



"As I have loved you, so you must love one another."  
John 13:34 (NIV)

Stephen Ministry is a system of training and organizing lay persons for caring ministry in and around their congregations

A Stephen Minister is:

Compassionate-able to share the suffering of one's care receiver

Full of Faith-relying solely on God to be the One who heals all wounds

Skilled-knowing how to listen, understand and empathize

Trustworthy-maintaining confidentiality, visiting care receivers regularly, and remaining committed to the ministry

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ"  
Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

2020 is Fairhaven's 32<sup>nd</sup> year participating in Stephen Ministry

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Preferred Phone Number:

## Stephen Ministry Application

### I. Instructions:

Please complete the Serving Application of Fairhaven Church that is forwarded in a separate email. Please save the form to sign and date until you meet with your interviewer.

These additional questions round out your picture for your interviewers from Stephen Ministry. Please answer them as completely as possible.

- A. Describe briefly your relationship with Jesus Christ.
- B. Describe why you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister.
- C. What spiritual gifts or strengths do you believe God has given you that would help you serve effectively as a Stephen Minister?
- D. In what ways do you think you would benefit from training and service as a Stephen Minister?
- E. Based on your current understanding of what it means to be a Stephen Minister, what do you think would be difficult and/or challenging aspects of this role for you?
- F. In what ways would people who are close to you say you reveal your authentic Christ-like self? How often would they say you pray for them and ask their prayers for you?

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- G. Have you ever been charged with a crime? If yes, please explain in detail using additional paper as needed. Someone from the Stephen Leader Team will speak with you about this so the team may better understand its significance in your life and ministry.
- H. Have you personally had professional counseling or hospitalization for a mental health issue in the last two years? If yes, please be prepared to discuss this at your interview.
- I. Godliness: Stephen Ministers at Fairhaven Church are considered leaders within the congregation and therefore by word and deed they are called to be good examples of behavior that is pleasing to God. One of several possible examples of behavior that might be counter to God's expectation would be to be living together with one's future spouse before marriage. Are there any examples in your life currently that would preclude your being accepted into this year's Stephen class and/or into covenant membership at Fairhaven?

Are you willing to commit to:

- a) Completing the application/interview process?
- b) Faithfully attending and completing the course work of the 50-hour training class, which will meet Tuesday mornings from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, beginning September 8, 2020.
- c) Serving at least two years as a Stephen Minister, following your commissioning?
- d) Regularly visiting with your care receiver, usually on a weekly basis?
- e) Consistently participating in the team huddle, our monthly peer supervision, on the third Saturday morning of each month?
- f) Availing yourself of the encouragement and leadership of the Fairhaven Stephen Ministry Team?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or return the application to:

Stephen Ministry, Fairhaven Church, 637 E. Whipp Road, Centerville, Ohio 45459

## What do Stephen Ministers Do?

### Stephen Ministers:

Listen

Explore Feelings

Pray

Share Christ's Love

Maintain Confidentiality

Attend to the caregiving process and leave the results to God

### Stephen Ministers care for people who are:

Grieving

In a crisis

In need of long term care

Dying

Hospitalized

Divorcing

Experiencing losses as they age

Going through a crisis of childbirth

The family members or care givers of people in crisis

For further information email: [Stephenministry@fairhavenchurch.org](mailto:Stephenministry@fairhavenchurch.org) or visit Fairhaven Church