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Board of General Superintendents

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Dear Pastors and Leaders of the Chicago Central District:

Greetings in the powerful name of Jesus! As you know, District Superintendent Dr. Larry McKain and Denise are planning to retire at the next district assembly. We greatly appreciate their excellent leadership during their more than nine years on the Chicago Central District. They have served effectively as our district superintendent. We pray God's richest blessings on them as they enter a new chapter of the story of their faith and ministry.

As the jurisdictional general superintendent, I am writing to inform you that I met with your District Advisory Council (DAC) on Saturday, August 19, 2023, via Zoom. 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 Nazarene Discipleship International chairperson. The purpose of the meeting was to review district superintendent transitional matters and to assist the district in preparing for the selection of a new superintendent. Unless providentially hindered, that election will take place at the assembly of the Chicago Central District on April 12-13, 2024.

In preparation for the assembly, we will be asking pastors and key lay leaders to participate in a process to guide the selection of candidates for the new district superintendent. Their responses will help the DAC to develop a profile for the persons to consider for election to this position.

The DAC initiated a process in preparation for the assembly:

1. Calling the entire district to intentional prayer for the election and ministry of the new district superintendent
2. Opening a district-wide conversation to help evaluate the current strengths and challenges of the Chicago Central District
3. Opening a district-wide conversation to help create a profile of the district superintendent needed for our future.

Thank you for cooperating with the DAC as they request your input and participation in this important consultation.

We look forward to working with you over the next several months. I believe that good days for the Chicago Central District are ahead of us as we work together for the glory of God.

Sincerely,

Carla Sunberg, jurisdictional general superintendent

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