

Point Loma Nazarene University

Ministerial Candidate Workshop

October 8-10, 2026

Mission and Vision

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 gifting
- 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 is the hope that each participant will see a pathway to life-long flourishing in ministry.

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 MCW with the goal of arming attendees with tools for and insights into ministry.

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

Important Dates

May 1, 2026	Registration opens
June 1, 2026	Registration closes
June/July, 2026	Candidates complete assessment packets
August 15, 2026	Assessment packet and evaluations due
October 8-10, 2026	Ministerial Candidate Workshop

The vision for the regional assessment process and 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, senior pastors, and the Center for Pastoral Leadership working together to provide licensed ministers with “tools for effectiveness.”

Early in the spring of each year, the planning team meets to discuss the summer workshop. By May, district leaders have identified and begin registering attendees for the event. Participants must be registered by June 15, 2026. To register, participants submit a non-refundable \$100 fee. In the event a candidate is unable to attend the MCW weekend, the \$100 registration fee along with completed assessments will remain on file for one year allowing the candidate to attend the following year.

Following registration, assessment instruments are sent to each district coordinator for candidates to complete. These materials take approximately seven hours to complete.

After completed materials are received at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, results are reviewed by a professional assessment specialist in preparation for the private consultations. The first consultation will take place virtually and a second consultation 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 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).

Workshop Costs:

- \$300/single
- \$420/couple
- \$520/couple-both candidates

Note: A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration, the balance is due prior to the MCW.

The registration fee for this event includes:

- Accommodations at a nearby hotel on Thursday and Friday night
- 5 meals (Thursday dinner through Saturday breakfast)
- Assessment inventory and scoring fees
- Two one-hour private consultations fee

To register for this event, please contact your district office.

The cost of the workshop is shared by your district, Point Loma Nazarene University and the candidate.

The Ministerial Candidate Workshop is hosted by the Center for Pastoral Leadership. For more information, visit our website at www.pointloma.edu/cpl or call the Center for Pastoral Leadership at (619) 849-2410.

Testimonials

Below is some of the feedback we have received from the previous workshops.

- ▮ *“This was a wonderful way of “confirming” God’s call on our lives. This workshop 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—there was an unforced expectation to go deep in a very personal way.”*
- ▮ *“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.”*

Tentative Seminar Lineup

Factors for Life-long Flourishing
Strengths Based Ministry
Boundaries and Well Being in the Minister’s family

Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 8, 2026

1:00 PM Registration and Introduction Activities
1:30 PM Welcome and Small Group Interactive Session
5:45 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Worship and General Session

Friday, October 9, 2026

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast/ Devotional Reflection
8:30 AM Seminar Sessions and Personal Consultations
12:30 PM Lunch
1:30 PM Seminar Sessions and Personal Consultations
6:00 PM Dinner with District Leadership

Saturday, October 10, 2026

8:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Reflections and Closing Worship
10:30 AM Dismissal

Ministerial Candidate Workshop-District Personnel and CPL Staff

District personnel:

Anaheim - Angie Hancock, Coordinator
Arizona – Josh Jorgenson, Coordinator
Central Cal. - Braden & Kaitlyn Haley Deisher, Coordinator
Hawaii – Bella Barrett, D.S.
Los Angeles - Travis Caldeira, Coordinator
New Mexico - Tim Tharp, Coordinator

Northern Cal. - Tim King, Coordinator
Sacramento - Darren Reed, D.S.
Southern Cal. - TBA
Southwest Latin - Benjamin Lopez, D.S.
Western Latin America - Humberto Mena, D.S.

PLNU CPL Staff:

Jonathan Salgado
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