to help defray the expenses of the delegates to the District Convention.

ARTICLE VII. *Chapters*

SECTION 1. This society may have one or more chapters as may be authorized by the pastor and the executive committee, and these together shall constitute the local society. A chapter is an integral part of the local society, the division being made for the matter of convenience.

SEC. 2. These chapters meeting in joint session shall elect the executive officers authorized in Article V. The executive committee shall have general oversight of the work of the various chapters, receive all literature for distribution to the various chapters, and keep records and send reports for the combined chapters.

SEC. 3. The officers of each chapter shall be chairman, vice-chairman, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, superintendent of study, superintendent of publicity, the departmental secretaries, and any other standing committee that is deemed necessary. (Officers of the local society may hold office in any chapter.)

These officers and departmental secretaries shall co-operate with the officers of the combined society.

No age limit shall be set for membership in any of the chapters so organized, but organization of the various chapters shall be based on the local situation and not according to age.

ARTICLE VIII. *Amendments*

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting at the General Convention of the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary

Society, and by the approval of the Department of Foreign Missions.

§2. District Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society

ARTICLE I. *Membership*

All local Nazarene Foreign Missionary Societies within the boundaries of District shall be members of the District Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society. The activities of this society shall be under the supervision of the District Superintendent, the district advisory board, and the District Assembly.

ARTICLE II. *Convention*

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual District Convention of the District Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society for the purpose of hearing reports of district officers and departmental secretaries and local presidents; uniting in prayer for the work; making aggressive plans for propagating missionary information and inspiration in the local societies; and conducting any business pertaining to the district organization.

SEC. 2. MEMBERSHIP. The District Convention shall be composed of the district executive committee and departmental secretaries, the District Superintendent, pastors of local churches, N.F.M.S. zone chairmen, the presidents and vice-presidents of local societies; one delegate from each local society having an active membership of ten or less, and one additional delegate for each additional ten active members (or major fraction thereof); and the General Council members holding church membership in the district.

ARTICLE III. *Officers*

SECTION 1. The officers of this society shall be a president, a vice-president, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, a treasurer, a superintendent of study, and a superintendent of publicity. These shall constitute the District Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The District Convention shall elect a District President, who shall be

nominated by ballot and elected by two-thirds favorable vote, by ballot.

The other district officers shall be elected by ballot by the Convention from two nominees presented for each office by a nominating committee appointed by the District Executive Committee.

SEC. 3. The following departmental secretaries may be elected by ballot by the District Convention or appointed by the newly elected Executive Committee: Membership, Prayer and Fasting, Relief and Retirement, Indian Fund, the *Other Sheep*, Standard of Efficiency, Medical, National Workers-Education-Evangelism, Missionary Box, Alabaster, and Secretary of Committee on Boys' and Girls' Work. (This secretary named in conformance with Article II, Section 2, of the District Junior Society Constitution.)

SEC. 4. Or, if a District Convention chooses, it may elect by ballot, by a majority vote, a District Council, which shall then organize itself. (Regardless of the method used in their selection, all district officers and secretaries shall be members of the District Convention.)

ARTICLE IV. *Amendments*

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting at the General Convention of the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society, and by the approval of the Department of Foreign Missions.

§3. General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society

ARTICLE I. *Membership*

All district and local Nazarene Foreign Missionary Societies shall constitute the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society. It shall be auxiliary to the Department of Foreign Missions.

ARTICLE II. *Convention*

SECTION 1. There shall be a General Quadrennial Convention of the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary

Society preceding the General Assembly. The time and place shall be decided upon by the General Council in consultation with the General Superintendent Sponsor and the Department of Foreign Missions.

SEC. 2. MEMBERS. This Convention shall be composed of the following members: members of the General Council; the presidents of District Nazarene Foreign Missionary Societies; the presidents of District Nazarene Foreign Missionary Societies of the foreign districts; two delegates from each district of 900 or fewer active members; and one additional delegate for each additional 500 active members (or major part thereof) in the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society, delegates to be elected by ballot by majority vote at the last annual District Convention.

In the event the president of the foreign district Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society cannot attend, an alternate elected by the foreign District Council may serve in his or her place.

ARTICLE III. *General Council*

SECTION 1. The General Convention shall elect a General President, who shall be nominated by ballot and elected by two-thirds favorable vote, by ballot; and a General Council of eight members consisting of one member elected from each geographical zone and one member at large. The president shall be an ex officio member of the Council.

The Council shall be nominated by a nominating committee, consisting of at least one member from each geographical zone, appointed by the Council. Three nominees shall be presented from each geographical zone and three nominees for member at large from which the Convention shall elect Council members by majority vote by ballot.

SEC. 2. The Council shall elect by ballot a vice-president, a secretary, a superintendent of study, and a superintendent of publicity. These officers, together with the General President, shall constitute an Executive Committee, three of whom shall constitute

a quorum. They shall hold office until the final adjournment of the next Quadrennial Convention and until their successors are elected and qualified. The Council shall elect by ballot the following secretaries: Membership, Prayer and Fasting, Relief and Retirement, Indian Fund, the *Other Sheep*, Standard of Efficiency, Medical, National Workers-Education-Evangelism, Missionary Box, Alabaster, and such other standing committees as the Council shall deem necessary.

SEC. 3. One General Superintendent shall be appointed by the Board of General Superintendents as sponsor of the General Council to serve for the quadrennium.

SEC. 4. The General Council shall nominate to the General Assembly two members of the Council, one of which shall be elected by the General Assembly as a member of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene as a representative of the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society.

SEC. 5. The Council shall meet annually prior to the meeting of the General Board. Five shall constitute a quorum. A condensed report of the business transacted in the annual meeting of the Council shall be referred to the Department of Foreign Missions for approval.

ARTICLE IV. *Vacancies*

SECTION 1. Should a vacancy occur in the office of General President, in the interim of sessions of the Quadrennial Convention, the secretary of the Council shall at once notify all district presidents, who shall, by two-thirds vote of all, elect a General President to fill the vacancy and to perform the duties of General President until the final adjournment of the next Quadrennial Convention; *provided* the question of calling for an election to fill the vacancy shall be decided by the General Council in consultation with the General Superintendent Sponsor.

