



## South Carolina District Church of the Nazarene

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### **Letter of Explanation - Background Checks**

To Candidates for District License / Ordinand,

In accordance with paragraphs 429.1 and 437.8 of the 2009-2013 Manual of the Church of the Nazarene the South Carolina District Advisory Board and Ministerial Credentials Board have implemented a policy concerning “Background Checks”.

As a denomination and as a district we recognize the importance of protecting our ministers and our congregations. The use of Background checks has become a matter of standard operating procedure for churches in a number of settings (.i.e., those who work with children and youth). The use of a background check as part of the process for receiving a district license is really a matter of due diligence by the district and serves as a way to protect every applicant for ministry.

The reports generated by [www.backgroundchecks.com](http://www.backgroundchecks.com) are maintained on their computers and servers. There is a one-time charge of \$10 per applicant, which should be attached to the Release Form and sent to the District Secretary, Rev. Greg Pressley at 3700 Patriot Parkway, Sumter, SC 29154. We hope that you will see this expense as an investment in the ministry.

Questions about this new policy can be directed to the District Office or to the District Secretary. Thank you for your support of this new step to protect our ministers and the wonderful reputation we have for caring, compassionate and grace filled ministry to others.

Committed to Christ and Community,

Gregory A. Pressley  
District Secretary