

# ANSR POLL

Association of Nazarene Sociologists and Researchers  
*in cooperation with*  
Research and Centennial Projects  
Church of the Nazarene Headquarters

## PART I

*The following questions are meant to help us understand the diversity of membership within the Church of the Nazarene.*

1. Please order the following items about the church's mission from 1 to 6, placing a "1" in front of the item you feel is the most urgent and important and which deserves the church's highest priority, a "2" for the next highest, and so on until you place a "6" next to the item on the list you feel is the least important.

Getting people saved and sanctified through revival campaigns and evangelistic preaching.

	Members	Pastors	
N	271	408	
	57.6%	51.0%	Most urgent and important; deserving the church's highest priority
	14.4%	13.0%	Second most urgent and important
	7.7%	10.0%	Third most urgent and important
	7.4%	9.6%	Fourth most urgent and important
	7.0%	10.3%	Fifth most urgent and important
	5.9%	6.1%	Least important

Actively supporting efforts to reinforce the family and reinstate moral values in our society.

	Members	Pastors	
N	270	407	
	18.9%	10.6%	Most urgent and important; deserving the church's highest priority
	19.6%	16.7%	Second most urgent and important
	22.6%	22.9%	Third most urgent and important
	18.9%	24.8%	Fourth most urgent and important
	13.0%	16.5%	Fifth most urgent and important
	7.0%	8.6%	Least important

Binding through prayer the spirits that are at work in our world.

	Members	Pastors	
N	268	405	
	15.3%	12.3%	Most urgent and important; deserving the church's highest priority
	15.7%	9.1%	Second most urgent and important
	13.8%	13.3%	Third most urgent and important
	16.8%	11.6%	Fourth most urgent and important
	17.2%	16.5%	Fifth most urgent and important
	21.3%	37.0%	Least important

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*\*Percentage totals throughout this report may not equal exactly 100% due to rounding.*

*The Winter 2004 ANSR Poll was mailed early in January to senior pastors (703) of a random sample of Nazarene congregations in the United States and Canada and to a representative sample of active, adult members (352). This survey was a partial replication of the Winter 1996 ANSR Poll designed to examine change over the last eight years. A follow up mailing was sent in February. By April 30, 2004, responses had been received from 275 (78%) members and 416 (59%) pastors. The response from pastors was generally representative of the distribution of Nazarene churches by size and region, and the response from members was generally representative of the distribution of Nazarene members in churches of various sizes and regions. While these levels of response are good, some caution should be exercised in generalizing results. With sample responses of this size, the margin of error is within plus or minus 6%.*

Addressing the life issues of people who live in the community in such a way that the church can be relevant in ministering to their needs.

	Members	Pastors	
N	269	407	
	16.7%	22.4%	Most urgent and important; deserving the church's highest priority
	18.6%	22.1%	Second most urgent and important
	17.5%	22.9%	Third most urgent and important
	17.5%	14.5%	Fourth most urgent and important
	18.2%	12.3%	Fifth most urgent and important
	11.5%	5.9%	Least important

Calling people to commitment to both the personal and social dimensions of the gospel including devotion to Christ and ministry to the poor.

	Members	Pastors	
N	269	408	
	15.2%	26.2%	Most urgent and important; deserving the church's highest priority
	24.2%	27.9%	Second most urgent and important
	20.4%	14.2%	Third most urgent and important
	14.5%	16.7%	Fourth most urgent and important
	17.5%	12.3%	Fifth most urgent and important
	8.2%	2.7%	Least important

Living in Christian community and faithfully observing the practices of the Christian faith (e.g. the Lord's Supper, hospitality, and ministries of peace and justice).

	Members	Pastors	
N	270	407	
	12.2%	10.1%	Most urgent and important; deserving the church's highest priority
	9.6%	14.5%	Second most urgent and important
	9.6%	10.1%	Third most urgent and important
	14.4%	14.5%	Fourth most urgent and important
	15.9%	22.4%	Fifth most urgent and important
	38.1%	28.5%	Least important

- In the same way, please order the following list about worship, again placing a "1" by the highest priority, down through "6" for the least priority item.

Worship services with "Nazarene" hymns and old-time holiness preaching.

	Members	Pastors	
N	272	403	
	23.2%	12.9%	Highest priority
	11.8%	8.7%	Second priority
	8.5%	10.7%	Third priority
	11.8%	10.7%	Fourth priority
	25.4%	30.5%	Fifth priority
	19.5%	26.6%	Least priority

Clear preaching and teaching about traditional moral and family values.

	Members	Pastors	
N	272	405	
	39.0%	26.7%	Highest priority
	27.6%	24.2%	Second priority
	16.5%	20.2%	Third priority
	12.1%	17.8%	Fourth priority
	3.7%	8.6%	Fifth priority
	1.1%	2.5%	Least priority

Spiritual power in worship through singing praises to God and through the discovery and use of spiritual gifts.

	Members	Pastors	
N	270	407	
	20.0%	25.6%	Highest priority
	16.7%	22.6%	Second priority
	21.9%	20.4%	Third most priority
	22.6%	17.9%	Fourth priority
	13.3%	9.1%	Fifth priority
	5.6%	4.4%	Least priority

Relevant, contemporary worship that is sensitive to people outside the church, offered in language and music that people in the world can relate to.

	Members	Pastors	
N	264	406	
	9.8%	22.9%	Highest priority
	14.0%	21.4%	Second priority
	12.9%	16.0%	Third priority
	18.2%	16.3%	Fourth priority
	17.4%	13.3%	Fifth priority
	27.7%	10.1%	Least priority

Worship services in which the poor are welcomed and people are called to Christian discipleship.

	Members	Pastors	
N	272	408	
	25.7%	31.1%	Highest priority
	23.2%	20.3%	Second priority
	24.3%	21.3%	Third priority
	14.7%	18.4%	Fourth priority
	9.2%	7.6%	Fifth priority
	2.9%	1.2%	Least priority

A spirit of reverence in worship facilitated by liturgy and music that reflects the historic creedal traditions of the Christian faith.

