

Sacramento District Institute of Ministry

The Sacramento District Institute of Ministry exists to assist and provide ministerial students with the minimum educational requirement as one piece of the requirements for Ordination in the Church of the Nazarene. We recommend that our students attend one of our Church's Educational Institutions. However, we realize that for some students it is not possible to relocate to another area. Therefore, SDIM offers the 26 classes as approved by our Department of Pastoral Ministries in various locations around our District.

SDIM is directed by our District Superintendent, the SDIM Board, which includes the SDIM Director, and two of our instructors. We also work closely with our District Board of Ministerial Studies to be certain our students are progressing at a successful pace. Students pay a tuition and purchase their own text books.

SDIM works with two different programs to meet the educational needs of our students

1. The Alliance with Nazarene Bible College approved by Pastoral Ministries
2. The Modular Program, also approved by Pastoral Ministries

Both programs meet the Church's requirements for Ordination in the Church of the Nazarene. Both programs offer the same classes, but some have different class titles. One difference between the two programs is that classes taken through our Alliance program can be transferred to our Nazarene Bible College if a student desires to earn college credit for the classes, provided all the criteria are met.

Regular classes are currently offered in Sacramento/Loomis, Reno/Sparks, Lodi, Doris, and Zoom. We could expand to other locations according to student needs. Notifications about classes are emailed three to four weeks prior to class start date along with registration information.

We could not exist without quality pastors willing to give their time to prepare, teach, and mentor students. We are blessed to have the following instructors in this ministry: Freeman Hodgins, Kyle Johnson, Todd Renegar, Byron Fisk, Dan Elliott, Jerry Copp, Harrold Brimmer, and Leon Skinner.

SDIM would not be possible without the support and leadership of our District Superintendent, The Rev. Steve Scott. I am also very appreciative of our District Treasurer, Delona Archer, and District Executive Assistant, Kaitlin Peoples, all of whom give help and support to SDIM.

I am privileged to be a part of the Sacramento District and to serve in this ministry.

Respectively Submitted,
Leon D. Skinner, Director, Sacramento District Institute of Ministry