ORDINATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Share briefly with us an up-to-date account of your relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. Share briefly with us about your call to the ministry.
3. What has been the greatest frustration you have experienced in your ministry?
4. What makes you excited about getting out of bed in the morning and being a pastor or an associate pastor?
5. Tell us about your devotional life and about how you keep your daily meeting with Jesus.
6. How often do you meet with an accountability partner?
7. Tell us a time during the past two weeks when you have spent quality time with your spouse and your children.
8. Let’s talk about your weekly schedule. (a) What day do you normally take as a day off? (b) When is the normal time each week that you attempt to reserve for sermon preparation?
9. What part of pastoral care (Shepherding the flock of God) do you like most and what part do you like least?
10. What part of church administration do you like the least?
11. Share with us from the Word of God how you would respond to a person who came to you and said, “Can you tell me how to become born again? (saved)
12. Tell us about someone you have been mentoring during this past year.
13. What is your response to someone who says, “I believe the speaking in unknown tongues is the evidence that you have been filled with the Holy Spirit?”
14. What is your feeling about how churches are assessed budgets for World Mission, Pensions, Education, and the District?
15. What books have you been reading during the past six months?
16. Do you enjoy preaching? How would you classify yourself as a preacher?
17. Would you explain to us what you believe about why entire sanctification is needed, how it is provided and what happens to a person who is entirely sanctified? Please give us specific scripture references to support your position.
18. Are you in complete harmony with the polity, the government, the articles of faith, the general rules, and The Covenant of Christian Conduct of the Church of the Nazarene?
19. Who manages the finances in your house? Are you behind in any of your financial obligations at this time? How much of your debt is credit card debt?
20. The moral climate of the day, as well as the Scriptures (I Thess. 4:3-5 et al) call for pure lives above reproach. Is Internet pornography or any other moral issue (TV, movies, sensual literature) a problem for you?
21. What methods of evangelism have you led your church to utilize during the past twelve months?
22. Please tell us what you perceive ordination to represent?
23. Are there any questions you wish to ask this board?