



*Stephen's Ministry*

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## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

“A safe harbor where one serves through caring for others.”

## **WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?**

The Stephen Ministry is an outreach ministry that equips lay people to provide effective one-on-one support and care to persons struggling with bereavement, job loss, terminal illness, long-term hospitalization, and more. Walnut Hills provides opportunities to give care through an extensive and ongoing training program for the Stephen Ministers.

## **STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE COMMITTED PEOPLE WHO:**

- express God's care through their lives to others;
- receive 50 hours of initial training in important caring ministry skills and concepts;
- are commissioned as Stephen Ministers after completing their initial training;
- visit another person regularly and dependably and offer Christian support and care;
- participate in regular support and supervision under the guidance of trained Stephen Minister leaders;
- are committed to preserving the confidential nature of the caring relationship;
- serve for at least two years;
- receive continuing education and skill building throughout their years of service.