	Members	Pastors	
N	269	405	
	8.6%	5.2%	Highest priority
	9.7%	6.4%	Second priority
	11.5%	8.1%	Third priority
	12.3%	12.3%	Fourth priority
	21.6%	22.0%	Fifth priority
	36.4%	45.9%	Least priority

3. Please indicate how strongly you personally identify with each of the following list of distinguished church leaders.

Tony Campolo

	Members	Pastors	
N	258	405	
	8.5%	5.4%	I strongly agree with this person
	33.3%	58.3%	I tend to agree with this person
	6.2%	12.3%	I tend to disagree with this person
	.8%	3.2%	I strongly disagree with this person
	51.2%	20.7%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

Paul Crouch

	Members	Pastors	
N	260	396	
	1.2%	.8%	I strongly agree with this person
	19.2%	8.8%	I tend to agree with this person
	6.9%	19.4%	I tend to disagree with this person
	5.0%	19.7%	I strongly disagree with this person
	67.7%	51.3%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

Jim Cymbala

	Members	Pastors
N	256	408

17.2%	34.8%	I strongly agree with this person
18.0%	46.8%	I tend to agree with this person
1.6%	1.5%	I tend to disagree with this person
.4%	1.2%	I strongly disagree with this person
62.9%	15.7%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

James Dobson

	Members	Pastors
N	268	413

69.8%	74.1%	I strongly agree with this person
25.4%	22.5%	I tend to agree with this person
.7%	2.9%	I tend to disagree with this person
.4%	.2%	I strongly disagree with this person
3.7%	.2%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

Jerry Falwell

	Members	Pastors
N	263	402

5.3%	3.7%	I strongly agree with this person
40.3%	46.3%	I tend to agree with this person
31.9%	32.3%	I tend to disagree with this person
8.0%	8.7%	I strongly disagree with this person
14.4%	9.0%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

William Greathouse

	Members	Pastors
N	260	409

33.1%	73.1%	I strongly agree with this person
15.8%	22.7%	I tend to agree with this person
1.2%	.7%	I tend to disagree with this person
.4%	.0%	I strongly disagree with this person
49.6%	3.4%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

Stanley Hauerwas

	Members	Pastors
N	259	386

.4%	1.6%	I strongly agree with this person
2.3%	10.4%	I tend to agree with this person
.0%	2.1%	I tend to disagree with this person
.4%	.3%	I strongly disagree with this person
96.9%	85.8%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

Jack Hayford

	Members	Pastors
N	263	406

8.0%	6.4%	I strongly agree with this person
26.6%	54.7%	I tend to agree with this person
1.9%	12.6%	I tend to disagree with this person
.0%	2.0%	I strongly disagree with this person
63.5%	24.4%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

Bill Hybels

	Members	Pastors
N	260	400

9.2%	14.3%	I strongly agree with this person
19.6%	56.8%	I tend to agree with this person
1.2%	9.8%	I tend to disagree with this person
.8%	.8%	I strongly disagree with this person
69.2%	18.5%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

D. James Kennedy

	Members	Pastors
N	264	402

17.4%	9.5%	I strongly agree with this person
41.7%	64.4%	I tend to agree with this person
4.5%	12.4%	I tend to disagree with this person
.0%	2.0%	I strongly disagree with this person
36.4%	11.7%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

V.H. Lewis

	Members	Pastors
N	261	399

20.3%	39.1%	I strongly agree with this person
13.4%	30.3%	I tend to agree with this person
1.5%	.8%	I tend to disagree with this person
.0%	1.0%	I strongly disagree with this person
64.8%	28.8%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

John Maxwell

	Members	Pastors
N	262	412

21.4%	32.8%	I strongly agree with this person
24.4%	54.6%	I tend to agree with this person
1.1%	5.6%	I tend to disagree with this person
.0%	1.2%	I strongly disagree with this person
53.1%	5.8%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

Chuck Milhuff

	Members	Pastors
N	262	407

19.8%	29.5%	I strongly agree with this person
23.3%	50.6%	I tend to agree with this person
1.5%	6.6%	I tend to disagree with this person
.0%	1.7%	I strongly disagree with this person
55.3%	11.5%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

Elaine Pettit

	Members	Pastors
N	260	392

10.8%	18.4%	I strongly agree with this person
9.2%	20.4%	I tend to agree with this person
.8%	4.3%	I tend to disagree with this person
.4%	4.6%	I strongly disagree with this person
78.8%	52.3%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

Pat Robertson

	Members	Pastors
N	265	400

6.0%	1.5%	I strongly agree with this person
44.9%	41.8%	I tend to agree with this person
27.9%	37.8%	I tend to disagree with this person
7.5%	9.0%	I strongly disagree with this person
13.6%	10.0%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

Ron Sider

	Members	Pastors
N	259	386

.0%	2.3%	I strongly agree with this person
2.3%	8.5%	I tend to agree with this person
1.9%	2.3%	I tend to disagree with this person
.8%	1.3%	I strongly disagree with this person
95.0%	85.5%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

Jim Wallace

	Members	Pastors
N	259	388

.4%	.8%	I strongly agree with this person
3.1%	4.9%	I tend to agree with this person
.4%	1.8%	I tend to disagree with this person
.8%	.8%	I strongly disagree with this person
95.4%	91.8%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

Rick Warren

	Members	Pastors
N	260	406

15.8%	22.2%	I strongly agree with this person
21.2%	60.1%	I tend to agree with this person
1.2%	3.0%	I tend to disagree with this person
.8%	2.2%	I strongly disagree with this person
61.2%	12.6%	I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person

4. Which one statement best describes you?

	Members	Pastors
N	272	413

46.7%	66.1%	I cannot imagine a time when I will not be a Nazarene.
18.0%	18.2%	I am committed to the Church of the Nazarene but might attend a church in another holiness denomination someday.
16.2%	10.9%	I am committed to the Church of the Nazarene but might attend another evangelical church someday.
14.0%	3.4%	Although I am Nazarene now, I could easily see myself attending a church in another denomination.
5.1%	1.5%	I don't really think of myself as Nazarene.

