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**Organization Service for
CrossPoint Community Church of the Nazarene
May 13, 2007**

Prelude

Musicians

Welcome/Call to Worship

Pastor Solis

Worship in Song

Musicians

(This should be your normal package of worship through music, perhaps with a focus upon the church, body of Christ, community, etc.)

Introduce District Superintendent Rowell

Pastor Solis

Liturgy of Installation

Rev. Rowell: Loved ones in Christ, we are gathered on this Lord's Day for the special purpose of officially organizing the CrossPoint Community Church of the Nazarene. Indeed you are already a church and have been so since your new start nearly ten years ago. Today, however, the life of this congregation moves to a new level as you embrace the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of a fully organized congregation in accordance with the Constitution and polity of the International Church of the Nazarene.

On behalf of the global family of Nazarenes, I commend you for your vision, your faith, and your diligent labor as you have worked together hand in hand and heart to heart to be a community of faith that lives as an authentic expression of the kingdom of God in the world. By this act of organization, you declare your intention to share with more than 18,000 congregations in 151 areas of the world in fulfilling our common mission: "To make Christlike disciples in the nations."

(Note: if possible, put the denomination mission statement on the screen)

Three core values guide us in this mission:

We are a Christian people. We stand with Christians everywhere in affirming the historic Trinitarian creeds, and we deeply value our particular heritage in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition. We look to the Bible as our primary source of truth as it proclaims Christ to us, and "all things necessary to our salvation."

We are a Holiness people. We believe that the grace of God provides not only forgiveness for sins but also the cleansing of our hearts by faith. By this gracious act of the Holy Spirit, we are sanctified (set apart) and empowered to live Christ-like lives in the world.

We are a Missional people. We believe God calls us to participation with Himself in the Kingdom mission of reconciliation. We do this by preaching the Gospel, by acts of compassion and justice, and by making disciples after the pattern of Jesus – "teaching them to obey everything [Jesus has] commanded."

Rev. Rowell: Pastor Solis, would you please now present those who will be the charter members of Crosspoint Community Church of the Nazarene?

Pastor Solis: Rev. Rowell, it is my honor to present to you the charter members of this congregation. I commend them to you as brothers and sisters in Christ who are committed to our common mission as members of the Church of the Nazarene.

(Pastor reads the names or introduces each member or family. Have the people either stand and remain standing or come to the altar and stand across the front of the sanctuary.)

Rev. Rowell: Brothers and Sisters, I ask you now to reaffirm your membership vows.

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, and do you realize that He saves you now?

Response: I do.

Do you affirm the Agreed Statement of Belief of the Church of the Nazarene?

Response: I do.

Do you covenant to give yourself to the fellowship and work of God in connection with the Church of the Nazarene as set forth in the Covenant of Christian Character and the Covenant of Christian Conduct? Will you 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, will you seek earnestly to perfect holiness of heart and life in the fear of the Lord?

Response: I will.

Rev. Rowell: Therefore, by the authority entrusted to me as Superintendent of the Kansas City District Church of the Nazarene, I hereby declare the official organization of the CrossPoint Community Church of the Nazarene. Welcome to the global family of Nazarene congregations. May the Lord in His great mercy equip you daily with everything good for doing His will. And may the peace of Christ be with you.

CrossPoint Community Church, I invite you now to join with your sisters and brothers across the district in expression of the covenant that binds us together as the congregations of the Kansas City District:

(Words on screen or in program; All read in unison):

We will follow the Bible in living together as communities of faith:

We will strive to create and sustain effective ministry that will renew and strengthen believers and call sinners to repentance,

We will proclaim in word and deed the message of holiness of heart and life,

We will be communities of grace, forgiveness, and reconciliation. We will not allow our differences to divide us, but will practice hospitality,

We will work together as a district family, celebrating our victories and praying for one another in our struggles,

We will, by God's grace, live in full surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Closing Prayer)

(Service continues as usual. The sacrament of communion would be an especially appropriate way to conclude worship on this day.)