



Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

St. Philip's has teamed up with Trinity United Methodist and Southport Presbyterian to hold our next training class beginning January 20 and running through May 18. Serving as a Stephen Minister is an opportunity to touch people's lives in powerful ways through "God's Love in Action." A Stephen Minister walks alongside a hurting person to provide one-to-one, emotional and spiritual care—listening, empathizing, encouraging, helping process feelings, and connecting the person with God's love. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or need refresher training from having served in the past, pray about the opportunity to serve, seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and consider how you might be called to be "God's Love in Action." Stephen Ministers' caregiving involves skills that are well within the ability of laypeople to learn and use.

For more information about applying for this class or about any aspect of Stephen Ministry, talk with Mother Lisa or one of our Stephen Leaders:

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You can also find more information at:

<https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/default.cfm/1759>