5. *Members Question:* If you were to move out of state, and the place you moved to had many churches from which to choose, which of the following would most nearly describe your search for a new church home:

*Pastors Question:* If you were no longer pastoring, and moved to a place that had many churches from which to choose, which of the following would most nearly describe your search for a new church home:

	Members	Pastors
N	272	413

7.4%	20.3%	I would only consider Nazarene churches in my search.
71.7%	70.7%	I would first consider Nazarene churches in my search and then consider others only if there was not a suitable Nazarene congregation.
20.6%	8.2%	I would consider Nazarene churches in my search along with other churches.
.4%	.7%	I would probably not consider attending a Nazarene church.
.0%	.0%	I would definitely look to attend a church of another denomination.

6a. When I think about evil in our world, I usually think in terms of Satanic power and spiritual warfare.

	Members	Pastors
N	271	409

43.5%	31.5%	Very Often
33.6%	42.5%	Often
21.4%	24.7%	Sometimes
1.5%	1.2%	Never

6b. When I think about evil in our world, I usually think in terms of immorality and personal responsibility.

	Members	Pastors	
N	270	409	
	64.4%	67.2%	Very Often
	30.7%	30.3%	Often
	4.4%	2.2%	Sometimes
	.4%	.2%	Never

6c. When I think about evil in our world, I usually think in terms of systemic evil and social justice.

	Members	Pastors	
N	267	405	
	17.2%	13.3%	Very Often
	38.6%	40.7%	Often
	38.6%	41.2%	Sometimes
	5.6%	4.7%	Never

7. Which one statement best describes your usual opinion about sin?

	Members	Pastors	
N	266	401	
	47.0%	49.1%	Sin is always a clear issue of right and wrong.
	42.9%	44.6%	Probably some of the things that would be sin for me are not sin for some other people.
	7.5%	4.0%	There are a lot of issues where it is not easy to know what is right or wrong.
	2.6%	2.2%	I tend to think more in terms of shades of gray rather than black and white, when it comes to sin.

*Please complete the following sentence by choosing one item from each pair listed for question 8a thru 8e.*

8a. I am probably most comfortable in a church that is:

	Members	Pastors	
N	254	381	
	66.1%	84.0%	ministering to others.
	28.0%	13.9%	ministering to members of the church.
	5.9%	2.1%	Both*

8b. I am probably most comfortable in a church that is:

	Members	Pastors	
N	251	376	
	68.9%	74.5%	outreach oriented.
	26.7%	22.1%	nurture oriented.
	4.4%	3.5%	Both*

8c. I am probably most comfortable in a church that is:

	Members	Pastors	
N	255	379	
	38.8%	22.7%	a word of truth to a hostile world.
	58.4%	74.9%	a “kingdom presence” in a hurting world.
	2.7%	2.4%	Both*

8d. I am probably most comfortable in a church that is:

	Members	Pastors	
N	251	365	
	79.3%	53.4%	an advocate for traditional values.
	18.3%	43.8%	an agent of social change in the community.
	2.4%	2.7%	Both*

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\*"Both" was not an option suggested, however, if the respondent marked both options, the response is included in this analysis.

8e. I am probably most comfortable in a church that is:

	Members	Pastors	
N	246	365	
	55.7%	39.7%	traditional in worship style.
	37.8%	53.4%	contemporary in worship style.
	6.5%	6.8%	Both*

9. Contemporary culture is mostly evil.

	Members	Pastors	
N	269	413	
	7.8%	10.4%	I strongly agree with this statement
	40.9%	46.5%	I agree with this statement
	36.4%	33.4%	I disagree with this statement
	10.0%	6.8%	I strongly disagree with this statement
	4.8%	2.9%	Don't know/unfamiliar with

10. The world is getting worse.

	Members	Pastors	
N	274	414	
	41.2%	28.5%	I strongly agree with this statement
	46.0%	55.3%	I agree with this statement
	9.9%	13.8%	I disagree with this statement
	2.6%	.7%	I strongly disagree with this statement
	.4%	1.7%	Don't know/unfamiliar with

11. The only hope for the world is Christian revival.

	Members	Pastors	
N	273	413	
	71.4%	66.1%	I strongly agree with this statement
	25.6%	31.7%	I agree with this statement
	1.1%	1.7%	I disagree with this statement
	.0%	.5%	I strongly disagree with this statement
	1.8%	.0%	Don't know/unfamiliar with

12. The church can and should make a significant difference in the social conditions of the world (i.e., poverty, hunger, homelessness, race relations).

	Members	Pastors	
N	274	415	
	63.5%	61.2%	I strongly agree with this statement
	34.3%	38.1%	I agree with this statement
	.4%	.5%	I disagree with this statement
	.7%	.0%	I strongly disagree with this statement
	1.1%	.2%	Don't know/unfamiliar with

13. I think our denomination's holiness message is what the world needs today.

	Members	Pastors	
N	274	412	
	56.2%	77.9%	I strongly agree with this statement
	37.6%	20.9%	I agree with this statement
	3.6%	.7%	I disagree with this statement
	.0%	.0%	I strongly disagree with this statement
	2.6%	.5%	Don't know/unfamiliar with

14. I think the church should actively take a stand against abortion.

	Members	Pastors	
N	271	414	
	62.7%	64.3%	I strongly agree with this statement
	32.1%	32.1%	I agree with this statement
	3.0%	2.9%	I disagree with this statement
	.4%	.2%	I strongly disagree with this statement
	1.8%	.5%	Don't know/unfamiliar with

15. I think the church should actively support prayer in public schools.

	Members	Pastors	
N	274	413	
	53.3%	42.6%	I strongly agree with this statement
	35.8%	37.0%	I agree with this statement
	5.5%	15.0%	I disagree with this statement
	1.5%	2.4%	I strongly disagree with this statement
	4.0%	2.9%	Don't know/unfamiliar with

16. I think the church should actively work to eliminate poverty in the world.

	Members	Pastors	
N	271	414	
	28.4%	23.4%	I strongly agree with this statement
	56.5%	56.3%	I agree with this statement
	11.4%	17.4%	I disagree with this statement
	.0%	1.0%	I strongly disagree with this statement
	3.7%	1.9%	Don't know/unfamiliar with