SEC. 2. Should a vacancy occur in the Council during the quadrennium, the Executive Committee shall present two names as nominees. The vacancy shall then be filled by majority vote by ballot of the members of the Council.

SEC. 3. Should a vacancy occur in the Executive Committee during the quadrennium, two names as nominees from the Council shall be presented. The vacancy shall then be filled by a majority vote, by ballot, of the Council.

ARTICLE V. *Amendments*

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting at a General Convention of the General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society, and by the approval of the Department of Foreign Missions.

CHAPTER III

567. **BYLAWS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Note—These bylaws are entirely suggestive and are to be arranged by the church school board to meet the needs of the local school.

ARTICLE I. *Membership*

SECTION 1. Membership in the Sunday school of the Church of the Nazarene is open to all who desire the help and association this school offers and who consent to become members under the provisions of the *Manual* and these bylaws. Membership shall be classified according to 139 of the *Manual*.

SEC. 2. All persons eligible to active membership will be considered visitors the first session of the school they attend. If they are present the next Sunday and declare their willingness to attend with some degree of regularity, their names may be placed on the roll as active members. Those coming from other Nazarene Sunday schools may be enrolled at once.

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 six consecutive times without a reasonable excuse. Cradle Roll members shall be confined to homes of the community where help can be rendered, and should be transferred promptly to active membership when the proper time is reached—the fourth birthday or shortly thereafter.

ARTICLE II. *Classes and Departments*

SECTION 1. For the teaching work and certain group activities the Sunday school shall be divided into classes on the basis of age and other conditions. Each class shall be under the care of a competent teacher suited to the group age.

Note: For the most effective work a Sunday school should be departmentalized. Even a small school, if there be more than one class for children, will progress more rapidly if there is a department supervisor to correlate the work of the children's classes. As soon as there are two or more classes within a given age group, e.g., Juniors (9-11 years), someone should be appointed as the Junior supervisor even though a separate worship service for Juniors is not possible. A youth supervisor and an adult supervisor should be appointed as soon as there are two or more classes in either of these age groups. The Department of Church Schools will, upon request, furnish full instructions for a plan of departmentalization of the Sunday school.

Note: Each Sunday-school class above Junior age should be organized to carry out Christian service projects and other helpful class activities. The Department of Church Schools will, upon request, furnish information and plans for such class organization.

ARTICLE III. *Officers and Their Duties*

SECTION 1. The officers of the Sunday school shall be a superintendent, an assistant superintendent, a secretary, and a treasurer, and such other officers as may be needed. These shall be elected by the church school board, according to the *Manual*, paragraph 134.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the superintendent (a) to administer the affairs of the school according to the provisions of the *Manual* and the bylaws; (b) to counsel with the teachers relative to their work; (c) to give an annual report to the annual church meeting; (d) to attend the District Assembly; (e) to co-operate with the district church school board and Department of Church Schools in the promotion of the church school work.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the assistant superintendent to co-operate with the superintendent in the promotion of the best interest of the school and, in the absence of the superintendent, to perform the administrative duties belonging to his office.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the secretary (a) to keep an accurate record of the enrollment of the entire school (regular enrollment cards should be used), the record of attendance, absentees, visitors, and such other items as may be required; (b) to keep correct minutes of all meetings of the Sunday-school cabinet; (c) and to fill out and forward promptly all statistical and informational blanks requested by the pastor, the district church school board, and the Department of Church Schools.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all funds raised by the Sunday school and disburse the same as directed by the cabinet in harmony with the general rules laid down by the church school board. He shall keep an accurate account of all finances and make a monthly, detailed report to the cabinet and a quarterly report to the church school board of all receipts, expenditures, and obligations. He shall, in co-operation with the officers and teachers, endeavor to impart proper instruction relative to Christian stewardship.

NOTE—In the small school one person may serve as secretary-treasurer.

In the larger schools there may be two or more assistant superintendents, and these may be made heads of certain promotional work—membership, missionary, temperance, etc.

Also, it is well to have a librarian, whose duty will be (a) to have charge of all Sunday-school literature, books, and periodicals, and direct their proper distribution; (b) to promote and have charge of a workers' library; (c) to create through the school an appreciation for wholesome literature and encourage the reading of the same.

A music committee with the following duties may be profitable: (a) to have general charge of the music of the school; (b) to see that proper persons are selected to lead the singing and play the musical instruments; (c) to see that proper songbooks are provided for each department; (d) to create throughout the school an appreciation for wholesome music in Christian worship and character building; (e) to organize and promote such ensemble work as may be desirable and helpful.

In case the school is departmentized the following should be added:

It shall be the duty of the department supervisor (a) to have immediate supervision of his department, in harmony with the *Manual* and the bylaws of the Sunday school; (b) to attend all cabinet meetings, and to preside at all meetings of the department council; (c) with the superintendent to nominate to the pastor such teachers as may be needed, and provide such other officers and helpers as may be required for the most efficient work of the department; and (d) to co-operate with the pastor and superintendent in their plans for the general advancement of the school.

ARTICLE IV. *Administration and Supervision*

SECTION 1. This school is an organic part of the local church, and of the local church educational program. It is under the general supervision of the church school board, the care of the pastor, and the immediate leadership of the Sunday-school superintendent.

SEC. 2. There shall be a Sunday-school cabinet, in which the administrative work of the school is vested. The cabinet shall consist of the general officers and the department supervisors, if any, of the Sunday school. (In case it shall be deemed preferable by the local church, the members of the church school board and/or the Sunday-school teachers may be included in the membership of the Sunday-school cabinet.) This cabinet is the executive body of the school and shall meet regularly on the day of each week (or month), with the pastor presiding. This cabinet shall consider (a) the general interests of the school,

and lay and execute plans for the realization of these interests; and (b) recommend to the church school board such matters as should have its consideration.

SEC. 3. A general Sunday-school conference shall be held the day of each quarter, with the pastor presiding. This conference shall consist of the church school board, the Sunday-school cabinet, and the department councils. This will not be a meeting for the transaction of business, but for inspiration, study, and discussion. General policies may be formed and conclusions drawn to be passed on to the proper executive body for official action and execution. A well-arranged program must be provided for each conference meeting.

