

Stephen Ministry



First Immanuel's Stephen Ministry is our one-to-one lay caring ministry available to the congregation and the community.

Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers - called Stephen Ministers - to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting - called Care Receivers.

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What is a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers are laypeople—Christian men and women—trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. Their commonality? A passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

A Stephen Minister begins a caring relationship when

What is a Care Receiver?

Care receivers are people—congregation members and attendees—who receive care from a Stephen Minister. These are people struggling through a difficult time in life—experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, lonely, in a spiritual crisis, or even looking for a caring Christian friend.

he or she is matched with a person experiencing a life crisis. The Stephen Minister then meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the person is in need of care.

A Stephen Minister is . . .

- a child of God who walks beside a hurting person;
- a caring Christian friend who really listens;
- a lay person who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care.

A Stephen Minister is NOT . . .

- a counselor or therapist;
- a problem-solver;
- a casual visitor.

Some important guidelines for this caring relationship protect both the care receiver and the Stephen Minister:

- The relationship between a Care Receiver and a Stephen Minister is confidential.
- Men are matched with men; women with women.
- When a care receiver's needs exceed what a Stephen Minister can provide, the Stephen Ministry team makes a referral to an appropriate mental health professional or other community resource.

Stephen Ministry in Action

(This page would have the five videos from the Stephen Ministry Site along with the Pastor Video used in the church service))

<https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/1597>

Requesting a Stephen Minister

Please provide us your information below, and someone will contact you as soon as possible.
All inquiries will be held in the strictest confidence

NAME : _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Best Time To Reach You: _____

Comments:



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Becoming a Stephen Minister

STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING

Stories of Transformation and Growth

Stephen Ministers share about the personal and spiritual growth they gained through their Stephen Minister training.



Stories about What Stephen Ministers Do

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- [“Real Men, Real Ministry, Real Difference”](#)—A man shares his story of discipleship, ministry, and unexpected transformation through becoming a Stephen Minister and witnessing God at work in his caring relationships.
- [“Earth Angels: Stephen Ministers Offer Emotional and Spiritual Support in Times of Trouble”](#)—A newspaper article that tells how Stephen Ministry benefits both the care receiver and the Stephen Minister.
- [“Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant”](#)—A moving story by a Stephen Minister about his first caring relationship.

- [“Stephen Ministry Matches Super Bowl Experience”](#)—A former NFL coach finds a new calling: as a Stephen Minister.
- [“Stephen Ministers: The After People”](#)—A concise, poignant description of what a Stephen Minister is.
- [“The Blessings of Serving as a Stephen Minister”](#)—For more than 600,000 Christian men and women, being a Stephen Minister has blessed them in ways they could not anticipate. Read what Stephen Ministers have to say about serving in this ministry.

Might God Be Calling You?

If you sense that God might be calling you to serve as a Stephen Minister, or you would like to inquiry more about having a Stephen Minister for yourself or a family member, contact Pastor Reichmann at 377-6610 for further information.

(Would add the video of the two Stephen Ministers that will be made in July)

Training Schedule

Session	Module	Module Name	Reading Assignment Due
	T-1	The Person of the Caregiver	
	T-2	Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours	Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours Preclass Reading, SMTM Preface through chapter 7 in <i>Christian Caregiving – a Way of Life</i>
	T-3	The Art of Listening	The Art of Listening Preclass Reading, SMTM Chapters 8 - 13 in <i>Christian Caregiving – a Way of Life</i>
	T-4	Distinctively Christian Caring – Part 1	Chapters 14 - 20 in <i>Christian Caregiving – a Way of Life</i> (Bring your copy of the book)
	T-4	Distinctively Christian Caring – Part 2	Distinctively Christian Caring Preclass Reading, SMTM Introduction through chapter 3 in <i>Speaking Truth in Love</i> Bring <i>Christian Caregiving – a Way of Life</i>
	T-5	Process versus Results in Caregiving	Process versus Results in Caregiving Preclass Reading, SMTM Review chapters 2 and 18 in <i>Christian Caregiving – a Way of Life</i> Chapters 4 – 7 in <i>Speaking Truth in Love</i>
	T-6	Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly – Part 1	Chapters 8 – 12 in <i>Speaking Truth in Love</i> (Bring your copy of the book)
	T-6	Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly – Part 2	Chapters 13 – 18 in <i>Speaking Truth in Love</i> (Bring your copy of the book)
	T-7, T-8	Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving Crisis Theory and Practice: Danger versus Opportunity	Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving Preclass Reading, SMTM Crisis Theory and Practice: Danger versus Opportunity Preclass Reading, SMTM
0	T-9	Confidentiality	Confidentiality Preclass Reading, SMTM

			Introduction through chapter 3 in <i>When and How to Use Mental Health Resources</i>
1	T-10	Telecare: the Next Best Thing to Being There	Telecare: The Nest Best Thing to Being There Preclass Reading, SMTM Chapter 4 – 6 in <i>When and How to Use Mental Health Resources</i>
2	T-11	Using Mental Health Professionals and Other Community Resources	Using Mental Health Professionals and Other Community Resources Preclass Reading , SMTM Chapter 7 – Appendix E in <i>When and How to Use Mental Health Resources</i> (Bring your copy of the book)
3	T-12	Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief	Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief Preclass Reading, SMTM
4	T-13	Dealing with Depression: the Stephen Minister’s Role	Dealing with Depression: The Stephen Minister’s Role Preclass Reading, SMTM
5	T-14	Helping Suicidal Persons Get the Help They Need	Helping Suicidal Persons Get the Help they Need Preclass Reading, SMTM
6	T-15	Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close	Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close Preclass Reading, SMTM
7	T-16	Supervision: A key to Quality Christian Care – Part 1	Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care – Part 1 Preclass Reading, SMTM
8	T-16	Supervision: A key to Quality Christian Care – Part 2	Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care – Part 2 Preclass Reading, SMTM Review “The Structure of Small Group Peer Supervision”, SMTM
9	T-17	How to Make a First Caring Visit	How to Make a First Caring Visit Preclass Reading , SMTM
0	T-18	Follow me	Follow Me Preclass Reading, SMTM Bring both volumes of your SMTM