17. I think the church should be actively involved in the effort to reduce crime in the community.

	Members	Pastors	
N	272	413	
	27.9%	20.8%	I strongly agree with this statement
	50.4%	66.6%	I agree with this statement
	14.7%	9.9%	I disagree with this statement
	.4%	.0%	I strongly disagree with this statement
	6.6%	2.7%	Don't know/unfamiliar with

18. I think the church should strongly support the war effort and the troops in Iraq.

	Members	Pastors	
N	271	410	
	33.6%	28.0%	I strongly agree with this statement
	45.4%	48.0%	I agree with this statement
	8.5%	12.4%	I disagree with this statement
	2.6%	3.7%	I strongly disagree with this statement
	10.0%	7.8%	Don't know/unfamiliar with

19. Which one of the following statements most closely describes what you believe about entire sanctification?

	Members	Pastors	
N	265	400	
15.8%		22.8%	It is the distinct second work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer in which the old sinful nature is eradicated and the believer is empowered for Christian life and service.
13.6%		23.0%	It is the distinct second work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer in which the old sinful nature is cleansed and the believer is empowered for Christian life and service.
46.8%		50.0%	It is the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer, both gradual and instantaneous, in which the old sinful nature is cleansed and the believer is empowered for Christian life and service.
16.2%		1.3%	It is the gradual work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer in which the believer grows in grace and matures in moral character and spiritual wisdom.
2.3%		.8%	It is the work of the Holy Spirit in the people of God by which the church stands as a witness to the holiness and love of God in the world.
.8%		2.3%	None of the above statements adequately represents what I believe.
4.5%		.0%	I do not understand entire sanctification enough to reply.

20. Theologically, I feel that the Church of the Nazarene is:

	Members	Pastors	
N	268	410	
2.2%		.2%	Much too liberal
9.3%		7.1%	Too Liberal
81.7%		89.5%	About where it should be
6.7%		2.4%	Too conservative
.0%		.7%	Much too conservative

21. Politically, I feel that the Church of the Nazarene is:

	Members	Pastors	
N	266	408	
2.3%		.2%	Much too liberal
6.4%		8.3%	Too Liberal
80.5%		81.1%	About where it should be
10.2%		9.1%	Too conservative
.8%		1.2%	Much too conservative

22. In regards to rules and standards as set forth by the Church of the Nazarene Manual, I feel that the Church of the Nazarene is:

	Members	Pastors	
N	266	411	
.4%		.0%	Much too liberal
8.6%		5.4%	Too Liberal
82.0%		82.0%	About where it should be
8.3%		11.7%	Too conservative
.8%		1.0%	Much too conservative

23. Please indicate your opinion about each of the items below

Affirmative Action			
	Members	Pastors	
N	262	408	
6.1%		3.2%	Very Favorable
26.0%		21.3%	Favorable
34.4%		45.8%	Unfavorable
14.1%		14.5%	Very Unfavorable
19.5%		15.2%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

	Members	Pastors	
N	265	413	
	2.3%	1.5%	Very Favorable
	8.7%	5.3%	Favorable
	24.5%	21.1%	Unfavorable
	49.1%	66.6%	Very Unfavorable
	15.5%	5.6%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

Asbury Theological Seminary

	Members	Pastors	
N	267	412	
	15.0%	29.9%	Very Favorable
	31.5%	52.2%	Favorable
	2.2%	2.9%	Unfavorable
	.4%	.0%	Very Unfavorable
	50.9%	15.0%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

The Christian Coalition

	Members	Pastors	
N	263	412	
	8.0%	6.1%	Very Favorable
	51.3%	62.1%	Favorable
	10.3%	16.3%	Unfavorable
	2.3%	2.9%	Very Unfavorable
	28.1%	12.6%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

*Christianity Today*

	Members	Pastors	
N	263	409	
	14.4%	12.5%	Very Favorable
	54.4%	68.7%	Favorable
	2.7%	7.6%	Unfavorable
	.4%	.7%	Very Unfavorable
	28.1%	10.5%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

Deporting illegal immigrants

	Members	Pastors	
N	266	405	
	16.9%	10.6%	Very Favorable
	47.4%	50.4%	Favorable
	18.8%	23.2%	Unfavorable
	1.1%	4.9%	Very Unfavorable
	15.8%	10.9%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

Focus on the Family

	Members	Pastors	
N	273	411	
	71.4%	66.7%	Very Favorable
	27.1%	31.4%	Favorable
	1.1%	1.7%	Unfavorable
	.0%	.2%	Very Unfavorable
	.4%	.0%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

Food stamps

	Members	Pastors	
N	270	407	
	4.8%	5.9%	Very Favorable
	67.0%	71.3%	Favorable
	17.4%	15.5%	Unfavorable
	3.7%	3.2%	Very Unfavorable
	7.0%	4.2%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

Government subsidized housing for the poor

	Members	Pastors	
N	271	409	
	9.2%	8.6%	Very Favorable
	68.3%	73.6%	Favorable
	15.5%	11.7%	Unfavorable
	1.5%	2.4%	Very Unfavorable
	5.5%	3.7%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

*GROW Magazine*

	Members	Pastors	
N	260	410	
	6.2%	27.8%	Very Favorable
	10.8%	57.8%	Favorable
	1.5%	8.0%	Unfavorable
	.0%	1.5%	Very Unfavorable
	81.5%	4.9%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

Habitat for Humanity

	Members	Pastors	
N	268	409	
	31.3%	24.9%	Very Favorable
	56.7%	65.5%	Favorable
	1.9%	3.7%	Unfavorable
	.0%	.0%	Very Unfavorable
	10.1%	5.9%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

*Holiness Today*

	Members	Pastors	
N	265	407	
	50.9%	48.9%	Very Favorable
	39.2%	45.7%	Favorable
	.8%	3.9%	Unfavorable
	.0%	1.0%	Very Unfavorable
	9.1%	.5%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

The National Council of Churches

	Members	Pastors	
N	260	405	
	4.2%	1.7%	Very Favorable
	19.6%	12.3%	Favorable
	19.6%	34.3%	Unfavorable
	14.6%	35.1%	Very Unfavorable
	41.9%	16.5%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

