

PUNTA GORDA FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



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Committee on Continuing Education

To Our District Pastors,

Grace and peace to you from the newly formed District Committee for Continuing Education. We pray you and yours are experiencing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the anointing of the Lord as we enter these exciting summer months of 2014.

As our Manual states in Sections 536.15 and 527.6, Nazarene ministers are to complete at least 20 hours of lifelong learning (aka Continuing Education) each year. As there has been confusion in this area, this committee has been formed by your district leadership to assist you, our district pastors, in this endeavor.

In that regard, we want to inform you about an opportunity that is being offered that will allow you to earn ALL 20 hours of the necessary continuing education units (CEUs) in one setting.

On January 26-28, 2015, the District CEU Committee will provide an intensive class for all those needing CEU's. The class subject will be Scriptural Counseling: Understanding Human Nature From a Biblical Perspective, and will be facilitated by Rev. Dr. Gary Durham and Rev. Jason Hawk. We believe this symposium with breakout groups will provide the necessary setting to fostering our pastoral counseling skill, as well as broadening and enhancing our theological appreciation of forgiveness. What's more, all sessions will be translated for our Hispanic and Haitian pastors, so no one is left out.

These are exciting days on our district, and we are excited to have the opportunity to break new ground and continue our pursuit to fulfill God's call and the mandate to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Ti. 2:15 KJV).

Faithfully In Christ,

District CEU Committee
Chairperson, Rev. Jason Hawk

P.S. For your ease, please find below the Manual's statements, Sections 527.6 & 536.15 (2013-2017).



527.6. Once a minister has fulfilled the requirements of a validated course of study for ministry, he or she will continue a pattern of lifelong learning to enhance the ministry to which God has called him or her. A minimum expectation is 20 hours of lifelong learning each year or the equivalent determined by the region/language group and stated in their regional *Sourcebook on Ordination*. All assigned and unassigned licensed and ordained ministers shall report on their progress in a program of lifelong learning as part of their report to the district assembly. An up-to-date report on his or her lifelong learning program will be used in the church/pastoral review process and in the process of calling a pastor. The regional *Sourcebook on Ordination* for the region/language group will contain the details of the accrediting and reporting process.

Failure to complete these requirements for more than two consecutive years shall result in the ordained minister being required to meet with the District Ministerial Studies Board at their regular meeting time. The Ministerial Studies Board shall give guidance to the minister in completing the lifelong learning required. (115, 123, 514.12, 536.15)

536.15. All elders and deacons are expected to be involved in 20 hours of lifelong learning per year, to be administered by the District Ministerial Studies Board. (527.6)