

# RIVERVIEW CHURCH

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## STEPHEN MINISTRY.

IS IT THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOU?

### YOU.

You are the type of person who yearns to be used by Christ... a difference maker. Stephen Ministry gives you the opportunity, the training, the confidence, and the on-going support to allow God to use you to make an impact in the lives of people who are going through difficult times.

### TRAINING

Stephen Ministers get 50 hours of stimulating and useful training in Christian caring skills. Here it is in a nutshell: We are the caregivers... God is the cure giver. We've got your back. You are always helped and supported in your ministry through supervision.

### COMMITMENT.

Stephen Ministers meet weekly with people from our church who are experiencing situations i.e., job loss, hospitalization, relationship crises, and grieving. Stephen Ministers commit two years for training and service. Many enjoy their ministry and serve beyond the two years.

### AFFIRMATION.

This may be one of the most rewarding challenges you will ever embrace. You will use the skills you learn not only in your caring ministry, but also in your everyday relationships with family, friends, and coworkers.

As you consider your involvement, know that the Pastors, other Stephen Leaders, and I are praying for you. This ministry will enhance how we care for each other at Riverview and take us to new levels of following Christ!

Below you will find a list that answers the most frequently asked questions. You may have more! If you do, please feel free to contact us! More information is online at *rivchurch.com*.

Sincerely,  
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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

## REGARDING STEPHEN MINISTRY

- The application is designed to help you think about becoming a Stephen Minister and to give us an idea of your strengths and talents. We want to help you validate that Stephen Ministry is the ministry at Riverview that you should be involved in, and we need to get to know you so we can make good matches with Care Receivers.
- When is the Application Due? Applications are due three weeks before the start of the next class. Each person will meet with a Stephen Ministry Leader to go over their application in an interview.
- I might have to miss some of the training, can I still participate? You will be expected to be at training unless you are unavoidably out of town, in which case, some exceptions can be made. Ask a Stephen Ministry Leader.
- Will there be another class offered? We will be offering a spring and fall class.
- How much will this cost? We are asking everyone to pay the \$60 cost of their training materials. Scholarships are available. Don't let this deter you.
- Will my phone be ringing constantly? No. You will care for one person at a time.
- What if I get in over my head with people who need more care than I can provide? First, you will not be assigned to such a person. Second, the training will help you know to refer a person to professional help. Third, you have Supervision Group, Stephen Leaders, and a pastor who are always there to help you make those judgments.
- How do I apply? Fill out the application. You can pick one up at the Info Center or find it online at [rivchurch.com](http://rivchurch.com). Mail completed application to: Riverview Church: Stephen Ministry; 3585 Willoughby Road, Holt, MI. 48842. OR turn it in at the church office. All applications will be kept confidential and reviewed by Stephen Ministry Leaders only.