ARTICLE V. *Amendments*

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the church school board at any regular meeting, or at a meeting especially called for this purpose, if such change shall not conflict with any legislation contained in the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene, and if announcement of such change shall be made at least one week prior to the time of the meeting.

CHAPTER IV

567A. THE JUNIOR SOCIETY

§1. General Policy

I. General

1. Authorization of the Junior Society Commission:

Resolution (General Assembly, 1932). "Resolved, that the Eighth General Assembly authorize the uniting of the Junior N.Y.P.S. and the Junior W.F.M.S. into one organization to be known as the Junior Society . . ."

Resolution (General Assembly, 1944). "Resolved, that this General Assembly set up a Commission of

equal representation from the Department of Church Schools, the Woman's (Nazarene) Foreign Missionary Society Council, and the General Nazarene Young People's Society Council to formulate plans and promotional material for the Junior Society, and this Commission consist of those in Kansas City and adjacent."

Resolution (General Assembly, 1948 and 1952). "Resolved, that the Junior Society be continued under the guidance of the Junior Society Commission as set up at the 1944 General Assembly."

2. All promotional and lesson material for the Junior Society shall be prepared under the supervision of the Junior Society Commission.

3. All general projects for the Junior Society are to be selected by the General Junior Society Commission in consultation with the Foreign Missions Secretary representing the Department of Foreign Missions. Projects chosen will be related to and included in the General Budget.

4. The General Junior Society Commission shall work in harmony with other general church departments and commissions that are dealing with the interests of boys and girls.

II. District

1. The interests of the Junior Society on the district level shall be under the supervision of a District Junior Society Director. This director shall be nominated by a committee composed of the District Superintendent, the District N.F.M.S. President, the District N.Y.P.S. President, and the chairman of the District Church School Board and shall be elected by the annual District Assembly.

2. A standing joint committee on Junior Society work, to be known as the District Junior Society Committee, shall be provided for on each district. It shall be composed of the District Junior Society Director, who shall be its chairman, the Secretary of Boys' and Girls' Work of the District N.F.M.S. Council,

the Sponsor of Boys' and Girls' Work of the District N.Y.P.S., and a person representing the interests of boys and girls appointed by the District Church School Board. This joint committee shall be designated as the District Junior Society Committee.

3. The District Junior Society Committee, in consultation with the District Superintendent, shall select such district projects as seem desirable. The project chosen is to be related to District Home Missions. All money raised on this project by the local Junior Society is to be sent through the local church treasurer to the district treasurer to be applied on that project.

4. The District N.F.M.S. Council, District N.Y.P.S. Council, and the District Church School Board shall make provision in their respective budgets to share equally the operation expenses of the District Junior Society Director.

5. The duties of the District Director of the Junior Society shall be:

(1) To promote actively, in co-operation with the District Junior Society Committee (see Policy, II, District, Section 2), the correlated Junior Society program on the district;

(2) To receive and disperse to the local Junior Society supervisors all promotional literature sent out by the General Commission;

(3) To receive the annual reports from the local Junior Society supervisors, compile, and prepare a district report prior to the closing of the assembly year to be presented at the District Assembly. This report shall also be made available to the N.F.M.S. president, the N.Y.P.S. president, the chairman of the District Church School Board, and the General Junior Society Commission for the information of these respective organizations.

(4) To award standard society certificates at the close of the assembly year to each local society that has met the requirements.

6. The District Junior Society Committee shall work in harmony with other district committees or boards dealing with the interests of the boys and girls.

III. Local

Detailed outline of the functions and relationships of the local Junior Societies is found in the Junior Society Constitution and Bylaws.

§2. Local Constitution and Bylaws

ARTICLE I. *Name*

This society shall be called the Junior Society of the
..... Church of the Nazarene.

ARTICLE II. *Object*

SECTION 1. To provide devotional services and worthy Christian enterprises that will contribute to the establishment of the boys and girls of the church in Christian experience and to their growth in Christlike living and character.

SEC. 2. To provide opportunity for the development of the abilities and spiritual capacities of the Juniors through active participation in the use of the Bible material and in public prayer, testimony, and Christian fellowship.

SEC. 3. To provide a means whereby, through Bible study and missionary education, they might get a vision of the world's need and of their part in carrying out our Lord's command: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

SEC. 4. To work in harmony with other organizations of the church which together seek to meet the total needs of the boys and girls.

ARTICLE III. *Membership*

SECTION 1. The membership of this society shall be composed of boys and girls under twelve years of age, who desire to join the society.

SEC. 2. In larger societies where it seems advisable, the local supervisor, in consultation with the pastor, may arrange for a division of the society into groups along age lines such as ages 6, 7, 8, and ages 9, 10, 11. These may be given names such as Lamp Lighters and Light Bearers, or others as the local society may choose.

ARTICLE IV. *Supervisor*

SECTION 1. The Junior Society shall be under the direction of a supervisor, who shall have general oversight of all activities and shall arrange for and direct all programs of the society. She shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the society.

SEC. 2. The supervisor shall be elected annually by the church board. The nomination may be presented by a committee composed of the pastor, president of the N.Y.P.S., president of the N.F.M.S., and the Sunday-school superintendent.

SEC. 3. The supervisor, in consultation with the pastor, may select an assistant and such other helpers as are needed.

SEC. 4. The local supervisor may request a local joint committee on Junior Society work to be composed of the secretary of boys' and girls' work of the local N.F.M.S. and representatives of boys' and girls' work appointed by the local N.Y.P.S. council and the church school board respectively. The purpose of this committee will be to serve as a consultant group, giving assistance in planning the over-all program of the Junior Society, in providing contacts for the widest possible participation of the Juniors in the other interests of the church, and in making possible a correlation of the Junior Society with the other departments of the church which deal with boys and girls.

SEC. 5. The supervisor shall receive from the Junior Society treasurer, and shall direct the disbursement of, all funds raised by the society—local, district, and general. She shall present an annual report to the church treasurer of all funds raised. All money raised for general projects shall be sent through the local church treasurer to the general treasurer to apply on that portion of the General Budget represented by the general project. All money raised for district projects shall be sent through the local church treasurer to the district treasurer to be applied on that project. All money raised for local projects shall be disbursed

under the direction of the supervisor and shall be reported annually to the local church treasurer.

