

Ministerial Candidate Workshop

March 16-18, 2018 • Camp Garner Creek Retreat Center, Dickson, TN

This weekend is uniquely designed to provide licensed ministers seeking ordination a deeper understanding of their calling. The goal of the workshop is to help candidates:

- Identify personal strengths and giftings
- Receive focused guidance and direction
- Develop deeper self-awareness
- Review the Nazarene ordination process
- Cultivate supportive relationships with district leaders

At the heart of the workshop are times of worship designed to draw parallels between great leaders in the Bible and today's need for God-directed pastors.

Each attendee will receive a private consultation with a professional assessment specialist to help discover and understand their unique ministry profile. Additionally, seminars will be held during the Ministerial Candidate Workshop (MCW) with the goal of arming attendees with tools for and insights into ministry.

Tentative Seminar Line-up

- **Personal Spiritual Growth**
- **Strengths in Ministry**
- **Living in a Glass House**
- **Staying connected in the midst of Ministry**
- **Single in Ministry**

Each part of this workshop has been designed to build upon the next, creating a journey of self-awareness.

What this is all about...

The vision for the assessment process and the MCW is to assist in the equipping of licensed candidates seeking ordination in the Church of the Nazarene. The MCW is the result of regional district superintendents and the Center for Pastoral Health working together to provide licensed ministers with "tools of effectiveness".

The Regional planning team has been working together to plan the workshop for the spring of 2018. The intention of this year's MCW is for districts to invite licensed ministers to attend that have reached a level of assigned ministry as determined by the individual district and/or within one or two years of ordination candidacy.

Participants must be registered by November 1, 2017

Following registration, assessment instruments including the PAI (Personality Assessment Inventory), the NEO-Personality Inventory the MSI (Marital Satisfaction Inventory), the Strength-Finders inventory, and others are sent to each candidate. Together, these materials take approximately seven hours to complete.

After completed materials are received, results are reviewed by a professional assessment specialist in preparation for the private consultations which will take place during the MCW. Feedback from these assessments is designed to help identify each candidate's unique ministry gifting.

During the MCW, candidates/spouses also have the opportunity to interact with each other, attend seminars, and spend time in prayerful reflection. This workshop is designed to be an uplifting and informative experience for each candidate (and his/her spouse)!



Important Dates

Mark your calendar! Below are a few key dates to remember as you prepare for the workshop.

September 18	Registration Opens
November 1	Registration Closes
December 4	Candidates Receive Assessment Packets
January 8	Assessment Packet Due
March 16-18	Ministerial Candidate Workshop

Tentative Schedule for the Weekend

This weekend has been designed with the intent that candidates attend ALL scheduled activities. Please plan to participate in the entire weekend.

Friday, March 16, 2018

12:30 PM	Registration
1:30 PM	Welcome/Opening Exercises
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Worship/General Session—Moses: The Call to Ministry

Saturday, March 17, 2018

7:30 AM	Breakfast/Devotional Reflection
8:30 AM	Personal Spiritual Formation Plan
9:30 AM	Seminar Sessions/Consultations
Noon	Lunch
1:30 PM	Seminar Sessions/Consultations
6:00 PM	Dinner with District Leadership
7:00 PM	General Session—Peter: The Making of a Minister

Sunday, March 18, 2018

7:30 AM	Breakfast/Devotional Reflection
8:30 AM	Small Group
9:15 AM	General Session—Paul: The Pattern for Ministry/Communion and Sending Ceremony

Workshop Costs

- \$385/couple
- \$335/single
- \$490/couple both seeking ordination

NOTE: A \$150 deposit is due at the time of registration. The deposit is non-refundable after Jan. 1, 2018. The balance is due Feb. 19, 2018.

The registration fee for this event includes:

- Accommodations Friday and Saturday night
- 5 meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast)
- Assessment inventory and scoring
- A 90-minute private consultation

To register for this event or for additional information please contact Dr. Rick Underwood at runderwood@trevecca.edu or call 615-248-1213.

Below are some of the testimonials from previous MCWs:

- *“This is a valuable tool for anyone, no matter how long you have been in ministry, to assess your strengths and weaknesses.”*
- *“I thought the weekend was fabulous, spiritually uplifting, personally reflective, and positively introspective. It exceeded my expectations.”*
- *“The consultation session was a good opportunity to discuss issues that arise in ministry with ideas on how to improve areas that are troublesome.”*
- *“This was a wonderful way of ‘confirming’ God’s call on our lives. This retreat is a motivational experience which will lead to new enthusiasm at home and in our church.”*
- *“This was a great opportunity to meet with brothers and sisters in Christ and share ministry. I enjoyed connecting with other spouses to share our experiences and advice. It was a blessing to see a realistic look at all aspects of the ministry.”*
- *“I liked the supportive nature of the entire workshop—very natural and personal presentations as well as an unforced expectation to do deep in a very personal way.”*



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MCW Registration 2018

Please fill in all requested information on the registration form for the 2018 MCW at Camp Garner Creek Retreat Center, Dickson, TN. Please return with your deposit of \$150 or full payment for the event to Dr. Rick Underwood, Trevecca Nazarene University, 333 Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, TN 37210. Please Make checks payable to Trevecca Nazarene University. Any questions? Please contact Dr. Rick Underwood at runderwood@trevecca.edu.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____
(Required Attendance)

Email Address: _____

Spouse's Email Address: _____

Address where you would like your assessment packet sent: (including city, state and zip)

Telephone: _____

District: _____