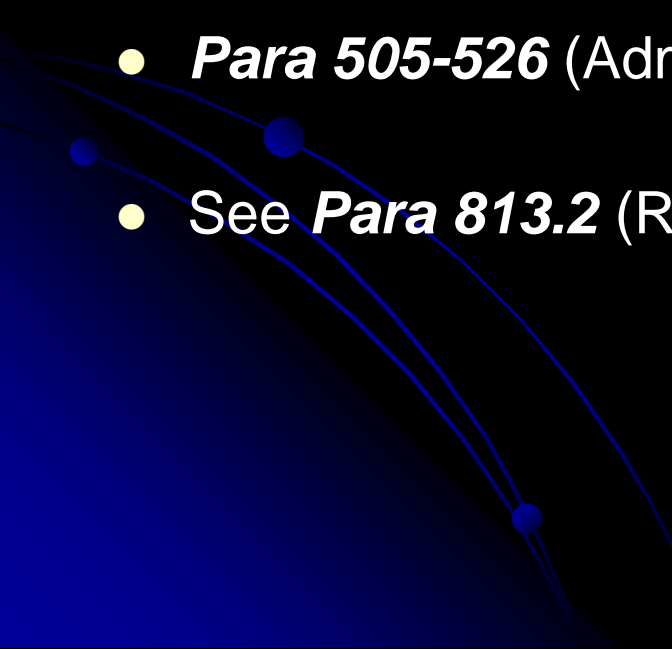


Assigned Ministry Roles

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What are 'Assigned Roles'?

- **Para 504:** The church recognizes the following categories of service in which a district assembly may place an elder, deacon, or, as circumstances warrant, a licensed minister: pastor, evangelist, missionary, teacher, administrator, chaplain, and special service.
 - **Para 505-526** (Administrator. . .through. . .Special Service)
 - See **Para 813.2** (Recommendation to the District Assembly)
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Why does it matter?

To qualify for ordination in the Church of the Nazarene, candidates must complete:

- ***Para 528.1.*** A validated course of study. . .
- ***Para 530.4. [and]*** must achieve graduation from a validated course of study within 10 years from the granting of the first district license. Any exception, due to unusual circumstances, may be granted by the Ministerial Credentials Board, subject to the approval of the general superintendent in jurisdiction.

Why does it matter?

To qualify for ordination (continued):

- **Para 531/532.** The candidate may be elected to the order of deacon/elder by two thirds vote of the district assembly; ***provided he or she has been an assigned minister not less than three consecutive years; and provided further that the candidate must currently be serving in an assigned ministry.*** In the case of ***part-time assignment***, it should be understood that there should be an extension of the consecutive years of in-service time, depending on their level of involvement in local church ministry, and that their testimony and service demonstrate that their call to ministry is primary to all other pursuits.

Who determines ministry role?

- **Para 530.1.3.** When members of the Church of the Nazarene acknowledge a call to a lifetime of ministry, they may be licensed as ministers by the district assembly provided. . . they have been ***recommended for such work by the church board of the local church of which they are members***, to which recommendation shall be attached the Application for Minister's License carefully filled in.
- **Para 530.5.** In the case of ***licensed/local ministers who are serving as pastors***, the ***recommendation for the granting/renewal of minister's license shall be made by the District Advisory Board***. (222.11)
- Recommendations are made using ***Form 813.2 (Recommendation to the District Assembly)***

Who determines ministry role?

Whose responsibility is this?

- **CANDIDATE** - YOU must be aware of these requirements. It is YOUR call to ministry and YOUR ordination that is affected.
- **Church Board/Local Pastor/District Advisory Board** – YOU are responsible for the recommendation – YOU must be aware
- **District Board of Ministry** – YOU are a gatekeeper and have the responsibility to effectively advise candidates – YOU must be aware.

Full-time or Part-time?

- For those serving in staff roles and/or a role other than Pastor, there is the further need to determine whether the service is **Full-time or Part-time** which bears on qualification for ordination as well as contributions to a minister's tax sheltered annuity (TSA).
- From the time perspective, general guidelines are that ministry is at least 30 hours per week to be considered full-time.
- For retirement and the TSA contributions, ministers **other than the pastor**, must be full-time in an assigned role; denominational policy is that at least 50% of a minister's livelihood is received via the ministry in order to be designated full-time.