



# Stephen Series Implementation Timeline

## For Newly Enrolled Congregations

This document will provide you with a general idea of the steps and time frame involved in beginning Stephen Ministry in your congregation.

While your Stephen Leaders are at the Leader's Training Course (LTC), they will begin to develop a more precise timeline tailored to the specific needs and situation of your congregation. Some of the variables they will consider include:

- the size and makeup of your congregation;
- the openness of your members to lay ministry;
- how much your congregation members already know about Stephen Ministry; and

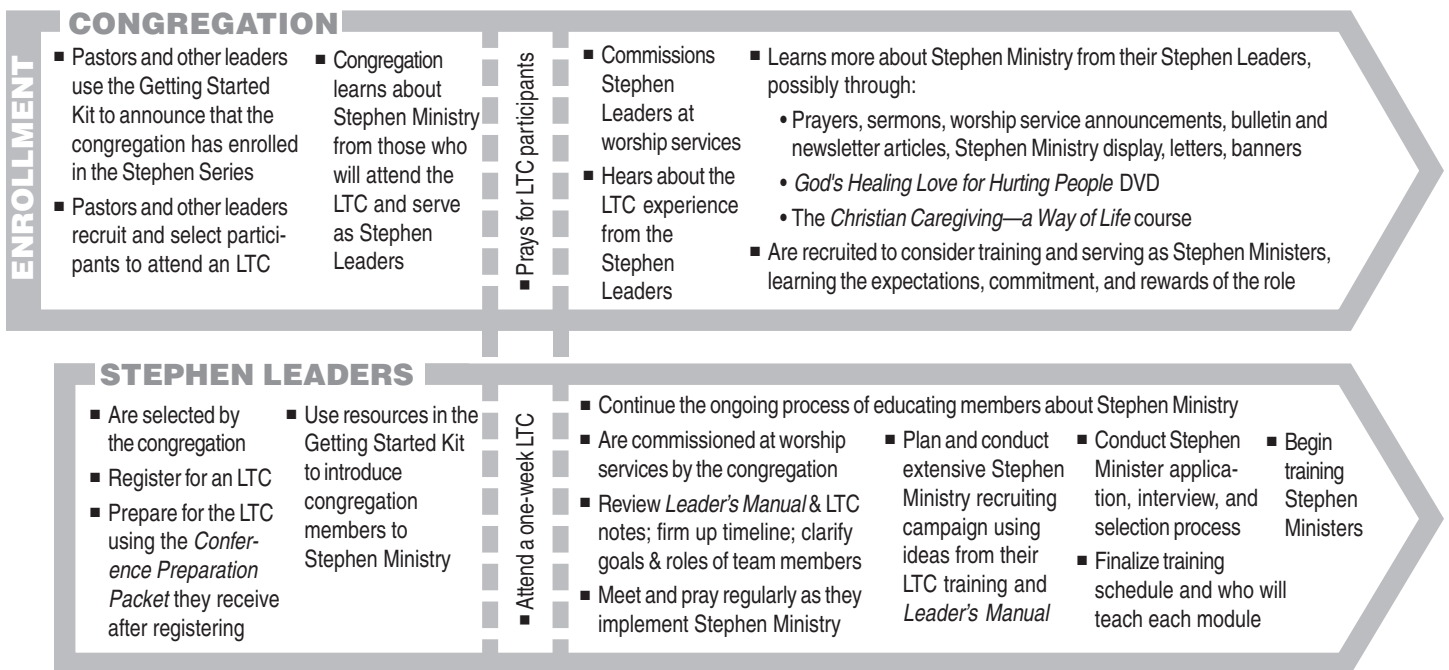
- the number of individuals on your Stephen Leader Team and the gifts, skills, and time they have.

Through their LTC training and the ongoing support from Stephen Ministries, your Stephen Leaders will be well equipped to accomplish the steps below.

Stephen Ministry is a lasting ministry that will be meeting people's needs for care 10, 15, 20, or more years from now. So it is more important to get your Stephen Ministry off to a *strong* start than a *fast* start.

If you have any questions about beginning Stephen Ministry, call us at (314) 428-2600.

### MONTHS BEFORE AND AFTER THE LEADER'S TRAINING COURSE



#### Please Note:

At the Leader's Training Course, Stephen Leaders will receive a wealth of materials and training to carry out these implementation steps. Their *Leader's Manual* will contain the resources they will need to implement Stephen Ministry.

Prior to the LTC, Stephen Leaders will want to utilize the materials found in the Getting Started Kit which Stephen Ministries St. Louis sends to congregations shortly after they first enroll in the Stephen Series.