Nazarene Bible College

	Members	Pastors	
N	267	413	
	53.9%	55.7%	Very Favorable
	39.0%	41.9%	Favorable
	.0%	2.2%	Unfavorable
	.4%	.0%	Very Unfavorable
	6.7%	.2%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

	Members	Pastors	
N	268	414	
	66.8%	70.8%	Very Favorable
	29.9%	29.0%	Favorable
	.0%	.2%	Unfavorable
	.0%	.0%	Very Unfavorable
	3.4%	.0%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

Nazarene Headquarters

	Members	Pastors	
N	267	412	
	40.4%	41.3%	Very Favorable
	46.1%	51.9%	Favorable
	1.5%	4.6%	Unfavorable
	.4%	1.5%	Very Unfavorable
	11.6%	.7%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

Nazarene Publishing House

	Members	Pastors	
N	266	410	
	45.9%	47.1%	Very Favorable
	41.7%	46.6%	Favorable
	2.3%	5.6%	Unfavorable
	.4%	.7%	Very Unfavorable
	9.8%	.0%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

Nazarene Theological Seminary

	Members	Pastors	
N	266	412	
	47.7%	51.2%	Very Favorable
	41.4%	45.6%	Favorable
	.4%	1.7%	Unfavorable
	.0%	.5%	Very Unfavorable
	10.5%	1.0%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

Planned Parenthood

	Members	Pastors	
N	264	412	
	10.2%	2.4%	Very Favorable
	23.1%	10.9%	Favorable
	16.3%	17.5%	Unfavorable
	40.5%	62.1%	Very Unfavorable
	9.8%	7.0%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

The Roman Catholic Church

	Members	Pastors	
N	263	405	
	.4%	1.0%	Very Favorable
	25.1%	30.1%	Favorable
	41.1%	46.4%	Unfavorable
	14.8%	15.8%	Very Unfavorable
	18.6%	6.7%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

World Vision

	Members	Pastors	
N	265	410	
	20.4%	14.9%	Very Favorable
	43.8%	59.5%	Favorable
	3.0%	6.1%	Unfavorable
	1.1%	1.5%	Very Unfavorable
	31.7%	18.0%	Don't Know/Unfamiliar With

**PART II**

The following questions are meant to help us understand the variety of personal characteristics among Nazarene members.

24. *Members Question:* Are you a member of the Church of the Nazarene?

N	272	
	97.1%	Yes
	2.9%	No

24a. If “Yes,” how long have you been a Nazarene? (N=257)

Median = 25 years  
 Mean = 27.7 years  
 Standard deviation = 18.6

24. *Pastors Question:* How long have you been a Nazarene? (N=410)

Median = 34.5 years  
 Mean = 34.7 years  
 Standard deviation = 14

25. How long have you attended your current church?

Members (N=270)	Pastors (N=414)
Median = 15 years	Median = 6 years
Mean = 19 years	Mean = 8.4 years
Standard deviation = 14.9	Standard deviation = 8.5

26. How old were you when you were saved?

Members (N=261)	Pastors (N=411)
Median = 13 years	Median = 14 years
Mean = 17 years	Mean = 15.2 years
Standard deviation = 10	Standard deviation = 8.2

27. Were you baptized or dedicated as an infant?

Members	Pastors	
N 258	404	
30.6%	18.1%	Yes, baptized
26.0%	46.0%	Yes, dedicated
43.4%	35.9%	No

28. Were you baptized as a youth or adult?

Members	Pastors	
N 265	404	
44.5%	53.5%	Yes, as a youth
42.3%	43.1%	Yes, as an adult
13.2%	3.5%	No

Age when baptized

Members (N=197)	Pastors (N=357)
Median = 18 years	Median = 17 years
Mean = 21.2 years	Mean = 19.2 years
Standard deviation = 11.8	Standard deviation = 8.5

29. When you were a child, were your parents Nazarene?

Mother:			Father:		
Members	Pastors		Members	Pastors	
N 274	415		N 272	413	
31.4%	49.2%	Yes	25.4%	41.2%	Yes
67.5%	50.8%	No	71.3%	58.6%	No
1.1%	.0%	Don't know	3.3%	.2%	Don't know

30. Have you ever been affiliated with another denomination or religion that was not Nazarene?

Members	Pastors	
N 273	414	
70.0%	51.0%	Yes
30.0%	49.0%	No

30a. If "Yes," please write-in the last denomination you were affiliated with before becoming a Nazarene.

Members <sup>1</sup>		Pastors <sup>1</sup>	
Denomination	Percent <sup>2</sup>	Denomination	Percent <sup>3</sup>
Methodist	23.6%	Baptist	16.6%
Baptist	23.0%	Methodist	12.8%
Catholic	7.3%	Wesleyan (or Pilgrim Holiness)	10.9%
Wesleyan	4.2%	Catholic	6.6%
Assembly of God	3.1%	Free Methodist	5.7%
Church of God-Anderson	3.1%	Independent	3.8%
Lutheran	2.6%	Churches of Christ in Christian Union	3.3%
Pentecostal	2.6%	Presbyterian	3.3%
Non-Denominational	2.1%	Assembly of God	2.8%
Presbyterian	2.1%	Church of God	2.4%
Salvation Army	2.1%	Community Church	2.4%
Christian & Missionary Alliance	1.6%	Evangelical Methodist	2.4%
Church of Christ	1.6%	Lutheran	2.4%
Evangelical United Brethren	1.6%	Episcopal	1.9%
Independent	1.6%	Friends	1.9%
Missionary Church	1.6%	Salvation Army	1.9%
		United Church of Christ	1.9%

<sup>1</sup>While a wide variety of denominations was mentioned at least once, these are the ones most often mentioned.

<sup>2</sup>Percentages are of the 191 members who indicated that they had been affiliated with another group.

<sup>3</sup>Percentages are of the 211 pastors who indicated that they had been affiliated with another group.