SEC. 6. The supervisor shall submit a report to the church board at least quarterly. She shall prepare an annual report and submit it to the annual meeting of the church and to the District Junior Society Director.

ARTICLE V. *Officers*

SECTION 1. The Junior officers of this society shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

SEC. 2. The Junior officers shall be elected quarterly by the members of the society under the direction of the supervisor.

SEC. 3. The Junior officers and the chairmen of the standing committees shall constitute the Junior Executive Council with the supervisor as ex-officio chairman.

ARTICLE VI. *Duties of Officers*

SECTION 1. The president shall, in co-operation with the supervisor, have oversight of the business of the society.

SEC. 2. The vice-president shall be ready to assist the president in any work of the society and in his absence may perform his duties in office.

SEC. 3. The secretary, assisted by the supervisor, shall keep a complete list of all members and their addresses, and a correct record of all regular and special meetings of the society. He shall conduct the correspondence of the society, and see that each meeting is properly announced.

SEC. 4. The treasurer, in co-operation with the supervisor, shall collect and keep an account of all moneys raised by the society, turning them over to the supervisor at the close of each meeting. He shall make an itemized monthly report to the society.

ARTICLE VII. *Committees*

Committees may be appointed at the discretion of the supervisor, such as:

Worship Committee, Welcome Committee, Membership Committee, Music Committee, Fellowship Committee, Good Cheer Committee (visitation and flowers.)

ARTICLE VIII. *Meetings*

SECTION 1. Devotional meetings of the society shall be held each week, the time to be determined by the local society.

SEC. 2. At least twelve meetings of the year shall be devoted to missions.

SEC. 3. Business meetings of the society shall be held on dates fixed by the society.

ARTICLE IX. *Projects*

SECTION 1. *General Projects*

(1) All general projects shall be announced from time to time by the Junior Society Commission. Each project will be related to and included in the General Budget. All money raised for such projects shall be sent through the local church treasurer to the general treasurer to apply on that portion of the General Budget represented by the project.

(2) The Junior Society Standard provided by the General Junior Society Commission for Junior Societies shall apply to the total program of the local Junior Society.

SEC. 2. *District Projects*

District projects will be selected and announced by the district Junior Society director and the District Junior Society Committee, and will be related to District Home Missions. All money raised on these projects by the local society is to be sent through the local church treasurer to the district treasurer to be applied on that project.

SEC. 3. *Local Projects*

A local society may, upon recommendation of the Junior supervisor, and with the approval of the pastor, select local projects. Money raised for these projects shall be disbursed under the direction of the

supervisor and shall be reported annually to the local church treasurer.

ARTICLE X. *Amendments*

This Constitution may be altered by action of the General Junior Society Commission as authorized by the General Assembly of 1944.

PART IX

FORMS

- I. FOR USE OF LOCAL CHURCH**
- II. FOR USE OF DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**
- III. FOR BILLS OF CHARGES**

CHAPTER I

568. FOR USE OF LOCAL CHURCH

§1. 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
- Ordination
- Song evangelist's commission
- District deaconess' license
- Renewal of district deaconess' license
- Consecration as deaconess

NOTE—This form may be used for seven different recommendations. Fill in the starred (*) phrase you need.

§2. 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*
Date 19....

NOTE—When a certificate of commendation is given a person, his membership immediately ceases in the local church issuing the certificate. [50 § 2.]

§3. 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. [50 § 3.]

§4. 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. [50§1.]

§5. Transfer Acknowledged

This certifies that A.... B.... has been received into membership by the Church of the Nazarene at this day of 19....

.....Pastor
.....Address

§ 6. 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 that spirit and practice are such as become the gospel of Christ, and that 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

§ 7. Local Deaconess' License

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT is licensed as a Local Deaconess in the Church of the Nazarene for one year, provided that her spirit and practice are such as become the gospel of Christ, and that 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

CHAPTER II

569. FOR USE OF DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

§1. 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 and ordained to 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

§2. 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

§3. 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

§4. Minister's License

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that is licensed as
 a Licensed Minister of the gospel in the Church of the
 Nazarene for one year, provided that spirit and
 practice are such as become the gospel of Christ, and
 that 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

§5. Deaconess' License

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that is licensed as
 a Licensed Deaconess in the Church of the Nazarene
 for one year, provided that her spirit and practice are
 such as become the gospel of Christ, and that 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

.....
 District Secretary

§6. 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 is to be more especially the

Done at, the day of, 19..

.....
General Superintendent

.....
District Secretary

§7. 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 is to be more especially the

Done at, the day of, 19..

.....
General Superintendent

.....
District Secretary

§8. Transfer by District Assembly

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 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 District Assembly to which addressed. [284, 312]

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 following date of issue of the District Assembly to which addressed. [286, 312]

Note—The transfer of a licensed minister or a licensed deaconess shall be valid only when accompanied by a detailed record of his or her grades in the course of study, properly certified by the secretary of the district board of ministerial studies of the issuing District Assembly. [283, 309, 311]

§9. Transfer by 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 District Assembly to which addressed. [277, 310]

Done by order of the District Advisory Board of the District, on the day of, 19....

.....
District Superintendent

.....
Secretary of District Advisory Board

§10. Acknowledgment of Reception of Transfer

To the District Secretary

Of District:

THIS IS TO NOTIFY you that the transfer 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 is now 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 transferred person's membership. [277, 284, 312]

CHAPTER III

570. FOR BILLS OF CHARGES**§1. In Trial of a Church Member****§2. In Trial of an Elder****§3. In Trial of a Licensed Minister**

Bills of Charges can be secured from the General Church Secretary, 2923 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

PART X
COURSES OF STUDY

- I. FOR LOCAL PREACHERS**
- II. FOR LICENSED MINISTERS**
- III. FOR LICENSED DEACONESSES**
- IV. FOR SONG EVANGELISTS**

CHAPTER I

571. FOR LOCAL PREACHERS

This is a two-year Course of Study for Local Preachers. It is prerequisite to entering the course for licensed ministers and must be completed before a person is eligible to proceed with the advanced theological course.

