



STEPHEN MINISTRY *by the* **NUMBERS**



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Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one care to people going through a crisis or difficult time. They meet with that person on an ongoing basis, offering distinctively Christian care and support.

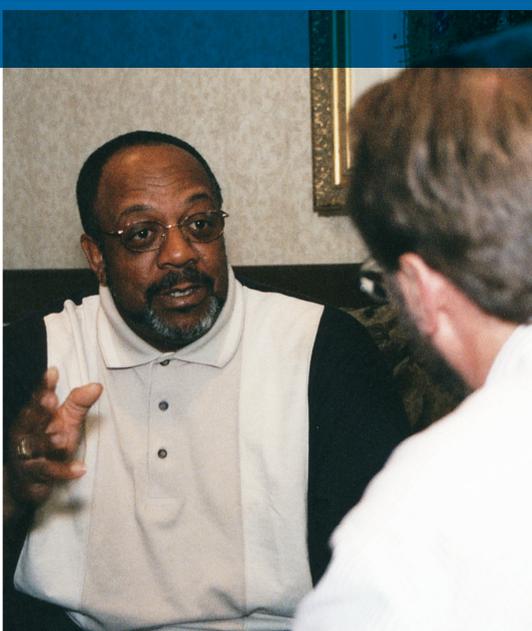
FACT

Stephen Ministers provide more than 4,000,000 hours of one-to-one, Christ-centered care each year.



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Stephen Ministers care for people with a wide range of needs—grief, divorce, unemployment, hospitalization, a spiritual crisis, financial stress, infertility, rehabilitation after an injury, terminal illness, relocation, long-term disability, and many other life difficulties.





200

Stephen Ministries has conducted more than 200
Leader's Training Courses (LTCs) since 1978.
Six LTCs are held across the country each year.

FACT

Hundreds of people attend each LTC—
from all over the U.S., Canada, and beyond.



Work Your Plan

- Each team member carries out tasks
- Check in and pray
- Make mid-course adjustments



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Leader's Training Courses are one-week events where pastors, other church staff, and lay leaders are equipped to lead Stephen Ministry in their congregations. Visit www.stephenministries.org/LTC for dates and details about Leader's Training Courses.



Visit www.stephenministries.org/LTC to watch a short video: "An Inside Look at a Stephen Series Leader's Training Course"



1,000

A team of 20 Stephen Ministers can provide more than 1,000 hours of one-to-one, Christ-centered care each year. Most Stephen Ministry churches have 10 to 30 Stephen Ministers—many have even more.

FACT

Stephen Ministers lighten the pastor's load by multiplying the amount of care the congregation can provide through gifted, trained lay caregivers.



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Each Stephen Minister typically serves one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week for about an hour. Men are matched with men; women with women. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the need remains.





13,000

More than 13,000 congregations worldwide are enrolled in the Stephen Series—the 13,000th enrolled during the spring of 2018. Hundreds more begin Stephen Ministry every year.

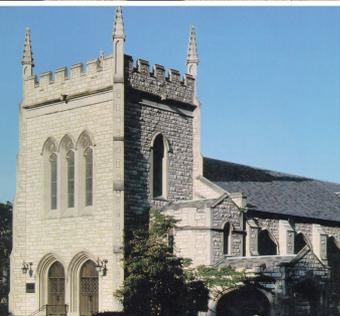
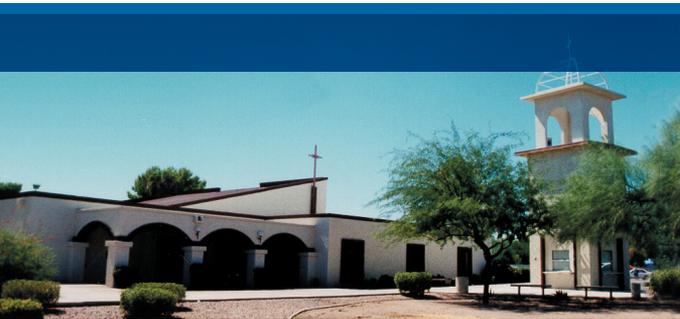
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A growing number of other organizations are also using Stephen Ministry—including hospitals, hospices, colleges, seminaries, and military chaplaincies.



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The 13,000-plus Stephen Ministry congregations range in size from fewer than 50 members to more than 10,000. They represent more than 180 Christian denominations and come from all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces, and 29 other countries.





75,000

More than 75,000 pastors, church staff, and lay leaders have attended a Leader's Training Course. The LTC equips Stephen Leaders with the knowledge and tools they need to lead Stephen Ministry back home.

FACT

Around a third of Stephen Leaders are pastors or church staff. Two-thirds are laypeople from all walks of life, ranging in age from their early 20s to their 90s.



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Stephen Leaders work as a team to lead their congregation's Stephen Ministry by training members of their congregation as Stephen Ministers, connecting Stephen Ministers with people who need care, and keeping their Stephen Ministry vibrant and strong.





600,000

Stephen Leaders have trained more than 600,000 Stephen Ministers in their local congregations since the ministry began in 1975—and that number continues to grow every year.

FACT

It all started when Rev. Kenneth Haugk, Ph.D., a pastor and clinical psychologist, trained nine members of his St. Louis congregation to assist with pastoral care.



Bill
PHYSICIAN



Shola
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR



Brad
MACHINIST



Gigi
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Joseph
FINANCIAL ANALYST



Sharon
RETIRED FLORAL DESIGNER

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Stephen Ministers are well-trained laypeople who provide high-quality emotional and spiritual support to people who are hurting.

Visit www.stephenministries.org/SM to meet Stephen Ministers from many walks of life sharing their experiences.



Abby
STAY-AT-HOME-MOM



Brandon
CHEF



Janet
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



Tasuku
INSURANCE AGENT



Ardeena
SOCIAL WORKER



Charles
TEACHER



MILLIONS

Millions of hurting people—congregation members and people who had no church home—have been blessed by the care and support of a Stephen Minister.

FACT

Untold numbers of people have come to faith in Jesus or returned to active church life after a Stephen Minister provided care during a time of need.



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To hear from people whose lives have been changed through Stephen Ministry, visit www.stephenministries.org/stories.

To learn how to begin Stephen Ministry in your congregation, visit www.stephenministries.org/begin or call us at (314) 428-2600.



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Since 1975, Stephen Ministries is has carried out its mission to “equip God’s people for the work of ministry” (Ephesians 4:12).
With God’s blessing, we will continue that mission for
as long as there are people in need of care.
