

Stephen Minister Covenant

Stephen Ministry® Form

The congregation of *[church's name]* and *[Stephen Minister's name]* agree to this Covenant.

[Stephen Minister's name] is commissioned for the period from *[date]* to *[date]* to serve as a Stephen Minister for *[name of congregation]*. After this period, the Stephen Minister and the Stephen Leader Team may by mutual agreement renew this covenant for an additional term.

Through this covenant, the Stephen Minister agrees to

- ▶ Accept assignment of care receivers from the designated Referrals Coordinator and care faithfully for this care receiver.
- ▶ Attend twice-monthly supervision sessions.
- ▶ Maintain confidentiality with respect to his or her own care receiver and the care receivers of other Stephen Ministers during supervision.
- ▶ Promote the ongoing strength and effectiveness of the congregation's Stephen Ministry.

The congregation agrees to

- ▶ Provide Stephen Leaders trained at Stephen Series Leader's Training Courses to manage Stephen Ministry.
- ▶ Provide funding to train additional Stephen Leaders as needed.
- ▶ Provide funding for training Stephen Ministers.
- ▶ Maintain continued support and prayers for the Stephen Ministry program.

The Stephen Leaders agree to

- ▶ Encourage the continued growth of Stephen Ministers in prayer and spiritual maturity.
- ▶ Provide meaningful training for additional Stephen Ministers as needed.
- ▶ Conduct regular twice-monthly Small Group Peer Supervision and continuing education for Stephen Ministers and be available for individual supervision, when necessary.
- ▶ Maintain confidentiality of all Stephen Ministry caring relationships.
- ▶ Keep congregation leaders aware of and informed about Stephen Ministry in the congregation.
- ▶ Build continuing awareness of and support for Stephen Ministry within the congregation.

Stephen Minister _____

Stephen Leaders _____

Congregation Leader(s) _____