TO BE STUDIED

*Bible I—The Pentateuch
Bible History—Blaikie and Mathews
Foundations of Doctrine—Jessop
Rise of the Church of the Nazarene—Redford
Holiness and Power—Hills
Introduction to Theology—Wiley and Culbertson
The Story of Ourselves—Harper
Manual, Church of the Nazarene
Handbook of English, Macmillan
History of English Literature—Neilson and Thorndike
History of American Literature—Halleck
Basic History of the U.S.—Beard*

TO BE READ

*Preacher and Prayer—Bounds
The Labor of Love—Williamson
The Superintendent Faces His Task—Ross and McRae
Tongue of Fire—Arthur
Scriptural Freedom from Sin—Brockett
The Interior Life—Upham
Possibilities of Grace—Lowrey
The Dynamic of Faith—Wilkes
First Steps in Visitation Evangelism—Harper and
Kauffman
Plain Account of Christian Perfection—Wesley*

CHAPTER II

572. FOR LICENSED MINISTERS

The Course of Study for Licensed Ministers is theological and Biblical in character, leading toward

ordination in the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene. To pursue this course of study, the applicant must have completed the Course of Study for Local Preachers or its equivalent.

§1. First Year

TO BE STUDIED

*Bible II—The Gospels and the Acts
Christian Theology, Vol. I—Wiley
Overseers of the Flock—Williamson
Know Your Old Testament—Purkiser
The Nazarene Sunday School—Harper
Parliamentary Practice—Roberts*

TO BE READ

*Heralds of God—Stewart
The Meaning of Holiness—Corlett
The Dynamic of Service—Wilkes
The Preaching Ministry—Chapman
Ministerial Ethics and Etiquette—Harmon
Five Cardinal Elements in Sanctification—White
Minding Your Church's Business—Spangenberg
How We Got Our Bible—Smythe
The Pastor and Visitation Evangelism—Du Bois
Servant of God—Williamson*

§2. Second Year

TO BE STUDIED

*Bible III—Major and Minor Prophets
Christian Theology, Vol. II—Wiley
Know Your New Testament—Earle
Preaching from the Bible—Blackwood
Church History—Qualben
Christ's Life and Ministry—Winchester*

TO BE READ

*Fifty Years of Nazarene Missions—Taylor
The Way to Pentecost—Chadwick
The Dynamic of Redemption—Wilkes
The Mystery of Preaching—Black
Relationships in Life—Williams*

Enlisting and Developing Church Leaders—Milhouse
God's Back Pastures—Hewitt
Soul Winning Through Visitation Evangelism—Corlett
Spirit-Filled—Corlett

§3. Third Year

TO BE STUDIED

Bible IV—The Epistles
Christian Theology, Vol. III—Wiley
Progress of World-wide Missions—Glover
The Terminology of Holiness—Chapman
The Fine Art of Preaching—Blackwood
The More Excellent Way—Turner

TO BE READ

A Right Conception of Sin—Taylor
Perfect Love—Wood
Preaching—Morgan
The Meaning of Sanctification—Brown
Handbook of Denominations—Meade
The Central Idea of Christianity—Peck
Nazarene Youth in Conquest for Christ—Taylor
Checks to Antinomianism—Fletcher
How to Speak the Written Word—Lamar

(A list of these books, prices quoted, can be obtained by writing the Nazarene Publishing House, 2923 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.)

CHAPTER III

573. FOR LICENSED DEACONESSES

§1. First Year

TO BE STUDIED

Bible—The Gospel of Luke
ABC's of Doctrine—Corlett
Christ's Life and Ministry—Winchester
Know Your New Testament—Earle

TO BE READ

With Christ in the School of Prayer—Murray
The Dynamic of Service—Wilkes
Christian Purity, Abridged—Foster

§2. Second Year

TO BE STUDIED

Bible—I Thessalonians, I Peter, I John
Essential Christian Beliefs—White
Principles of Home Nursing—Mohs
Church Manual

TO BE READ

The Labor of Love—Williamson
Purity and Maturity, Abridged—Wood
Rise of the Church of the Nazarene—Redford

CHAPTER IV

574. FOR SONG EVANGELISTS

§1. First Year

TO BE STUDIED

Voice Training I
Applied Song Directing—Tovey
Music in Evangelism—Kerr
Essential Christian Beliefs—White
Labor of Love—Williamson
Rise of the Church of the Nazarene—Redford

TO BE READ

Song Leadership—Rodeheaver and Ford
Modern Gospel Song Stories—Lillenas
A Right Conception of Sin—Taylor
Bible History—Blaikie and Mathews
Relationships in Life—Williams
Dynamic of Faith—Wilkes
Scriptural Freedom from Sin—Brockett
First Steps in Visitation Evangelism—Harper and
 Kauffman

§2. Second Year

TO BE STUDIED

Voice Training II

The Amateur Choir Director—Hjortsvang

Religious Radio—Parker, Inman, and Snyder

Foundations of Doctrine—Jessop

The Nazarene Sunday School—Harper

Christ's Life and Ministry—Winchester

TO BE READ

Choir and Chorus Conducting—Wadell

Dynamic of Service—Wilkes

Temptation—Williams

Terminology of Holiness—Chapman

Five Cardinal Elements in Sanctification—White

Nazarene Youth in Conquest for Christ—Taylor

Forty Gospel Hymn Stories—Sanville

Soul Winning Through Visitation Evangelism—Corlett

How to Speak the Written Word—Lamar

NOTE—Write the Nazarene Publishing House for price list of the books used in these Courses of Study.

NOTE—Questions on Course of Study for Song Evangelists will appear in the regular question and answer book.

