

# CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

## Board of General Superintendents

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Dear Pastors and Leaders of the North Arkansas District,

It has been a joy to get to know you over the last few months. Our time together at the Ministers and Spouses' retreat was a delight, and celebrating what God is doing among you all at the assembly was a blessing for both Chuck and me.

I know we are all grateful for the outstanding leadership of Dr. Randy Berkner. Thank you for celebrating the Berkner's ministry so well at the assembly. I know that Randy and Debbie felt loved and appreciated by all of you.

As jurisdictional general superintendent, I am writing to inform you that Robert Broadbooks, USA/Canada regional director, and I have both met with your District Advisory Committee (DAC). The DAC is composed of the District Advisory Board members, the district secretary, the district treasurer, the Nazarene Missions International president, the Nazarene Youth International president, and the Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International chairperson. The purpose of my initial meeting and Robert's subsequent conference call was to review district superintendent transitional matters and to engage the district in preparing for the selection of a new superintendent. The *Manual of the Church of the Nazarene* says that when a vacancy in the office of district superintendent occurs between district assemblies, the general superintendent in jurisdiction, after consulting with the DAC, will appoint a new superintendent. That appointment will occur later this fall.

In preparation for the appointment, I am requesting your input. The DAC is calling the entire district to intentional prayer for God's will to be done. We will ask each pastor and other lay and clergy leaders to participate further in the process. From those results, they will develop a profile and with it in mind, we will ask you to suggest persons to be considered for this position. While this is not an election, I want to hear from you. Your input is vital to understanding the needs for North Arkansas as we look to the future.

Thank you for cooperating with the DAC as they request your input and participation in this important consultation. Robert Broadbooks and I look forward to working with you over the next few months. I believe that great days for the North Arkansas District are ahead of us as we work together for the glory of God.

Blessings,



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