

Protocol for Policy on Multi-Sites across District Boundaries

I. Policy on Multi-Sites across District Boundaries

The Mission of the Church of the Nazarene is to make Christlike disciples in the Nations. That mission includes the beginning of many new churches to provide places of discipleship and worship. Organized Churches of the Nazarene in the USA and Canada are encouraged to begin new and creative ministries in response to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Occasionally the Spirit may lead across district boundaries. We encourage our churches to be faithful to the leading of the Holy Spirit and to begin multi-site churches across district boundaries in a manner consistent with Christian courtesy. In practical terms that means to communicate carefully with the district superintendent of the district where the new multi-site will occur prior to the start of the new ministry. As a connectional system of interdependent churches, districts and regions, the Church of the Nazarene demonstrates a Kingdom of God mindset by choosing intentionally to follow the leading of the Spirit wherever He leads. This policy should result in more Christlike disciples.

II. Checklist

- The new ministry is a result of earnest prayer and an attempt to discern the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- The new ministry is started to make Christlike disciples, not to rearrange existing Christians.
- The DSs of both districts involved have been informed of the new ministry with due consideration of any expressed issues or concerns.
- The new ministry should be registered as a Parent Affiliated Congregation (PAC) on the district where the parent church main campus is located.
- While the “official” statistics of the new ministry will be reported through the parent congregation’s district both districts may report “total missional impact”.
- Recognizing that an outwardly focused world vision is healthy for all new ministries, the new congregation will pay their “Funding the Mission” giving. This will be done as a part of the district where the parent church is located.