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- I. GENERAL OFFICERS**
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CHAPTER I

575. GENERAL OFFICERS

§1. General Superintendents

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D. I. Vanderpool
Hugh C. Benner

§2. General Church Secretary

S. T. Ludwig

§3. General Treasurer

John Stockton

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Stephen S. White

§5. Editor in Chief of Church School Periodicals

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CHAPTER II

576. ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

§1. General Board

MEMBERS BY GEOGRAPHICAL ZONES

(1) *Eastern Zone*

E. E. Grosse
Leonard Spangenberg

(2) *Southeast Zone*

A. K. Bracken
John L. Knight
J. F. Chilton
A. B. Mackey

(3) *Central Zone*

Russell V. DeLong
 Harvey S. Galloway
 Paul Updike
 Howard H. Hamlin
 Harlan R. Heinmiller
 Grover Van Duyn

(4) *Southwest Zone*

A. E. Sanner
 J. B. Deisenroth

(5) *Northwest Zone*

B. V. Seals
 J. Robert Mangum

(6) *Southern Zone*

Ray Hance
 V. H. Lewis
 Harry Craddock
 A. E. Ramquist

(7) *British Isles-Canadian Zone*

George Frame
 Edward Lawlor

(8) *Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society*

Louise R. Chapman

(9) *Nazarene Young People's Society*

Ponder Gilliland

(10) *Department of Church Schools*

Harold W. Reed

(11) *Department of Education*

Roy H. Cantrell

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Harlan R. Heinmiller
Grover Van Duyn
M. Lunn, *Executive Secretary*

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Roy H. Cantrell

J. F. Chilton
 Edward Lawlor
 A. B. Mackey
 S. T. Ludwig, *Executive Secretary*.

(6) *Department of Church Schools*

Paul Updike
 A. B. Mackey
 Harry Craddock
 V. H. Lewis
 Roy H. Cantrell
 J. F. Chilton
 A. E. Ramquist
 Harold W. Reed
 A. F. Harper, *Executive Secretary*

§ 2. General Council of the Nazarene Young People's Society

Ponder Gilliland, President
 Lauriston J. Du Bois, Executive Secretary
 Timothy Smith (Eastern Zone)
 Wilford Vanderpool (Central Zone)
 Eugene Stowe (Northwest Zone)
 W. M. Greathouse (Southeast Zone)
 Milton Poole (Southwest Zone)
 Mark Moore (West Central Zone)
 William Summerscales (British Isles-Canadian Zone)
 Gerald Johnson, Charles Muxworthy, Paul Skiles
 (Members-at-Large)
 Hardy C. Powers, General Superintendent

§3. General Council of the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society

Mrs. Louise R. Chapman, President
 Miss Mary L. Scott, Executive Secretary
 (Member-at-Large)
 Mrs. Rhea F. Miller (Eastern Zone)
 Mrs. Russell V. DeLong (Central Zone)
 Mrs. Remiss Rehfeldt (Southern Zone)
 Mrs. Gordon Olsen (Northwest Zone)
 Mrs. Earle W. Vennum (Southeast Zone)

Mrs. A. E. Sanner (Southwest Zone)
 Mrs. Edward Lawlor (British Isles-Canadian Zone)

§4. General Court of Appeals

T. W. Willingham
 A. K. Bracken
 L. T. Corlett
 A. E. Sanner
 J. Glenn Gould

§5. Book Committee

M. Lunn
 A. Milton Smith
 Mendell Taylor
 S. T. Ludwig
 L. A. Reed
 A. F. Harper
 Lauriston J. Du Bois

§6. Trustees, Nazarene Theological Seminary

Edward Lawlor (British Isles-Canadian Zone)
 Harvey S. Galloway (Central Zone)
 E. E. Grosse (Eastern Zone)
 B. V. Seals (Northwest Zone)
 John L. Knight (Southeast Zone)
 George Coulter (Southwest Zone)
 Jarrette Aycock (West Central Zone)
 Melza Brown (Elder-at-Large)
 V. H. Lewis (Elder-at-Large)
 W. S. Purinton (Elder-at-Large)
 Leonard Spangenberg (Layman-at-Large)
 M. Lunn (Layman-at-Large)
 Howard H. Hamlin (Layman-at-Large)

CHAPTER III

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

577. Relating to Credentials of General Assembly Delegates

§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.]

§ 4. Regarding those chosen by the district advisory boards and General Assembly delegations from Arizona, Northern California, Kentucky, Georgia, Michigan, Rocky Mountain, Manitoba-Saskatchewan, and Northwest districts to be members of this General Assembly, it is the opinion of your Committee on Credentials that their methods of selection contravene the principles laid down by the 1919 General Assembly and restated by subsequent General Assembly sessions, as recorded in 408, § 1, of the 1928 *Manual*; and are also a violation of the requirements of the 1928 *Manual*, 129 § 23, and 230, for the choosing of General Assembly delegates. Your Committee deems such methods of selection of delegates to the General Assembly as illegal and therefore recommends that the above be not seated. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1932.]

§ 5. Your committee was asked to rule as to "what action should be taken when an elder is elected to the General Assembly but before the convening of the Assembly the same elected elder transferred and is received to another district. Is he still qualified to act as delegate to the General Assembly from the District which he left?"

In accordance with the action taken by the Seventh General Assembly (Journal 98, § 220, and referred to in *Manual* of 1932, 416, § 3) your committee rules that such elder is ineligible to be seated in the assembly as a representative of the district which he left. [Adopted by the *General Assembly* of 1936.]

§ 6. Relating to the question of the right of a ministerial delegate-elect who has accepted a pastorate on another district to represent his district in the General Assembly, it is our opinion that paragraph 322 means that when a ministerial delegate-elect has accepted a call to a pastoral charge on another district he has vacated his right to represent at the General Assembly the district that elected him. Further, it is our opinion that the Credentials Committee acted correctly in such cases. (Adopted by the *General Assembly* of 1952.)

578. Relating to Parliamentary Procedure

We recommend the adoption of Robert's Rules of Order and Neely's Parliamentary Practice when no definite method of parliamentary procedure is indicated in the *Manual*. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1940.]

579. 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 25 § 1 (7) "membership in our 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, provided 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 25 §1 (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 provided 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 25 § 1 (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 257, is the District Assembly obliged to renew such license?

Ans. A district Assembly is not under obligation according to 257 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 is 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 459 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.]

§ 11. Is a vote naming an office merely, and not a person—an elder—for ministerial delegate to the General Assembly legal? The conclusion reached should apply to a layman as well as a ministerial nominee.

Ans. It is our opinion that, in interpretation of Part

III, Article IV, Section 2, of our Constitution, the naming of an office does not constitute a legal ballot for either ministerial or lay delegate to the General Assembly.

