

Evangelist's Criteria

In 2005 Dr Jack Stone asked The Committee on the Interests of the God-Called Evangelist to review the state of **Itinerant Evangelism** in the Church of the Nazarene in accordance with *Manual* paragraph 339 and to establish criteria for the number of meetings and types of meetings held per year for all evangelists. The following criterion was established for Itinerate Evangelists:

REGISTERED EVANGELIST - EVR

A **Registered Evangelist** is an elder, or district licensed minister **who has a definite call to be an evangelist** and desires to pursue evangelism as his or her primary ministry. Such registration shall be for one year. Renewal by subsequent district assemblies shall be granted on their quality of work in evangelism **if they have held a minimum of six (6) or more revival events in the year prior to the assembly.**

COMMISSIONED EVANGELIST - EVC

A **Commissioned Evangelist** is an elder who has met all the requirements of a registered evangelist for two **consecutive** years. The commission is for one year and may be renewed by subsequent district assemblies **if they have held twelve (12) or more revival events in the year prior to the assembly.**

TENURED EVANGELIST - EVT

A **Tenured Evangelist** is an elder who has met all the requirements of a commissioned evangelist for four full and consecutive years prior to application for tenured evangelist status, and has been recommended by the District Ministerial Credentials Board and approved by the Committee on the Interests of the God-Called Evangelist and the Board of General Superintendents. This role designation shall continue until such time as the evangelist no longer meets the requirements **of conducting twenty-six (26) revival events in an assembly year**, or until he or she is granted retired status. (2005-09 Manual 228.8, 431-.1)

EVANGELISM SERVICE RETIRED - ESR

An elder or licensed minister who sustains a **retired** relationship with the church or its departments, and who wishes to perform a ministerial function through revivals or evangelistic meetings, may receive certification for "retired evangelism service". Such certification shall be for one year, shall be voted by the district assembly upon recommendation by the district superintendent, and may be renewed by subsequent district assemblies on the basis of actual work in evangelism **if they have held a**

minimum of six (6) or more revival events in the year prior to the assembly. Retired Ministers that will not be holding six (6) or more revival events each year should not apply for an **Evangelism Service Retired** status, but should remain **Retired Assigned - RA** or **Retired Unassigned - RU** as currently assigned.