31. What is your gender?

Members	Pastors	
N 273	415	
38.5%	96.9%	Male
61.5%	3.1%	Female

32. What is your age?

Members (N=272)	Pastors (N=414)
Median = 55 years	Median = 52 years
Mean = 56.3 years	Mean = 51.4 years
Standard deviation = 15.4	Standard deviation = 10.1

33. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

	Members	Pastors	
N	274	414	
	4.4%	.5%	Less than high school graduate
	22.6%	2.4%	High school graduate
	29.6%	15.0%	Some college
	6.2%	3.6%	Vocational school
	5.8%	8.5%	2 year college degree
	19.0%	31.2%	4 year college degree
	12.4%	38.9%	Graduate degree or more

33a. If you have had “some college” education or more, did you ever attend a Nazarene college or university?

(Note: Members and pastors who indicated less than “some college” in item 33 were excluded in this analysis.)

	Members	Pastors	
N	191	385	
	27.2%	79.2%	Yes
	72.8%	20.8%	No

*Thank you!*

*We really do appreciate the time you took to complete this survey.*

## SUMMARY TABLES 1996 – 2004 Comparisons

Percentages Giving High<sup>1</sup> Ranking to Measures of Typology<sup>2</sup> Categories  
(Items 1 and 2)

	1996		2004	
	Members	Pastors	Members	Pastors
<b>TRADITIONAL</b>				
Getting people saved and sanctified through revival campaigns and evangelistic preaching <sup>3</sup>	81.8%	87.2%	79.7%	74.0%
Worship services with “Nazarene” hymns and old-time holiness preaching	62.7%	44.4%	43.4%	32.3%
<b>NEO-FUNDAMENTALIST</b>				
Actively supporting efforts to reinforce the family and reinstate moral values in our society <sup>4</sup>	74.1%	59.9%	61.1%	50.1%
Clear preaching and teaching about traditional moral and family values	87.2%	85.9%	83.1%	71.1%
<b>CHARISMATIC</b>				
Binding through prayer the spirits that are at work in our world <sup>5</sup>	84.1%	84.8%	44.8%	34.8%
Spiritual power in worship through singing praises to God and through the discovery and use of spiritual gifts	73.0%	79.5%	58.5%	68.6%
<b>CONTEMPORARY</b>				
Addressing the life issues of people who live in the community in such a way that the church can be relevant in ministering to their needs <sup>6</sup>	41.0%	61.2%	52.8%	67.3%
Relevant, contemporary worship that is sensitive to people outside the church, offered in language and music that people in the world can relate to <sup>7</sup>	46.6%	60.9%	36.7%	60.3%

*The maximum numbers responding to any of these items were 272 members and 408 pastors.*

<sup>1</sup> Percentage marking this item in the top three priorities of the church

<sup>2</sup> Typology developed by Dr. Ron Benefiel (see *Maps & Models for Ministry*, Point Loma Press, David Whitelaw ed., 1996, and *Fundamentalism in the Church of the Nazarene*, Benefiel & Crow, <http://www.nazarene.org/ansr/>)

<sup>3</sup> 1996 wording: “Getting people saved through organized personal evangelism and evangelistic revival campaigns”

<sup>4</sup> 1996 wording: “Actively supporting efforts to reinforce traditional family and moral values in our society”

<sup>5</sup> 1996 wording: “Being in prayer, binding the spirits that are at work in our world”

<sup>6</sup> 1996 wording: “Better understanding the life issues of people who live in the community so that the church can be relevant in addressing the needs of people in a changing world”

<sup>7</sup> 1996 wording: There was no change in the wording from 1996 to 2004. However, the first 2004 mailing of the member survey had a printing error that resulted in the item reading, “people outside the church, offered in language and music that people in the world can relate to”. While many members ranked the partial item, the misprint may have reduced the percentage of members ranking this item in the top three.

## WESLEYAN SOCIAL CONCERN

Calling people to commitment to both the personal and social dimensions of the gospel including devotion to Christ and ministry to the poor<sup>8</sup>

59.9% 68.4%

Worship services in which the poor are welcomed and people are called to Christian discipleship<sup>9</sup>

73.2% 72.8%

## POST LIBERAL

Living in Christian community and faithfully observing the practices of the Christian faith (e.g. the Lord's Supper, hospitality, and ministries of peace and justice)<sup>10</sup>

31.5% 34.6%

A spirit of reverence in worship facilitated by liturgy and music that reflects the historic creedal traditions of the Christian faith<sup>11</sup>

29.7% 19.8%

<sup>8</sup> 1996 wording: "Developing 'compassionate ministry centers' and advocating for the rights of the poor"

<sup>9</sup> 1996 wording: "Worship services in which the poor are welcomed, and preaching that emphasizes social justice, racial reconciliation, and compassion for the downtrodden"

<sup>10</sup> 1996 wording: "Working with other Christian churches to bring together the body of Christ"

<sup>11</sup> 1996 wording: "A spirit of reverence in worship facilitated by liturgy that reflects the historic creedal traditions of the church universal"

Percentage Who Personally Identify with Various Church Leaders  
(Item 3)

	Agreeing <sup>1</sup> With this person		Disagreeing <sup>2</sup> With this person		Don't recognize <sup>3</sup> or No opinion	
	Members	Pastors	Members	Pastors	Members	Pastors
Tony Campolo	41.9%	63.7%	7.0%	15.6%	51.2%	20.7%
Paul Crouch	20.4%	9.6%	11.9%	39.1%	67.7%	51.3%
Jim Cymbala	35.2%	81.6%	2.0%	2.7%	62.9%	15.7%
James Dobson	95.1%	96.6%	1.1%	3.1%	3.7%	.2%
Jerry Falwell	45.6%	50.0%	39.9%	41.0%	14.4%	9.0%
William Greathouse	48.8%	95.8%	1.5%	.7%	49.6%	3.4%
Stanley Hauerwas	2.7%	11.9%	.4%	2.3%	96.9%	85.8%
Jack Hayford	34.6%	61.1%	1.9%	14.5%	63.5%	24.4%
Bill Hybels	28.8%	71.0%	1.9%	10.5%	69.2%	18.5%
D. James Kennedy	59.1%	73.9%	4.5%	14.4%	36.4%	11.7%
V.H. Lewis	33.7%	69.4%	1.5%	1.8%	64.8%	28.8%
John Maxwell	45.8%	87.4%	1.1%	6.8%	53.1%	5.8%
Chuck Milhuff	43.1%	80.1%	1.5%	8.4%	55.3%	11.5%
Elaine Pettit	20.0%	38.8%	1.2%	8.9%	78.8%	52.3%
Pat Robertson	50.9%	43.3%	35.5%	46.8%	13.6%	10.0%
Ron Sider	2.3%	10.9%	2.7%	3.6%	95.0%	85.5%
Jim Wallace	3.5%	5.7%	1.2%	2.6%	95.4%	91.8%
Rick Warren	36.9%	82.3%	1.9%	5.2%	61.2%	12.6%

The maximum numbers responding about any religious leader in this item were 268 members and 413 pastors.

