

## Institute of Ministry SDIM 2019

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The Sacramento District Institute of Ministry exists to assist and provide ministerial students with the minimum educational requirement as one piece of the requirements for Ordination in the Church of the Nazarene. We recommend that our students attend one of our Church's Educational Institutions—Point Loma Nazarene University, Nazarene Bible College, or Nazarene Theological Seminary, etc.—but for some students it is not possible to relocate to another area. Therefore, SDIM offers the 24 classes as approved by our Department of Pastoral Ministries in different locations around our District.

SDIM is directed by the SDIM Board which includes our District Superintendent, SDIM Director, and two of our instructors. We also work closely with our District Board of Ministerial Studies to be certain our students are progressing at a successful pace. Students pay a tuition and purchase their own text books.

SDIM is an Alliance with Nazarene Bible College, Lenexa, Kansas. We follow their required syllabus, text books, and instruction time. NBC approves all our Instructors.

In addition to the Alliance program we also have available the Modular program. The Modular program was approved several years ago by Pastoral Ministries, and replaced the old Directed Studies program. Both the Alliance and Modular programs offer the same classes, but some are titled differently. We generally work with students in whichever studies program best fits her/his needs.

Regular classes are currently offered in Loomis, Redding, Chico, Susanville, Sparks, Manteca, Lodi, and Elk Grove. We could not exist without quality pastors willing to give their time to prepare, teach, and mentor students. We are blessed to have the following instructors working with us: Freeman Hodgins, Ed Redfern, Stephen Campbell, Kyle Johnson, Joe Sturgeon, Mark Lehman, Mike Peoples, Dan Elliott, Kevin Moore, Mike Sampson, Scott Prior, Todd Renegar, Jerry Copp, Dan Hopkins, and Leon Skinner.

SDIM would not be possible without the support and leadership of our District Superintendent, The Rev. Steve Scott. I am also very appreciative of our District Treasurer, Mike Havens and District Office Manager, Kaitlin Peoples, both of whom give much help and support to SDIM.

I am privileged to be a part of the Sacramento District and to serve in this ministry. My greatest joy is to watch the light come on in a student's mind and to observe their growth in Christ and development in Ministerial preparation.

Respectively Submitted,  
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