

## Local Advisor's Covenant

### Oregon Pacific District Church of the Nazarene Board of Ministry

The call of God to a lifetime as a minister in the Church of the Nazarene is one the church takes seriously and designs to seriously support. One who is called to serve as a minister in the church will be led into a process of development that includes identifying, demonstrating and developing gifts and graces for ministry. The local church pastor and the local church board, according to the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene, are instrumental in this process.

The Board of Ministry thus requires each person who testifies to a call to ministry to identify a Local Advisor that they will enter into a covenant relationship with. The Local Advisor will serve as a prayer partner, mentor, ministry supervisor and person who holds their advisee accountable to the process of ministerial development as prescribed by the Board of Ministry.

The Local Advisor's Covenant with one called to ministry:

I will pray for you regularly.

I will meet with you at least quarterly to mentor, support and encourage you as well as to evaluate your progress in your ministerial development. If you are on the ministerial staff of my church, our regular staff meeting may serve in lieu of these meetings, but only by our mutual agreement.

I will be available to you via email or phone when you need advice or have questions, endeavoring to contact you within 48 hours of your request.

I will be candid with you, willing to hold you accountable, challenging you to your best response to the call of God on your life, and prepared to "tell you the hard truth" as necessary.

As it becomes appropriate, I will recommend you to the church board for a Local Minister's License/District Minister's License/Renewal of License.

I will promptly complete the annual Local Advisor's Report to the Board of Ministry when you provide it to me.

I will promptly complete the mid-year Local Advisor's Report during your year of mentoring when you provide it to me.

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Local Advisor

Candidate

Date