COURSE GENERAL INFORMATION:

Dates: on the following Mondays: February 17, 24, March 3 & 10
Time of meeting: 6 to 10 p.m.
Place of meeting: Tidewater Central Church of the Nazarene, 5514 Parliament Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23462

COURSE INSTRUCTOR:


Pastoral ministry: 37 ½ years all in the Church of the Nazarene – Steubenville, Canton (Calvary), Kent, and Akron (Kenmore), OH on the now East Ohio district; Tidewater Central on the Virginia district

Current district involvements – district secretary, District Advisory Board member, & Court of Appeals member

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is a study of the history and organization of the Church of the Nazarene with special attention given to its birth, structure, heritage, and distinctive mission.

It is intended for those persons who are currently preparing for specialized ministry within the Church of the Nazarene but is open to any and all who would like to attend and audit the class.

COURSE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES:
1. Locate the Church of the Nazarene within the Wesleyan, evangelical, and holiness traditions of the larger Christian family.

2. Identify the factors leading to the rise of the Church of the Nazarene as well as those contributing to the growth development, and perpetuation of the denomination.

3. Name and discuss key leaders who organized our church and contributed to its story over the years.

4. Understand and articulate the distinctive doctrine of the Church of the Nazarene in biblical, evangelical, and Christian context.

5. Communicate the unique values, social principles, and ethical standards of the Church of the Nazarene; how and why they were formed, how and why they were modified, and why they are important today.

6. Grasp and apply the distinguishing features of our church polity on the local, district, and general levels.

7. More effectively communicate our denominational mission as vital to our sense of identity, character, purpose, and future as well as our dialogue with the larger Christian family, American society, and our global village.

8. Apply new insights learned to leadership and ministry.

The following competencies as outlined in the Sourcebook for Ministerial Development to meet the educational requirements for ordination within the Church of the Nazarene will be achieved by completing this course:

- Ability to list and explain the Nazarene Articles of Faith
- Ability to identify the formative influences of the American Holiness Movement and the Church of the Nazarene
- Ability to identify and explain the significance of the major figures and events in the Church of the Nazarene
- Ability to identify the directives of the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene that pertain to the organization and ministry of the local church and to the responsibilities of the pastor at the local and district levels.
- Ability to place the ministry in context in light of the large schemes of world and national history.

COURSE TEXTBOOKS:


MANUAL, Church of the Nazarene, 2009-13. Kansas City: Nazarene Publishing House (Soft Cover, Hard Cover, CD Rom, or downloaded on a tablet)


**Note:** Students are responsible to have the required textbooks prior to the first day of class and are encouraged to begin reading them in preparation for the class as soon as possible.

**COURSE SCHEDULE:**

- Week One – Our Roots and Mission
- Week Two – The Issues We Face
- Week Three – The Lifestyle We Live
- Week Four – Our Administration