§ 12. Your Committee [on Judiciary] reports on Memorial No. 301, concerning the constitutionality of an age limit for voting, that it is our opinion that the setting by this General Assembly of an age limit for voting is not contrary to our Constitution. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1932.]

§ 13. Clarify the status of an elder who may be dropped from the local membership roll on account of absence of over a six-month period, which is unsatisfactorily explained, and the nonsupport of the church during this period. If a local church drops his name from the roll, what is his Assembly relationship?

Ans. It is the opinion of the Committee on Judiciary that the dropping of an elder from the church roll of which he is a member, under the conditions mentioned, cannot affect his status as a member of his Assembly District. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1940.]

§ 14. Does a recommendation for ordination, if denied, authorize the Orders and Relations Committee to recommend a renewal of minister's license without a recommendation from the local church?

Ans. A recommendation for ordination, if denied, does authorize the Orders and Relations Committee to recommend a renewal of license without any other recommendation. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1948.]

580. Relating to Modification of Constitutions and Bylaws of Auxiliary Organizations by British Isles District

Resolved, That authority be granted the British Isles District Assembly or their successors to modify from time to time the Constitution and Bylaws of auxiliary organizations as may be necessary to meet the prevail-

ing conditions in Britain, with the approval and consent of the General Superintendents being necessary for each alteration or modification. [Adopted by *General Assembly, 1944.*]

581. Relating to Retirement Pension of General Superintendents

The schedule of pensions for retired General Superintendents shall be as follows:

§ 1. A retired General Superintendent having served at least twelve years shall be eligible to receive a pension of \$2,000.00 a year. [331 § 4]

§ 2. The widow of a General Superintendent who has served the church in that office for twelve years or more shall be eligible to receive a pension of \$1,500.00 a year unless she remarries. The widow of a General Superintendent who has served fewer than twelve years shall receive a pro-rate amount of \$1,500.00 a year pension based on the years her husband served as General Superintendent. [Adopted by *General Assembly, 1940*; amended by *General Assemblies, 1948, 1952.*]

582. Relating to Storehouse Tithing

Storehouse tithing is clearly both the scriptural and practical performance of faithfully and regularly placing the tithe in that church to which the member belongs. [33]

Upon careful reflection the local church is the only storehouse properly recognizable in a scriptural sense. Therefore, to widen the scope of the definition but weakens its import and value. [Adopted by *General Assembly, 1932.*]

583. Relating to Financial Matters

§1. Our Financial Policy

First. We recommend that the General Assembly continue the budget system of general finances.

It is our opinion, however, that the primary essential of success in this regard is the full co-operation of every department of the church. Therefore,

Second. We recommend that all general funds raised by each department of each local church, including the Woman's (Nazarene) Foreign Missionary Society, after its fixed items of relief and retirement and general contingent have been excepted, shall be paid into the general budget until the general budget apportionment of the local church be paid in full for the year. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1932.]

Voted: That the present system of including all general interests in one unified budget be continued.

Voted: That the following items be fixed in the general budget: church extension, General Assembly, General Board, General Superintendents' Expense, General Treasurer. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1936.]

In considering the financial policies of the church, we recommend that regular income from tithes and offerings be our method, as it has always been, and that in all matters of expenditure settled budgets be emphasized, with specials of all kinds as second in the order or importance. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1944.]

§2. Salaries—Nazarene Young People's Society and Woman's (Nazarene) Foreign Missionary Society

Whereas, it has been the custom of the Church of the Nazarene not to pay a salary to the District and General Nazarene Young People's Society presidents, and the Woman's (Nazarene) Foreign Missionary Society District and General presidents; therefore be it

Resolved, that we petition the Eleventh General Assembly to rule that these several offices be served without pay. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1944.]

§3. 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.]

§4. 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.]

584. Relating to Bible Societies

§1. Approved Bible Societies

WHEREAS, the Church of the Nazarene places special emphasis upon the Bible as the written revelation of God, and we believe that it is the only effective agency to win new followers to Jesus Christ, and because there is an increasing need for more copies of the Scriptures; therefore be it

Resolved, First, that the General Assembly express its hearty approval of and sympathy with the work of the American Bible Society in the United States, the British and Foreign Bible Society in England and Canada, and the National Bible Society of Scotland.

Second, that this Assembly endorse the observance of Universal Bible Sunday in December, directing attention of their respective congregations on this day to the essential place the Scriptures should occupy in the lives of Christian people.

Third, that whenever it is convenient an offering be taken by each congregation on Universal Bible Sunday for the world-wide missionary work of the various Bible societies, the same to be forwarded to our denominational Headquarters, 2923 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, U.S.A.

Fourth, that the General Assembly authorize its General Church Secretary, or an alternate whom he may appoint, to attend during the ensuing quadrennium each annual session of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society held in December at Bible House in New York City. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1936.]

§2. Offering for Bible Societies

Resolved, that the Church of the Nazarene designate the first Sunday of December of each year as a special

time for the presentation of this important matter and the taking of an offering for the American Bible Society in the United States, and the respective Bible Societies in Canada and the British Isles; also that a special effort be made to have all of our churches take part in such an offering. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1936.]

[NOTE—It is understood that our churches in Scotland send their contributions to the National Bible Society of Scotland, the churches in England to the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the churches of Canada to the British and Foreign Bible Society of Canada. The churches of the United States contribute to the support of the American Bible Society.]

585. Relating to Joint Commission on Junior Society

That this General Assembly set up a commission of equal representation from the Department of Church Schools, the Woman's (Nazarene) General Foreign Missionary Society Council, and the General Nazarene Young People's Society Council, to formulate plans and promotional material for the Junior Society of the church and to correlate and make any changes necessary in the existing constitution of the Junior Society, and that this commission consist of those in Kansas City and adjacent area. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1944, continued, 1948, 1952.]

586. Relating to Educational Institutions

§1. General Council of Education

In view of the fact that there has been a feeling that a more positive co-ordination of our educational work with that of the general church is not only desirable, but imperative to the best interests of the cause of education, therefore

(1) We recommend the formation of the General Council of Education to be composed of one representative from each institution.

