



Ministerial Studies & Credentials Board Interview Information / 2024

TO ALL LOCAL AND DISTRICT LICENSED MINISTERS: We are looking forward to welcoming you to your meeting with the Ministerial Studies & Credentials Boards on February 19-21, 2024 at the Sacramento District Church of the Nazarene Office, 6235 S. Walnut Street, Suite 200, Loomis, CA. Please carefully read through the following **Checklist** and **Interview** information.

► **THE CHECKLIST (LINKS):** Please read and submit all of the following forms by **1/15/2024**

- _____ **Read** the "[Ministerial Approval Process](#)" for Local/District License & Ordination
STOP & READ: you must be Local Licensed for a minimum of one year and have completed at least six approved classes in the Course of Study to continue this checklist.
- _____ **Submit** an "[District Minister's License Application-English](#)" or "[District Minister's License Application-Spanish](#)" via Jot Form
(If you believe you are **ALSO** qualified to apply for Ordination, please contact District Superintendent Rev. Steve Scott/sscott@sacnaz.org for an additional Ordination/Recognition Questionnaire).
- _____ **Submit** the "[Articles of Faith Written Assignment-English](#)" or "[Articles of Faith Written Assignment-Spanish](#)" via Jot Form
- _____ **Request** your senior pastor/mentor and local church board to submit written recommendations on your behalf. "[Ministerial Candidate Recommendation Forms-English](#)" or "[Ministerial Candidate Recommendation Forms-Spanish](#)" via Jot Form (If you currently serve as senior/lead pastor, the D.S. completes the Pastor's Recommendation and the Church Board completes their form as well.)
- _____ **Study** the "[Interview Guidelines](#)" for your assigned year to prepare for your Credentials Board interview
- _____ **Complete** the **Online "Leading From Your Strengths Profile"** (www.ministryinsights.com), and "[CliftonStrengths](http://www.gallup.com/cliftonstrengths)" (www.gallup.com/cliftonstrengths) – to be completed one time only. Submit a copy of both resources to sacdist@sacnaz.org.
- _____ **Be engaged** and participate in a mentoring relationship with an approved mentor.
- _____ **AFTER you submit** all of the above items, you will be scheduled for a district license interview. Please notify District Secretary, Rev. Jon Fitzpatrick (topastorjon@sbcglobal.net) immediately if you have any special schedule requests (work schedules, family needs). Please allow for a potentially longer period than your scheduled time. **Interviews are scheduled for up to 60 minutes each, Mon.-Tues., 9am-5pm; and Wed., 9am-3pm; Feb. 19-21, 2024.**

The above information links can also be accessed at <https://www.sacnaz.org/pastoralresources>

Send Transcripts only to:

Rev. Dan Hopkins, Ministerial Studies dan@plaznaz.com/ (209) 985-6064. 6040 Mother Lode Dr., Placerville, CA 95667

For general questions: Rev. Steve Scott, District Superintendent / sscott@sacnaz.org/ (916) 652-1193

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THE INTERVIEW

- When you first arrive at the District Office, please check in with Kaitlin Peoples, Executive Assistant.
- You are encouraged to dress in business casual attire.
- You are welcome to use a printed Bible during your interview (the printed one, not the digital one).
- IF applying for Ordination (and married) we request that your spouse attend the interview with you!

1. The procedure for your interviews will include meeting with:

- a. ***the Ministerial Studies Board*** to **1)** review your transcripts, **2)** review courses you completed in the past year, **3)** verify your current placement within the Course of Study and **4)** review your current mentoring relationship. If you are a graduate of the course of study your interview will include an update of your ongoing academic development for ministry.
- b. ***the Ministerial Credentials Board*** to consider your application for a district license or ordination, and to evaluate your personal and ministry development in the past year. This is the Board who will be listening to your presentation on the Articles of Faith and asking you the "Interview Guidelines" questions.

2. As a student in the Course of Study please be ready to identify a Mentor (a local pastor or other ordained minister), with whom you have met in the past 12 months, and plan to meet in the coming 12 months, to continue developing your personal accountability & spiritual purity.

3. IF you are granted your first district license in this meeting, we request that you make arrangements to attend the Ordination Service on Friday, April 26, 7:00 pm at Auburn Parkside Church, so that we may present your first District License to you.

4. IF for any reason you experience significant travel delays or if weather conditions prohibit you from getting to your scheduled interview, please call Kaitlin Peoples immediately. If absolutely necessary we will attempt to adjust or reschedule your interview time. (916) 652-1193 x2

5. Please notify the district office if you have a change of personal/contact information at any time (address; phone; email; church; assigned role, etc.).

The District Studies & Credentials Boards are here to encourage, support, and help clarify your call to ministry. We will certainly be in prayer with you as you follow God's leadership in your life.

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