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DISCIPLINE OF A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY
Southwest Indiana District, Virginia District General
Assembly Delegates
Manual 606.1

RESOLVED that *Manual* paragraph 606.1 be amended as follows:

606.1. If a member of the clergy is accused of conduct unbecoming a minister or of teaching doctrines out of harmony with the [doctrinal statement] Articles of Faith, the Agreed Statement of Belief, The Covenant of Christian Character, and The Covenant of Christian Conduct of the Church of the Nazarene such accusations shall be placed in writing and shall be signed by at least two members of the Church of the Nazarene who are at the time in good standing. Accusations of sexual misconduct cannot be signed by any person who consented to participate in the

1 alleged misconduct. The written accusation must be filed
2 with the district superintendent who shall present it to the
3 District Advisory Board of the district where the accused has
4 ministerial membership. This accusation shall become part
5 of the record in the case.

6 The District Advisory Board shall give written notice to
7 the accused that accusations have been filed, as soon as
8 practical by any method which gives actual notice. When
9 actual notice is not practical, notice may be provided in the
10 manner which is customary for serving legal notices in that
11 locality. The accused and his or her counsel shall have the
12 right to examine the accusations and to receive a written
13 copy of the same immediately upon request. (540.4, 540.9,
14 540.12)

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17 REASONS:

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- 19 1. It is unclear as to what constitutes the “doctrinal
20 statements” of the Church of the Nazarene.
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 - 22 2. Different districts have identified the “doctrinal
23 statement” of the Church of the Nazarene in different
24 ways so that one district may uphold a charge as being
25 out of harmony with the doctrinal statement, while
26 another district may dismiss the same charge, denying
27 that it is a matter of doctrine.
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 - 29 3. This resolution helps remove the subjectivity of
30 identifying what is and what is not a part of the “doctrinal

1 statements.”