<sup>1</sup>Percentage choosing I strongly agree with this person or I tend to agree with this person

<sup>2</sup>Percentage choosing I tend to disagree with this person, I strongly disagree with this person, and

<sup>3</sup>Percentage choosing I do not recognize this name or I have no opinion about this person.

Denominational Loyalty  
Percentages Choosing Statements about Their Future Commitment to the Church of the Nazarene  
(Item 4)

	1996		2004	
	Members	Pastors	Members	Pastors
I cannot imagine a time when I will not be a Nazarene.	43.2%	61.8%	46.7%	66.1%
I am committed to the Church of the Nazarene but might attend a church in another holiness denomination someday.	25.2%	18.7%	18.0%	18.2%
I am committed to the Church of the Nazarene but might attend another evangelical church someday.	16.2%	13.3%	16.2%	10.9%
Although I am Nazarene now, I could easily see myself attending a church in another denomination.	9.0%	5.4%	14.0%	3.4%
I don't really think of myself as Nazarene.	6.3%	.8%	5.1%	1.5%

*Respondents were asked, "Which one statement best describes you?" In 1996 numbers answering this item were 222 members and 241 pastors. In 2004 the numbers were 272 members and 413 pastors.*

Denominational Loyalty  
Percentages Choosing Various Responses to the question, "If you were to move out of state, and the place you moved to had many churches from which to choose, which of the following would most nearly describe your search for a new church home?\*" (Item 5)

	1996		2004	
	Members	Pastors	Members	Pastors
I would only consider Nazarene churches in my search.	9.9%	19.8%	7.4%	20.3%
I would first consider Nazarene churches in my search and then consider others only if there was not a suitable Nazarene congregation.	74.3%	74.8%	71.7%	70.7%
I would consider Nazarene churches in my search along with other churches.	15.3%	5.4%	20.6%	8.2%
I would probably not consider attending a Nazarene church.	.5%	.0%	.4%	.7%
I would definitely look to attend a church of another denomination.	.0%	.0%	.0%	.0%

*\*The pastors' question was, "If you were no longer pastoring, and moved to a place that had many churches from which to choose, which of the following would most nearly describe your search for a new church home?" In 1996 numbers answering this item were 222 members and 242 pastors. In 2004 the numbers were 272 members and 413 pastors.*

Percentages Who Responded Often\* in Response to the Statement,  
 “When I think about evil in our world, I usually think in terms of:”  
 (Items 6a – 6c)

	1996		2004	
	Members	Pastors	Members	Pastors
Immorality and personal responsibility	95.4%	97.6%	95.2%	97.6%
Satanic power and spiritual warfare	78.8%	82.6%	77.1%	74.1%
Systemic evil and social justice	48.8%	39.8%	55.8%	54.1%

*The maximum numbers responding to any of these items were 271 members and 409 pastors.*

*\*Percentage choosing Often or Very often where choices also included Sometimes and Never*

Percentages Choosing Various Descriptions of Their Usual Opinion about Sin  
 (Item 7)

	1996		2004	
	Members	Pastors	Members	Pastors
Sin is always a clear issue of right and wrong	39.3%	38.8%	47.0%	49.1%
Probably some of the things that would be sin for me are not sin for other people	49.1%	52.9%	42.9%	44.6%
There are a lot of issues where it is not easy to know what is right or wrong.	8.9%	6.6%	7.5%	4.0%
I tend to think more in terms of shades of gray rather than black and white, when it comes to sin.	2.7%	1.7%	2.6%	2.2%

*The numbers responding to this item were 266 members and 401 pastors.*

*\*Percentage choosing Often or Very often where choices also included Sometimes and Never*

Percentages Agreeing with Descriptions about the Church  
 Preceded by the Statement, "I am probably most comfortable in a church that is:"\*  
 (Items 8a – 8e)

	1996		2004	
	Members	Pastors	Members	Pastors
I am probably most comfortable in a church that is:				
ministering to others.	67.3%	83.9%	70.3%	85.8%
ministering to members of the church.	32.7%	16.1%	29.7%	14.2%
outreach oriented.	63.2%	75.5%	72.1%	77.1%
nurture oriented.	36.8%	24.5%	27.9%	22.9%
a word of truth to a hostile world.	39.9%	22.1%	39.9%	23.2%
a "kingdom presence" in a hurting world.	60.1%	77.9%	60.1%	76.8%
an advocate for traditional values.	89.6%	75.4%	81.2%	54.9%
an agent of social change in the community.	10.4%	24.6%	18.8%	45.1%
traditional in worship style.			59.6%	42.6%
Contemporary in worship style.			40.4%	57.4%

*\*Respondents were asked to complete the sentence by choosing one item from each pair listed. In 1996 the maximum number answering any of these items was 205 members and 218 pastors. In 2004 the maximum number answering any of these items was 248 members and 373 pastors. Respondents who marked neither option or who marked both options in each pair are excluded from these percentages. The worship style pair was not included in the 1996 study.*

Percentages Agreeing\* with Statements about Social Conditions and Church Involvement  
 (Items 9 – 17)

