

Tenured Status

During the time that Dr. Jerald Johnson was responsible for the Church Growth and Evangelism Division, he, along with the Committee, decided that we should have another status for the evangelist called the “Tenured” Evangelist.

The “Tenured” status is established for one who makes evangelism their **full-time endeavor, their primary source of income, and plans to make it their life-long work.** This status distinguishes them from one who is engaging in the work of evangelism on a part-time basis or a pastor who is between pastorates holding revival meetings.

The purpose of Tenure is to raise the level of the God-Called Evangelist to a place of responsibility and integrity in the eyes of Pastors and the Church at large.

CRITERIA FOR TENURED EVANGELIST STATUS

- 1) Applicant must have completed four (4) full (26 revivals) and consecutive years as a Commissioned Evangelist before they can be recommended by their District Ministerial Credentials Board.
- 2) Applicant must send the Committee a printed copy of their schedule for those four (4) full (26 revivals) and consecutive years, plus along with a printed copy of their future schedule for two (2) years prior to being interviewed.
- 3) Applicant must send the Committee a letter or statement from their home church of paying tithes and offerings prior to being interviewed.
- 4) Applicant’s spouse needs to be present or send a letter to the Committee sharing their view, involvement and support of applicant’s evangelistic endeavors.
- 5) Applicant will need to review the **Covenant of Responsibility** and be prepared to discuss and sign it. The **Covenant of Responsibility** will be the basis of the Committee’s interview. The **Covenant** serves as a code of ethics for Tenured Evangelists to be accountable and responsible to God, the church and other Nazarene evangelists.
- 6) Applicant must request a *Tenured Evangelist Application* form from their District Secretary.
- 7) Complete the application form and return it to your District Secretary.
- 8) The application will be considered by the District Ministerial Credentials Board. The District Ministerial Credentials Board will probably want to interview you personally. If their action is to Recommend you for Tenured Status, they will forward your application

to the *Committee on the Interests of the God-Called Evangelist*, Revivalism Ministries, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

9) The *Committee on the Interests of the God-Called Evangelist* will make arrangements for a personal interview with the applicant. Recommendation by the District Ministerial Credentials Board does not insure that a tenured status will be granted since the *Committee on the Interests of the God-Called Evangelist* will take tenure of involvement in full-time evangelism into consideration of their action. If the action of the committee is to approve the recommendation, they will forward your application to the Board of General Superintendents.

10) If the action of the Board of General Superintendents is to approve the recommendation, they will forward your fully approved application to the General Secretary's Office for processing.

11) The General Secretary will notify you and your district superintendent of your approval as a Tenured Evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene and enclose the Tenured Evangelist certificate. Your application, with all approval signatures, will be kept on file at Nazarene Headquarters. Your certification will remain valid so long as you continue to meet the qualifications for Tenured Evangelist and/or until you are granted retired status. (2005-2009 *Manual*; 228.8, 431-.1)

12) At least once every four (4) years your district superintendent will schedule and conduct a personal interview with you regarding your ministry as a Tenured Evangelist, per *Manual* 408.4.