(2) The function of this Council shall be to consider all matters relating to our educational work referred to it by the various institutions or otherwise. A fur-

ther function of this Council shall be to study carefully the educational needs and qualifications in the light of proper educational standards and make recommendations concerning the same to the Department of Education. The Council shall meet annually, and the expense of said meetings is to be borne by the various institutions represented.

(3) We recommend that such major matters as the erection of new buildings, the purchase or sale of property, or the creating of any indebtedness in the capital accounts, involving more than ten thousand dollars [\$10,000.00], must have the approval of the majority of the membership of the districts making up the supporting zone, together with the approval of the General Council of Education and the approval of the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents.

In other words, this places each institution in vital relation to the general church, for the institutions would be directly amenable to their respective supporting districts and also subject to the approval of the General Council of Education, the General Board, and the Board of General Superintendents.

(4) We also recommend that our schools adhere strictly to the action of the General Board of Education taken in 1921, requiring our schools and colleges so to adjust their current expense budgets as to be able to operate without an accumulation of annual deficits. .

(5) We recommend that the functions of the Educational Secretary shall be to make investigations concerning financial and scholastic needs and possibilities of our educational institutions. He shall further serve our schools and people in connection with the development of a more favorable sentiment regarding our educational work and the securing of general funds and permanent endowments. The expense of such service shall be borne jointly by the schools affected and the Department of Education. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1932.]

§2. Athletics

We recommend that it be definitely provided that schools and colleges of the Church of the Nazarene engage only in intramural athletics. [Adopted by *General Assembly, 1940.*]

§3. Dramatics

Whereas, There is danger in the excessive use of dramatic productions in our schools and colleges; be it

Resolved, That this practice be carefully restricted and greater emphasis be placed on the spiritual exercise that leads to sound Christian experience. [Adopted by *General Assembly, 1940.*]

587. Relating to Church History

The General Assembly ordered a Committee on Church History and elected to that committee Rev. M. E. Redford, Prof. Clinton Bushey, and Rev. Roy E. Swim. The Assembly ordered further that the expenses of the Committee on History be paid from the general contingent fund under the approval of the Board of General Superintendents.

The Book Committee, the Board of General Superintendents, the General Church Secretary, and the Committee on History were authorized at their discretion to prepare a history of the Church of the Nazarene. [Adopted by *General Assembly, 1936.*]

588. Relating to Appointment of Pastors for Small Churches

That this General Assembly advise that pastors for churches that have been organized for less than two years, or that have fewer than twenty-five voting members, or that pay less than ten dollars per week, be appointed by the General Superintendent, the District Superintendent, and the district advisory board, with the consent of the delegates at the District Assembly. In case of a vacancy in the pastorate in such churches in the interim between District Assemblies, such should be filled by the appointment of the District Superintendent. [Adopted by *General Assembly, 1936.*]

589. Relating to Nominating Committee in the Local Church

Resolved, that we approve the use of a nominating committee in the election of officers, boards, and district assembly delegates by the local church. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1944.]

590. Relating to Use of Church Buildings

This General Assembly goes on record as being opposed to the use of any part of our church buildings for recreational and entertainment purposes. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1940.]

591. Relating to Foreign Missionary Activities Among Young People

That the missionary activities of the Nazarene Young People's Society be continued as heretofore, and that there be no separate organization for foreign missionary activities among young people, except that of the Young Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which may be organized as a chapter of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and of which young men may become associate members. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1936.]

592. Relating to Public Morals

§ 1 Permanent Committee on Public Morals

Your Committee on State of the Church and Public Morals recommends the appointment of a permanent Committee on Public Morals whose duty it shall be to promote a program of constructive instruction on such subjects as: marriage, divorce, temperance, tobacco, Sabbath observance, oathbound secret orders, the theater, including the movies, worldliness of other types, and such other related subjects as may need emphasis. This program shall be promoted through the regular periodicals of our church, by pamphlets and booklets, study courses and lectures. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1944.]

§2. 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.]

§3. Modern or Folk Dancing

Resolved, That we go on record as being opposed to modern or folk dancing, either in ballrooms or other places, even under the guise of physical education classes. [Adopted by General Assembly, 1952.]

§4. Magazines, Radio, and Television

Since we are living in a day of great moral confusion in which we face the potential encroachment of the evils of the day into the sacred precincts of our home through various avenues such as current literature, radio, and the more modern medium of television, it is essential that the most rigid safeguards be observed to keep our homes from becoming secularized and worldly.

While we recognize these agencies are of great value in the propagation of the gospel and the salvation of souls, we do deplore the low moral tone of much current literature, comic magazines, articles and pictures of some magazines, and the contents of many books.

We likewise deplore the sensuous appeal of many radio and television programs. We believe it to be detrimental to the welfare of our homes to listen to or view programs of the Hollywood type of movies or shows of the vaudeville level. We therefore call upon our leaders and pastors to give strong emphasis in our periodicals and from our pulpits to such fundamental truths as will develop the principle of discrimination between the evil and the good to be found in these mediums.

We suggest that the standard given to John Wesley by his mother, namely, "Whatsoever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience,

obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things, whatever increases the authority of your body over mind, that thing for you is sin," form the basis for this teaching of discrimination.

We especially recommend that the reading, listening, and viewing on the Sabbath day be consistent with our high standards of holiness, and that we do not allow any television program to become a substitute for church attendance. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1952.]

593. Relating to the *Manual*

§ 1. *Resolved*, that the *Manual* be adopted as amended by the Thirteenth General Assembly. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1952.]

§ 2. *Resolved*, that all legislative amendments to the *Manual* by the Thirteenth General Assembly shall be effective upon such date as may be announced in the *Herald of Holiness* by the Board of General Superintendents. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1952.]

§ 3. *Resolved*, that the *Manual* Editing Committee be and they are hereby authorized to harmonize conflicting statements which may appear in the records of the actions of the Thirteenth General Assembly in regard to changes in the *Manual*. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1952.]

§ 4. *Resolved*, that the members of the *Manual* Editing Committee be and they are hereby authorized to edit Part VI of the *Manual*, which lists Boundaries, to include all new districts formed since the Tenth General Assembly. [Adopted by *General Assembly*, 1944.]



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