	1996		2004	
	Members	Pastors	Members	Pastors
Contemporary culture is mostly evil	69.7%	70.1%	48.7%	56.9%
The world is getting worse	90.9%	89.0%	87.2%	83.8%
The only hope for the world is Christian <sup>1</sup> revival.	99.5%	99.2%	97.1%	97.8%
The church can and should make a significant difference in the social conditions of the world (i.e. poverty, hunger, homelessness, race relations).	93.2%	93.9%	97.8%	99.3%
I think our denomination's holiness message is what the world needs today. <sup>2</sup>			93.8%	98.8%
I think the church should actively take a stand against abortion.	92.4%	96.7%	94.8%	96.4%
I think the church should actively support prayer in public schools.	86.4%	78.4%	89.1%	79.7%
I think the church should actively work to eliminate poverty in the world.	73.4%	74.1%	84.9%	79.7%
I think the church should be actively involved in the effort to reduce crime in the community.	80.0%	87.3%	78.3%	87.4%

*The maximum numbers responding to any of these items were 274 members and 415 pastors.*

*\*Percentage choosing Agree or Strongly agree where choices also included Disagree, Strongly disagree and Unsure/no opinion*

<sup>1</sup> 1996 wording: "The only hope for the world is spiritual revival."

<sup>2</sup> This item was not included in the January 1996 ANSR Poll

Beliefs about Entire Sanctification – Responses to the question,  
 “Which of the following statements most closely describes what you believe about entire sanctification?”  
 (Item 19)

	1996		2004	
	Members	Pastors	Members	Pastors
It is the distinct second work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer in which the old sinful nature is eradicated and the believer is empowered for Christian life and service.	20.5%	29.6%	15.8%	22.8%
It is the distinct second work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer in which the old sinful nature is cleansed and the believer empowered for Christian life and service.	17.0%	15.2%	13.6%	23.0%
It is the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer, both gradual and instantaneous, in which the old sinful nature is cleansed and the believer is empowered for Christian life and service.	45.5%	52.7%	46.8%	50.0%
It is the gradual work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer in which the believer grows in grace and matures in moral character and spiritual wisdom.	11.2%	.4%	16.2%	1.3%
It is the work of the Holy Spirit in the people of God by which the church stands as a witness to the holiness and love of God in the world. <sup>1</sup>			2.3%	.8%
None of the above statements adequately represents what I believe.	.9%	2.1%	.8%	2.3%
I do not understand entire sanctification enough to reply.	4.9%	.0%	4.5%	.0%

*The numbers answering this item in 1996 were 224 members and 243 pastors and in 2004 were 265 members and 400 pastors.*

<sup>1</sup>*This response category was not included in the January 1996 ANSR Poll*

Percentages Indicating that the Church of the Nazarene Is About Where It Should Be\*  
 (Items 20 – 22)

	1996		2004	
	Members	Pastors	Members	Pastors
Theologically	83.2%	76.8%	81.7%	89.5%
Politically	82.2%	76.8%	80.5%	81.1%
Regarding <i>Manual</i> rules and standards	79.2%	73.3%	82.0%	82.0%

*The maximum numbers responding to any of these items were 268 members and 411 pastors.*

*\*Percentage choosing About where it should be where choices also included Much too liberal, Too liberal, Too conservative, and Much too conservative*

Percentage with a Favorable<sup>1</sup> Opinion about Various Programs, Organizations, Publications, and Institutions  
(Item 23)

	1996		2004	
	Members	Pastors	Members	Pastors
Affirmative action	13.6%	12.7%	32.1%	24.5%
The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) <sup>2</sup>			10.9%	6.8%
Asbury Theological Seminary	47.7%	77.3%	46.4%	82.0%
The Christian Coalition	56.2%	65.9%	59.3%	68.2%
<i>Christianity Today</i>	50.9%	71.2%	68.8%	81.2%
Deporting illegal immigrants	61.9%	66.5%	64.3%	61.0%
Focus on the Family	96.0%	98.0%	98.5%	98.1%
Food stamps <sup>3</sup>	26.3%	24.2%	71.9%	77.1%
Government subsidized housing for the poor <sup>4</sup>	23.7%	23.5%	77.5%	82.2%
<i>GROW Magazine</i>	12.5%	77.6%	16.9%	85.6%
Habitat for Humanity <sup>5</sup>			88.1%	90.5%
<i>Holiness Today</i> <sup>6</sup>	90.0%	93.9%	90.2%	94.6%
The National Council of Churches	11.4%	5.7%	23.8%	14.1%
Nazarene Bible College	73.0%	92.2%	92.9%	97.6%
Nazarene Compassionate Ministries	88.6%	95.9%	96.6%	99.8%
Nazarene Headquarters	78.3%	81.2%	86.5%	93.2%
Nazarene Publishing House	85.9%	91.3%	87.6%	93.7%
Nazarene Theological Seminary	78.4%	88.5%	89.1%	96.8%
Planned Parenthood	20.4%	9.5%	33.3%	13.3%
The Roman Catholic Church	37.0%	36.9%	25.5%	31.1%
World Vision	63.6%	71.7%	64.2%	74.4%

<sup>1</sup> Percentage choosing Very favorable or Favorable where options also included Unfavorable, Very unfavorable, and Don't know/unfamiliar with. In 1996 maximum numbers answering any of these answering this item were 222 members and 244 pastors. In 2004 the numbers were 273 members and 414 pastors.

<sup>2</sup> Not included in 1996

<sup>3</sup> 1996 wording: "US Food Stamps program"

<sup>4</sup> 1996 wording: "Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)"

<sup>5</sup> Not included in 1996

<sup>6</sup> 1996 wording: "Herald of Holiness"

Personal Characteristics  
*(Items 24, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32)*

	1996		2004	
	Members	Pastors	Members	Pastors
Median Age	53 yrs.		55 yrs	52 yrs
Female	63.3%		61.5%	3.1%
Median age at salvation		15 yrs	13 yrs	14 yrs
Median age at baptism <i>(excluding those baptized as an infant)</i>			18 yrs	17 yrs
Median years as a Nazarene member			25 yrs	35 yrs
Became a Nazarene within last ten years			25.3%	3.7%
Previously affiliated with another denomination			70.0%	51.0%
Second generation Nazarene <i>(at least one parent was Nazarene)</i>			32.0%	49.9%
Four year college degree or more			31.4%	70.0%