

**Moscow Church of the Nazarene
Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries**

TEACHER QUESTIONNAIRE

One of God's greatest callings is to the teaching of His Word. As a Church, we also hold teaching of God's Word in the highest esteem. We are excited you want to be a part of the teachers at the Moscow Church of the Nazarene. All possible steps will be taken to ensure the applicants privacy in relation to this questionnaire. Please complete the contact & general information, then sign and date this coversheet in the spaces provided below.

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Alt. Phone# : _____

Mailing Address: _____

Your Age Range: ____ Under 18 ____ 18+

Signed _____

Print _____

Date _____

SSDM Superintendent _____

Review Date _____

THIS APPLICANT WAS APPROVED _____ REJECTED _____ BY THE
MOSCOW NAZARENE SSDM BOARD ON: _____

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in teaching a Sunday School class or small group study in the Moscow Church of the Nazarene. We place a high priority on Christian education and the continuous spiritual growth of students of all ages. Teachers serve as invaluable instructors and models of Christian living for the students in their classes. Teaching requires commitment. It is important to have only those who feel called by God as our teachers. Please prayerfully consider your calling to this ministry.

The Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries Board (SSDM) is a group of church staff and elected laity. The SSDM oversees Christian education, and reviews curriculum and teacher questionnaires. When volunteers ask to get involved, they are often unfamiliar with this congregation and the SSDM Board may not be fully acquainted with them. The following questions will help us to get to know you. Please return this completed form to the Church Office. Please feel free to bring any questions or concerns to SSDM or the senior pastor.

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

1. How long have you been a Christian? _____

2. Please write a brief statement about your conversion.

3. Describe your current walk with the Lord, and how he is working in your life.

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

1. Please write a short statement about your family's support of your teaching.

2. Will you commit to:

- A. Weekly preparation of a lesson that helps your class to better understand and apply Biblical principles?

Yes _____

No _____ Explain _____

- B. Praying for class members during the week?

Yes _____

No _____ Explain _____

- C. Outside involvement in your students' lives as needed (shepherding)?

Yes _____

No _____ Explain _____

- D. Making your life an example to follow, especially at home?

Yes _____

No _____ Explain _____

- E. Faithful tithing and other giving?

Yes _____

No _____ Explain _____

- F. Faithful attendance at church services?

Yes _____

No _____ Explain _____

- G. Keeping the SSDM informed of any changes in your calling or commitment, or any other areas of concern?

Yes _____

No _____ Explain _____

COMMITMENT TO THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1. How long have you attended Moscow Church of the Nazarene? _____
Are you a member? _____
2. Please give a statement regarding your sense of commitment to the Moscow Church of the Nazarene body of believers. _____

3. Please read the Articles of Faith* of the Church of the Nazarene. Do you feel equipped to explain these to your students? _____ If not, please indicate which Article(s) you would like clarified. _____

4. After reviewing the Code of Conduct* for the Church of the Nazarene, are there any areas of your life that you feel are in conflict to these? _____
If yes, please explain. _____

5. Will you support and affirm the doctrines and standard of the Church of the Nazarene in you role as a teacher or leader? _____
If no, please explain. _____

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1. Please list your previous experience at teaching Sunday School, Bible Study, etc.

*The *Articles of Faith* and *Code of Christian Conduct* may be attached or otherwise included with this questionnaire. If not, please request a copy (they are included in the *Manual of the Church of the Nazarene*), or download a copy from Nazarene.org, or the MoscowNaz.org website.

2. Do you have any certifications, licenses, degree, or other formal training in regards to training or teaching people of any age? __ Yes __ No If "yes", please state them below. If "no", how have you received your training to teach (observation, assistant, substitute, seminars, personal Bible study, training courses, etc.)? _____

3. How did you come to desire to be a teacher? _____

4. How do you feel you can be a spiritual help to your students? _____

5. What age group(s) do you feel most called to teach? _____

6. How would you explain salvation to a person that age? _____

This section to be filled out by Safety Committee or Board authorized representative.

Background Check Submitted on (date): _____

Background Check Submitted by: _____

Application Forward to SSDM Board on (date): _____

Notes to SSDM Board (if any):

BACKGROUND CHECK

As you will be a teacher and leader, we will need to carry out a background check. This allows Moscow Church of the Nazarene to assure others that we have done our best to protect those in our spiritual care, regardless of age. This page will be kept secure in the church office, and will only be accessible to those authorized by the church board to view them.

Have you ever:

- Been arrested for any reason? ___ Yes ___ No
- Been convicted of, or pleaded no contest to, any crime? ___ Yes ___ No
- Engaged in, or been accused of, any act of child molestation, exploitation, or abuse? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you aware of:

- Having any traits or tendencies that could pose any threat to children? ___ Yes ___ No
- Any reason why you should not work in our nurseries? ___ Yes ___ No

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes", please explain in detail: _____

(Please attach additional pages if more space is needed)

Applicant Verification and Release

I recognize that the Moscow Church of the Nazarene is relying on the accuracy of the information contained herein. Accordingly, I attest and affirm that all of the information that I have provided is absolutely true and correct.

I authorize the Moscow Church of the Nazarene to contact any person or entity listed in this application, and I further authorize any such person or entity to provide the organization with information, opinions, and impressions relating to my background and qualifications.

I voluntarily release the Moscow Church of the Nazarene and any such person or entity listed herein from liability involving the communication of information relating to my background and qualifications. I further authorize the Moscow Church of the Nazarene to conduct a criminal background investigation.

Printed Legal Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____ Drivers License #: _____ Issuing State: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____